



ECSM NEWS

Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg
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First Congregational Church of Antioch



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

A New Year brings a new year of opportunities, opportunities in one's life, in one's family and in our church family.

What will you do this year to increase your own spiritual growth? Will you join one of our Bible studies? Will you read a book or two to increase your intellectual knowledge of Christ's teachings? Will you join one of our ministry teams, serving food to the hungry, delivering food to those in Shelter Inc. housing, or would you like to organize a health fair at the church during one of our lunches or in our Social Hall?

What opportunities do you have among your family members? How can you encourage more of your family to take advantage of our programs? Who do you need to make amends with in your family? How can you help make your family a more harmonious, friendly place for all of the members of your family?

How are you serving and giving back to the work of the community? How can you help another person or visitor in the congregation? Do you have time to help polish the brass, clean a Sunday School room or organize the envelopes in the pews or help fold the bulletins on a Sunday morning?

What will you do differently in the New Year?

How will it impact your spiritual life?

How will it impact your relationships with others?

Together we serve,

Pastor Will

From the FCCA Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!!

The year turns. 2015 ends and 2016 begins.

As the New Year dawns, can we release the past and welcome the future, trusting the promise of our faith that all things will be made new including our own hearts?

The promise of our faith is that God will transform our hearts...that God will create a "new heart" within each of us.

It is a radical promise. All that is broken can be healed. All that is wounded can be forgiven. All things can be made new. Nothing is impossible with God. All tears will be wiped away. A new reality is possible for us, for the world.

Peace, joy and love are possible in the midst of our hurting world. Let us live into their power, trusting God's power to transform even the most painful of human experiences—including violence and war. Can we continue to believe that even in the midst of the most tragic of human circumstances...God is present and healing is possible?

Can we work to create space for love? Can we work against those powers that cause harm to the human body and soul?

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul writes of "stripping off the old self with its practices and clothing ourselves with the new self."

This new self is like clothing ourselves with "...compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..." Colossians 3:12-15

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GOODBYE 2015



Pastor Christy continues...

As the New Year begins, let us do what we can to welcome this new self. As we do, we become the Beloved Community, the body of Christ, the light of the world.

May we welcome in the New Year with the following words from Seekers Church in Washington, DC.

In us, the Word becomes flesh,
a message to the world of God's love

In us, the Good News becomes real,
a beacon of hope in a hurting world.

Glowing, burning, radiant Spirit,
throw us like a blazing torch into the night,
lighting the path toward justice and peace.

Blessings for the New Year,

Christy



As we step into 2016, take a moment to look our life together this past year. While there is much work to be done, take courage from the steps that have already been taken.

New Years is all about getting another chance. A chance to forgive, to do better, to do more, to give more, to love more. And stop worrying about "what if" and start embracing what would be.

www.livelifehappy.com.

Begin another new chapter and remember that we have 365 days to make every page of the chapter worth remembering when the year is done.

Annual Congregational Meetings

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANTIOCH



FCCA Annual Congregational Meeting
will be Sunday, January 24, 2016
immediately following worship in the
Stoneman Room.

All reports due to Jessica by
Sunday, January 10th.

FCCA Cabinet will meet in the Stoneman Room on
Sunday, January 10th following worship.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your generous monetary Christmas gift.
It is deeply appreciated.

Blessings for the New Year,
Christy

Pastor Christy's Schedule: Christy will be
out of town visiting her folks in Southern California
from January 4 to January 8. In case of a pastoral
emergency, please contact Will at 925-597-9797.



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CPC Annual Congregational Meeting will
be Sunday, January 24, 2016
immediately following worship in the
Sanctuary.

All reports due to Jessica by
Sunday, January 10th.

Next Regular Session Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm hosted by
George Stephens.

Shared Ministry update: Next Joint CPC/FCCA
Cabinet/ Session meeting is scheduled for February 7,
following worship in the CSR.

We will be hosting the **Winter Nights Shelter**,
February 15-29th in our Social Hall. Sign up to Volunteer!
See page 6 for details.

