

Sunday Celebrations



Upcoming Sundays

- May 5** *Savoring the World.* Penny Nixon. New members and communion.
- May 12** *The Geography of Hope.* Penny Nixon. Baptism and celebrating families.
- May 19** *Raising our Voices: Special Music Sunday.* Reflection by Marge Boyd.
- May 26** *Christ is Rising Again.* Penny Nixon. Memorial Day and Ascension Day.
- June 2** *Scared or Sacred?* Kibbie Ruth. Luncheon Celebration of Kibbie's Ministry.
- June 9** PENTECOST. *The Spirit is Rising.* Penny Nixon.



An abundance of joy on the lawn on Easter Sunday

Resurrection Happens!

We had an absolutely fabulous Easter here at CCSM. The resurrection spirit was alive and present all day long. And resurrection happens in community, and within relationships.



I experienced this in such a palpable way this season. There were SO many people involved in every aspect of Holy Week and Easter. In this newsletter you'll find an article from our Minister of Music, Lynnelle, and one from Kay Harris, the ministry lead for the Liturgical Arts Ministry, about the outpouring of enthusiastic participation in music and creative design. And then there are all the people who helped with the children's Easter Festival. Not to mention the readers, the ushers, the people who fold the bulletin...the list goes on. So many people shared their gifts. Together, we helped resurrection happen at CCSM.

At the heart of all that happens here is YOU—and the spirit with which you serve and share. May resurrection continue and lead us forward with love, grace, passion and power!

The True Heart of Religion

by Penny Nixon

Just reflect back on the past eight months—the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting, the Christ Church New Zealand mosque attack, and then on Easter Sunday, the massacre at multiple churches in Sri Lanka. All acts of terror perpetrated against faith communities.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

GREAT NEWS from your moderator, Dave Chandler



Back in the February/March Pine Tree we outlined the process for finding someone to serve as the Children Youth Family (CYF) staff person, knowing that we would have to be flexible and open to all possibilities. We are thrilled to announce that “possibility” is now a reality!

The CYF interview committee (former CYF chairs + personnel committee representative) unanimously recommended Rev. Sheryl Johnson be employed to be our Associate Minister of Children, Youth and Families. From the interview panel: *“...the Interview Committee gives Sheryl a universal thumbs up, we recommend that you proceed with her hire! Sheryl impressed us with her knowledge of child development and her extensive experience as a Children, Youth & Families Minister in the UCC church. She has strong communication skills, high energy, a pleasant and curious personality, as well as a rich background of personal strengths that include music and music history, yoga, ESL instruction, writing, the study of social justice and ethics, and fluency in French and written Spanish. We believe that Sheryl will be a fine addition to our church community and an experienced guide for our children and youth...”*

Sheryl visited CCSM in March, gave the children’s sermon, met with the youth, and spent time with Kibbie. The Personnel Committee fully endorsed the interview panel’s recommendation to hire Sheryl. The board enthusiastically approved the terms of her employment, which she accepted.

Sheryl is a PhD candidate at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley and will be able to work a little more than half-time at 25 hours per week. She is ordained in the United Church of Canada and is coming to CCSM as an ordained minister; the position does not require a congregational call at this time. The committee

and board felt it necessary to move quickly (we were not the only church interested in Sheryl) so that the position could be filled by a very qualified candidate. She will begin June 1st but will spend some time in May behind the scenes with Kibbie, learning the many aspects of the job. We feel very blessed to have found such an outstanding person to guide our CCSM children and youth.

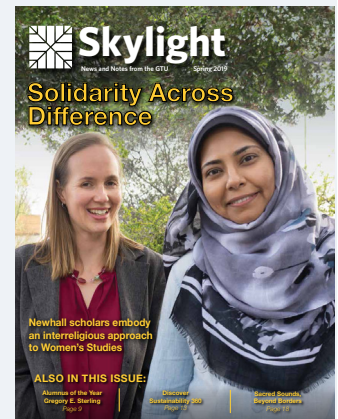
A big shout out to the CYF Ministry and to Kibbie during this transition for keeping our programs up and running strong!

