

CCSM PINE TREE

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SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

May 14 Mother's day/family worship. Sermon: *Spiritual Math: 5+2=10,000*. Penny Nixon. Special Story for the children, Kibbie Ruth

May 21 Spring Concert, featuring CCSM's Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers & Guests. Come join us for a great celebration of music and the word! Offering benefits CCSM's Music Ministry programs. Reflection: *God Is Still Speaking... through Music!* Angela Kraft Cross

May 28 Memorial Day/Ascension. Sermon: *Resist and Stand Together*. Dakota Brown

PENTECOST SEASON

June 4 Pentecost/Annual Meeting/scholarships/communion. Sermon: *Who is this Spirit?* Penny Nixon. Thanks to Joliene Wade Gatlin for her ministry among us.

June 11 Sermon: *Who is the Prodigal?* Penny Nixon and Jorge Perry Bautista

June 18 Sermon: *Who Touched Me?* Penny Nixon

June 25 Sermon: *Who is the Greatest?* Penny Nixon



The Palm Sunday Donkey

photo by Chris Yeh

A Word from Penny

Dear beloved community,

As you might imagine, as a minister, I frame my "remembering" Sunday to Sunday. A lot happens during the week for sure, more than I can ever communicate in a brief article. But when I look back since the last Pine Tree, I keep thinking of the Sunday highlights. Two hundred of us enjoyed lunch with the Muslim Garden School at the beginning of April, then we had an amazing Palm Sunday with the donkey visitation, followed by an incredible Easter with music and



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SECOND HOUR SUNDAYS

May 21: Mike Armacost (see info on p. 7)

June 11: A discussion of the book *White Like Me* by Tim

Wise. In March, a group met after church and talked about the inner work of allies—namely, how do we look at white privilege and how does that impact our effectiveness in our work for justice? It was a deep learning experience for many. The group requested that we continue to learn together. So the book we chose was *White Like Me* (available at library and in [paperback](#)). We will discuss the book on June 11th. Please consider reading the book. You are invited to the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

FIRST COMING OF AGE RETREAT

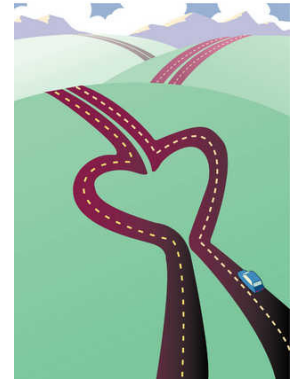
Our first annual middle school Coming of Age Retreat was “soups lit” (translation: awesome)! Ten of our mid high youth spent a weekend of fun and faith led by Patrick Kane and Kibbie Ruth (and special thanks to Jim Granucci for being an additional chaperone) - learning spiritual practices, meeting their tree totems, and cooking meals together while overlooking the Napa Valley. The students might not have actually come of age, but the adults certainly aged! Every culture’s coming of age passage requires a physical challenge; for this one the youth had to climb the second highest mountain in the greater Bay Area on a trail abandoned decades ago.



Mid-High youth enjoying the view before their worship service on Sunday. (Notice the cross Warren Long made for the site over 20 years ago, newly decorated by the youth for this special occasion.)

HEADING FOR THE HEART: High School Service Learning Trip, June 23-25

At least the heart of the Central Valley...and hopefully the hearts of our high schoolers. Their summer service/learning road trip this year will take them to Fresno to experience a culture very different from our own on the Peninsula. Nearly half of the population there speaks Spanish, and the Fresno Hmong community is one of the two largest Hmong communities in the US. From Friday, June 23, to the 25th, our students will be spending a weekend “camping” at a local church, learning how an agricultural hub like Fresno is different from our communities back home, and reflect on the ways in which we, as people of faith, are called to be in the world and interact with those who are different from us. If you have a Fresno connection that would make the trip especially interesting, let Patrick know (pkane@ccsm-ucc.org). More details as the plans unfold.