Martin Luther King Celebration hosted by Social Justice Alliance and the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center

January 18, 2016 at noon
St. Paul's Episcopal
1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek

Celebrate Dr. King's Life & Message "Dr. King and Our Returning Citizens."

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Henry Perkins of First Baptist Church of Pittsburg. (ample
parking across the street). With St. Benedict's Gospel Choir (Oakland) & Dwight Stone's piano
music. Refreshments & Conversation following in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored By: Social
Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council of CCC & the Mount Diablo Peace & Justice Center.

THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Epiphany Party will be Sunday, January 3rd during fellowship hour.

LGBT Film Night: Tuesday, January 5th at 7pm in the Stoneman Room. We will be watching "Life in the Pink Carpet". Bring a snack to share. All are invited!

Upcoming Small Group Meetings:

Theology Pub: Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm at La Veranda (5th St. & Railroad Ave., Pittsburg).

The **Joint FCCA-CPC Women's Luncheon** will next meet Wednesday, January 6th at 11:30 am at Rick's on Second (619 W 2nd St, Antioch).

Mondays in Antioch: We meet at 10:00 am at St. George's Episcopal Church, 301 E. 13th Street, for an informal time of conversation, prayer & study. **We will not meet on January 4.** Christy will be out of town visiting her folks in Southern California from January 4 to January 8. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Will at 925-597-9797.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the CSR to explore various biblical and theological issues.

Outreach Committee: Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11th at 3:00 pm in the CSR.

Welcome & Marketing Committee: our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at 11:00 am in the Stoneman Room.

Fellowship Ministry: our next meeting will be January 20th at 1:00 PM in the Camp Stoneman Room. All are welcome to attend and help us plan the fellowship opportunities we have in the future. If you have questions about this please ask me. Mary Burks

Worship Committee: our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 pm at Ann Custer's home.

Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event: Our church is hosting free lunches every 3rd Saturday of the month for the community in the Social Hall. We are always looking for volunteers! If you would like to join the team or help in some sort of way, please call (925) 439-9361. The next Lunch is January 16th.

There will be a **memorial service celebrating Cherrie McNeilly's** life on Sunday, January 31 at noon in the sanctuary. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

Happy Birthday!

January

3	Margaret Wilcox
4	Sarah Shipe
	Gus Broers
6	Sue Ferguson
	Doris Cosetti
10	Karen Hastings Flegel
	Christy Parks-Ramage
11	Alison Pauline
	Tatiana Bellinger
17	Jenny Sears
19	Nora Lynn Buluran (Dwinell)
20	Nate Sears
	Bob Flegel
24	Jeremy Flegel
	Beverly Preston
26	Chidi Umozurike
27	Sophia Hansen
28	Barry Winkler

**Contact Jessica, the Church Secretary, to add your Birthday & Anniversary to our records today!*

Next think.... Youth Group!

Let's go to the Lindsey Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek at 2:00 pm in the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Can you go?

Tell Judie or Will, meet at the church at 1:30 pm to carpool.

Save the Date: This year's 30 Hour Famine fast will be March 4-5.

Beautiful Weddings in the Camp Stoneman Chapel:

*If you or someone you know is getting married,
I would love to meet with them and help to plan
their big day.*

Lisa Hansen ~ CPC Wedding Coordinator.

Please contact our Events Coordinator, Jessica Natal for information. Private Rental rates for your friends are based on the number in attendance. CPC & FCCA members get the Church Member rates. Contact Jessica at 925.276.0960 or cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net



Fellowship Hour: The Fellowship calendar for 2016 is on the bulletin board. Be sure and get your date reserved for your special day if you want. I know many of you like to provide goodies for your birthday or anniversary and some dates do fill up quickly!

Bountiful Produce

Those of you who have citrus trees that are back to producing, please bring your excess produce so we can set it out to share with others. Bring it to the social hall before worship and it can be set out so we can help ourselves to it. Thank you so much!

