



# CCSM MIDSUMMER NEWS

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**SNEAK PEEK: Fall Sermon Series**

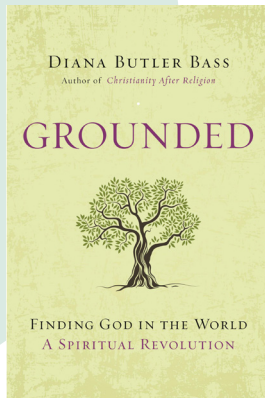
## Re-Imagining G-d: A Spiritual Revolution

Based on Diana Butler Bass' book, *Grounded: Finding God in the World—A Spiritual Revolution*

**"People believe, but they believe differently than they once did."**

**"You cannot revive a God for a world that no longer exists."**

Where is G-d? Can we re-imagine G-d in this new world, and talk about G-d in the ways we actually experience divine energy in our lives?



**SAVE THE DATE:**

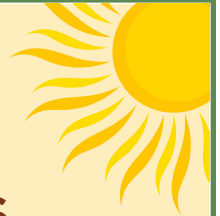
## Council of Ministries and Leadership Kick-Off Meeting Visioning and Planning

**AUGUST 25, 9:00AM - NOON, KLOSS HALL**

This planning and visioning meeting is open to everyone who is or wants to be involved in CCSM's newly organized Council of Ministries. Led by Penny and Marge, we will spend time connecting with each other, generating ideas, honing our communication skills, and having fun! You will have a chance to hear about all the Ministry opportunities available,



## SUMMER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS



Stay connected spiritually this summer—don't miss these inspiring services filled with inspirational music and a potpourri of spiritual wisdom!

- JULY 15** *Love is my Religion: Interdependence.* Amie Giordano. CHURCH PICNIC.
- JULY 22** *Letting Go of Power.* Penny Nixon.
- JULY 29** *Show Me your Hand.* Jorge Perry Bautista.
- AUGUST 5** *Standing Up with the Bent-Over Woman.* Jorge Perry Bautista.
- AUGUST 12** *The Woman at the Well.* Jorge Perry Bautista.
- AUGUST 19** *Letting Go of Control.* Penny Nixon. Youth Report from Hawaii Trip. BACK TO SCHOOL.
- AUGUST 26** HYMN SING Service. *Hymns Have Their Place.* Penny Nixon.

including everything from social justice to liturgical arts, from music to building maintenance and repairs! We will explore what you are passionate about and how to direct your gifts and talents in support of CCSM's programs. Whether you hope to volunteer for one special event such as the all-church picnic or step forward to lead a Ministry, you are welcome to attend this important visioning and planning meeting.

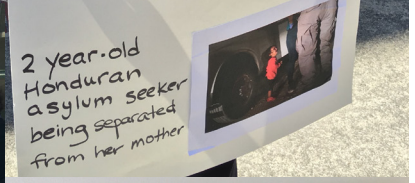
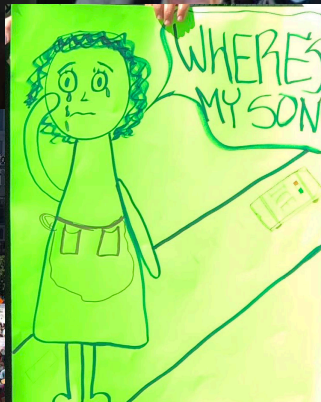
Staff will provide a light but delicious continental breakfast to start our morning together. Come! Let your voice be heard!



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# CCSM: Voices of Justice



# Summer Music at CCSM

Special guests this summer include Don Kane, clarinet; Peninsula Youth Orchestra Flute Quartet, Merle Mason & Friends, Chamber Singers, Beyond Boundaries and more. Please watch your bulletins for schedule updates throughout the summer. Please note – singers of all ages are welcome to participate in any of the “Drop-In” Choir Sundays, no commitment necessary... If you love to sing – join us! There will be several Drop-In Choirs throughout the summer.



## VOCAL WORKSHOP WITH TOM LOHMULLER, ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR

**AUGUST 15, 22 & 29**

Do you love to sing? Are you a shower singer or do you belt out your favorite song while zoomin’ down the road?, You will enjoy this workshop with Tom who will talk about the art of singing and techniques to improve your vocal sound and enhance your singing enjoyment. Come join Tom on Wednesday evenings this summer from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Choir Room.