HIGH SCHOOL SHAKEUP

Starting in June (with the road trip to Fresno), our high schoolers will enjoy an adventure each month: camping, service projects, hiking, and even a spiritual practices morning with drumming and the labyrinth. So, watch your email to find out what’s next.

On Sundays from 10:30-11:30, you can worship with your family, help with the younger ones at Children’s Church, or on May 14 come to the famous and infamous Sixty Minutes with Mike Mullery. The daring topic for Mother’s Day is “What do you wish you could say to your mom?” In addition to fascinating conversation, there are those yummy doughnuts!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WHEN DID JESUS' MINISTRY MOVE INDOORS?

Since when did walls define a church community? When Jesus chose a group of young people to turn the world upside down, he used the outdoors as his primary classroom and nature as key in his teaching. If Jesus chose outdoors as his favorite setting to shape his disciples into dynamic leaders, then in our increasingly urban world it is equally critical for young people to encounter God in nature. So, this summer Children's Church will be outside in the garden.

The program will be built on "spiritual gardening necessities" like:

- having an effective source of power
- acknowledging our interconnections
- finding solid grounding
- receiving nourishment
- having patience (and a sense of humor)
- dealing with storms
- weeding out what is hampering growth



Addy cradles a lizard she caught— as gentle as God's hands.

This outdoor adventure will culminate in the planting of a Peace Garden in front of the CE Building on the Elsworth lawn and a family picnic at De Anza Park where the children can explore San Mateo creek and witness the many spiritual principles they learned about. Even when you are on vacation this summer, you can follow along with Children's Church back home and create your own outdoor ministry wherever you are

MID-HIGH MEET-UPS

During worship, Mid-High students hang out with Patrick on the first Sunday of the month (back row of the balcony). Other Sundays, after the Children's Message, they head to the Youth Room for lively discussions. The activity level increases during the youth group gatherings on the first and third Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30PM in the Youth Room.



Our Team-Up to Clean Up group of 23 "pickers" celebrated Earth Day by collecting trash on the blocks surrounding the church--and ended up with a mountain of bags. Great motivation to be more careful not to litter! Max Montgomery's Trash Picking Dance sends Trish Violette into shock.

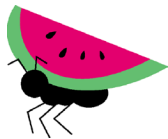


Church Picnic!

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 11:30AM-3:30PM
SAN MATEO CENTRAL PARK PICNIC
AREA #1 (SAME AS LAST YEAR)

Please join all your friends and neighbors at the annual CCSM Church Picnic directly after the service at Central Park. It's always a fun time of food and fellowship.

We will need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Contact Dakota at dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org



Summer Speaker Series – WOW!

STARTING JULY 9, 9:30-10:15AM
SUNDAYS

WOW! Stay tuned for details about our annual Summer Speaker Series:

- Have you ever wondered how a 3-D printer is possible?
- Why a minister is running a huge shipyard?
- What life is really like at Google?
- How anyone can teach anything to rough and tumble boys?

Join us for a summer of “WOW!”—an adventure for the curious. Each week before church, fascinating members of our congregation will share about their lives of exploration and creativity.

Getting to Know American Muslims and Their Faith

JUNE 11, 7:00-8:30PM (RECEPTION FOLLOWING)

Come hear [Maha Elgenaidi](#), author and founder of the Islamic Network Group (ing.org) which promotes intercultural understanding and mutual respect. She'll offer a description of the major beliefs and practices of Islam, including major Muslim holidays; information on the faith's principal theological teachings, including its relation to Judaism and Christianity; common misconceptions about Islam and Muslims; basic terminology and the demographics of Muslims in the United States and the world.

Crystal Springs United Methodist Church
2145 Bunker Hill Drive, SM. 650-345-2381

Still We Rise: San Mateo County's 5th Annual Pride Event

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 11AM-5PM
SAN MATEO CENTRAL PARK

We are again proud to announce our support for the San Mateo County's 5th Annual Pride Event: Still We Rise!

