

# CCSM PINE TREE

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## SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

- June 11** *Who Touched me?* Penny Nixon  
**June 18** *Who is the Prodigal?* Penny Nixon and Jorge Perry Bautista  
**June 25** *Who is the Greatest?* Penny Nixon  
**July 2** *Holy Imperfection.* Amie Giordano  
**July 9** *Play the hand you're dealt: Lessons from Hamilton.* Penny Nixon. Special musical guest Mike Roche. Casual Sunday. Church Picnic.

### SUMMER SERIES: THE PERPLEXING PARABLES OF A CONTROVERSIAL RABBI:

**Jorge Perry Bautista**

- July 16** *The Pearl of Great Price:* Matthew 13.45-46  
**July 23** *The Laborers in the Vineyard:* Matthew 20.1-16  
**July 30** *The Widow and the Judge:* Luke 18.1-8  
**August 6** *The Rich Man and Lazarus:* Luke 16.19-31

### AUGUST SERIES: SWIMMING UPSTREAM:

- Penny Nixon**  
**August 13** *The Journey of Self-discovery*  
**August 20** *Our Choices Define Us*  
**August 27** *Finding Your Place in the World*

## PENNY'S WHEREABOUTS

Penny will take some time of rest and renewal this summer after a very busy year, adding two weeks of sabbatical on to vacation time. She will be gone from **July 10–August 11**, spending time with family in New Hampshire, hiking in Banff (an early 25th anniversary celebration) and reading and biking in Calistoga. Jorge will be leading worship, Kibbie will direct programming, and Marge will continue to handle facilities and operations. Pastoral care will be covered by all the ministers.

## Come out and celebrate Pride in San Mateo!

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

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 our LGBTQQ+ community as well as food trucks, live entertainment, and much, much more.

CCSM's sponsorship of \$1000 has been critical to the event's success and growth. This is a great opportunity to both support the LGBTQQ+ community and raise the public's awareness of CCSM's mission and the good work we do.

So come out and join your friends and family at our 5th annual event! Be sure and look for the CCSM table and banner among the supporting organizations.



CCSM representing at the Pride Parade back in 2009.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

## MID HIGH MEETUPS

Last summer, meeting up with interesting members of CCSM delighted the mid-high students. So, this summer will bring more fascinating individuals in for conversations, stories and occasional wacky advice. On Sundays starting June 11, mid-high students should head for the Fireplace Room after the Children's Message in worship—except the first Sunday of the month, when they hang out with Patrick in the back row of the balcony.



## Thanks to your help, our kids go hunting

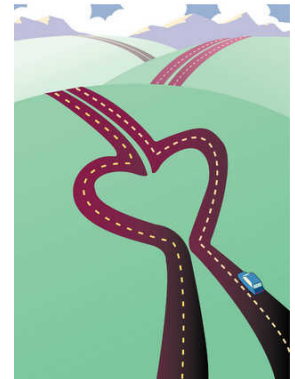
George S. Montgomery, a wealthy San Franciscan, bought a tiny town for hunters and named it Cazadero (a Spanish word that means “the hunting ground”). According to Sunset Magazine (August 2015), “Montgomery...was a two-fisted drinking Bohemian Club member and a man for ‘good time’—right up to 1890” when he suddenly became a good Christian and insisted Cazadero be a temperance town.

Over time the area has filled with many camps among the redwoods. In 1944, 800 acres was advertised that had been abandoned since the 1920's—a site touted as a “retirement” community, but full of baby cribs, so more likely an escape for “wayward girls.” The man who explored that acreage on foot and made sure the UCC bought it for a camp was Rev. Henry Hayden, later pastor of San Carlos UCC where he supported the first ordination of an openly gay man there.

So, off our youth (fourth graders through high schoolers) go this summer to **three different sessions of Camp Cazadero**, a former retirement home for wayward girls near a town named for hunters. Our own Patrick Kane and Parker Dunbar are co-chairs of Youth and Outdoor Ministry for the entire conference—and they encourage any young people who are not signed up to hunt for God in the forest (or the camp's swimming pool), to sign up ASAP. Go to <https://ncncucc.org/yomc/> to register. Thanks to a generous offering from all of you, scholarships are available!

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

This summer's service/learning trip to Fresno will help the high schoolers experience a culture very different from ours on the Peninsula. Nearly half of the population there speaks Spanish! And the Hmong community is huge. **Please let Patrick know NOW** if you can join us. There's only room for only a few more! Text or call (650) 219-1477.



