

CCSM PINE TREE

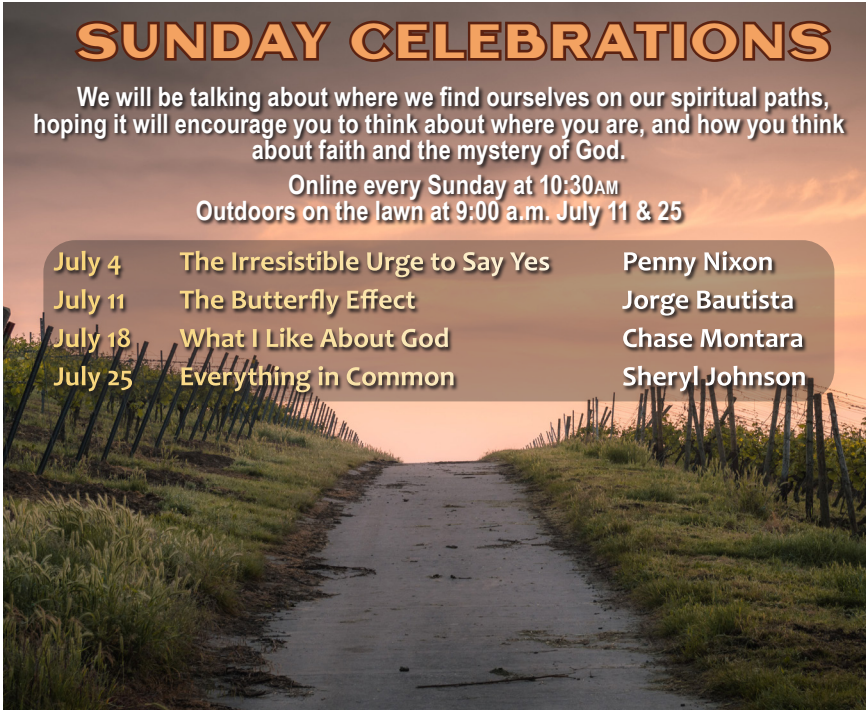
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SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be talking about where we find ourselves on our spiritual paths, hoping it will encourage you to think about where you are, and how you think about faith and the mystery of God.

Online every Sunday at 10:30AM
Outdoors on the lawn at 9:00 a.m. July 11 & 25

July 4	The Irresistible Urge to Say Yes	Penny Nixon
July 11	The Butterfly Effect	Jorge Bautista
July 18	What I Like About God	Chase Montara
July 25	Everything in Common	Sheryl Johnson



REOPENING, REBUILDING, REFLECTING

Dear beloved community,

The summer is going by so quickly! It is hard to imagine that it is already Fourth of July weekend. It seems time has taken on a different quality since the pandemic. As I said in my sermon recently, right now we are in the “messy middle.” I know many are struggling with mental health right now—some of the strongest people I know have been experiencing overwhelming emotions and are finding it difficult to regain their footing. Now that we are out of survival mode, the feelings and emotions from the past 16 months are catching up to us.

CCSM board and staff continue to be in deep conversation and planning about reopening. We are keeping our eye on the Delta variant, and a close watch on San Mateo County statistics to make sure the virus continues to head on the right trajectory. Our aim is for the return to the sanctuary as safe as possible for as many as possible. We will continue to meet outdoors on the lawn in July (those services have been wonderful and full of connection), and of course, we will be broadcasting each Sunday for those on the peninsula and beyond.

We are reopening the sanctuary in a limited capacity on **Sunday, August 8th for our regular 10:30 service.** We are still working out all the details so please keep watch



CCSM's Board enjoying an in-person retreat on June 23, 2021. Back row, L to R: Veril Phillips, Sandy McNabb, Mark Meyers, Penny Nixon, Fred Kerwood, Chase Montara. Front: Dave Chandler, Julie Lenden, Holly Allen, Lisa Mallette

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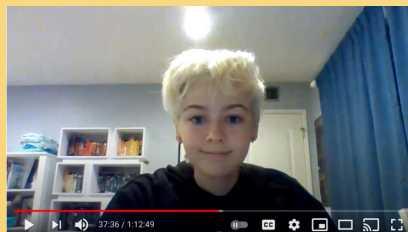
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

These past few months have marked the beginning of a shift in our children, youth, and family ministry programs as in-person gatherings begin to be possible as vaccinations become available to younger folks. We also marked many celebrations, including the end of the school year, 7 wonderful scholarship recipients—high school graduates heading off to college, and a wonderful class of 17 Confirmation students. Thank you SO much to all of our children and youth ministry leaders (**Lily Gonzales, Shannon McEntee, Libby Barnard, Dave Olson, Bill Dunbar, Mike Mullery, Julie Berk, and Laura Keating-Clevidence**) for a very different but still deeply meaningful year of programming. Thank you also to all of our confirmation mentors (listed below) and parents/families who made that program possible this year, as well as the whole congregation for your ongoing prayers and support!