Equal Exchange

Thank you to those who purchased and ordered some of the Equal Exchange things that have been available the last few weeks. I have had a lot of good reviews about the coffee and the chocolate.

I will continue to offer some items but only on the 3rd Sunday of the month. I will be placing an order once a month for other things that you may want. There will be a few standard things I will have such as coffee, chocolate bars, and tea. I have catalogs available to show you the other things that you may be interested in.

Purchasing and using Equal Exchange products serves a two-fold purpose. First of all you are helping small farmers all over the world earn a decent wage for all of their hard work. And by purchasing through our church you are helping the Fellowship Ministry provide the coffee and some of the other treats and events throughout the year.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Mary Burks 925.427.7225

Westminster Woods: Women of the church!

Women's week-end will be January 22-24, 2016. Cost is \$170.00. Let's do this! Contact Mary Burks.

Food Donations for Local Hunger: We collect shelf-stable and canned food the first and third Sunday of each month. The First Sunday is connected to communion and the Third Sunday is connected to our 2-Cents-A-Meal Offerings in the services. Please bring your donations in a grocery bag and leave them in the food barrels near the chapel entrance.

Weekly Worship Services CPC-FCCA January 17th will be our monthly

Sparkle Sunday

*wear something that shines to share the light of Christ.
Bring a can of food or a donation for the food banks.*



November was Homeless Awareness month. This note may seem to be a little late. But, if you are in a position to help a homeless person, it isn't too late. There is still time for that.

In Contra Costa County, there are nearly 4,000 persons in need of housing. This includes 237 veterans, 1,075 families and 763 disabled persons. One of the pressing needs is for landlords willing to rent to them. Many of these homeless individuals and families receive financial and social support through veteran service or the Contra Costa County Landlord Engagement Access and Placement Program (L.E.A.P.) The L.E.A.P program provides support in the form of 24/7 response to landlord and tenant concerns. There are also financial benefits that come with participation in the effort to house these people: Lower turnover, first and/or last month's rent, security deposits, coverage of property damage and vacancy payments to eligible tenants.

Specifically, it is my understanding that at this time, there are some 60 homeless veterans in the county who are fully qualified for housing subsidies who have not found a home. If you are a landlord or know someone who is landlord who might be interested in assisting in the effort to provide needed housing please contact Pastor Will at willymac4@me.com. Housing these veterans is an urgent priority of the County L.E.A.P effort.

Doug Leach is a co-chair of the Housing Task Force of the CCC Multifaith A.C.T.I.O.N. Coalition. You can contact him at leichd@gmail.com concerning possible rental of your apartment or house. The Task Force is calling on all faith communities to help identify landlords who may be willing to rent, now or in the near future, to those who are homeless.

Church Directories are available, if you haven't picked yours up – please contact Jessica 925-439-9361 so that she can mail it to you. If you pick one up at the church be sure to cross your name off on the list, these will be available every Sunday.

Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

February 15 – 29th this year we are sponsoring the Winter Nights Shelter at our church.

There will be about 30 homeless people (17 children and 11 adults) living in our social hall for these two weeks. Winter Nights is a temporary family shelter project organized by the Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. We are providing the shelter and a few nights of volunteers while several partnering congregations are helping us on different nights with food, friends and volunteers.

The partnering congregations are; Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church of Pittsburg, St. Ignatius Parish of Antioch, Holy Rosary of Antioch, and the Islamic Center of Antioch.

Our Volunteer staffing needs are as follows:

Monday February 15th

- During the day 3 – 4 able bodies to help load in bedding and tents
- and during the evening 3 – 4 to prepare dinner (hoping to have our scout troop serve)

Sunday February 21st

- 3 – 4 to prepare hot breakfast
- People to prepare LUNCH Social Hour which will be shared with our guests
- 3 – 4 to prepare and serve dinner

Saturday February 27th

- 5 or 6 to help coordinate a spa day for the moms and a fun activities for the children

Sunday February 28th

- 3 – 4 to prepare hot breakfast
- People to prepare LUNCH Social Hour which will be shared with our guests
- 3 – 4 to prepare and serve dinner