*Patrick Kane smiles even when packed in a car full of mid-high students. And in July, he is directing Northern California-Nevada UCC camp for that age group at Cazadero. Pray for him (and them)!*

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



*What child doesn't enjoy music—especially when there's movement? Starting next fall, every first Sunday will include a half hour of singing as part of Children's program.*

## A REAL YOUTH ROOM?

Finally, after four years of planning, work has begun for a separate space dedicated to our youth (mid-high and high school). Two classrooms upstairs in the Betsy Woodward Building will merge to become the honest-to-goodness Youth Room—few adult allowed! Over the summer, the large original youth/multipurpose room will receive a major facelift and become the Multipurpose Room with an attractive, full kitchen for smaller gatherings (than Kloss Hall events). Special thanks go to Pam McCarthy-Hudson, who has survived the whole four years on the planning team; Austin Mader-Clark, who will continue to oversee the construction; and Sue Bullis, for dedicating the lion's share of the funding needed for this project.

## A JULY OF FUN AND ADVENTURE

After the June road trip to Fresno, **HIGH SCHOOLERS** should mark their calendars for:

- Help with **games at the All-Church Picnic** (like eating gummy worms in whipped cream with no hands) on July 9, or
- Head for **Cam Caz Senior High Camp**, July 9th-15th, and
- **Swim at Gary Steele's pool** (with a diving board!), sing karaoke, and play foosball or basketball on July 16th
- On August 12, Patrick and Jorge (a former river guide) are taking the youth **canoeing on the Russian River**. Families welcome!

MEANWHILE, on Sundays high schoolers (actually all of you) are encouraged to **help with the outdoor Children's Church**. Go to [tinyurl.com/spiritual-garden](http://tinyurl.com/spiritual-garden) to sign up.



*Patrick and Bridgette sing about the love in their hearts.*



## piritual ardening



Gardening this summer? Maybe the children can help. Outdoors for church, they will explore spiritual necessities in a garden, before they plant one themselves in August outside the Betsy Woodward Building.

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #1: The Importance of a Source of Power and Interconnection**

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #2: The Need for a Solid Foundation**

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #3: Watering the Seeds** (once you have the right ones, of course)

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #5: Adding a Sprinkle of Herbs and Spices**

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #6: Crucial Nourishment**

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #7: Shelter in the Storms**

**Spiritual Gardening Necessity #6: Interdependence and Transformation**

Sounds like a sermon series, doesn't it? But much more fun. Who ever thought you'd dissect a gummy worm in church? Or fly like a butterfly? Or eat leaves? Or listen to a tree's heartbeat? Curious? Then sign up to help out with an activity (no training necessary)!

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/spiritual-garden](http://tinyurl.com/spiritual-garden).



# WOW! CCSM's Summer Speaker Series

9:30-10:15am starting July 9

- JULY 9** Bill Dunbar, *Lifting 100 Million Pounds*
- JULY 16** Brian Mathews, *The Future of Making Things and Preserving our Past*
- JULY 23** Bob Bolles, *Exciting Times in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence*
- JULY 30** Eric Hanson, *3-D Printing*
- AUG. 8** Caleb Gatlin, *Working and Learning at Google*
- AUG. 13** Kristin Byrd, *Adapting California's Ecosystems to Climate Change*
- AUG. 20** Peter Bayley, PhD, *Meditation as Therapy*

Join us for a summer featuring “ordinary” CCSMers who do extra-ordinary things. 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? Join us for a summer of “WOW!” — an adventure for the curious. Before church (9:30-10:15am), fascinating members of our congregation will share about their lives of exploration and creativity.

## **JULY 9 • Bill Dunbar, *Lifting 100 Million Pounds***

Marine Engineer, minister, manager, and a really good cook – Bill does it all! He is currently Vice President of Mare Island Dry Dock in Vallejo and was General Manager of San Francisco Ship Repair at Pier 70, where he has worked on projects from tugboats to cruise ships. The Bay Area was once ringed with shipyards, yet only a few remain. Bill will talk about projects and challenges working in the shipyard, one of the few industries where a high school diploma and a good work ethic can provide a solid family income.

