



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

October 2018

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

What makes the children and youth program possible? YOU! This school year, over fifty individuals and groups will contribute to creating a rich, stimulating spiritual program for our kids. If you *don't* see your name below and want to join the adventure, please send an email to kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org. We'd love for you to join the team. If you don't see your name below because of omission (oops!), please be forgiving, be sure to send an email to Kibbie, and claim more stars for your crown!

High School

Lynelle Bilsey
Jim Granucci
Mike Mullery
Kyle Neil
Mauricio Palma
Fred Tileston
Top Chefs
Jorge Bautista
Jay Cornwall
Ruth Dizon
Deb Flaherty
Tony Gallo
Dawn Graves
Greg Graves
Mike Harris

Mid-High

Sarah Block
Bill Dunbar
Michael Grant
Isabel Hernandez*
Merle Mason
Dave Olson

Fourth-Fifth Graders

Sophie Gross
Karen Pratt
Shannon Sieckert

First-Third Graders

Cole Mathews
Shannon McEntee*
Leilani Zimmerman

PreK-Kindergarten

Cammy Caverly*
Jess Palmer-Sammons
Mackenzie Pratt

Nursery

Georgia Bayley
Gloria Bayley
Lily Gonzalez*
Kayla Mathura

Wed Gathering Kids

Amelia Kyle
Mercy Moyo
Alex Valencia*

Summer

Elaine Kauffman*

* part-time staff

New Brownie Troop

Geneva Williams
Serene Williams

Special Events and Activities

Girl Scout Troop 61649
Girl Scout Troop 61818
Donna Lindsay

Woodward CE Building

Yaeli Palma-Espinosa
Jim Lindsay
Anne Fuller
Pam McCarthy-Hudson

Special Needs Advisors

Steve Davis
Eleanor Lewis

Scholarships

Holly Allen
Warren Long

And **many more parent and teen volunteers** who help in classes and worship!



COMING SOON

Keep an eye on the lawn in front of the CE Building. It will soon sprout an olive tree, a symbol of peace for Jews, Christians and Muslims. Many thanks to Jim Berthelson, John Fyfe, and Eagle Scout-hopeful Blair Castelino! Soon, the children will paint peace poles to “plant” near the tree and a big white peace pole saying “Peace on Earth” in Hebrew, English, Spanish, and Arabic. Watch the **peace garden** grow.



BE THE CHANGE!

Young people are our best hope for a brighter future, and throughout history they have led powerful movements for change. Think about the March for Our Lives students, the Little Rock Nine, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and Malala Yousafzai. Young people must be empowered to “Be the Change” they wish to see in the world. The new **fourth and fifth grade** teacher, Shannon Sieckert, plans to share inspirational stories with her young group and explore examples of kids who helped change the world and push us all to live our values.

Mid-high student **Lily Mathews** (left) joined the CCSM group to lead interfaith protesters who filled *three full blocks* at the Rise for Climate March in San Francisco in September (follow the blue arrow). George Snode, chair for CCSM’s Ministry for Service and Justice, and Kibbie walk beside her.

YOU VOTED!

The new CCSM bylaws mean: no longer are nine rotating members required on the Ministry for Children, Youth and Families (CYF). The former chair is now called a “lead.” The name of a ministry can be changed without a congregational vote.

However, the purpose of CYF remains the same. Its members serve as *accountability partners, advisors, assistants, and ambassadors (AAAA)*—in other words, the members hold the program leaders accountable, advise and assist those leaders, and are ambassadors for CYF to the rest of the congregation.



Current CYF members are:

Michele Cinq Mars, CYF Lead
Nicole Tocchini and Heather Nayak,
Family Engagement
Tara Abrams, Children
Michelle Oberes-Padre, High School
_____, Mid-High

Notice the blank? That *was* Maurico Palma ...but he got kidnapped from CYF to become Vice-Moderator. Of course, CYF is thrilled for him—now maybe your name can go there!

Watch some of the high schoolers jam:
[Eight seconds of the Music Jam](#)