## NEW BACKPACKS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM

CCSM’s generosity is ever-expanding! Only a month into the back-to-school collection of backpacks for kindergarteners through high schoolers, we have received over 66 items from cute little lady bugs to sturdy packs built to support a rigorous curriculum! By the end of July, we should be able to deliver well over our goal of 100 to Puente, the region’s only Community Resource Center serving San Mateo County South Coast communities. Puente advocates for these communities and leverages resources that foster economic prosperity and security and that promote health and wellness. Keep filling those bins!



## Homecoming Sunday is Sept. 9!

Make sure to attend our annual Homecoming event! The full choir will be back; church school resumes and we’ll have our traditional barbecue lunch to celebrate the start of a new church year and to renew our CCSM friendships. Enjoy the fellowship, food and activities for children on the lawn. It’s your chance to catch up with those you might have missed over the busy summer months and connect with new faces at CCSM.

# PEACE VILLAGE CAMP

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CHILDREN

RUN BY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 61549

JULY 30-AUGUST 1 • 9:00AM-NOON  
KLOSS HALL

We offer fun games & activities every day! Learn about different religions in exciting ways! • Islam, Judaism, Christianity • Camp will include cooking, projects and more!

For more information, contact serenewilliams@yahoo.com, or Lisa Shirley at lisashirley37@gmail.com, 650-515-7634. To register, please email kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org. While the camp is free, registration is required, and limited to 15 campers, so don’t delay! Registration will close on **July 23**.

## CCSM Summer Picnic

**JULY 15**

**Ryder Park**

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

**J-R: Dessert**

**S-Z: Salad, vegetables, or fruit**

## WE WELCOME OSCAR AND FAMILY

Oscar Rosa has accepted the residential custodian position and will start on July 1. Many of you have already encountered Oscar’s helpful and kind presence, as he has been Trini’s substitute and friend of the church for many years. He suffered the tragic loss of his wife in 2012. This year we were happy to celebrate his marriage



to Imelda; Jorge officiated at the ceremony which was held here at CCSM. Oscar will be living on the premises with Imelda and two of his children, Moises (17), and Brandon (8). Greet them warmly when you see them!

# Summer Speaker Series

## Creativity, an Antidote to Fear: The Artistry and Aptitudes of the CCSM Family



Sundays, 9:30 - 10:15am • Buckham Room

July 15 - August 19

*In this challenging and disturbing time for our world, our nation, our community, and, in some cases, our own lives, we long for hope and look for inspiration. Within our CCSM community are those individuals who have found ways to navigate the waters of anxiety or despair and raise both themselves and others up in joy and gratitude. Please join us for our summer series and be stirred by the stories of those who are addressing their disquiet by applying their passion!*

### 7/15 **Mauricio Palma: A Father's Legacy**

Mauricio's paintings were inspired by the song "Angelitos Negros" (music by Manuel Alvarez Renteria) and poem "Pintame Angelitos Negros" (Paint Black Angels) by Andres Eloy Blanco from Venezuela, which formed the song's lyrics. The words offered a critique of the painters during colonial Latin America who excluded the images of the Afro Latino, indigenous and mixed-race populations, in their murals. When he painted the first angel, he wanted to give his daughter the gift of a companion that looked like her, an angel with dark curls and cinnamon skin.



### 7/22 **Kathy Nelson: A Musician's Magic**

Kathleen J. Nelson is an accomplished musician, author, educator, motivational speaker and coach. Performing and teaching since 1990, she has written over a hundred songs. Her passion is to inspire people to action, and her love for writing and teaching along with her motivational and moving songs provides her with a unique set of tools to reach people at the heart level.



### 7/29 **Mike Armacost: A Peacemaker's Story**

Mike worked in government for 24 years, with service at the State Department, the Pentagon, and the National Security Council, and was Chief of Mission in Manila and Tokyo. From his expansive knowledge and experience, he'll focus in this talk on major current developments in East Asia and their implications for the United States. Mike was born in Cleveland, educated at Carleton College and Columbia University, and taught at Pomona College, International Christian University, and Stanford.