## **JULY 16 • Brian Mathews, *The Future of Making Things and Preserving our Past***

If God didn't create it, a designer, engineer, or artist did. We'll explore the future of making things and how new design and manufacturing technologies could enable everyone to create a better world. At 3D design software company Autodesk, Brian serves customers in industries that make our future world: architecture, construction, infrastructure, manufacturing, and media/entertainment industries. After an overview of new technologies, the talk will focus on pro-bono cultural heritage preservation and education projects including work with the Smithsonian, the National Park Service, the White House, Syrian museums, and others. Time permitting you'll experience off-limits artifacts in Virtual Reality.

## **JULY 23 • Bob Bolles, *Exciting Times in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence***

Bob is the Director of the Perception Program in the Artificial Intelligence Center at SRI International. He has 45 years of experience in robotics and artificial intelligence, having earned a PhD in Computer Science at Stanford in 1977. His initial research focused on computer-based



Summer Series speaker, Caleb Gatlin, will tell us how Googlers really flex their muscles.

perception techniques for industrial robots and driverless vehicles. More recently he has been developing techniques that combine deep learning with symbolic methods to recognize people and their activities. Once at CCSM, Bob is now an active United Methodist, former scoutmaster, father of three sons, and an ardent birder and photographer.

### **JULY 30 • Eric Hanson, PhD, 3-D Printing**

Until retiring last year, Eric led the research organization in Hewlett Packard which explores and invents new techniques in 3D printing. That specialized printing requires a multidisciplinary mix of technologies, including physical processes, materials and imaging algorithms. Earlier in his HP career, he focused on digital commercial printing press technology, as well as office and home printing, so we may have owned a product he helped develop. He holds a Ph.D. in experimental physics from U.C. Berkeley, and has been awarded 21 US patents.

### **AUGUST 6 • Caleb Gatlin, Working and Learning at Google**

Caleb is an Instructional Designer at Google. This means people give him something they want employees of Google to learn, and he works to make it more “learnable.” It could take the form of a class, a video, a website, or a handout, depending on which format would be best for the learner. After more than 5 years at Google he’s seen a lot, and looks forward to sharing about

his work and some of what it’s like working at Google.

### **AUGUST 13 • Kristin Byrd, PhD, Adapting California’s Ecosystems to Climate Change**

Kristin is a Research Physical Scientist with the USGS in Menlo Park, CA. Her research focuses on landscape scale patterns of the biophysical and biochemical properties of wetland vegetation to assess carbon stocks and forecast wetland resilience to climate change. In addition, she studies integrated scenarios of land use, climate and hydrological change to assess potential impacts to ecosystem services in California, though she has worked as far away as Ethiopia.

### **AUGUST 20 • Peter Bayley, PhD, Meditation as Therapy**

Peter is a scientist whose research focuses on mind-body techniques including meditation, and yoga. He conducts research at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Palo Alto and is an Assistant Professor (Affiliated) in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. He will describe how meditation is being used in his ongoing studies to treat posttraumatic stress disorder, and will provide examples of some simple meditation techniques for the group to try. He will also discuss how these ancient techniques may relate to new ideas coming from the neuroscience of memory, sleep, and emotional regulation.

# **ADRx: INNOVATIONS: Bridging the Divides**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9 • NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY  
TAUBE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1500 RALSTON AVE., BELMONT  
7:30-8:00AM: BREAKFAST • 8-9AM: PROGRAM • 9-10AM: DIALOGUE  
COST: \$20 • RSVP AT [ADRx2017.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://ADRx2017.EVENTBRITE.COM)**



Come hear experts in their fields share strategies in which they have bridged divides in their communities. This event brings together thought leaders within San Mateo County to make connections and inspire. This year we will focus on bridging the divides. In a series of short and compelling presentations, our speakers will share their stories and insights on improving communication and understanding across differences through education, interfaith dialogue, government policy and civic engagement.

The event will be moderated by CCSM’s own

Mauricio Palma, Director, Initiatives and Special Projects Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and Penny Nixon will be one of the speakers, along with Milton Reynolds, Senior Program Associate at Facing History and Ourselves, Sarah Rubin, Program Manager at Institute for Local Government, Dr. Jei Africa, Director at Office of Diversity and Equity, San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, and Jacob Fitisemanu Jr, Co-Founder & Chair of Utah Pacific Islander Health Coalition.

For more information contact Zehra Vahanvaty [zvahanvaty@pcrcweb.org](mailto:zvahanvaty@pcrcweb.org).