The goal of the event is to celebrate and recognize the LGBTQQ community through entertainment, education, connection and fun! There will be booths and vendors who support the LGBTQQ community as well as food trucks, live entertainment, and so much more!



A Word from Penny...

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visual artistry, followed by an uplifting Earth Day Celebration, and then, to top it all off, a joint worship service with St James AME Zion (right in our neighborhood) when our choirs joined together, and Pastor Bussey and I preached a joint sermon on walking together. Wow.

Just this past Sunday, May 7th, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of CCSM voting on becoming an “Open and Affirming” congregation. We heard testimonies from the people on the 2002 committee, sharing how they, and CCSM, had been transformed in the process, and that we still have a long way to go.

I want to share a snippet of my sermon with you from Sunday because I want as many of you to hear it as possible (Please go on our website and listen.)

Open means welcoming. Affirming means I SEE you. I honor you. You are part of me. You needn't be like me to be part of me. I don't even need to understand you, but I can listen and love you.

The extravagant welcome I offer is authentic—it is in my bones.

But I have fallen short on the AFFIRMING.

I have said that CCSM is a big tent. But I have not been affirming enough of differences of views. I do my best not be partisan—but there are times I have stepped over the line.

For those I have wronged, I ask your forgiveness. For the times I have been insensitive, I ask your forgiveness.

Thank you CCSM for seeing more clearly 15 years ago. We are all better for it. What we all desire, at our core, is to be seen by another.

I SEE YOU.

Penny

A Familiar Face: Our New Director of Operations

We are thrilled to welcome Marge Boyd to our CCSM Staff as our new Director of Operations.

We received many resumes, but Marge's experience, skills and attitude rose above the rest. Marge has experience as an operations manager, project organizer, team leader, department and database administrator, and liaison between internal and external communities. She was the Housing Coordinator at Pacific School of Religion for almost 3 years, where she oversaw 135 campus housing units and maintained the calendars for classrooms and housing units.

Marge's first day will be Wednesday, May 17. Austin Mader-Clark, who has been our Interim Director of Operations since September, will be staying on until May 31. Please help us to make Marge feel our extravagant welcome!



Our new Social Justice Emerging Leader, Amie Giordano



“THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME”



by Amie Giordano

I feel very blessed to be serving as the Social Justice Emerging Leader here at CCSM. I want to thank all of you for welcoming me so warmly!

Prior to attending seminary at Pacific School of Religion, I worked as a community organizer in both secular and faith-based contexts. In my experience, there is a unique and powerful potential when doing justice work that is rooted in faith and nourished by spiritual practice.

During my first month here, I've been moved by CCSM members' dedication to doing justice work. While attending the monthly meeting of the Ministry of Service and Justice, participating in the Neighborhood Clean-up on Earth Day, washing the feet of immigrants in front of City Hall on Holy Thursday, meeting with leaders of the Peninsula Solidarity Network and Faith in Action... in all of these spaces, I felt the Spirit moving. That Spirit that can never be contained, always stirring us closer to transformation.

I look forward to seeing where the Spirit will lead us in the coming days. For those of you I haven't met yet, I hope to meet you soon.

In the words of Lilla Watson, an aboriginal elder and activist from Australia: "If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." Our liberation is indeed bound up with the liberation of all. In the days ahead, may God guide us and empower us to do the difficult and holy work of liberation.

Love and blessings,

Amie Giordano



Walking Together: Revs. Penny Nixon and Marlyn Bussey of St. James AME Zion in our joint worship service on Sunday, April 30.

photo by Mauricio Palma

News from Jorge



AMANDO AL PRÓJIMO LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the last Pine Tree I shared about the the many ups and downs of building a new ministry, the moments on mountaintops and the moments in deep valleys of despair, and how recently I have been on the mountaintop because two core leaders from the community who have committed to help build the Latin@ ministry at CCSM joined me for the REDIL conference in Chicago. Maybe you are wondering if I am still on the mountaintop since you last heard from me.