Sheryl was just featured on the cover of the GTU magazine for her interfaith work. Check out the article at gtu.edu/news/solidarity-across-difference

And now, a note from Sheryl:

I am so excited to meet you all, and to have the opportunity to work and minister with you. I have had such positive experiences with those I have met so far and am so grateful for the warm welcome that you all have extended to me. You are clearly doing very vital and vibrant ministry as a church and I have been so inspired in starting to learn about it. Once I start, I would very much appreciate you introducing yourself to me and sharing what is important to you about CCSM! I can’t wait to see what God will do in this new ministry adventure, and I pray that the Spirit will be lively in our midst.

Peace to you,
Sheryl



HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 5 6-8pm Youth Group: Make your own pizza and then take off on a scavenger hunt throughout the church. Can you find the church elevator? What about the church donkey?

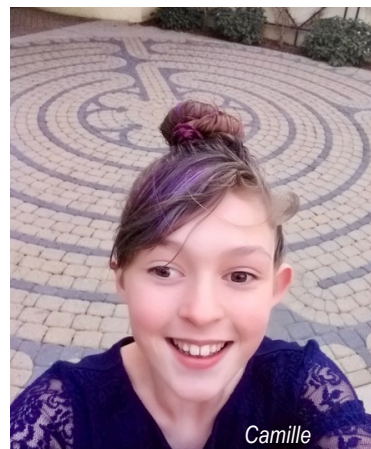
MAY 12 Sixty Minutes, during church. Join the energetic discussion about whether it’s ethical to use animals for testing (fueled by donuts)

MAY 19 Good luck with finals!

MID HIGH

MAY 12 Meet Sheryl

MAY 26 Memorial Day



Camille

SPECIAL PLACES

Can you find the church’s elevator? Saint Matthew? An image of Jesus’ mother? The mid-high youth group selfie scavenger hunt searched for these and more. One required photo was of the personally most significant spot on the campus. Those shots included the labyrinth, a piano, Kloss Hall (because of coffee hour fellowship there) ...and the main refrigerator!



Who's the "Fair-est" in the Land?

On March 31st, all 12 of our CCSM Ministries set up booths in Kloss Hall to explain their mission and vision.

And many of you stopped by each table to learn more about our new Ministry structure and to determine where you might plug in your time and talents.

Nine of you signed up with the Ministry of Service and Justice; several of you added your names to the Liturgical Arts Ministry project sign-up sheets; lots of you made the rounds and spoke with Ministry Leads about their teams; and 40 of you stayed to participate in the 1st quarter's all-church Council of Ministries luncheon and planning session following the Fair!

At the Council, participants enjoyed an exercise to determine how push pins, a dream catcher, a brass candlestick, and a "pink" Jesus could be used in worship. We identified our dominant patterns of behavior: Thruster, Shaper, Swinger, or Hanger and how our behavioral rhythms can enhance or detract from effective communication with each other. And we came up with many terrific topics for the 2019 Summer Worship Series from "food" (what do we bring to the table?) to "Super Heroes" (unlikely theologians) to "music" (playing for change), to name just a few.

The feedback we have received encourages us to continue both the Fair (perhaps twice a year) and the quarterly all-church "town hall" meetings. We have learned, however, that the term "Council of Ministries" is confusing and seems exclusionary. Therefore, we will be considering a better "handle" to ensure that all of you feel invited to attend! It truly is an "All Church Assembly" and the logistics of having to move the location from Buckham to Kloss Hall to accommodate everyone's participation is an exciting and welcome challenge to have!

If you have questions about any of the Ministries or the "Assembly," please contact Marge at mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org or 650-343-4694.



The donkey leads the children out on Palm Sunday photo by Chris Yeh

Climate Change and Children

FOLLOW UP FROM SANDRA SOTO-GRONDONA

Many of you attended my Second Hour presentation on April 7 to learn about the effects of climate change on children, and what children are doing to oppose



and reverse it. As a follow up, I would like to share some CA Bills, so that you may be proactive, and to provide you with a few simple ways you can support children's efforts. Better summarized in the words of Leonardo DiCaprio in the film he produced and National Geographic distributed, *Before the Flood*, "The only thing we can do is to choose how we live our lives, how we use our vote, and become aware of how we can consume differently; what we buy—what we eat—how we get our power." Please contact me at sandra_casa@hotmail.com to obtain copies of these materials, to receive guidance for taking action, and to continue the dialogue about this critical topic.