We have as usual a **special summer program** for our kids and youth. **Elaine Kauffman** has worked hard to develop a curriculum that explores **JOURNEY** as a theme through activities inspired by wonderful children's stories and Bible stories as well. That program began on June 27 on Zoom, and shifts to in-person on **July 11th and 25th, when it will meet during the early outdoor service at 9:00am in the memorial garden.** For youth, we are having a number of outdoor gatherings this summer—including a special in-person retreat for our Confirmation participants! Also, several children and youth from will attend the UCC's Camp Tamarack (Camp Cazadero, which had strong connections to CCSM, is in the process of being sold).

This is a changing and an uncertain time, but our community and connections have held strong. We have found creative ways to engage and in fact have found a number of silver linings: the chance to have kids/youth participate in online programs even when they are traveling (leading to a lot more consistent participation week to week for some!), busy, or away from home, the chance to play and learn about some of our youth's favorite online games (especially Among Us!), the chance to show off our homes, pets, favorite toys, etc. and many more. While we look forward to more in-person programming, we also want to continue to find ways to make the best of what online platforms can offer.

You can watch the confirmands sharing about their confirmation journey, their faith, and their thoughts about church and God [HERE](#) or click on the video to the right.



Click here for our **RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES** page to find lots of activities and ideas!

CCSM Confirmands 2020-21:

James Hanna
Camille Grant
Audrey Abrams
Kyle Shirley
Sofia Floresca
Megan Nayak
Cole Mathews
Lily Mathews
Haywood Cooper
Tuesday Judd
Kamaile Zimmerman
Kenneth Centeno
Calvin Mader-Clark



CCSM Confirmation Mentors:

Mike Mullery
Jim Granucci
Laura Keating-Clevidence
Christine Gregg
Bill Dunbar
Joe Dunbar
Julien Phillips
Kibbie Ruth
Dave Olson
Libby Barnard
Peter Held
Renato Floresca
Sarah Block
Sheryl Johnson



"Confirmation has taught me that there isn't a sole belief to live by and no interpretation is wrong. Church is not only a place of worship, it is a place that welcomes outsiders."

—Kamaile Zimmerman

REOPENING, REBUILDING, REFLECTING

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for more communication at the end of July. We want our families with unvaccinated children to feel safe, and are still waiting for the guidelines on singing indoors. We are using an incremental approach in August so the entire congregation can be fully back by homecoming on **Sunday, September 12th**. Our sister UCC congregations in Palo Alto and Berkeley are returning to their sanctuaries in September as well.

As we begin to return in August, and then fully in September, we will be focusing on **REBUILDING COMMUNITY**. We will **celebrate** being together, while **reflecting** on what we've learned from this experience. We will also dedicate time to **grieve** what was lost. We need to be gentle with ourselves as we approach the post-pandemic era. There is no better place to do this than in spiritual community.

Our spiritual community is the center from which we do all ministry and the sanctuary keeps us rooted. We need to be together, see each other, minister to each other, and keep holding on to those who can't be in person for various reasons as well as those who are only able to join online due to location.

I will be setting aside some spiritual reflection time at the end of July to prepare my own heart and soul to help lead us through this. In addition, all the staff is doing their best to take some vacation time in July for rest and renewal so we can be strong and offer our best selves in ministry to the congregation.

And so I leave you the words from an old Baptist hymn that entered my heart as I wrote this...

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you till we meet again.

So until we meet again, know that you are held in our hearts, and in our prayers, and we hope to see some of you at the outdoor services this month.

With gratitude,
Penny

SCHOLARSHIPS

The CCSM scholarship committee of the Children, Youth and Family Ministry is pleased to award scholarships for the upcoming 2021-22 academic year to these graduating high school seniors with their colleges noted. The awards were presented during a service in June with videos included to help you better know these wonderful youth.

Chase Olson and **Nataly Pak**, our young organists (Oberlin College / Conservatory of Music).

