

# CCSM PINE TREE

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## SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

**FALL SERIES: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World. Penny Nixon**

This series is based on *The Book of Joy* by The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu



- SEPT. 10** Homecoming Sunday. *The Antidote to Stress*
- SEPT 17** *Overcoming Obstacles to joy*
- SEPT 24** *Is Forgiveness Necessary?* Blessing of Iglesia San Mateo, Unidos en Cristo
- OCT 1** World Communion Sunday. *In the Looking Glass*
- OCT 8** *Superiority Complex*
- OCT 15** *Money CAN Buy Happiness*
- OCT 22** 500th anniversary of Reformation
- OCT 29** *Laughter IS the Best Medicine.* (Marge Boyd preaching)
- NOV 5** All Saints Sunday. *The Shortest Prayer*
- NOV 12** *Resignation or Acceptance?*
- NOV 19** *Passion.com*
- NOV 26** Thanksgiving Sunday. *The Practice of Joy*

## A Word from Penny

Is there any one of us who could not invite a little more joy into our lives? It seems as though the world is so heavy right now, so laden and so layered with turmoil and chaos. We awaken daily to more troubling news. So where is the space for joy? Real joy, real lasting happiness that transcends our current situation, that even transcends our sorrow and suffering?



At CCSM this fall, we are going to embark on a journey of JOY. Our source will be *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I hope you will take the time to read it—I promise it will be worthwhile. These two spiritual giants each turned 80 recently and though they

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## PICK-A-PARTY: CCSM'S 19TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PARTIES: OCT. 8**

Pick-A-Party is our annual church fundraiser; it combines fellowship, fun, and fundraising. This year "Pick-A-Party Sunday" will be October 29. Mark your calendar and join us to purchase some of the wonderful "parties" being offered.

Long before then, however, is the need to collect party offerings from many of you. While the deadline for submitting a party is not until October 8, it is a massive effort to write up the party descriptions and coordinate dates. Therefore, we'd appreciate hearing from you in early September if you plan to host this time around.

A party could be a meal in your home or an enjoyable indoor or outdoor activity. We've enjoyed so many unique party offerings in the past; there seems to be no limit on the creative spirit of some of our CCSM members! Also, we'd very much appreciate donations of vacation homes for our Silent Auction if you have a cabin or place you can lend.

Submit your party idea to [CCSMPickAParty@gmail.com](mailto:CCSMPickAParty@gmail.com) or contact Carol Henton at [carolhenton@aol.com](mailto:carolhenton@aol.com) or Jennifer Jacoby-Yeh at [jjacobyeh@yahoo.com](mailto:jjacobyeh@yahoo.com). Let's make this fundraiser another big success again this year!



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

## IMPORTANT TUESDAY NIGHTS FOR PARENTS

TUESDAYS, 7:00-8:30PM • FIREPLACE ROOM (CHILDCARE PROVIDED) • SEPT. 5, 12, 19, 26, OCT. 24

For more details about what the various age group are doing this school year, come to our Tuesday information nights to look at what's ahead for our children and youth (childcare provided). All are welcomed, even if you have no children.

- Sept 5** What's Ahead gathering of Pre-K and kindergarten parents
- Sept 12** What's Ahead gathering of High School parents (confirmation, trips, service projects, and more)
- Sept 19** What's Ahead gathering of 4th-5th grade parents
- Sept 26** What's Ahead gathering of 1st-3rd grade parents
- Oct 24** What's Ahead gathering of Mid-High parents (classes, youth group, and Coming of AgeRetreat)

## RETREATS AHEAD: mark your calendars!

Make sure to mark your calendars for these special youth weekends:

### FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

- October 21-22 and April 27-28:** Confirmation Retreats at Napa
- November 17-19:** Fall Youth Event at Monte Toyon
- February 17-19:** "Feb Camp" at Monte Toyon

### FOR MID-HIGHERS

- January 13-15:** Mid-Winter Retreat
- April 21-22:** Coming of Age Retreat at Napa



*In spite of the alt-right not showing up, CCSM members joined marches in Berkeley and San Francisco for peace and justice.*

## Encourage Reading

During the month of September, bring new and used children's books for the children served by Samaritan House and Puente. New ones become Christmas presents! Donations can be left in the office or given to a child to take forward during the Children's Message in worship. Thank you!