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER AT CCSM, 2019

photos by Chris Yeh and Ivan Raikov



The True Heart of Religion

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My heart aches for the people of Sri Lanka, whose wounds are so fresh, and for the people of Pittsburgh and Christ Church, whose lives are forever altered. And, my heart is broken for all those who have been broken and crushed by the dogma and hate that religion has fueled—most of whose names will go unspoken and lives unrecognized.

I have received beautiful notes from my inter-faith colleagues—here is an example of the true heart of religion:

Dear Reverend Nixon,

I was horrified to see the events in Sri Lanka where hundreds were killed while peacefully worshipping and celebrating Easter.

My heart is with each of you as you lead your congregations today, and with every member of the Christian and Catholic faith.

When anyone from any faith community is attacked in this way, it is as though all of us are attacked as well.

As you stood with us after the Tree of Life massacre in October, we stand with you today, and every day.

My heart and prayers are with you and your communities. If there are specific ways we can best support you and your communities, we are here with you and here for you.

With love and blessings from me and the Jewish community,

Stephanie Levin

Peninsula Jewish Community Center

ROMERO:

MOVIE, DINNER, AND DISCUSSION
MAY 17 • 6-9PM • BUCKHAM ROOM

Come watch and discuss this moving film together. When Oscar Romero was named Archbishop of El Salvador, he was a conservative from the ruling class. But over time his faith and love inspired a conversion experience. His unyielding stand for the poor and against violence, confronting the military regime, finally led to his assassination.

6:00 Pizza, popcorn, and pop

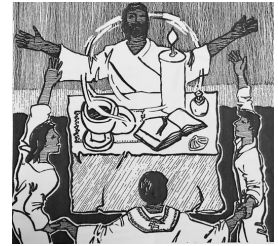
6:30 Movie—English with Spanish subtitles

8:15 Ice cream and conversation, including youth and adults, Sunday and Wednesday congregation members

Movie notes: “A religious work of art.” Released in 1989. Raul Julia as Romero. Adolfo Cuarón, assistant director early in his career.

Hosted by Latino Ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LATINO MINISTRY



ADULT SUPERVISORS FOR YOUTH OUTINGS (2-6 NEEDED)

Job description: Accompany middle- and/or high-schoolers on day outings and provide adult supervision - e.g., a hike and picnic, a museum visit, transport to Camp Cazadero in the summer.

Frequency: Once or more, as you choose.

Qualifications: Respect for and enjoyment of young people. Car and driver's license desirable. Spanish-language facility not needed.

EVENT HELPERS (4-6 NEEDED)

Job description: Help set up and clean up for Día de los Muertos (November) and/or Las Posadas (December) and/or other events such as bi-lingual movie nights. Also, if interested, help in planning and publicizing.

Frequency: One to four evenings per year.

Qualifications: Willingness to pitch in as asked on one to four evenings.

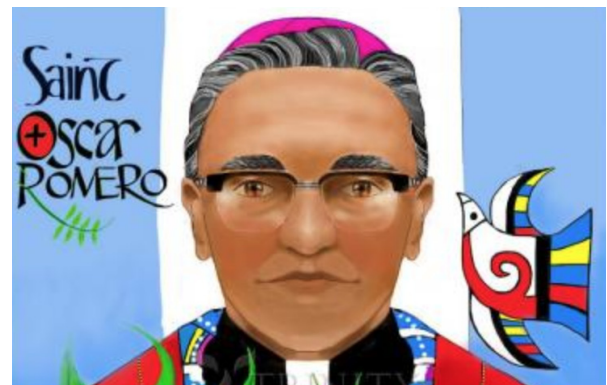
COMPANIONS AT ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL MEETINGS (2-3 NEEDED)

Job description: Accompany congregants to meetings and court appearances related to their immigration cases to provide moral support and possibly some help in understanding what they are being told.

Frequency: 0-2 times/month, within your schedule.

Qualifications: Time, patience, empathy. At least limited ability to converse in Spanish would be helpful, but not essential. If you were willing to drive, that would be helpful in some cases.

To find out more, please speak with Jorge Bautista or Julien Phillips.



From the Minister of Music's Perspective...



WOW ... what an amazing Holy Week at CCSM!

I hope you are feeling as uplifted, energized and filled with the Holy Spirit as I am. Words fall short to express my appreciation at the beautiful musical expressions of faith and love you shared with the community at CCSM. I am deeply moved and humbled with everyone's outpouring of emotion infused in your music. Beautiful music from renaissance to contemporary filled our church and touched hearts.