Our senior high youth - **McKinnon Violette** (University of Nevada Reno), **Leilani Zimmerman** (San Diego State University), **Sophie Mallette** (College of San Mateo), **Amelia Kyle** (University of California – Berkeley) and **Albert Chang-Yoo** (University of Puget Sound).

Congratulations to these young scholars who shared their dedication to education, community, music and athletics plus multiple other activities with the committee in their applications and references. We wish them well as they enter the next step in their education and serving as God's hands, faces, hearts and minds in the world.

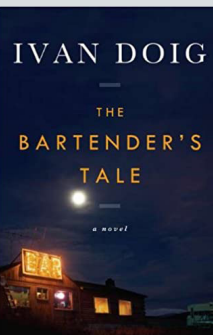
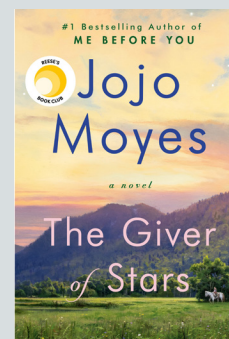
FIRST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

First Tuesday Book Group meets on the **first Tuesday of most months at 7:30pm on Zoom**. All are welcome. We are talking about meeting in person, but not driving at night has been fully embraced! We have worked to find titles that are readily available through the public library system through your local library. Questions or concerns? Contact Susan Stoehr: s_stoehr@hotmail.com

In the meantime, Happy Reading.

JULY 6 THE GIVER OF STARS BY JOJO MOYES

"Rich in history, with well-developed characters and a strong sense of place, this book will fit well in any library's fiction collection. For fans of Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants* or Catherine Marshall's *Christy*." —Library Journal (starred review)



AUGUST 3 THE BARTENDER'S TALE BY IVAN DOIG

"[An] enjoyable, old-fashioned, warmhearted story about fathers and sons, growing up, and big life changes." - Library Journal

OUTDOOR SERVICES

CCSM began having early services on the lawn on May 2, providing a welcome opportunity for gathering safely in person after so long. Longtime CCSM member Amy Woolf sent this reflection:

"I had been attending service online for well over a year. I appreciated being able to stay connected online. What it misses is the human touch that only an in person service can give. I was woefully behind on my hugs, for over a year. Something I made sure to do after the service, but while everyone was still present, is get plenty of hugs. It was wonderful to hug people that I missed for so long. It was wonderful to attend an in person service, I realize how much more connected we are in person than online. I am grateful for the ways we were able to connect on screens throughout the pandemic, but there ain't nothin' like the real thing."



photos by Chase Montara



A HAPPY UPDATE: DAVID BIOR KUR

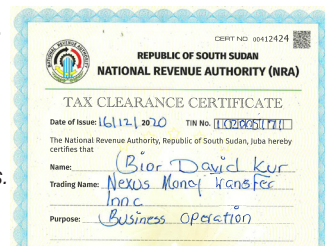
Many of you will remember the name David Bior Kur. CCSM, through MSJ, supported him and his cousin Jacob through school in Uganda for a number of years. They had both been orphaned by war as teenagers in South Sudan and Zoe Mullery met them while traveling there in 2007; Lee Mullery was moved by their story to work with MSJ to support them through school. They have both completed college, and Jacob is continuing his studies to be a pharmacist; David has been working for a petroleum company in South Sudan and is doing very well.

In a recent email with Zoe, David described a new business he has created and was full of good news, even in the midst of ongoing catastrophe, floods and famine in South Sudan. He started a money transfer business in 2019, as banking in South Sudan is extremely difficult. After overcoming some obstacles, his business is now running well and has enabled many in the South Sudanese diaspora in the US and other countries to send money back to South Sudan more safely, quickly, and easily, for family support, hospital

and school bills, and emergencies. David has received a lot of gratitude as getting money to South Sudan has been a real struggle. He has dedicated a percentage of his profits to reinvesting in his community. David wrote a detailed email describing all the steps he had to take to make his business successful, and now he is in the process of celebrating his success by building a 2-bedroom house.

David specifically expressed greetings and gratitude to CCSM: "I am thankful to Madam Lee, Zoe, and Church [CCSM] for the best gift (education) in life. You all struggled to support me, to be someone better in future. Am always appreciative and praying for God to bless you and keep with me to do same to other people."

Above: David in front of his business. Right: Documentation of incorporation. Left: His new S. Sudan house.