### 8/5 **Brian Matthews: An Innovator's View**

This talk will look at innovation in three chapters: the past, the process, and the future. First we'll learn about "The Innovation Genome Project" which studied 2.6 million years of human innovation and categorized a list of the 1,000 most important innovations in history. The result? A list of 7 essential questions that guide any innovation. Second, we'll study the hidden insights of the "Marshmallow Challenge," a fun team-building competition performed by thousands of people worldwide which teaches how team dynamics affects innovation. Finally, we'll study the future of computer-based innovation with "Generative Design," which has the opportunity to improve many of the world's problems beyond man's ability to solve alone.



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**8/12 Anne Anderson: A Writer's Solace**

Anne lived for much of her childhood in San Diego. She wrote little verses about her explorations of the canyon next to her home and her hours on the cliffs and beaches looking at the sea. Her poetry was published in high school in the journals designed for high school students and she has written poetry from time to time as an adult. She discovered Haiku many years ago and contributed to three small books of Haiku which were published. She finds the process of writing a great antidote to fear and stress and looks forward to sharing this experience with others.



**8/19 Frank Garritano: A Potter's Hand**

Frank works as a Facial plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon for Kaiser Permanente in the East Bay. He makes an annual trip to Hanoi, Vietnam, performing reconstructive surgery for children born with microtia, a congenital absence of the ear.



# MSJ and Gary White Host Second Hour on Climate Justice

**SUNDAY, AUG. 26, 11:45 AM  
BUCKHAM ROOM**



Did you know the effects of climate change have a much greater impact on poor people and people of color? And that climate impacts—such as sea-level rise—have a more devastating impact on third world countries? These differences fall under the rubric of climate justice, a field of study that is gaining attention as climate becomes more severe worldwide. To introduce the topic and to help us better understand this inequity, the Ministry of Service and Justice and climate activist Gary White will hold a Second Hour on Climate Justice on Sunday, August 26 after our worship service. We hope you can attend.

*On their way to the UCC Western Regional Youth Event in Hawaii. This group of CCSM kids were nurtured, challenged and changed in their time together.*



## New Director of Youth Ministries: Thomas DeLoach

Finally, after following almost twenty leads and doing over a dozen interviews, CYF found the ideal person to lead our youth ministry and develop a stronger high school program based on spiritual leadership development. Thomas is a collaborative team player and accomplished leader who strongly believes in empowering others to realize their potential. Before he left Tesla to begin his own consulting company, he worked with 12- through 20-year-olds at two churches for eight years. He describes himself as logical, organized, and skilled in recognizing and cultivating others' personal strengths. BONUS: his dad was a pastor, he is proficient at time management and meeting deadlines, and he can speak Southern if necessary!





## ONE OF OUR OWN FLIES HIGH

Only about 4% of all Boy Scouts make the rank of Eagle. But Kyle Neil did—with 36 more badges than required, 33 other awards and two national honors. His Eagle project received extra scrutiny from Scout officials who had never approved a technology project before. Thank goodness he persevered, because CCSM benefitted greatly from his effort. The 1950's CE Building now has reliable, high speed internet, and the Will Bullis Community Room and new Youth Room each have high-tech smart screens for showing videos, presentations and movies. At the formal Court of Honor, Michele Cinq Mars proudly pinned on Kyle Neil's Eagle Scout award while his dad John and sister Zoe looked on. Congratulations, Kyle, and thank you!

## ANOTHER CCSM "KID" WINS HIGH HONORS!

Sarah Block, who grew up at CCSM, was named Teacher of the Year by the Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District this week. Not only does she effectively teach social studies, history and economics, she also has an English Language Development class aimed at assisting students whose primary language is not English. Closer to CCSM, she has assisted Bill Dunbar and Dave Olson for years teaching our mid-high students on Sundays. Congratulations, Sarah!



## NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning July 6 and throughout the summer,** we are piloting new office hours for Marge Boyd, Director of Operations, so that those of you who work during the week will have an opportunity to transact business or stop by to visit when you are here on Sunday. Marge will be in her office (or very near to it!) as follows:

- o **Monday – Thursday:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- o **Friday:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
- o **Sunday:** 8:30 am to 10:30 am & 11:30 am – 12 noon

If you have any questions or comments about office hours, please contact Marge at [mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org).