# The Ministry for Service and Justice Helps Sponsor Anti-Human Trafficking Event: Before Our Very Eyes

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 1 PM  
THE NUEVA SCHOOL, 131 28TH AVE., SAN MATEO

JUNE 10-18 EXHIBIT AT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR

“Before Our Very Eyes” will bring awareness about modern day slavery happening in our communities. Join the dialogue at a panel discussion with local experts on June 17. Also, from June 10-18 at the San Mateo County Fair, there will be an educational and interactive exhibit, as well as performances on Friday evening. More details can be found at: [BeforeOurVeryEyes.org](http://BeforeOurVeryEyes.org).



## Can Our “Backpack Stack” be 100 High?

The farm workers’ children on the Coastsides don’t get new back-to-school clothes; in fact, even laundry mats and grocery stores are miles and miles away. So, those students having new backpacks significantly encourages their enthusiasm for going back to school.

Please look out for sales for backpacks for kindergarteners through high schoolers—and **bring backpacks to church during June and July.** Puente is hoping we donate 100! (Used backpacks are also appreciated by the street people in San Francisco.)

Thank you!



## Church Picnic!

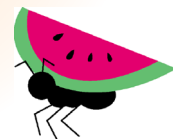
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 11:30AM-3:30PM  
SAN MATEO CENTRAL PARK PICNIC AREA #1  
(SAME AS LAST YEAR)

Please join friends and neighbors at the annual CCSM church picnic directly after service at Central Park. Fun & fellowship for all ages. We also need volunteers to set-up and clean-up, contact Dakota, [dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org).

**A-I:** Starchy (rice, beans, pasta).

**J-R:** Dessert.

**S-Z:** Green/Fruit (salads, vegetables, fruit).



## First Tuesday Book Club

9/5 AND 10/3 AT 7:30PM, FIREPLACE ROOM

First Tuesday Book Group welcomes all. Please join us, even if you haven’t read the book. We always have a lively discussion. Have a great summer reading all those books you have been meaning to get to!

**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 in the grand spy-tale tradition of John Le Carre.

Our last meeting will be **November 7**—title TBD—be thinking about a good book to suggest to end the reading year. Questions? Email [Susan at s\\_stoehr@hotmail.com](mailto:Susan_at_s_stoehr@hotmail.com)



Gabby Oberes-Padre and Maddy Yeh on Easter Sunday

photo by Chris Yeh

# Coffee Hour Help needed

Coffee Hour is a fun and important way to bring everyone together after church & welcome new visitors. Our church is welcoming but coffee hour makes it feel like welcome home. If you would like to **participate on one of the coffee hour teams** during the year (this can be as infrequently as 1 time a year!), or if you would like to help **organize the quarterly coffee hour volunteer schedule** we need you! Have fun and get to know more people at CCSM. We need your help. Contact Donna Summers, 650-888-5991, [donna.summers@me.com](mailto:donna.summers@me.com), or Dakota at 415-244-3696 , [dbrown@ucc-ccsm.org](mailto:dbrown@ucc-ccsm.org).



## CCSM Parking Reminder

Leave some parking spots in the CCSM parking lot for seniors with disability placards.

If you are not able to walk far or have a disability placards, please park in the church lot.

If you are able to park on the street and walk a few blocks to church please keep our seniors in mind.

If you come early to help prepare for service and are able to walk, please don't park in the lot.



## Wise and Wonderful

**June 14, 10:30am:** Kathleen Nelson, Pianist. Kathleen Nelson has been performing publicly since 1990 and made her European debut in Vienna (1997). She has recorded 3 solo cds, accompanies other acts ranging from classical to rock, and is a Vocal Coach at Notre Dame de Namur University. In addition to performing, she is working with over 40 houses of faith as well as leading two Taize services on the Peninsula and a member of the ensemble at Mercy Center's monthly Taize service.

**June 28, 11:00am:** Lunch at MiMi's Café (3.6 miles from CCSM), 2208 Bridgepointe Pkwy. Carpool meets at CCSM at 10:30am.

**We will NOT meet in July or August.**

## Meditation group breaks for summer

Vacations and family visitors cut into attendance so it is a good time for a break for the group, which will reconvene in September. That doesn't mean you need to stop meditating. A regular practice is recommended for anyone wanting to form a habit of wholehearted meditation practice. Bob Jarmusz, who leads the meditation group, is available during the summer months for coffee, tea and conversation.---(650) 787 8324.