## Treasuring What Is Sacred

Fourth and fifth graders (and their youth helpers) tidied up the Memorial Garden, polishing the name plaques as they heard stories about treasured members of the church.

# Modeling Flexibility While Remodeling

Our children and youth are here, there and yonder while the second floor of the Betsy Woodward CE Building is being revamped, and they are enjoying the relocation adventure. Soon the Betsy Woodward CE Building will be ready for the activity to return— new cabinets, new floors, new paint and—if we can raise enough money—some new furniture. The upstairs will also have WiFi and projection capability in the new Youth Room and Will Bullis Community Room (the old Youth Room). Sue Bullis' son Will was a teenager when tragically killed in the San Bruno explosion; the Board of Ministries voted to dedicate the new multipurpose space to him and his energetic spirit.



If you would like to contribute to the building's refurbishing, please go online to [GIVE](#) (note that it's for the CE Building) or slip a check into the offering plate. Thank you to all who have contributed. Our children will appreciate your generosity far into the future!

## Curious About the Remodel?

Then come to the Open House (TBA) or better yet, sign up to volunteer and enjoy the building full of children. All ages are welcome to participate in Children's Church, whether just watching the action or helping out. Just sign up with the link [Sign-up Genius](#) or email [kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org). You'll be in for a treat!

## What is the JOYFUL NOISE all about?

It is about fun and fellowship with friends.

It is about singing.

It is about playing instruments.

It is about learning how to read music.

It is about helping one another.

It is about experiencing the joy of making music with others.

It is about sharing our joy and love of music with our beloved CCSM congregation.



We invite all children who love music and love to sing to come and share in our Joyful Noise. We are open to children of ALL ages; however, we cater to children between the ages of 5 - 13. Our first rehearsal this fall will be **Sunday, September 17 at 9:45 am**.

For more information, contact Joyful Noise Director Julie Berk at [teacherjulie@pacbell.net](mailto:teacherjulie@pacbell.net) or 650 400-9808.

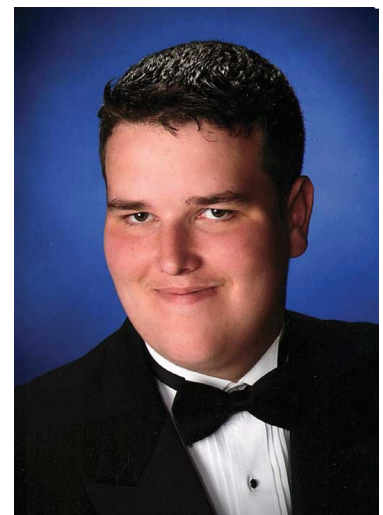
### THE 7TH ANNUAL

# William J. Bullis Scholarship Fundraiser and Silent Auction

OCTOBER 21, 4:00-7:00PM • KLOSS HALL

The Will's Dream Foundation is proud to announce the annual scholarship fundraiser here at CCSM. It's been seven long years since Will lost his life in the San Bruno Fire. His dream was to become a chef, getting his education at the Culinary Institute. The Will's Dream Foundation, along with the Culinary Institute of America, are keeping his dream alive by offering a \$15,000 scholarship to a qualified applicant who like Will wants to fulfill their culinary dream. This year, Congresswoman Jackie Speier will be the auctioneer.

Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres served. We are looking forward to seeing you. For tickets go to: [tinyurl.com/7thWillsDream](http://tinyurl.com/7thWillsDream)



## A Word from Penny

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have only met a few times, they consider each other their “mischievous spiritual brother.” Both remind us that joy is our spiritual birthright, and both these men have endured hardship, tribulation and more than their share of suffering. They agree “joy is much bigger than happiness. While happiness is often seen as being dependent on external circumstances, joy is not.” The joyful state of mind and heart is what animates our lives.