Monday February 29th am

- 2 – 3 able bodies to help load out

We also need to have one or two representatives from our church spend the night each night to be able to assist the on-location shelter manager with any possible problems within the physical facility. (Someone who knows where everything is and who to contact if a problem with plumbing, lighting, heating....etc.) These overnight volunteers will also help set out the morning cold breakfast fixings and clean up after. We still need volunteers to cover the following nights:

Tuesday, February 16th
Thursday, February 18th
Sunday, February 21st
Thursday, February 25th
Sunday, February 28th

Please e-mail Betsy Sullivan, Outreach Elder at pncsbets@pacbell.net if you are able to volunteer for this important ministry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Dreaded Month

By: Edie Lanstrom

January, the month I dread, has come bringing with it the attribute I hate---freezing cold weather. January is the dormant time of year for some plants and animals such as the bear. At times I envy the bear's ability to sleep through cold weather. It would be wonderful to awake from a long snooze that eliminates the month of January from my life. Dressing is a chore. Putting on three layers of cloths to fortify me against the bone freezing cold takes too much time, and when I'm finally dressed I feel like I am wearing a bulky snowsuit. Ugh!

Another reason I don't like January is that Kendall and I frequently come down with some illness during this formidable month. As I write this article, Kendall has been sick all week with an infection that has brought with it temperature and coughing that is driving both of us crazy. Since Kendall has had this infection, I probably will come down with the malady if the illness chain in our family follows its pattern.

Yesterday morning as I went through my three layers of clothing ritual, I thought of people who have no layers of cloths and freeze to death. I envisioned people who have inadequate housing and snuggle together to keep warm. I thought of the people who come to the church on Saturday to get a free lunch because, for whatever reason, they do not have money for food.

Then I remembered words from a poem I learned in high school.

"I cried because I have no shoes until I met a man who had no feet."

That line of poetry corrected my negative attitude. I have feet with shoes on them. I have a home to shelter me from the cold. I have access to good medical care. I have food to sustain me through the month I hate. Recognizing the reality of life prompted me to thank God for my many blessings and to ask for forgiveness when I complain about the coldness of January.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January 3rd
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Communion Sunday
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

January 10th
The Baptism of Christ
Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Rev. Will McGarvey

January 17th
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sparkle Sunday
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

January 24th
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
New Way Sunday
Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21
Rev. Will McGarvey

January 31st
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

Deacons' offering

The first Sunday of each month has traditionally been Deacons' Sunday at Community Presbyterian Church.

Deacons have a special fund for persons in need who come to our church looking for emergency support. The fund has been used to provide housing, food or gasoline to help families who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Special green envelopes are available in the pew racks for those who wish to help the Deacons provide support for those in need coming to our church seeking help.

The Deacons thank everyone for their support.



Souper Bowl Of Caring: Sunday, February 7th, Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will be collecting donations to tackle hunger in our communities.



WORSHIP LEADERS

January 3rd

Liturgists Paul Fish
Ushers Steve Hosmer
Greeters Roberto & Nora Buluran

January 10th

Liturgists Sue Ferguson
Ushers Sue Ferguson & Mary Burks
Greeters Sue Ferguson

January 17th

Liturgists Jim Hodges
Ushers Umozurike Family
Greeters Mary Burks

January 24th

Liturgists New Way
Ushers Jim & Janie Hodges
Greeters Edie & Kendall Lanstrom

January 31st

Liturgists Peter Tedeschi
Ushers Matt Taum & Tristan Mendoza
Greeters Patsy Nash

February 7th

Liturgists George Stephens
Ushers Dave & Letha Arms
Greeters The Arms Family

Ushers: Please let Letha Arms know by the Friday before your Sunday if you cannot make it on the date/date's above. You may contact the lead usher, Letha Arms at 925-427-2245 or armsl@comcast.net and she will find a replacement. If you have any questions or would like to become an Usher, please email or call her.

ECSM News!

All newsletter articles are due on the 22nd of each month. Please email to Jessica at cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net.