## Prayer Shawl Group

We celebrate our wonderful Prayer Shawl Group at CCSM. Thank you for all prayers and compassion you knit into the world. May all who receive a shawl be wrapped in God's warmth and healing. This groups meets the second Thursday of the month in the Fireplace Room at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to join.



For over 36 years, CCSM's Music School has encouraged children to "catch the rhythm"—reading music, playing the piano, singing and more. Founder Cari Parker beamed as she watched this spring's recital and her daughter Julie Berk direct it.

# For Future Generations...

This past year, Betsy Woodward turned 70, and the building that bears her name is right behind her. The Christian Education Building was built in the early 1950's. Some remodeling was done in the 1980's, but since then, nearly 40 years ago, there have been no upgrades.

And here's what true: The Betsy Woodward Building is the hardest working building on our campus, and it has had very little investment put into it. There are safety concerns like windows and carpet that need replacing, outdated electrical wiring and plumbing.

The CE Building houses CCSM's children on Sundays for an hour, CCSM's youth for afternoon and evening programs, Joyful Noise and The Music School, Al-Anon, the Girl Scouts, other various groups, and, on a daily basis, other people's children in the Muslim Garden School and Little Wonders. They are renting the space from us, but in the end, we are responsible for the children and adults when they are on our campus.

Here's the good news: Due to a generous gift from Sue Bullis, we have been able to start construction, building a dedicated Youth Room. And, with some additional very generous donors, we have also begun work on the multi-purpose room and upgrading the upstairs kitchen. This is just the beginning. Phase One of the second floor. We have the money to cover construction costs but we need an additional \$50,000 to complete this phase.

We are inviting you to underwrite an item (or part of an item) below.

Please consider being a part of preparing for CCSM's future generations.

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| 2 Microwaves       | \$500    | Furniture                   | \$5,000  |
| Range              | \$700    | Window coverings            | \$2,500  |
| Dishwasher         | \$700    | Sliding wall + installation | \$14,000 |
| Ventilation Hood   | \$1,000  | Microwave                   | \$225    |
| Light Fixtures     | \$500    | Light Fixtures              | \$500    |
| Electrical Outlets | \$2,100  | Electrical Outlets          | \$2,100  |
| Cabinets           | \$10,000 | Furniture                   | \$3,000  |
| Carpets            | \$5,000  | Window coverings            | \$3,500  |
| Light Fixtures 10  | \$500    | Cooling System              | \$700    |
| Fireplace Mantle   | \$1,000  | Back hallway stairs carpet  | \$8,000  |

I'd love to talk with anyone who is interested in donating to the Betsy Woodward Building Fund.

With gratitude,

*Penny*





# Music This Summer at CCSM



by Lynnelle Bilsey, Director of Music

## THE JOY OF SINGING!

**Wednesdays, June 21 & 28, July 12 & 19, 6:30-7:30pm, Choir Room**

Are you a secret “shower singer” who is longing to come into the light and sing? Then this summer is for you.

Come join us and learn the fundamentals of music and singing. In the words of Helen Kemp: “Body, mind, spirit, voice! It takes the whole person to sing and rejoice!” Come make a joyful noise with us this summer.

## Three Drop-In Choir Sundays

**Sundays, June 18, July 2 & 16, 9:15am**

No commitment necessary! If you love to sing, come join us on Sunday morning for a summertime favorite: Drop-in Choir.

We will meet June 18, July 2 & 16 at 9:15am and rehearse the music for that service. We will learn unison & simple choral arrangements for both special music and general service music for that Sunday’s worship service.

All ages are welcome.

## Learn to Ring Bells

**Thursdays, June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10, 6:30-7:30pm  
Choir Room**

CCSM will offer a short series open to all ages interested in learning the art of ringing handbells and handchimes. Ability to read music is a plus, but not required.

Have you wondered how ringers are able to put bells back where they picked them up from? Are you the type of person who loves to smile and laugh while making music? Do you enjoy dancing? If so, then bells are right up your alley. Come experience the art of ringing. No commitment necessary; drop-ins are welcome.

## Carillon Ringers Summer Rehearsal Schedule

**Thursdays, June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 17, 7:30-9pm  
Choir Room**

If you’d like to come ring with the Carillon Ringers Bells Choir, summer is a great time to come try your hands with the “Ding-a-Lings” Drop-ins are welcome during the summer, some ringing experience is helpful and ability to read music is a must for this group (treble or bass clef, not required to read both).