These two combine teachings of joy, the science of joy, and stories of joy to provide a spiritual gold mine of treasured insights. We will be taking our time throughout the fall to look at joy, the obstacles to joy and the eight pillars of the mind and heart that lead us to sustaining joy in our lives.

I could not be more excited about this series and growing with you on this journey of JOY!

I invite you to do your best to commit to being part of the Sunday services as much as you are able. I believe it will be transformational for all of us.

With joy,  
Penny

## CE Building Renovation: Giving to our Future

The CE Renovation project is near completion— we have had so many people involved in making this happen, as well as so many who have generously donated funds. Thanks to everyone. The committee has been working on this for four years now but we are in the final phase. We are looking forward to an open house where you can see the updated space for our youth, our children, and our community. This will be a space where our youth will have a dedicated place that is their own, and the new multi-purpose room will be a community space for meetings, groups and celebrations. The updated kitchen will be a welcome place to prepare and share meals.

This renovation is about our future. You will have the opportunity to be part of this by making a special gift on Homecoming Sunday. We will take a special offering during the service and dedicate 100% of the offering to the completion of the project. Please come prepared to give and prepared to be a part of CCSM’s commitment to our next generations.

## Inquirer’s Class: CCSM 101

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 11:45AM-1:30PM

We hope you’ve been enjoying CCSM’s extravagant welcome. We are hosting an inquirer’s class right after worship on September 17. Lunch and childcare will be provided. If you want to take the next step in your journey with CCSM, come enjoy lunch, conversation, and a presentation on who we are and how you might fit in. RSVP to Penny at [pnixon@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:pnixon@ccsm-ucc.org) or 650 343-3694.



## Second Hour Sundays

SEPTEMBER 17, 11:45AM

Penny will lecture on the book *White Like Me* by Tim Wise and facilitate meaningful discussion on the topic of white privilege. What does the overused term “white privilege” mean? What does whiteness really mean? Is it really such a big deal? Why can’t we all get along? Come even if you haven’t read the book and grapple with the question: What does it mean to be white in a nation that was created for the benefit of people who are white?

**SAVE THE DATES: Oct. 8, 15, 22 and Nov. 5, 12, 19.** In our *Second Hour Educational Series*, Penny will be teaching on **how America shaped Christianity and how Christianity shaped America**. We’ll look at the interplay of religion, race, politics, and economics. You may be surprised at what we find! This promises to be an eye-opening series. We hope you’ll grab some refreshments in Kloss Hall and stay for the second hour of lecture and discussion. More details in the next Pine Tree.

# Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas as a category 4 hurricane, the first category 4 hurricane to make landfall in the US since 2004. Extensive rainfall of over 40 inches has caused widespread destruction. The United Church of Christ is actively providing for immediate needs and long-term recovery that may well last 5 + years. You can walk with families in this holistic recovery effort through your generous contributions [online](#) or by mail.



United Church of Christ

If by mail, make checks payable to Emergency USA Fund with "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo and send to United Church of Christ, c/o Financial Services, 700 Prospect Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44115.

## Helping older adults stay in their homes

### MID PENINSULA VILLAGE

Do you sometimes need assistance changing a light bulb in a ceiling fixture? Configuring your computer or phone? Do you need someone to drive you to medical appointments? Mid Peninsula Village (MPV) is not a place somewhere, but a nonprofit, grassroots "virtual village" of neighbors helping neighbors, which assists older adults to continue living in their own homes. MPV also has numerous social activities. Operating costs are covered by annual dues paid by the members. Barbara Mollison and Jo Buckham of CCSM are already MPV members. Barbara says "Great service. We're so lucky to have Mid Peninsula Village, all the volunteers are wonderful."