The answer is yes! I am still on the mountaintop because on Wednesday, April 26 we had a total of 18 people—ten adults and eight children—participate in our Wednesday spiritual gathering. This has been the biggest attendance since the start of this experiment. We've been averaging 3-5 in attendance since the beginning of the year (except for Ash Wednesday when we had 15)—so April 26 tripled our attendance. We need to celebrate this, and hope some of them continue to attend consistently.

In addition, the four core leaders of the group met with me three weeks in a row to work on developing a vision and mission statement for Iglesia San Mateo Unidos En Cristo. This was an amazing experience because they led the whole discussion themselves and were completely engaged in the work. When we were done, the look in their eyes was priceless. There was not only a sense of pride, but ownership in the room, and they couldn't wait to share with others what our ministry is about. Below are both of the statements of Iglesia San Mateo Unidos En Cristo.

VISIÓN / VISION

Amando a Dios / *Loving God*

Amando al prójimo / *Loving our neighbor*

Amando nuestro comunidad / *Loving our community*

Terminando desigualdades / *Ending marginalization*

MISIÓN / MISSION

Estamos creando una comunidad inclusiva comprometida con el poder transformador del amor. / *We are creating an inclusive community committed to the transforming power of love*

Estamos viviendo nuestra fe mientras no involucramos en el mundo que nos rodea, movilizandop por la justicia y trayendo la totalidad a nuestras comunidades. /

We are living our faith as we engage in the world around us, mobilizing for justice and bringing the whole to our communities.

Estamos trabajando para romper los ciclos de división y marginación mientras vivimos en el amor de dios. / *We are working to break the cycles of division and marginalization as we live in the love of God.*



The next step was to create a Facebook page, as one way to begin to share their work with family and friends. Go and find us under [Iglesia San Mateo Unidos En Cristo](#) and help us by not only liking the page but supporting the spreading of the site by liking what we post on there and sharing it with others.

I am excited for the small glimpses I am witnessing of a beloved community being formed within CCSM. It is a wonderful thing to see members from North Central San Mateo feel at home at CCSM. They are beginning to take ownership of the space and the ministry. So, let us continue to open our doors and hearts, and continue to pray for the Latin@ ministry.

Peace,

Jorge P. Bautista

Annual Meeting Sunday, June 4

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Please join me in lunch and fellowship as we express our deep appreciation to our ministry team members and volunteers who have given so freely of themselves on behalf of CCSM this past year.

We will be voting for the new Board of Ministries Slate, as well as the new moderator, Tony Gallo. Additionally, we will be putting forward a motion to formalize the Latino Ministry at CCSM, moving it out of its exploratory status. We'll be providing more information on the Latino Ministry motion prior to the meeting via Connections and Sunday bulletin inserts.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jeanne Back
CCSM Moderator

HELP OUR MUSLIM SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DISTRESS

In 1999, a Silicon Valley Muslim began the award-winning Hidaya Foundation that now provides help for economically depressed areas of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and several countries in West Africa. Their remarkable, culturally sensitive work educates young girls, protects widows, feeds the starving, and more. Almost monthly, Hidaya ships a huge container across the ocean to most distressed area at that time. Let's load that container with SHOES of all kinds and sizes. Last year CCSM collected 159 pairs of shoes; this year during the month of May, let's help the children collect even more for Hidaya!



WHERE IS THIS COUNTRY HEADED? WHAT IS UP WITH NORTH KOREA?

MAY 21, NOON-1PM • KLOSS HALL

Our resident expert, Mike Armacost, might have some answers. Come with your questions for him after church, May 21, in Kloss Hall, noon to 1PM.