A CAMP CAZ FAREWELL

As you may have heard, Camp Cazadero - a beloved summer camp for many at CCSM - will transition — due to financial challenges — from the care of the United Church of Christ to the stewardship of Shelterwood Collective, an LGBTQ+, Black and Native-led collective. Their mission statement is as follows: "To restore right relationships between and within people and nature, and thereby create reverberating circles of ecosystem restoration and community healing that return land sovereignty to Black and Indigenous communities."



Camille Grant, second from left

On June 12, 2021, a Ritual of Release for Camp Cazadero was held around the theme All About Gratitude. It honored the camp, the land it lives on, and the spirit that now lives in each of us and that has shaped us in many ways individually and collectively. Shannon McEntee from CCSM wrote a song for the occasion which she shared during the event.



Shannon McEntee

SEE THE SUN

by Shannon McEntee

A shimmering reverence gilds the air
Enlivened by each person's grace
Separate sparks of a single flame
Held together by each shining face

See the Sun arising near
Through lacy mists we start to hear
Stories flowing free of blessings from up the hill

A haven here to grow and change
A shelter here for each who comes
Generations of gathering
A sanctuary across eons

See the Sun arc through the blue
Through humming heat
spring friendships true
Blossoming like flowers,
strong from the roots we weave

All I see are memories
A velvet blaze within my soul
They say that what is remembered, lives
And so, our stories always must be told

See the Sun set in the West
Through tears the goodbyes
pierce our chests
Hand in hand, remembering
Caz changed our lives
Love never dies
It's always there in you and I

BECOMING A CLIMATE CHURCH

A NEW COLUMN BY EEJ MINISTRY • VOL. 1, NO. 1

by Gary White

Welcome to the premier article of a planned ongoing series of articles discussing all aspects of the climate crisis and the path for CCSM to further establish itself as a "Climate Church". In the words of Rev. Jim Antal, Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the UCC President, "a climate church is a community inspired by the love and justice of Jesus and committed to protect and heal God's glorious gift of creation".

Building on the work we have already done at CCSM to address the climate crisis – such as providing Second Hours, conducting in-person presentations, facilitating discussions with our congregation, and developing our solar energy project that will lower our carbon footprint and deliver clean, renewable electricity to the church – these articles will further explore a variety of climate issues and identify climate actions that we can take as a church community as well as actions members can take in their personal lives.

Underscoring all of our articles in this series will be our Progressive Christian dedication to the concepts of creation care and environmental justice. We care about the natural world and we dedicate ourselves to fighting against pollution and helping preserve the Earth's splendor. At the same time, we recognize the moral and ethical issues that arise in this effort. While we strive to make life sustainable for all people, we recognize that many people - especially poor people and communities of color - have been denied basic environmental rights and we must strive to correct this injustice.

Now, to make this column meaningful, we will look to our CCSM readers for feedback, ideas, and reactions to our articles. We will periodically publish letters to the editor and responses to your letters. To send comments, email them to gwhite2711@gmail.com. Our intent is to create an ongoing dialogue to help move us ahead in our path to become a climate church. We look forward to the journey.



GOING SOLAR AT CCSM

by Warren Long
Lead for Energy and Environmental Justice Ministry

CCSM is Going Solar! The Energy and Environmental Justice Ministry (EEJ) researched and proposed the project in late winter to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors, and both approved the project in early spring. At the 2nd hour All Church Forum on Going Solar held on June 20, we shared details with the congregation and received very positive feedback and thoughtful, valuable comments. Additionally, we saw strong support for climate justice and the solar project depicted in a recent survey, as described very briefly at the end of this article.

In brief, **CCSM will be installing photovoltaic panels to generate 41.3 Kw of energy on carport structures in the church parking lot (without any loss of parking spaces), providing 67.5 kWh of energy storage, and installing 2 electric vehicle chargers. The result will be a system that provides adequate electricity to run the church, save significant energy costs and potentially allow us to serve our immediate neighbors with a Resilience Hub in case of emergency.** It is one step along the pathway to become a Climate Church. The chosen contractor is Sandbar Electric of Santa Cruz. Jim Granucci is CCSM's liaison on the project. The timeline is to be determined subject to the permit process with the City of San Mateo, PG&E approval and construction schedule.

The overall capital cost of going Solar is \$300K for which \$95K already has been committed by dedicated CCSM members. A targeted fundraising effort is being launched by a solar Capital Campaign committee. Stay tuned for more details on Going Solar and feel free to contact the Board of Directors or members of EEJ for further information.