For information, contact Eric Hanson at [e\\_g\\_hanson@yahoo.com](mailto:e_g_hanson@yahoo.com), Deb Flaherty at [flaherty.dwr@gmail.com](mailto:flaherty.dwr@gmail.com), or check out the website at [midpeninsulavillage.org](http://midpeninsulavillage.org).

If you are interested in being a MPV volunteer to offer some of these service to enable older adults to stay in their own homes, join Carole Melis, Jim Shaul, Anne Fuller, Todd Bower, Deb & Len Flaherty, Eric Hanson, and Dave McClure in volunteering with MPV!



Barbara Mollison leaving her home on her way to an appointment, driven by an MPV volunteer

# MSJ Retreat

SATURDAY, SEPT 16, 10:00AM-2:00PM  
FIREPLACE ROOM

Instead of our regular meeting on 9/12, MSJ will retreat on 9/16, spending time with spiritual grounding, building relationships, visioning, and moving to action. Have you considered being part of this vital committee at CCSM? Please contact the office, George Snode or Amie Giordano for more information.

## CCSM Pictorial Directories Are Here!

Our new pictorial directories have arrived and will be distributed on Sundays during September. Plan to stop by the loggia to pick up your personal copy. (We ask that you sign for receipt.) People who had a photo taken by Lifetouch will get their directory free of charge. On the other hand, those who provided a digital photo for the directory, or who were not photographed, are asked to pay \$5.00 for a directory.



The Lifetouch photos in the directory will soon be uploaded to myCCSM, in our ongoing effort to help you better recognize your fellow CCSM members and friends.

We are grateful to all those who put in so many hours of work to pull this together. We want to thank Deanna Riding and Austin Mader-Clark who pulled the team together; Veril Phillips and Carol Henton, who did countless hours updating and verifying information; June Brown and Lani Leydig, who did a great amount of phoning and outreach; Don Leydig who assisted with the non-Lifetouch digital photos, and those who hosted a photo session. What a big project! Our tremendous thanks to everyone who made this a success.

## Spiritual Discussion Group: The Book of Joy

STARTS MONDAY, SEPT. 11 FOR 10 WEEKS  
7:00-8:30PM • CCSM LIBRARY

How can we find joy in a world filled with challenges and suffering? His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu answer this question in *The Book of Joy*. Join us in a book discussion group, led by Dorothy and Richard Kogl. For more information or the first reading assignment: [kogl@att.net](mailto:kogl@att.net) or 650-579-7272. Everyone's welcome.

# Guiding Principles Update:

## ROLL OUT OF REFRESHED PRINCIPLES & INPUT REQUESTED ON SEQUENCE AT HOMECOMING

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. More than 60 people participated in these meetings and provided meaningful input. A task team, consisting of Jorge Bautista, Katie Bylander, John Fyfe, Rebecca Judd, Dorothy Kogl, Penny Nixon and Mel Thrash was then formed and met four times in the Spring to incorporate the congregation’s feedback into the Guiding Principles (the project was facilitated by Worship and Spiritual Life Committee members Caleb Gatlin, Alexandra Gillen, Julie Lenden and Judi Powell).

We are thrilled to announce that this collaborative process has resulted in the following refreshed Guiding Principles (see the chart below) which will be voted on in the Fall.

During the neighborhood input sessions, as well as among the task team, we were split evenly on how to best order the principles. That’s where you come in! Please reflect on which of the two suggested orders you prefer. On **Homecoming Sunday, September 10th, during coffee hour**, you will be invited to vote on which ordering resonates most with you.

### OPTION 1

1. We Are Christian
2. We Are a Spiritual Community
3. We Are Inclusive
4. We Are Open Minded
5. We Are God’s Hands, Feet & Face
6. We Are Evolving

### OPTION 2

1. We Are a Spiritual Community
2. We Are God’s Hands, Feet & Face
3. We Are Christian
4. We Are Inclusive
5. We Are Open Minded
6. We Are Evolving

## CURRENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## PROPOSED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### *We Are Christian*

We perceive in Jesus the divine qualities of love, peace, joy, and justice. Following the teachings of Jesus is a path to God. We explore the Bible for its spiritual wisdom contained in symbol, metaphor, and history. We find in this sacred book stories that echo our own lives and struggles. We have a specific tradition and history to which we are drawn. We also explore other faith traditions and create new ideas that will themselves become history for later generations.