Companion Ministry is a great success

Together this team ministry has visited people **over 80 times** in their homes, retirement communities, or hospital between February and May 1st. It is with great humility and gratitude that I thank each and everyone who has faithfully been of service to the members of our community who are not always able to worship with us on Sundays. Your service helps all of us stay connected to God and God's people no matter where we are on life's journey. Thank you for all that you do and sharing your gifts with your church. I am inspired by all of you.



Rev. Dakota Brown
Acting Congregational Care Minister

If you wish to join this growing ministry please contact Rev. Dakota at dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org or call 415-244-3696.



*Adorning the cross with flowers at the early Easter service.
photo by Chris Yeh*

Wise and Wonderful



Please join us; all are welcome!

May 24, 11:00AM lunch gathering at Jack's, 1750 S El Camino Real, San Mateo (near Highway 92). For carpooling, meet at CCSM at 10:15 to leave at 10:40, or meet at Jack's at 11:00.

Music & Art

FRIDAY, MAY 19 • NOON • BUCKHAM ROOM

The season finale of the 2016-2017 Music and Art Guild will be a potluck. If you were unable to attend the last meeting and missed the opportunity to sign up to bring either a salad, sandwiches or dessert, please include your choice of luncheon contribution when you RSVP to Susan Duty, 650-533-6828 or email susanjd52@gmail.com. See you at this grand social.



Dessert, Champagne & Music



PICK A PARTY, JUNE 10 • 8:00PM

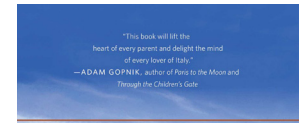
You're not too late to sign up for a delightful late-evening party featuring yummy desserts, champagne and live musical entertainment at Jim Berthelsen's home in San Mateo. This Pick-A-Party has been offered each spring for over a decade and it never disappoints. Sign up for a lovely evening where you can enjoy the company of a house full of friends. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Carol Henton at carolhenton@aol.com or 650-571-7563.

*New members who joined the CCSM church family on Sunday, May 7, 2017:
Carolyn Senger, Nora Espinoza, Yaeli Palma-Espinoza, Mauricio Palma, and Crystal Nie*

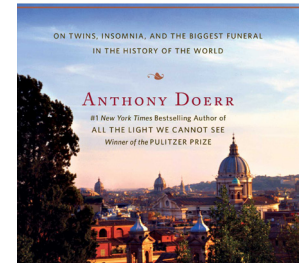
First Tuesday Book Club

**MEETS NEXT ON JUNE 6, 7:30PM
FIREPLACE ROOM**

Hello fellow readers... We meet on the first Tuesday of most months. We will cancel our discussion of *Four Seasons in Rome* and welcome summer by ending with a sweet and pleasant read. We'll return in September and October with a behind-the-curtain look at the California wine business in the pastoral Napa Valley, and a fictionalized spy romp... names have been changed to protect the innocent. Join us for the discussion.



FOUR SEASONS IN ROME



June 6: *Four Seasons in Rome: on Twins, Insomnia and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World*, by Anthony Doerr

September 5: *Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California* (nonfiction) by Frances Dinkelspiel

October 3: *Red Sparrow*: a novel by Jason Matthews

Questions? Email Susan at s_stoehr@hotmail.com



Summer Music Opportunities

Summer is a great time to stretch out and explore new opportunities and CCSM's music program is definitely something to consider.

Raise Your Voice in Song – on certain Wednesdays from 7:15 – 8:15 PM this summer.

If you have always wanted to sing (beyond your car or your shower) this is an opportunity to learn the basics of singing and ensemble music. Watch the bulletin for dates.

Summer Drop in Choir – 9:15 AM designated Sunday mornings, preparing music for the 10:30 service that day. All ages welcome. These provides opportunities to sing in a choir ensemble with no commitment. Watch the bulletin for dates.