PRAYER PAGE

Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Kathy Anderson, Pam H. & Rebecca P., Janis Harris Bellinger and Dorothy Shipe. Lucille Corzine. Elaine Grothmann, Anne and Scott Cakebread. Jerry Castleberry, Richard James, Betty LaMar. Edie Lanstrom, Kendall Lanstrom, Margaret Wilcox. Barbara Sellers. Cherie & Daniel Persing. Paul Telfer, Mary Vargo. Jason, Becki Peterson's friend's son (9, chemotherapy). Nora Buluran. Elwin, Bev Peterson's husband. Adam Greenwood and family, relatives of Betsy Sullivan. Carol Krishnan's sisters. Kookie McGuire. Betty Rexroth.

Prayers of Concern

Those affected by the recent violence here and abroad. Those affected by the natural disasters in Nepal, Northern & Southern California, Hawaii, the Philippines, New York, New Jersey, Japan, Chile, Panama, Haiti, Cuba, Vanuatu and Washington State. Safety for all in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Egypt and Sudan. California Public Schools and teachers. The economy, and those laid off or in need of employment. Those living without shelter, experiencing any form of mental illness and those without healthcare. Betty Pankey. Lois Zollars' family. Cherrie McNeilly's family. Betty & Forrest Brown and family.

Prayers For Our Mission Partners

Prayers for the ministry of Friends Feeding Friends, Habitat for Humanity, the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, Loaves and Fishes, P.I.C.E.S., the Antioch Ministerial Food Bank, the Literacy Project in Pittsburg, the Presbytery of San Francisco, the Bay Association of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, UCC, Westminster Woods, Camp Cazadero, Rev. Charles Tinsley at Juvenile Detention Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Winter Nights Rotating Shelter, Shelter Inc., Shepherd's Gate, Heifer International, and the Al-Basma School and Program in Beit Sahour, Palestine, Joining Hands – Bolivia, Hesperian International, and the Keep Hope Alive Program.



Prayer cards are located in the Narthex by the Guest Book



Prayers for Sisters & Brothers Around the World

The North East; Conflict in the Middle East; Darfur, Sudan; East Congo, Bolivia; Colombia; Venezuela; Lebanon, Israel-Palestine, North Korea, and Mumbai, India. Long term aid to Tsunami victims; children in Tsunami areas and the victims of Hurricanes, those affected by earthquakes, and the unrest in Pakistan. For those who serve in the Armed Forces. For those who suffer from hunger and thirst; loneliness; illness; malnutrition; ageism. For those who are excluded; homeless; friendless; the underemployed and jobless.

January Prayer Families & Churches

January 3

The Conant Family
Calvary Presbyterian Church – San Francisco
Melissa Paniagua
First Congregational UCC – Pittsburg

January 10

Lucille Corzine
Presbyterian Church in Chinatown – SF
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage
Hillcrest Congregational Church – Pleasant Hill

January 17

Reed & Ann Custer
Christ United Presbyterian Church – SF
Mary Lynne Peck
First Congregational UCC – Porterville

January 24

Virginia Devens
Covenant Presbyterian Church – SF
Becky Peterson & Family
Ladera Community UCC – Portola Valley

January 31

Evert & Margaret Diest Lorgion
First United Presbyterian Church – SF
Bev Peterson & Family
Pilgrim Congregational UCC – Redding



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

December 15, 2015

Call to order at 6:40 p.m. at Mary Burks' home by checking in.

Elders present: Ruling Elders: Tristan Mendoza, Dave Arms, Mary Burks, George Stephens, Betsy Sullivan, Myrdell Dybdal, and Teaching Elder/Moderator Rev. Will McGarvey. A quorum was present.

Elders excused: None

Mission statement was read by all and prayer was led by Will

Docket was read, addition made and approved.

MSC to approve minutes of November 17 session meeting and November 29 Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting.