### WE ARE CHRISTIAN

We follow Jesus’s example as a way of life and a way of love. Following Jesus is rooted in our identity as Christians, and we cherish our tradition’s sacred book, the Bible, for its spiritual wisdom contained in symbol, metaphor, and history. We also explore other faith traditions and learn from other sacred texts as we seek to answer Jesus’ call to love.

### *We Are Open Minded*

We understand faith as a quest, not a clutched certainty. We enter appreciatively into different points of view with the expectation of learning and growing. We see openness as a key to meaningful spirituality.

### WE ARE OPEN MINDED

We recognize the inherent worth of each of us, and we listen to different points of view in order to learn and grow. We strive to practice empathy and compassion, and we seek to understand one another.

### *We Are Spiritual*

We believe God is a spirit of love that can be felt and known by each one of us. It means Christianity is as much about the heart as the head, as much about the body as the minds. We roll up our sleeves and feed the hungry, care for the homeless and advocate for a more just society.

### WE ARE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

We welcome the full participation of believers, agnostics, and skeptics from all faith traditions. We are all at different places on our spiritual journeys, and we come together to support each other as we seek connection with God through ritual, artistic expression, nature, study, and fellowship.

—and—

<p><i>We Are Spiritual</i> (cont.)</p>	<p><b><u>WE ARE GOD'S HANDS, FEET AND FACE</u></b>          We work together to feed the hungry, care for the sick, house the homeless, and advocate for a more just society. We do this knowing that God has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet and no face but our face.</p>
<p><i>We Are Evolving</i>          We welcome change and innovation and eagerly experiment with new ways of being faithful. We strive to be rooted but not stuck.</p>	<p><b><u>WE ARE EVOLVING</u></b>          We experience faith as a quest, not a set of absolute truths. We welcome change, seek transformation, and explore new ways of being faithful because we know that God is still speaking.</p>
<p><i>We Are Diverse</i>          We celebrate the differences among us such as sexual orientation ethnicity, class, mental abilities, physical capabilities, personalities, and backgrounds. We trust that these differences inform and strengthen community. A diverse spiritual community welcomes conventional believers, curious agnostics, and questioning skeptics.</p>	<p><b><u>WE ARE INCLUSIVE</u></b>          We celebrate Jesus' teachings of radical equality and the differences among us including, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, age, and mental and physical ability. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.</p>

## Rescue the Bay

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16  
 8:00AM-NOON • RYDER PARK**

Come join the crowd from CCSM, prepare to get dirty, have a good time, and help the environment! At this once a year bay clean-up day, you just might win the prize for the most "unusual" find among the beach trash. Enjoy live music, fire truck, free hamburgers and hotdogs, lots of give-aways and more. You can just show up, let [kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org) know, or pre-register at [tinyurl.com/SavetheBay2017](http://tinyurl.com/SavetheBay2017)

## First Tuesday Book Group

**OCTOBER 3, 7:30 PM • FIREPLACE RM**

Please join us, even if you haven't read the book. We always have a lively discussion.

**October 3:** *Red Sparrow* by Jason Matthews (fiction). This shocking spy thriller is written with insider detail — the author is a veteran CIA officer.

Our last meeting this year will be Nov. 7—title TBD—be thinking about a good book to suggest to end the reading year. Need more information? email [s\\_stoehr@hotmail.com](mailto:s_stoehr@hotmail.com). All are welcome!

## Music & Art

**FRI., SEPT. 15, NOON-2:00PM, BUCKHAM ROOM**

Our first program, "Four California Artists," will be presented by Laura Peterhans. These interesting paintings from her personal collection will be on display and discussed at the meeting. There will be time to share highlights from your summer.

