



The Pine Seed

Congregational Church of San Mateo



Eco-Faith and Exploring Vocation

Our summer programs have been a hit so far!

We have been offering two special summer programs. For kids, we have been having a special outdoor church program focused on the environment and creatively re-using materials. So far, we have made jellyfish and snakes out of toilet paper tubes, read a lot of wonderful kids' books with environmental themes, and explored the theme of sustainability in the Bible.

Our mid-high group has been taking about "vocation" and learning about the jobs of various adults in the congregation. The youth have asked great questions and are making connections to their own lives, as they start to figure out what their own callings and passions might be. A big THANK YOU to all of our guest speakers!!

Both programs continue until the end of August - hope to see you soon! No problem if you haven't been to any sessions yet, all are always welcome.



**First Sunday
Music with Julie**
Maddie having fun
playing percussion



**Youth Trip to
Rosie the Riveter
Monument**
Here's Kyle learning
Morse Code



**More from Rosie
the Riveter**
Here's Addy "eating
lunch" with a
"Rosie!"

Mark Your Calendar!

Lots of fun is being planned...

A number of events are in the works, and here are some details we can let you know about now!

Sunday, August 11, 2-3pm - Children, Youth, and Families Gathering with Penny and Sheryl. Come discuss plans for next year and give your input about your hopes for what children and youth ministry can be for your family.

Saturday, September 7, 8am - LifeMoves Bike Ride to End Homelessness. 3425 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Register as a family (all ages are welcome, kids 5 and under are free!). Routes vary from 10 miles to 40 miles! Check out <https://give.lifemoves.org/event/rteh2019/e218075> to register.

Sunday, September 8, 10:30am - Homecoming Sunday! First Sunday of our regular program year.

Sunday, September 8, 6:30-8 - First Mid-High Youth Group for 2019-20 (6-8th Grades)

Sunday, September 15, 6-8pm - First High School Youth Group for 2019-20 (9-12th Grades).



Backpack Blessing

Back to school can be a stressful time (for all of us!). Consider making or buying a keychain, pin/button, or something else to remind your child of God's presence and unconditional love. Here is a prayer that you can use (or modify as you like!):

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, thank you for this new school year. Thank you for the opportunity to learn and make new friends. Be with me especially as I make mistakes and do things that are hard. Help me to know that I am valuable just for being me, and no grade can change that. Help my teachers and classmates so our school can be a loving community. Help me to be a good friend and an ally to anyone who needs it, like Jesus. Amen.

YOUTH SPORTS DAY: SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

CCSM may not have a gym, but it does have space for volleyball, four-square, kickball, basketball, and more. If you are starting middle school or high school in the fall, don't miss **Youth Sports Day**, *after church* Sunday, August 18—to test out all the equipment and prove you are a winner (God already knows you are)!

Free lunch will be provided! Please dress for the weather and bring sunscreen, hats, water, and any other sports equipment you'd like.

For questions, please contact Sheryl: sjohnson@ccsm-ucc.org



More from the Rosie the Riveter trip – Sophie learns about 1940s Richmond