Musicals & Faith: Finding Spirituality in Unexpected Places – This August we'll delve into the music and spirituality inside some of our favorite Broadway musicals. If you are interested in participating either as a vocalist (solo), ensemble or instrumentalist please connect with Lynnelle Bilesey.

Special music opportunities – Do you sing, play an instrument or perform with an ensemble?? Would like to share your musical talents with the congregation? CCSM would love to invite you to share your musical gifts – whether you play Classical, Jazz, Folk, Rock etc. Please connect with Lynnelle before or after church or via email at lbilsey@lifemoves.org.

For specific dates, times and rehearsals, please watch your Sunday Bulletins. Join us and make a JOYFUL NOISE this summer!

Lynnelle



Pico Soriano on Easter Sunday sharing his artistic gifts by making a bouquet as part of the worship service. photo: Chris Yeh

CCSM Music Ministry Committee Presents... Six Special Events This Spring:

24th Annual Spring Organ Concert which took place Sunday, May 7.

Frédéric Blanc on Tuesday, May 16, 7:30pm: The Art of Improvisation. World renowned organist/improviser Frédéric Blanc from Paris, France will improvise an entire concert in contrasting styles. (See article on page 12)



CCSM Special Music Sunday on May 21, 10:30 am service.

Featuring CCSM's Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers & Guests. Come join us for a great celebration of music and the word! Offering will benefit CCSM's Music Ministry programs.



Viva la Musica on Sunday, May 21, 4 pm in the Sanctuary/3:30 pm Pre-Concert Talk, with CCSM's own Angela Kraft Cross. This concert features *Jubilate Deo* by Dan Forrest, composed in 2016.

Tickets available through Viva la Musica or at the door. Preferred seating \$30/35, general seating \$27/30, seniors \$25/30 and students \$16/20. For more information, go to vivalamusica.org



Masterworks Chorale, Saturday, June 3 at 8pm and June 4 at 4pm with cookie reception. *Life is a Cabaret: Songs of Kander & Ebb*. With songs taken from the likes of Chicago and Cabaret, a concert-style revue of solo and choral versions of songs. Tickets available at masterworks.org: \$30/Advance Adult; \$35/Adult at the door; \$24 through season ticket; \$10/Student

The Choral Project – Friday, June 9, 8 pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring CCSM's own Tom Lohmuller. Tickets available online at brownpapertickets.com/event/2708621, or at the door. General seating \$25, seniors \$20 and students \$10. For youth age 10–18 The Choral Project offers a Students4free program (choralproject.org/students4free/), and children under 10 are always free. Please note: you must make your request for these at least 24 hours in advance through the online application.



Joys and Concerns

CCSM Pastoral Care Team

Please share your prayers with the pastoral care team: Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon, Rev. Jorge Bautista, Rev. Dakota Brown, and Intern Joliene Wade Gatlin. You are invited to share your prayers, your hopes, and your lives. You may connect with us in the following ways:

- in person,
- by filling out a blue prayer card at Sunday service,
- by filling out a ccsm-ucc.org/MyCCSM online prayer request,
- by contacting us via staff emails listed in your bulletin, the website, or the Pine Tree newsletter.

You may also contact the church office or email Dakota at dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org or call 415-244-3696 if you need support during the week, and Dakota will make sure one of the pastors contacts you as soon as possible.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Katharine Boaden turned 94 on May 8th. Happy Birthday!

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always, and particularly at this time.

PRAYERS OF JOY

Dorothy Scott is a great-grandmother again. Proud parents **Lauren and Jeff Janvier** and big sister **Emerie** welcomed **Austin Michael Janvier** on April 13, 2017, 8 lbs. 3 oz., 20.5". All are doing well. This makes 8 greats for Dottie and Scotty, six boys and two girls.

PRAYERS OF LOVE AND REMEMBERING

Prayers for **Floyd Burrell Jr.**, age 17, who collapsed while training for the Marines, while preparing to serve our country. He will be missed by so many. God please walk with his family during this heartbreaking time.