Along with researching Going Solar, it has become apparent that CCSM will need to upgrade our infrastructure —namely to replace energy inefficient furnaces and water heaters, to install adequate insulation and to upgrade our energy leaking windows. The details and costs for those infrastructure improvements are being researched now.

EEJ hopes that CCSM will soon become a Climate Church, which is defined as "a Community inspired by the Love and Justice of Jesus and committed to protect and heal God's glorious gift of Creation." (Rev. Jim Antal, UCC advisor on Climate and author of Climate Church, Climate World).

A recent survey, completed by more than 250 members and affiliates of CCSM, included five questions regarding climate justice, the solar project, and similar matters. Slightly more than 80% strongly agreed (by marking 8, 9, or 10 on a 10-point scale) that climate change is one of the most important moral and justice issues of our time. About 72% of the respondents strongly agreed (with an 8, 9, or 10) that the proposed solar project for CCSM was a good first step toward becoming carbon neutral. The other three related items in the survey also showed strong support. EEJ is gratified to see such support from the congregation and thanks you for your continuing support.



Example of a Carport Photovoltaic Structure



Planned CCSM Solar Carport Layout



Example of a Vehicle Charging Station

CCSM MUSIC NOTES

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS IN JULY

CCSM's Chancel Choir has been holding virtual rehearsals and gatherings here and there through the pandemic, but it's not the same when you can't hear each other singing... well, that is changing. Our first Chancel Choir in-person gathering since March 2020 is happening this July.

Rehearsals will be held at CCSM **Sunday July 11 and 18, from 10-11am**. Please join us on the front lawn where we can lift our voices in song socially distanced and safely. Please be sure to bring a mask, and if you have printed out any of the music we've sung since January, 2021 please bring that with you too; I will have music available that morning as well if you don't have that available. Whether you've been a long-time member of the choir or are brand new to singing in a choir, all are welcome.

It would be a huge help if you are planning to come (especially if you are new) to RSVP with me so I know how many copies of music I need to have available. Please send me an email at ltbmusings@gmail.com if you are planning to join us for either (or both) sessions.

Also, feel free to reach out if you have any questions... look forward to seeing and singing with you very soon,
Lynnelle Bilsey (ltbmusings@gmail.com)
Director of Music, CCSM



JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SUMMER SESSION

After singing some lovely solos for our online services, the Joyful Noise choir is ready to get back to it live and in person singing TOGETHER!

Julie Berk invites children at CCSM to join her on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:15 am to make music together. The Joyful Noise Choristers will be back together again in person meeting upstairs (socially distanced with masks please) in the CE Building beginning July 11 and run through Aug. 8. We will be working towards singing in person at the 9:00am service on July 25 as well as working on new music for the Fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie at teacherjulie@pacbell.net.



DING-A-LINGS ARE RINGING AGAIN!

It's been a long 15 months, but the CCSM ringers are jumping back into ringing again.

We will begin with a few in-person/socially distanced rehearsals on Thursdays downstairs in Kloss Hall from 7 - 8 pm on July 8, 15, and 22. This is a great opportunity to try your hand at ringing—all you need is a basic ability to read music. If you've been aching to make music together, this is a wonderful way to begin! All are very welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynnelle Bilsey at ltbmusings@gmail.com.



28TH ANNUAL SPRING ORGAN RECITAL - ECHOES OF FETE DE LA MUSIQUE

The concert debuted on June 24th, but if you missed it, you still have the opportunity to enjoy this delightful concert of French organ music on YouTube. [Click here](#) to watch!

The recital is also a fundraiser for the Music Ministry Committee to help purchase a new cover for the recently gifted piano in the sanctuary along with a dolly for the piano to allow it to safely move around the chancel. Please consider making a donation to CCSM either by check or [online](#). Make checks out to CCSM, note "Music Ministry Committee" in the memo section and mail to CCSM, 225 Tilton, San Mateo, CA 94401. Thank you!

TWO SPECIAL UPCOMING RECITALS

CCSM has enjoyed the music of both these young talented musicians throughout our online services and they are eager to share their recitals with our community as their way of saying thank you to CCSM for your love and support of their music. We will share more information as dates and times are confirmed later this summer.

CCSM Organ Scholar **Chase Olson** will be presenting a concert of organ and piano music for CCSM just prior to his journey to Oberlin as a Freshman in September.