Our Lenten Journey enjoyed music from our Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Joyful Noise, and Carillon Ringers, vocal soloists Deirdre Lobo, Julie Berk, Roma Olvera, Krystal Burndon, Robin Hansen, Jim Schwandt & Tom Lohmuller, and Instrumentalists Chase Olson on organ, Marge Boyd on cello, Chris Yeh on violin, Julie Berk on oboe, Kiana Pray on organ, McKinnon Violette & Jim Bishop on trumpet, Gabby Oberes-Padre on harp, Angela Kraft Cross & Tom Lohmuller, piano duet.

Our journey through Lent culminated in an absolutely amazing Holy Week & Easter celebration. Maundy Thursday set the tone of preparation. The evening Good Friday Service, with Angela playing organ and Melanie Dresbach on piano, was a beautiful collaboration with communities & musicians from St. James, AME, Belmont UCC, Island

UCC, College Heights UCC & Many Journeys MCC. Our glorious Easter Resurrection was enhanced by the visual imagery of transformation provided by the Liturgical Arts Ministry team and powerful sermon offered by Rev. Penny.

My Easter experience this year took my breath away. I found myself drawn back to the sanctuary to just be for a few minutes after everyone had left. The amazing spirit of the day was still present in the air and made more palpable by the presence of the beautiful butterflies and the scent of the floral cross in the narthex wafting gently into the sanctuary. The echoes of the music still ringing in the rafters pulsed through me then and are still present with me today as I write this.

Thank you to all our musicians who participated in our Lenten Season & Holy Week Celebrations – I am humbled, honored and blessed to make music with you all.

To our beloved CCSM community, I pray your Season of Lent and Holy Week journey was as moving and transformational for you as has been for me.

Blessing to you all,
Lynnelle

Summer Music Series

Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you enjoy classical, jazz, traditional, or contemporary music? Are you interested in sharing your musical talents with the community at CCSM? Then here's your opportunity!

Please connect with Lynnelle Bilsey either in person following service, or via email at lbilsey@lifemoves.org. I look forward to working with you.

Special Music Sunday SUNDAY, MAY 19

SAVE THE DATE – this Spring's Special Music Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 19th** during the service. Musicians include Chancel Choir & Joyful Noise Children's Choir. See you in Church!



photo by Ivan Raikov

Wise & Wonderful First Fridays Gathering

MAY 3 • 10:30AM-1:00PM • BUCKHAM ROOM

We will be watching “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society” film, the story of a writer who forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during WW II. The film is 124 minutes long.



Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided—if you'd like to bring your lunch or any movie snacks to share, please do so! Marge Boyd will facilitate the gathering—please let her know if you will be attending (mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org; or 650-343-3694).

26th Annual Spring Organ Recital

SUNDAY, MAY 5 • 2:00PM SANCTUARY
NOTE NEW TIME!



CCSM's beloved organist Angela Kraft Cross will be performing her 26th Anniversary Organ Recital. Be sure to tell your family and friends that this is a concert you won't want to miss—there will be works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Kraft Cross and Widor in celebration of

Charles-Marie Widor's 175th birthday! There will be a reception following the concert.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the reception, or ushering for the concert, please contact Lynnelle Bilsey at lbilsey@lifemoves.org.

Suggested donation: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors & \$10 children. See you there!

First Tuesday Book Group

MAY 7 • 7:30PM • FIREPLACE ROOM

Join us to discuss *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. Set in the 1930s and 1940s, this is the story of Anna Kerigan, a New Yorker of Irish extraction whose father disappears after working for a gangster. Egan focuses on interesting historical side notes such as Anna's work as a diver at Brooklyn Navy Yard during WWII. Good read!

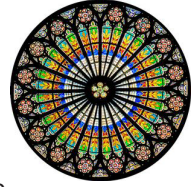


Questions? Contact Susan at s_stoehr@hotmail.com.

Music and Art

FRIDAY, MAY 17 • NOON • BUCKHAM ROOM

The season finale of the 2018-2019 Music and Art fellowship gathering will be a potluck luncheon. 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 great social.



Honoring your loved ones

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Once again you have the opportunity to remember those loved ones you have lost or to celebrate a life or event that you wish to honor. On Sunday, May 26, we will create a Memorial Day remembrance page for the worship bulletin. We are requesting a donation of \$25 for the remembrance page, or \$35 if you would also like a plant* to take with you as a remembrance. This donation goes to CCSM's memorial fund.