Bring your own sandwich/salad; beverages and dessert are provided. Reserve your space by calling Susan Duty, 650-533-6828, or email, [susanjd52@gmail.com](mailto:susanjd52@gmail.com). All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Hosanna!**  
 A BENEFIT FOR HOME AND HOPE  
**OCTOBER 8TH, 2017  
 5:00 PM**  
 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
 OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
 975 SNEATH LANE SAN BRUNO  
 NO ADMISSION FEE / SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR  
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW WITH REFRESHMENTS

# 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 Rev. Amie Giordano. 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

**Shirley Robertson** turns 91 on September 11. **Ronnie Errichson** turns 95 on September 24. **Phyllis Mead** turns 93 on September 27.

### WORLD PRAYER

God of healing, hear our prayers for your mercy in the wake of the Texas disaster. Reveal your presence in the midst of all who are suffering. Come quickly to their aid that they may all know peace again. Strengthen everyone in this time of trial. Merciful creator, we also pray for all who work to bring rescue and relief, especially the firefighters, police, paramedics, medical personnel, and volunteers. Give them courage in danger, skill in difficulty, and compassion in service. Sustain them with bodily strength and calmness of mind that they may perform their work to the well-being of those in need so that lives may be saved and communities restored. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF JOY AND GRATITUDE

We celebrate our beloved **Dottie Scott**. Dottie is moving to the East Bay to be closer to her children and beautiful grandchildren. We bless her journey and send her with love and gratitude for all the years she has shared with us, and remind Dottie she always has a place here at CCSM.

We celebrate **Maddie and Charlotte Briant** who completed a ju-



nior triathlon. May God continue to bless them with health and joy.

**Dr. Jim and Lorna Groundwater** are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter **Adira Victoria Groundwater**, daughter of their daughter **Katherine Groundwater** and son-in-law **Dr. Adam Makhluif**.

**Alexis Renee**, daughter of **Michelle and Miguel Morgado** and granddaughter of **Gordon and Margaret Smith**, was baptized August 13th at CCSM. We celebrate her and her loving family in their continued commitment and love for God among us.

We celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary of **Lee and Mike Mulery** on August 18th.

### PRAYERS OF LOVE AND REMEMBERING

**Jon Karesh's** close friend **Stuart Tsukamoto** passed away after a long illness. Prayers for his family and loved ones. May they always feel connected in the love they shared.

**Lynette Kady** passed away unexpectedly on September 2nd. Lynette joined the church in 2001 and was well-known to many. Prayers for her loved ones and all those whose lives she touched.

### PRAYERS OF STRENGTH AND HEALING

**Geoff Blum**, nephew of **Carole and Bill Melis**, and his wife and four daughters (including 12-year-old triplets) moved to Houston 10 months ago. We pray, God, for this family to remain safe and be united. Geoff is separated from them and can't get home.

Prayers for **Bob Jarmusz** who was recently in the hospital for heart issues. He has returned home for rest and care. We send him prayers of love, strength, and quick healing.

Prayers for **Janette Nieberding**, daughter of **Lynn Nieberding**, who is in Texas near Houston. Janette's community is in danger of flooding. Janette grew up at CCSM. God, we pray for Janette and her community in these storms.

Healing prayers for **Chienie Zijlstra**, mother of **Jelle Zijlstra**, who has a brain hemorrhage and is in intensive care. May she recover to recognize and communicate with her family again. Prayers also for Jelle's father who is worried and is suddenly living by himself after 43 years. God please surround this family with love and healing.

Continued prayers of complete recovery for **Betsy Woodward**. She welcomes all healing prayers.

Prayers of healing for **Rick Kenney** who was in a biking accident. Rick had successful shoulder surgery. We pray for Rick's recovery and for Dakota, his wife. May God continue to hold these two in love and healing during this time.