Prayers for the passing of **Jeff**, a 32-year-old friend of **Marty Shepard** who died of an

oxycodone overdose. We pray for his family who is left behind to understand this tragedy.

Jill Wagner passed away April 11th from complications related to cancer. Jill was Homework Central site coordinator at the Unitarian Church San Mateo. She will be missed by all the children and families she cared for. We pray for her daughter **Molly Wagner**, that she will feel her mom's love with her every day of her life. Please send cards for Molly and the school to PO Box 6687, San Mateo CA 94403. There will be a memorial service on June 24th at the Transfiguration Episcopal Church, 3900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo.

Prayers for the family of **Dorothy Campbell**, who died Saturday, April 15th. We offer prayers of support to daughters **Cheryl Campbell and Dorothy Altman** (friends of **Steve Davis**).

Prayers for **Judy Hemmer**, whose retired seeing eye dog **Tomiko** collapsed and was put down on April 16. Please remember Judy in prayer as she grieves the loss of this beloved friend.

Prayers for **Ramona Prince Beukema** whose son-in-law **Joe** passed away on April 3rd, and son **Dale** passed away on April 7th. Both Joe and Dale were surrounded by family. Please uphold Ramona in prayer during this sorrowful time.

On Easter Sunday **Jim Faber**, husband of **Marian Faber**, passed

away after a long illness. Please keep Marian and her family in your prayers. A memorial was held on April 29 at CCSM.

Remembering with love **Pam Underwood**, friend of **Jon Karesh**, who passed away April 5th after a long battle with cancer.

Janice Kennedy, cousin to **Margaret and Gordon Smith**, passed away March 26th. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

PRAYERS OF STRENGTH AND HEALING

Prayers for **Stuart**, friend of **Jon Karesh**. Stuart has been in and out of the hospital and a skilled nursing facility for about three months. Recently his brother tried to wake him up but he was nonresponsive. Since then he has been in the ICU unit. We pray for Stuart, for his recovery and for his family.

Prayers for **Valerie Duecker's** heart, healing from a cardiac ablation on May 2nd.

Prayers for all of us looking for a job. May God find us a place to share our talents.

Prayers for **Olga-Barbra Dehlinger** who was in the hospital and has returned home to Sunrise Senior Living in Burlingame. She would appreciate visitors and cards. 650 692-2805.

June Schutte moved to assisted living at Mills Estate Villa. She is still recuperating. No visitors at

JOYS AND CONCERNS, CONT.

this time.

Prayers of healing for **Bob Jarmusz**, home now after being in the hospital for his heart. We send him prayers of love and healing.

Prayers of hope and healing for **Dave Karlin** as he undergoes treatment for late stage lung cancer. We walk with Dave and his family on this journey. God please hear our prayers.

Prayers for **Ricardo**, his wife **Carla**, and their children, friends of **Rachel Shaughnessy**. Ricardo had a heart attack and is in the ICU. Please help Ricardo to heal and for his wife and family who have been at his side day and

night.

Prayers for **Randy Staff** (friend of **Diane Kalliam**) as he begins immunotherapy treatment for his cancer.

Prayer needs from **Art Domingue**: “**Joanne’s** heart catheterization did not yield any reason for her difficulty getting oxygen at altitude but it did show a healthy heart for which we have grateful hearts. Please pray with us for our son **John** who is in a medically induced coma having been hit in the throat by a hockey puck, crushing his windpipe. He drove himself to the Emergency room and remains in intensive care. With gratitude, Art”