Consent Calendar: Approve Fellowship Committee request for sale of the Equal Exchange products for raising funds for the Fellowship Ministry and to allow the Treasurer to set up a line item designated fund for this purpose. MSC

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Clerk of Session: 66 members. As per session meeting November 17, letters were sent to the following to ascertain their intentions about their CPC membership: Marie Bourgeois (letter returned as undeliverable to the address given to me), Valerie Galarza, John and Rose Saavedra and Cheryl Schram. I asked them to contact me or the church office, and advised that if we didn't hear from them by December 14 they would be removed from the membership roll.

Cheryl Schram responded and said she wanted to keep her membership, and would remit per capita. I spoke with Jacob Hill-Broers, who is attending college in Monterey and would like to be removed from the roll. I also spoke with Jim Campbell, who is attending Good Shepherd Catholic Church and requested removal from the roll.

MSC to remove Kathy Anderson, Jim Campbell, Jacob Hill-Broers, Valerie Galarza, John Saavedra and Rose Saavedra from the CPC membership roll and also to remove Marie Bourgeois if contact is made and she wishes to be removed.

Correspondence: More Light Presbyterians requesting financial support

Pastor's Report: Committee and Bible Study meetings. East County United. Youth trip to SF. Thanksgiving potluck. Visitations. Film night. Theology Pub. Advent Contemplative services. Winter Night's organizing meetings. Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil. Advent Dinner. Worship and music meetings. Yearly review. Pre-marital counseling. Spoke at two local mosques.

Presbytery Meeting report: Next presbytery meeting will be February 9, 2016 at Noe Valley Ministry in San Francisco. First two elders to sign in will serve as commissioners. Packet will be available January 30, 2016. We neglected to report at the November session meeting that Will was elected as the alternate Teaching Elder Commissioner to 2016 General Assembly next June in Portland, Oregon.

Treasurer's Report: November financial report emailed by Carol Hosmer, reviewed.

Deacons: Cherie Persing emailed minutes of December 13 Deacons meeting, reviewed

Event Coordinator: Report emailed by Jessica, reviewed

Nominating Committee: No report, they have met once.

Personnel Committee: Report emailed by Mary. Committee has conducted annual reviews with Office Manager Jessica Natal, Rev. Will McGarvey. **MSC to grant six weeks paid maternity leave to Jessica when she is ready. MSC to increase Jessica's salary by \$.25 per hour from our budget beginning January 1.** This will be matched by FCCA, resulting in a \$.50 per hour increase.

Partnership Visioning Council: No report.

Bountiful Table meal program: Next meal will be December 19, and will be a sit down hot meal. The consensus is that each third Saturday will be a sit-down meal when it is logistically possible, allowing for smaller Saturday rentals that don't require extensive set-up.

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COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: No report

Christian Education: Tristan is preparing for the video Christmas presentation for next Sunday.

Fellowship: Report of November 18 emailed by Mary. She gave an update on sales of Equal Exchange products at the Alternative Gift Fair.

Outreach: Committee met December 14, Betsy provided a written report. Upon approval of the 2016 budget the Outreach budget will be increased in 2016. CPC will begin regular support of the Winter Nights program through the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County and also the Pittsburg Family Market. Betsy gave an update on the Winter Nights program that CPC will host in February. There is great collaboration with other congregations. To date \$780 has been contributed through CPC at the Alternative Gift Fair.

Stewardship & Finance: December 8 meeting minutes emailed by George. Proposed 2016 budget was discussed and some adjustments made. **MSC to approve Cherie Persing, Carol Hosmer and Myrdell Dybdal as signers on the checking account at Chase.**

Welcoming & Marketing: November 18 meeting minutes emailed by Elaine Palmer

Worship: November 18 meeting minutes emailed by Ann Custer

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MSC to approve the proposed 2016 budget**

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Church directory progress: directory is ready to be printed
- Ministerio Cristiano lease: Ministerio has signed the lease
- Update on Ethan Sullivan's Eagle Scout project: the project is on track and hopefully will be completed this month

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. with final prayer led by Will

Next Session Meeting: January 19 hosted by George
Mary is scheduled to prepare elements for January Communion. Annual congregational meeting scheduled for January 24, 2016. Reports for the annual report due in the church office by January 11. Next Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting scheduled for February 7, 2016 following worship.