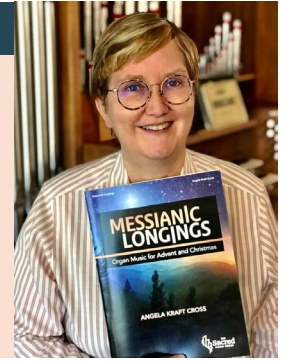
CCSM youth organist **Nataly Pak** will be presenting a concert of piano and organ music this summer as well. She will also be attending Oberlin this Fall and Angela Kraft Cross is delighted that her students will be attending her alma mater.

CONGRATS TO OUR OWN ANGELA KRAFT CROSS!

Angela's new book of original organ music, *Messianic Longings*, has been published by Sacred Music Press (Lorenz)!

This includes five Advent and Christmas pieces: *Messianic Longings*, *Fantasia on Personent Hodie*, *Fantasy on an Old English Carol*, *Meditation on Silent Night* and *Mary Magnificat*.

We're so proud of you, Angela!



music&art

Music and Art is enjoying its usual summer recess, but looking forward to our first meeting in the Fall. You can mark your calendars now for **Friday, September 17**, at noon in the Buckham Room. The officers are planning wonderful and inspiring programs while we are enjoying lunch and fellowship with one another in person again. Anyone interested in music and art is welcome, no need to be a performer or artist. More details will follow in future issues of the Pine Tree and Sunday Bulletins.

—Mary Ann Notz, Publicity chair

POSY POSSE UPDATE

Have you wondered if the Posy Posse has been busy this year? I thought you might enjoy knowing what a few flowers from the communion table and our bodacious family gardens have done this spring...and it is only June! Between April 5 and June 22, the Posse delivered posies to 84 members and friends and staff of CCSM.

All this beauty and good cheer for our church community is made possible through the efforts of our outstanding Posy Posse coordinator, Susan Long. Weekly, she keeps in touch with the gardeners, floral designers, delivery drivers, and CCSM staff who help identify our recipients.

Call Susan if you would like to join the team. Later this fall we will introduce the Posse and celebrate their love and generosity.

Kay Harris, lead
Liturgical Arts Ministry

Lynnelle Bilsey posing with her posies



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need someone to head up the Homecoming BBQ in September, and additional volunteers to help out!

Please let Chase know if you're willing, cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org.

HERE'S A SECOND CHANCE

to see the June 13 Second Hour on the Line 3 Pipeline if you missed it the first time.

[Click HERE!](#)



Joys and Concerns

CCSM Pastoral Care Team

Please share your prayers with the pastoral care team: Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon, Rev. Jorge Bautista, and Rev. Sheryl Johnson. You are invited to share your prayers, your hopes, and your lives. You may connect in the following ways: by **filling out a ccsm-ucc.org/prayer 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 cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org or call 650-343-3694, and Chase will make sure one of the pastors contacts you as soon as possible.

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

Blessings to our former Youth Director **Patrick Kane** and his wife **Rebecca** as they welcomed their daughter **Bridget** into the world on June 7. Little baby Bridget was in the NICU for the first week. Rebecca has been recovering well from her unplanned C-section and they are all doing well.



Leland James Rotchadl was born on May 30 to **Chelsea Meyers** and **Andy Rotchdl**, big sister **Ruth**, PopPop **Mark**, Grandma **Linda**, and Nana **Julie**. Leland was named after his maternal grandfather and is third generation CCSM'er!

Congratulations to **Leslie and Krystal Burn-don** on the dedication of their son, **Theodore Daniel Burndon**, on May 2. This was CCSM's first "hybrid" dedication: Theo and parents were there in person, with **Penny**, and the congregation was on screen.



Congratulations to **Jennifer Hu** who finished her PhD in Bioengineering from UC Berkeley-UCSF!



Bill and Annette Daniels express their gratitude for the many prayers and caring thoughts that have been extended to them throughout Bill's cancer and radiation treatments. Recent MRI's and PET scan show no further evidence of cancer for Bill, and Annette's CT scan also shows no



evidence of cancer!

Prayers of gratitude for **Genel Morgan's** successful knee surgery on June 8. She is recovering well.