**Carolyn Shaw** has moved to Sunrise Senior Living in San Mateo. Visitors and cards welcome. Carolyn will be at Sunrise for a month and then return home. Also, Carolyn's sister has recovered and is doing very well. Thanks to everyone for the prayers.

Prayers for **Chris Tretton**, a family friend of **Cammy Caverly**, who is struggling with cancer.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS, CONT.

Prayers of healing and recovery for **Mark Mitchell**. God continue to provide Mark and his wife **Tracy** strength and healing.

Continued prayers for **Dave Karlin** as he continues his treatments for cancer. We join him in gratitude for the positive results that he is experiencing. We pray for Dave and his family.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Bill Melis**. Bill was in the hospital for 5 days with an infection but is at home recovering. Please keep him and Carole in your prayers.

Continued prayers for **Clare Nae-gle** who is now at home and continuing her rehab from hip replacement surgery after her fall. She is in good spirits but won't be able to get to church so cards would be appreciated.

### CONTINUED HOPEFUL AND LOVING PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters **George Kromhout, Eric Nelson**, friend of **Bob Jarmusz, 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.

# Sanctuary Update

## NEWS ABOUT OUR CARAVAN SPONSEES JOSÉ AND KEVELIN

Kevelin is in detention at Cibola, NM, a low security facility. She is bunking with other women (chicas) from the Caravan in a pod for transgender women. With an initial appearance before a judge, some chicas have begun their applications for asylum. They are thankful for the care and support they are receiving from sponsors and local immigration groups as well as their legal team. The timing and granting of parole is unknown, but possible within weeks.

José is in a separate New Mexico medium-security detention center, with two other chicos from the Caravan. Their asylum process is about two weeks behind the chicas. Gay men have a more difficult time, both in detention and getting asylum. The three chicos are experiencing some harassment, but, buoyed by the lawyers' recent visits, they are committed to the longer process of gaining parole and then asylum.

Both José and Kevelin need to know we're supporting them. That we are ready to receive them into our community when they are paroled. The best and easiest way to do that is by sending them letters in Spanish (no cards, no drawings in the letters). Some things to say, in Spanish, are: We're looking forward to meeting you. We love you or care about you. Many people here and in the Bay Area are cheering for you. We want you to be free. Google does a pretty good job of translating English into Spanish. There's also the iTranslate free app.

### Kevelin's address:

Orellana, Kevelin Nahum Reyes  
A#089769779  
Cibola County Correctional Center  
Box 3540  
Milan, NM, 87021

### Jose's address:

José Enrique Abrego Alfaro  
A# 209816798  
Otero County Processing Center  
26 McGregor Range Road  
Chaparral, NM 88081

# Vigil for DACA and TPS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 • 5:30-7:15PM

400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY

Our community is united as we strengthen ourselves with knowledge, faith, and hope. At this rally, we will:

- o Defend DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
- o Defend TPS (Temporary Protected Status)
- o Resist additional funds for more beds in detention centers, more immigration agents, and militarization of the border.

For more details, call 415 867-6279. —Faith in Action, Bay Area



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## Four decades of Service: Kibbie's 40th anniversary of ordination

On **Homecoming Sunday, September 10**, we'll take some time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Kibbie's ordination. Can you believe she has been ordained for 40 years? While ordained in Atlanta, her "call" was to CCSM. 40 years of ministry and she has more energy than most of us!



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## Penny's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration OCTOBER 1

On October 1 we will be celebrating Penny's 10th year as our CCSM Senior Minister. Immediately following the service we will hold a program in the Sanctuary which will include speakers from both our congregation and also from the community and organizations that Penny has worked with during her tenure with us. It will be exciting to review how we have grown as a spiritual community and as a beacon of progressive Christianity with Penny as our leader.

A reception will be held in Kloss Hall at the close of the program – so plan to stay for both the anniversary program and refreshments afterward!

Stay tuned for more detail on the speakers and program agenda next month.



*Penny Nixon, 2007*