Please continue to pray for **Ju-lie Lenden’s** cousin, **Jon Karesh’s** best friend, **Mel Thrash’s** sister-in-law, **Pico Soriano’s** friend **Alexandria Christakos**, **Dawn Graves’** mother **Donna Stanger**, **Bill Daniels**, **David Long**, **Dottie Scott’s** grandson **Lee Shaffer**, **Sandee Schlickman’s** friend **Mike**, **Travis Woodmansee**, **Jim Groundwater**, **Anne McEntee**, **Ruth Black**, **Marjorie Griffin**, **Cathy Latta**, **Martha Grannis**, **George Kromhout**, **Phyllis Mead**, **Adrienne Mitchell**, **Genevieve** and **John Parsons**, **Fred Petri**, **Gordon Smith’s** sister **Janet Smith Roberts**, **June Schutte**, and others as they walk their unique journeys with cancer and other health challenges.

Legacy Project with Wise & Wonderful

by Dakota Brown

Our Wise and Wonderful group at CCSM has been involved in what we’re calling a “Legacy Project.” We meet twice a month to share stories of our lives, past and current. These unique stories deserve to be shared with the larger church. Everyone in our group has a fascinating story to tell. I thought it would be fun to share parts of these short stories with the wider church, because knowing each other in a personal way is what makes this a great church community. Stay tuned for future legacy stories.

MAY 2017: ELRAE BILSEY

Our family lived in Biwabik, Minnesota and my Dad had a hardware store in Virginia, MN; also he and a partner ran the local airport, all while he was Mayor of Biwabik. He then sold the store and just before I went to high school we moved to Little Falls, MN as he bought the hardware store formerly owned by Col. Charles Lindbergh, father of THE Charles Lindbergh we all know. His father had been a Colonel in the Air Force in WWI.

The new store was large, serving the county area and a National Guard fort. My dad added nine plumbers to the staff and we had men’s and women’s hardware. During high school I worked in the store plus did the bookkeeping for the Allis Chalmers equipment store across the street, so when I went to college it was a natural for me to take Mechanical Engineering. I also worked part time doing bid quotes for construction work as I knew the terminology and how to read the plans for plumbing parts.

After hearing all the news of the movie “Hidden

Figures” I felt my talk should be of my first job following graduation from college. I was hired by Honeywell Aeronautic Division in Minneapolis to work in their Sales Research Division. After a few months, Honeywell received a contract to work with NASA to build a space suit for outer space in a capsule of some sort. There were seventeen men and me. I probably was the token woman at that time.

Some days we worked fourteen hours, because when all was going well with the plan everybody would get so caught up with the progress we hated to quit for the day. The suit resulted in being made of neoprene rubber and aluminized mylar. It was built on the principles of an airplane test pilot suit, and also gloves. While we were doing this, other companies were working on the boots and helmets. When we finished, a few men came to try the suit on for pictures. This original suit was copied as a sample for the many made for the teams that have followed. We kept our first attempt on a hanger at the far end of the room.

I stayed with Honeywell for about seven years and then moved on to Cornelius Company where we developed pneumatic brakes for airplanes.



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Special Organ Concert featuring the Art of Improvisation with Frédéric Blanc

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 PM • SANCTUARY

Our church and Casavant pipe organ will play host to a most wonderful French concert organist, Frédéric Blanc. Frédéric is a world-renowned specialist in the Art of Improvisation, or spontaneously creating/performing fully developed works of music, given a few themes. The concert that evening will be a full display of improvising in different styles.

Frédéric Blanc originally hails from the southwest of France near Bordeaux, and studied with Andre Fleury and Marie-Madeleine Duruflé. He won second prize in the prestigious Grand Prix de Chartres in 1996, and the grand prize in the International Competition in the City of Paris in 1997. Since 1999, he has lived in Paris in the historic Duruflé apartment and has served as titular organist at Notre-Dame d'Auteuil in western Paris, home to a gorgeous Cavallé-Coll symphonic French organ. Frédéric Blanc enjoys an international concert career taking him throughout Europe as well as across the United States. He is also a published author, having written about Andre Fleury and Maurice Duruflé. Please come to hear and be amazed by our honored guest!