Carol, Doug and Liz Henton wish to thank The Rev. **Betsy Woodward** for leading a 25th anniversary memorial celebration of their son **Wade**, who died unexpectedly in May of 1996. The service, held on May 12th in the Memorial Garden, was attended by about 30 people (nearly all from CCSM). It was a wonderful way to honor their son, who was only twelve when he died. The Hentons want to lift up Betsy for her caring and most thoughtful leadership of this memorial service as well as to others who shared their memories and provided support that day. Thanks also to CCSM staff **Chase** and **Oscar**.

Prayers of gratitude from **Jim Berthelsen** on his successful ankle surgery.

Prayers of gratitude that **Mike Hill**, who was hospitalized last month, related to some new health challenges, is home and doing better.

PRAYERS OF LOVE AND STRENGTH

Prayers for **those who lost their lives in the Miami apartment building collapse**, and prayers for the families who grieve their loss.

Prayers for the Mullery family as **Mike Mullery's** brother, **Don Mullery**, died at his home in Dixon, Illinois on June 9 after a time in hospice. Prayers for his wife **Joan** and three children.

Laura Pierce-Mckenzie asks for prayers for a colleague of hers, **Gloria Rudometkin**, who lost her husband **Michael** in the VTA shooting. Prayers also for the victims whose lives were cut short and for the loved ones coping with the loss of family

members and friends.

Dr. James Hutchinson passed away on May 26th at the age of 98. He had an amazing life, and practiced medicine as the first African American physician in the San Mateo area in his office across the street from the church until the end of his life. He was a champion of those who were underinsured and leaves an enormous humanitarian legacy. Hugs and prayers surrounding daughter, **Karen** and son **Henry**. Son **Jim** preceded him in death. Karen sends her thanks to the Posy Posse for the lovely flowers.

Prayers for **Frank, Ashley, James, Diane, and Richie Luna**, relatives of the **Dresbach** family, who lost **Carmen Luna** at age 65 on May 10. She had asthma and then caught COVID.

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND SUPPORT

Prayers for **Melanie Dresbach's father, James Dresbach**, who suffered a stroke on June 22. He is currently recovering in rehab and is stable, and also continues to receive chemo treatment for cancer. Prayers also for Melanie's brother **Dr. Rev. Michael Dresbach** as he continues chemo treatment for recurring cancer.

Prayers for **Donna Summers' cousin Delores' grandson**, who is in critical condition after a farm accident.

Please pray for **Sarah Iya's mom Jane Don**, who was very ill and hospitalized. She is home and Sarah is in England caring for her. Prayers for them both during this difficult time.

Prayers for **Cheryle Matteo's oldest brother, Lou**, who is fighting leukemia. He has undergone a bone marrow transplant and remains hospitalized at this time. Prayers for Cheryle, too.

Joys and Concerns (cont.)

Please pray for the **Nordquist** family as **Ron** undergoes brain surgery. Ron is the father of **Alice Nordquist** and father-in-law of **Nathan Daniels**.

Please pray for **George Vail's** friend, **Dan Ware**, in Chicago. He has received treatment for cancer, which has recently returned, and now faces extensive surgery on July 2. Over the past decade Dan has led numerous tours George has enjoyed in Europe and New Zealand, with his tour company, Toto Tours. He is a kind and generous man, as is his husband **Jonathan**.

Prayers for **Sandee Schlickman's** neighbor and dear friend, **Doug**. You may remember he fell back on January 8. He continues to recover and is not yet back home.

Prayers for **Elizabeth Campbell**, as she faces multiple challenges in her life.

Prayers for **Bobbye Gorenberg**, mother of **Martha Bronitsky**, who recently had heart surgery, fell and suffered a concussion, and then had a pacemaker implanted. Prayers for a speedy and full recovery for her and good care surrounding her in this time.

Prayers for **Linda Stoick's** friend **Ivy**, who is battling cancer. Also from Linda Stoick: "I have two dear friends named **Mary Anne** and **Ada**. They listen to our services and have come from time to time and really enjoy our church. Ada's sister, **Susan**, has had a long battle with cancer and Ada asked me tonight whether we could 'activate the international prayer circle' as Susan is struggling with some side effects."

Prayers for **Kathy Gallo's** sister-in-law **Eleanor**, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

Prayers for **Donald P.** in Ohio, for a good resolution to his housing concerns.

Please continue prayers for **Julie Lenden's** dad, **Reggie Barnes**, who is being treated for stomach cancer. Prayers are appreciated also for Julie's mom, **Suzanne Barnes** and for Julie, too.