## SPECIAL MUSIC Sundays this Summer

We have several special music Sundays that you won’t want to miss. Though this is not a complete list, a few of our special guests coming up include:

July 9 Mike Roche, vocalist/Instrumentalist and all-around great musician joining us for a worship in Song

July 16 CCSM’s own Linda Mallette joining us with selections for piano featuring the 3 B’s: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms (Note: date may change)

July 23 Singer/Songwriter Kathleen Nelson

July 30 CCSM’s Three Tenors! Juan Castro returns, along with Michael Strello-Smith and Eric Ribiero.

Three amazing singers sharing their talents with us

You won’t want to miss these exceptional musicians!

## Swimming Upstream:

***Celebrating Female Trailblazers through the Art of the Musical***

This summer CCSM’s Spirituality in Musicals series will explore three female characters for whom musicals were created.

Each character was a trailblazer in her own way: each heroine’s story explores her unique challenges and ultimate celebration in truly embracing who she is. The musicals for this series will be

**8/13** Annie Get Your Gun (music by Irving Berlin)

**8/20** Mary Poppins (music by the Sherman Brothers)

**8/27** Yentl (music by Barbra Streisand)

If you are interested in participating as a soloist, in a small ensemble or part of the choir for one or all of these, please see Lynnelle or email her at [lbilsey@lifemoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@lifemoves.org).

Rehearsals for each will be held the **Wednesday evening prior from 7:15–8:45 pm in the Sanctuary**. All ages are welcome, please come join us!

photo by Chris Yeh

# 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](http://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](mailto: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

We wish **Barbara Mollison** a very happy birthday. She turns 90 on June 12.

**Adrienne Mitchell** turns 90 on July 6, and **Dorothy Gorman** turns 90 on July 7. We wish them both a joyful year.

### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AT PENTECOST

We pray for all those, young and old, who were hurt or killed in Manchester. We pray for the people in the Philippines. We pray for safe travel of refugees and immigrant people. We pray for all who are sick, either at home or in hospital. May God be their strength and grant them health, and bless those who care for them. Hear our prayers as we remember those who have died recently, and those we continue to grieve. May You grant them eternal rest and peace. Hear our prayers for peace, in the name of all that is Holy. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF JOY AND BLESSING

**Brett Ruona and Brad Bailey** are celebrating the birth of their son **John Douglas Bailey**, born on May 24! He weighed 6lbs 15oz, 20 inches long. They are grateful to be doing well, resting, and enjoying introductions to one another.

We celebrate **Bob and Caroline Reinke** whose 65th anniversary is June 14th. We wish them many more happy years together.

**Sue Bullis'** daughter **Janine** was married on May 27th to

**Corey Valine** in Carmel Valley. We send them blessings of joy and love for all their years together.

### PRAYERS OF LOVE AND REMEMBERING

**Barbara Chandler**, mother of **Dave Chandler**, had a stroke and passed away Friday, June 2 in Tulsa, OK. Please hold her family in your prayers. .

**Earle Bowman**, dear friend of **Nancy Jalonen**, passed away on May 18. He last attended CCSM on Easter. He was very happy to be at church on this special day. A memorial service was held on June 2. Earle will be deeply missed.

**Elisa Soriano, Pico Soriano's** 94-year-old mother, passed away recently. We pray for her family who will miss her deeply. May God love them and keep them all.

**Jack Delaney**, uncle to **Len Flaherty**, died May 8 at age 95 following a stroke. A "gentle giant," Jack was the last of Len's mother's family, following her September death, and the family's last WW2 veteran. Memorial services will be held near his home in Fairfax, VA.

**Rebecca Beltgran Vendiola**, sister of **Phoebe Beltran** and **Rev. Frank Beltran**, passed away recently. We offer prayers of support for this family as they celebrate the love they share for Rebecca and her fruitful life.

### PRAYERS OF STRENGTH AND HEALING

Prayers for **Joel Veen** for housing. He is looking to rent a room. Please contact him if you can help.

650-758-8563

Prayers of strength and healing for **Bob Duffy** who is in the hospital waiting for a lung transplant. We pray for Bob's recovery and for **Becky** at his side.

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

Prayers for **Stan Higgs**. He had knee replacement surgery and is now home. We pray for his strength and healing.

Prayers for **Judy Hemmer**. She is not as sturdy on her feet these days and with Stan Higgs recovering from knee surgery. They are happy to have occasional help and meals brought over.

Prayers for **DonDon**, friend of Stan and Judy, as they try to bring him to San Mateo.