A form will be included in the Sunday bulletin starting in May. Forms need to be completed by **Sunday, May 19** to insure accuracy when the donor list is published on Memorial Sunday. Please contact the office (650-343-3694) for more information.

*The plant will be a succulent suitable for planting.

11th Annual Dine Out for Meals on Wheels

THURSDAY • MAY 2nd, 2019

DINE OUT at a participating restaurant on Thursday, May 2
10% of eatery proceeds will go to daily delivery service of hot, nutritious meals to home-bound seniors.

FIGHT HUNGER • SUPPORT SENIORS

Find a list of participating restaurants below!
penvol.org/mealsonwheels/dineout/



The Kaleidoscope Lifted our Spirits



—Kay A. Harris, Liturgical Arts Ministry Lead



Were you there to see the Easter kaleidoscope of butterflies? This year's creative installation included huge butterflies flying through the sanctuary rafters and interior branches. If you didn't see the spectacle it will remain up until May 19th. However, you

did miss the accompanying spectacular white floral arrangements.

The Liturgical Arts Ministry's (LAM) goal is to provide spiritual inspiration to the entire CCSM membership through year-round creative arts installations. This particular installation was the most complex endeavor we have tried and required the support of many hands as indicated by the list of 33 names. Many of these names work in several phases of the project. We logged in a total of 216 hours of labor. That exceeded all expectations and we rejoice in all the new participants in the Liturgical Arts Ministry. We hope everyone enjoyed watching the weekly building of our Lent-to-Easter transformational theme—from caterpillars to chrysalis and finally butterflies—signifying Jesus's resurrection.

With sacred art installations and workshops there are always a few surprises. Did you know that some of the children were counting how many cocoons there were on the branches as they appeared weekly during Lent? How fun is that! And in our workshops and installations, when we gather to create art for our sacred spaces, the participants

often report that the experience went beyond a normal craft project. The unexpected can happen when creative intention is given with love to the community.

We invite you to join us in future projects.

Below are the Liturgical Arts Ministry teams during 2019 Lent and Easter seasonal projects:

Lent/Easter Artistic Directors

Kay Harris, Laura McKenzie & Pam Ridlehuber



Lent Design & Installation Team

Kay Harris & Pam Ridlehuber: Co-Leads
Susan Campo, Mike Harris, Charlene Hogan, Laura McKenzie, Alice Morison



Branch Donors: Kay & Mike Harris, Alice Morison

Cocoon Creators

Kay Harris, Lead
Maggie Alegria, Susan Campo, Pam Ridlehuber, Jean Chamberlin
Caterpillar and chrysalis designers: Kay Harris & Kibbie Ruth

Butterfly Creation Workshop

Mike & Kay Harris, Laura McKenzie, Co-Leads
Marilyn Cintel, Ruth Dizon, Lauri Floresca, Alexandra Gillen, Rolf Hansen, Charlene Hogan, Shannon McEntee, Genel Morgan, Alice Morison, Rosemarie Pero, Caroline Reinke, Pam Ridlehuber, Chona Tendero, Natalia Tsoi



Easter Floral Team

Pam Ridlehuber: Lead
Ruth Dizon, Alexandra Gillen, Davida Kwoka, Alice Morison, Chona Tendero, Natalia Tsoi
Calla Lily Donors: Fred Kerwood, Michele King, Alice Morison, Caroline Reinke, Pam Ridlehuber, George Snode

Butterfly Installation & Hanging Team

Mike Harris: Lead
Haywood Cooper, Rolf Hansen, Fred Kerwood, James Koeppen, Lien Leung, Valerie Leung, John McKenzie, Candy Nagare, Ivan Raikov, Jim Shaul



photos by Ivan Raikov

Flowers from the Heart

Our Easter Flower program this year was truly a ministry of blessing for both those delivering and receiving the plants. Here are just a few of the responses we got from those who took plants to CCSMers:

“ . . . My son and I visited Thelma Kromhout yesterday and dropped off the Easter plant and card and had a wonderful visit! Wow-she is an amazing woman. I am really glad my son and I had the chance to meet her and get to know her. Thank you for helping us connect with her. It made my day!”
— Kate Gerwe