Prayers for **David Meissner** and **Gene Chelberg** as together they continue to face the challenge of David's Parkinson's disease through the foundation of their love for God and each other.

Prayers for **Don Ruthroff's** brother **Chuck** who is continuing to

undergo cancer treatment.

Prayers of peace and strength to **Ruth Black** and family as Ruth continues on hospice at Brookdale Assisted Living with MS and dementia.

Prayers of healing and strength for **Gail Evans' friend Michelle**, battling Stage 4 cancer. She sends thanks for continued prayers.

Continued prayers of healing for **Lynnelle Bilsey**, who underwent a partial revision of her ankle surgery on May 11.

Prayers for **Michele Moffitt**, who fell in May and broke her ribs.

Prayers for **Bill Melis** who is facing multiple health challenges. Bill spent a number of days in the hospital recently. Prayers also for **Carole**.

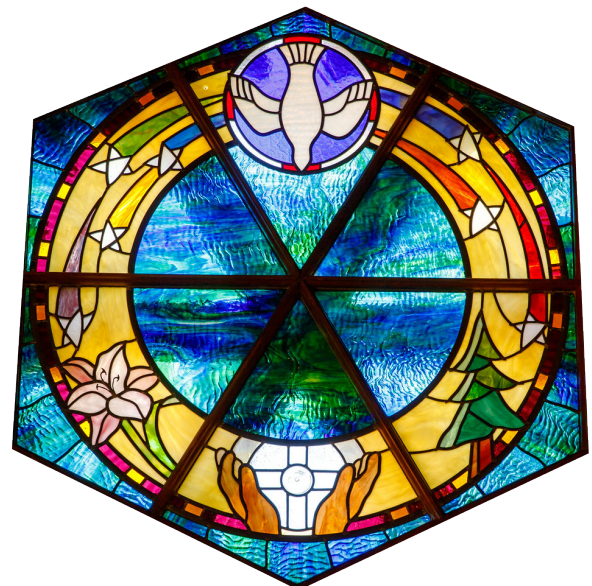
Continuing prayers of strength, encouragement, and healing for our beloved brothers and sisters: **Dr. Jim Groundwater** and family, **Margorie Griffin**, **Thelma Kromhout**, **Rev. Travis Woodmansee's** mother **Cathy**, **Mike and Kay Harris' friend Mary Helen McMahan**, **Cathy Latta**, **Dottie Scott**, **Oakley Hewitt**, **Morgan Anderson**, **Veril Phillips' granddaughter Eva**, and others as they walk their unique journeys with cancer and other health challenges.



SHARE YOUR HOME AND GAIN COMPANIONSHIP AND EXTRA INCOME

If you have an extra room in your home, you may want to consider renting it out to a carefully screened and selected HIP Housing client. HIP Housing is a non-profit based in San Mateo County that matches households that have a spare room in their home or Accessory Dwelling Unit with individuals seeking housing. HIP Housing interviews applicants, conducts background searches, develops a "Living Together Agreement," and provides ongoing follow-up support.

HIP Housing is supported by the City of San Mateo, the County of San Mateo, and all 19 other cities in the County. For more information or to request a virtual appointment visit hiphousing.org or call (650) 348 6660.



Stained glass window at the back of the sanctuary, in memory of Wade Henton

This is our seventh Pine Tree produced since the pandemic, and it looks like it will be the last one of our exile from each other's physical presence! **August 8** is slated to be our first worship service back in the pews, though with some limitations and incremental increase till we can be fully together by **Homecoming on September 12** if all keeps going well. Patience and grace for each other are more needed and appreciated than ever as we navigate this transition.

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THANK YOU, SURVEY TAKERS!

Thanks to the over 250 of you who took the survey — it was extremely helpful. Results and more details will be shared soon. Your time and thoughtful responses are so appreciated. Thank you!

BREAKING BREAD... IN PERSON!

On Wednesday, May 26, for the first time in 441 days, a group from our congregation met in person at the church! Over 25 of us gathered together for a luncheon and time together. I think I can speak for everyone there that it was a joyful and meaningful event. There were smiles everywhere and lots of animated greetings and conversations.

Thanks to Penny for a lovely greeting and opening prayer and a thoughtful reflection and closing. And thanks to Chase Montara, Annlee McGurk, Oscar Rosa, Melanie Dresbach and Siew Kang for assisting in making this a memorable start in our church family coming back together. More will be following soon and hope to see all of you in the near future.

—Diane Kalliam, Congregational Care