Please continue to pray for **Stuart**, friend of **Jon Karesh**. Stuart is still in the hospital. He is awake but can't recognize people. We pray that Stuart will soon recognize the people who love him, and will not feel afraid or in pain.

Prayers of gratitude for all the prayers the church has shared for **Ricardo**, friend of **Rachelle Shaughnessy**, who had a heart attack a month ago and is recovering fast. His is now back home with his family, and gradually getting his sense of humor back.

Prayers for **Ron Gibson**, friend of **Angela Kraft Cross**, battling advanced cancer. We offer prayers of

## JOYS AND CONCERNS, CONT.

comfort and healing.

Please pray for **Olivia Yanez**, family member to **Cindy Shaughnessy**. She had open heart surgery, her heart stopped and was resuscitated. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Prayers of healing for **Linda Hodges** who had surgery. She is home and recovering but still in pain. She would appreciate calls and well wishes.

Prayers for **Olga-Barbra Dehlinger**. She is requesting that people visit her at her new home at Sunrise in Burlingame. She is not always able to get to church as much as she would like and misses everyone.

Prayers of healing for **Mark**

**Mitchell**, long-time member and usher. Mark was diagnosed with brain cancer. In April, he had surgery to remove a brain tumor. He is now recovering and completing radiation but needs our prayers. Please keep Mark and his wife **Tracy** in your prayers as they continue to navigate this challenging time.

Prayers needed for **John**, son of **Art and Joanne Domingue**, for his continued and strong recovery.

Prayers of peace for **Jessie Kane**, sister-in-law of **Mel Thrash**, who has been admitted to hospice care. Please hold her and her life partner **Robert Conell** in prayer.

Prayers of healing for **Carol Bristol**, friend of **Bev Knowlton**, who is battling severe back pain

and searching for a diagnosis and treatment.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for **Julie Lenden's** cousin, **Pico Soriano's** friend **Alexandria Christakos**, **Dawn Graves' mother Donna Stanger**, **Bill Daniels**, **David Long**, **Sandee Schlickman's** friend **Mike**, **Travis Woodmansee**, **Jim Groundwater**, **Judy Hemmer's** friend **Mark**, **Anne McEntee**, **Ruth Black**, **Marjorie Griffin**, **Cathy Latta**, **Martha Grannis**, **Phyllis Mead**, **Adrienne Mitchell**, **Genevieve** and **John Parsons**, **Fred Petri**, **Gordon Smith's** sister **Janet Smith Roberts**, and others as they walk their unique journeys with cancer and other health challenges.

## Guiding Principles Update



As you may recall, the Worship and Spiritual Life committee held neighborhood meetings where the congregation was invited to give feedback on the Guiding Principles to ensure they remain representative of who we are and where we want to be. More than 60 people participated in these meetings and provided meaningful input. A task team was then formed and met four times over the past couple of months to incorporate the congregation's feedback into the Guiding Principles. We are thrilled to announce that this collaborative process has resulted in updated Guiding Principles, which we will roll out in the Fall.



*Brett Ruona and Brad Bailey and their son John Douglas Bailey.*

### News from Dakota

**Rev. Dakota Brown will be away for a few weeks this summer.** She is having surgery on June 13th and is expecting a 5-week recovery period. This is not life threatening, just inconvenient. Dakota will remain connected to us at CCSM by phone and email when she is not busy sleeping.

For any pastoral needs during this time, please email Penny or Jorge or call the office (650-343-3694) and you will be put in touch with one of the pastors. We are always happy to hear from you.

As soon as she is able, pastoral support with Dakota will be provided on the phone or via email during her recovery.

Rev. Dakota Brown can be reached at [dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:dbrown@ccsm-ucc.org) or 415-244-3696

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## A Word from Penny

Dear friends,

Summer approaches, a time for relaxation and rest, except at CCSM!!! There are so many wonderful things going on this summer. I hope you'll participate whenever you're in town. There is something for everyone. Events to lift your spirits, to deepen friendships, to stimulate your thinking, and to work for justice. I love being part of this vibrant, active faith community. So, grab an iced tea and enjoy the reading....



Peace,  
Penny



## Making Our Own Donkey

WANTED: 2 aluminum pack frames, adult sized for making the Palm Sunday "Donkey" for next year. Used is ideal – similar to this image. Starting project mid-June. Contact Warren Long, 650-341-7809. Can pick up. Thanks very much!