“ . . . had lovely and lively visit with Mary Ann Notz on Tuesday night. She was super inviting, hung out at house and laughed and talked for long time. Wonderful to meet her.”
—Troy Grabow

“It was our pleasure to deliver the Easter plant to Ms Clare Naegle. Our family went directly from service and, after a bit of navigating through the assisted living facility, found Ms Naegle being wheeled to her unit. Our boys William and Gavin handed the

lovely plant to Clare, who looked both surprised and delighted to receive it. We had a lovely introduction and thanked Clare on behalf of the CCSM community for being a beloved member. We also wished her a happy birthday— although we almost asked to see her ID to truly believe she is turning 100! As new visitors to CCSM, we felt honored to be able and participate in such a kind gesture. It was a touching reminder of what a special community this is, and how easy it can sometimes be to follow His message. And it was a wonderful ‘teachable moment’ for our children.”
— Andrea Iraheta

And thank you notes that came in the mail to the office included these:

“Thank you, thank you for the lovely potted plant you sent me with Easter Greetings!”
— Betty Zappas

“Just want you to know how lovely it is to receive the beautiful plant and the visit that goes with it! After doing many ‘deliveries’ in past years, I’m enjoying being on this side!”
— Dorothy Gorman



“I was delighted to get your Easter Greetings; thank you so much!”
—Donna Simpson

Thank you Susan (Duty), for coordinating the project, purchasing the plants, bringing them to church, posting the delivery cards, and being on the loggia to assist with delivery assignments. Thank you Diane (Kalliam), for all of your preparatory work. And thank you, Michele (Moffitt) and Chella (Montes) for your help keeping track of delivery/recipient match ups! This is such a wonderful way to stay connected and your gifts of time and attention are so appreciated!



Susan Duty, ready to send the flowers on their journey of blessing

On **Sunday, May 19th**, Penny will be visiting Parkside Community Church in Sacramento where Rev. Bonnie Rambob is co-pastor. Penny and Bonnie will be preaching together.



Trudy's Teas

Another wonderful Trudy's Teas luncheon on April 17, this time at the home of Dana Scadden with Diane Kalliam co-hosting. Diane also coordinates all the Trudy's Tea lunch groups. A special treat was wishing Thema Kromhout one more very Happy 100th Birthday!

From right to left: Diane Kalliam, Susan Duty, Thelma Kromhout, Allison Rock, Dana Scadden, & Marian Faber.
Photographer: Brenda Kelley

Help a Mother Out

This month we're collecting diapers for the organization, "Help a Mother Out" (HAMO). HAMO works to improve baby and family well being by increasing access to diapers for families in need. A family's access to a reliable supply of clean diapers reduces the risk of infectious outbreaks, improves the baby's health and comfort, and enables baby's participation in early care and education programs (most childcare programs required a supply of clean diapers for attendance).



Diapers cost approximately \$100/month and are not a covered expense under any public assistance programs (food stamps).

Diapers and pull-ups in original packaging, unopened baby wipes and new cloth pocket diapers are all accepted. Thank you!

Come out and celebrate PRIDE in San Mateo!

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 • 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 continued 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 the 7th annual event! Be sure and look for the CCSM table and banner among the supporting organizations.

Lifetouch Directory Updates



Lifetouch, the company that produced our 2017 Pictorial Directory, has offered us the opportunity to update our book with new members since the original publication and bring other data current at no cost. We are eager to accept their proposal, but **we need someone to take the lead for the project** and be the liaison between CCSM and Lifetouch. Several individuals who were on the original task force are available to work with whoever can step forward as a team lead.

If you might be able to commit your time and energy over the summer and into early fall to take on this project, please contact Marge Boyd in the office (mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org or 650-343-3694) for additional details and task list. Lifetouch is offering a \$100 Gift Certificate to the CCSM Coordinator for Lifetouch photographs and/or other Shutterfly goodies.



Community Corner

From time to time, members have items they would like to offer to the greater CCSM Community or have a request for assistance; so we are going to try out a "Community Corner" in the next few Pine

Trees. If you would like to have something posted here, please email the details to Marge Boyd (mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org) along with a high resolution picture, if applicable. Here are this issue's submissions:

Cottage rental in San Carlos: 2 BR, 1 Bath; near public transportation; no garage (on-street parking or pad); storage available; pets welcome.