Myrdell Dybdal
Clerk of Session

CPC Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance Nov. 1	\$ 48,526.80
Income	\$ 17,571.74
Expenses	\$ 12,096.47
Ending Balances Nov. 30	\$ 54,002.07

Let's Feed the KIDS – Pittsburg Family market

A sincere "Thank you" to all who made donations of dry-goods during November and December to the 8 families at Pittsburg's Shelter, Inc. They were gratefully appreciated as the CalFresh EBT cards provide for "food" purchases only.

At the end of the month, groceries are depleted and EBT cards are not reloaded until the 10th of the month. So, "Let's Feed the KIDS" will resume supplying "food" to Pittsburg Shelter Inc. families January 26/27.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, Let's Feed the KIDS picks up the groceries from the FoodBank via Loaves & Fishes. They are stored overnight in CPC's kitchen and delivered on the following Wednesday to Pittsburg's Shelter, Inc.

This successful rewarding operation is through the ICCCC/MultiFaith Action Coalition/Food Security and has been in existence for almost one year. With generous pledges, it will be able to continue for another year.

Thank you CPC and FCCA for your continued support and generosity.

- Judie Moore

JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2016

January 3 10:00 am Communion Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	4 <i>NO Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts – SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	5 10 am Bible Study– CSR 7 pm LGBT Film - CSR	6 11:30am Joint Women's Fellowship – at Ricks on Second 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	7 6 pm – 8 pm – RCC Support Group in the CSR	8 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	9 12:30 pm Private Event - SH
10 8 am: Deacons meeting 10:00 am Joint Sunday Service in the Social Hall *Annual Meeting Reports due! 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	11 <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 3:00pm Outreach Meeting – CSR 6:15 pm Cub Scouts – SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	12 10 am Bible Study – CSR	13 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	14 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Social hall	15 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	16 12 noon Free lunch Meal Program 4:00 – 7 PM Ministerio Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary
17 10:00 am Sparkle Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	18 *Office Closed* Martin Luther King JR Day  <i>NO Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 12pm MLK event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 6:15 pm Cub Scouts – SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	19 10 am Bible Study – CSR 6 pm Session meeting	20 11 am – Welcome & Marketing – CSR 1pm – Fellowship – CSR 4 pm Worship – Ann's Home 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	21 6 pm – 8 pm – RCC Support Group in the CSR	22 *February Newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today! 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	23 4:00 – 7 PM Ministerio Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary
24 10:00 am New Way Sunday in the Chapel 11:30 am FCCA Annual Meeting– CSR 11:30 am – CPC Annual Meeting – Sanctuary 4-7 M.C. – Sanctuary & classrooms	25 <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts – SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	26 10 am Bible Study– CSR	27 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	28 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Social hall	29 12 – 2 pm RCC Senior Lunch – Social Hall 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	30 9:00 am – 2 pm Ministerio Prayer Retreat – CSR
31 10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel 12 pm – Cherrie McNielly's Service – Sanctuary 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	February 1 <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts – SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	February 2 10 am Bible Study– CSR 6:30 pm – 8:30pm – HOA Meeting in the CSR 7 pm Theology Pub – La Veranda, Pittsburg	February 3 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	February 4 6 pm – 8 pm – RCC Support Group in the CSR 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Social hall	February 5 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	Feb. 6



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

JANUARY EVENTS AT ECSM

Epiphany Party

*Sunday, January 3rd after church during fellowship.
Come have some cupcakes & see who will be King or Queen for a day.*

Interfaith Dr. King Event

*Monday, January 18th at noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
(1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek).*

*Rev. Dr. Henry Perkins of First Baptist Church of Pittsburg
is the keynote speaker.*

Annual Congregational Meetings

FCCA's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 24th after church in
the Stoneman Room.

CPC's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 24th after church in
the Sanctuary.