For more information, TEXT 650-455-6490 or contact Marian Faber (650-868-7897).

Candle Room Organizer: The LAM (Liturgical Arts Ministry) in partnership with clergy/staff is looking for someone willing to sort our current supply of candles and maintain our candle supply storage room. This person would work with both LAM and Marge to ensure that we have appropriate supplies for candle lighting stations, Christmas Eve Services, candles used on the altar, etc. It would require an initial output of time to inventory existing supplies and subsequently an occasional check (perhaps once a quarter) to keep the room neat and organized. If several people respond to this request, we will form a "Brighten the Corner" team! Contact Marge, mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org

Joys and Concerns

CCSM Pastoral Care Team

Please share your prayers with the pastoral care team: Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon and Rev. Jorge Bautista. 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 or on the website, ccsm-ucc.org.

You may also contact the church office at mboyd@ccsm-ucc.org or call 650-343-3694, and Marge will make sure one of the pastors contacts you as soon as possible.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND GRATITUDE

Laura and Stephen Held are the proud parents of **Owen Malicki Held** who was born Sunday, April 14th at 4:01 p.m., 9 lbs., 1 oz., and 20.5 in. tall. He is a beautiful baby! His brother **Jack** is excited to welcome him and grandparents **Peter and Gail Held** are too.

Prayers of joy and gratitude for the arrival of **Laura Pierce-McKenzie's** granddaughter **Violet Mei** on March 26th!

Linda Hodges is doing great. Her two foot long incision from the femur surgery is healing beautifully and she is walking with a walker.

PRAYERS OF LOVE AND STRENGTH

Gordon Smith's sister **Janet Smith Roberts** passed away April 24 after a long illness. Prayers of love for Gordon and the whole family.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of **Fred Rosenquist**, friend of **Laura Pierce-McKenzie**, who died during Holy Week after a long battle with cancer. Prayers of comfort for his wife **Bev** and his family.

Prayers of comfort for **Karin Albright** whose mother Shirley DeCosta passed away on Easter Sunday.

Prayers of love and solace for **Lynelle** and **Elrae Bilsey** as their friend of 40 years, **Jean Gish**, passed away on April 23rd.

Prayers for **Jorge Bautista** and his extended family and cousins as his aunt passed away recently.

Jorge traveled to Mexico for the memorial service and to represent other family members who are not able to cross the border to be present because of the current political climate.

PRAYERS OF SUPPORT AND HEALING

Prayers for **Bill Melis** who was hospitalized for a heart problem.

Stacey Boswell-Patrick, a Carillon Bell Ringer for over 10 years here at CCSM, had emergency surgery and is home recuperating. Please pray for her complete recovery.

Andrew Lind is back in Bangkok with his wife and baby after working in Mozambique to organize the recovery efforts following Cyclone Idai. IOM sent another crisis specialist to relieve him in Mozambique. The crisis continues but more aid is arriving. Thank to all for your prayers for him and the Mozambican people.

Prayers for **Dottie Scott** who is unable to walk because the ball and socket joint in her hip aren't aligned correctly.

Holly, the wife of **Genel Morgan's** friend **Don**, needs prayers as she goes through cancer treatment. She has had several setbacks and they are grateful for the support.

Genel's friend **JoAnne** continues with chemo treatments for her cancer.

JoAnne lives with her brother who is also battling cancer. Prayers for them both and for Genel as she supports and encourages them.

Continuing prayers of strength and healing for our beloved brothers and sisters: **Dave Karlin, Bill Daniels, Ruth Black, Marjorie Griffin, Martha Grannis, Adrienne Mitchell, Genevieve and John Parsons, Fred Petri, Jim Groundwater, Travis Woodmansee's** mother **Cathy, Mike and Kay Harris' friend Mary Helen McMahon, Cathy Latta, Deanna Riding's** friend **Lydia**, and others as they walk their unique journeys with cancer and other health challenges.



Jim Schwandt and Tom Lohmuller raise their voices on Palm Sunday.
(photo: Chris Yeh)

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Three Queens Day!



On April 28, we rejoiced with our THREE beloved church family members who celebrated centenary birthdays in April! On April 15, **Thelma Kromhout** turned 100, **Martha Imai** turned 104 on April 23, and **Clare Naegle** turned 101 on April 30. We're grateful for the many years they have been loving and serving.

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