



ECSM NEWS

Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg
Sharing Ministry with
First Congregational Church of Antioch



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

Happy Birthday FCCA! As our sister congregation celebrates their sesquicentennial celebration we also need to mark our storied history.

When Nortonville was being dismantled, the families dispersed to create Antioch and some families moved to what was called New York Landing. FCCA was established as a congregation and called a pastor soon after. The families in New York Landing created the Congregational Sunday School Society but couldn't afford a pastor, so they taught English using the Bible (which was the original use of SS).

As the Antioch Church built their building, New York Landing was being renamed Black Diamond and the Sunday School was renamed the Black Diamond Congregational Church and they brought the former school/church/town hall from Nortonville down by wagon and placed it in the new center of Black Diamond. In 1892, FCCA's pastor helped the Black Diamond Church call their first part-time pastor and they were organized as a Congregational church.

Both congregations grew with their cities. Black Diamond was renamed Pittsburg with the arrival of the Steel Mill and the community here raised funds to build a new building on Los Medanos Ave. in 1911, renaming themselves Community Congregational Church of Pittsburg. The brick building remains, with the Seventh Day Adventists still worshipping there. Many family names of our congregation remain on the stained glass there. The congregations grew and declined with the population and the closing of Camp Stoneman in the 1950s. Pittsburg lost many of jobs that supported the base and the city went through a huge transition, with new houses eventually built in the south side of town.

In the 1930s the Congregational Church and the

From the FCCA Pastor



Dear Friends,

First Congregational Church of Antioch is celebrating her 150th anniversary.

You are invited to the celebration!

Anniversary Pride Concert

Saturday, June 6 at 7:00pm

Featuring Cris Williamson and the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus

*Celebrating our Open and Affirming Welcome
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!!!*

Tickets are \$20.00

All proceeds will be donated to Heifer International.

Anniversary Worship Service

Sunday, June 7 at 10:00am

Followed by lunch in the Social Hall

Celebrating our faith, history, music, service and community.

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MAY EVENTS AT ECSM

Deacon's BBQ

Sunday, May 3rd immediately following worship. Ice Cream Social and the May Pole in the courtyard.

Joint Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30 am at Outback Steakhouse (4350 Century Blvd, Antioch)

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24th at 10:00 am in the Camp Stoneman Chapel

World Café Sunday

Sunday, May 31st at 10:00 am in the Social Hall

Pastor Will continues...

Christian Connection merged nationally and the Evangelical Synod and German Reformed denominations merged nationally. Over the next 20 years, they realized that each their churches were in different regions of the country, and decided to merge again as the United Church of Christ in 1957 with the theme "That they may all be one."

In the 1960s as the Ecumenical movement was at its height, the UCC, Methodist and Presbyterian church pastors in Pittsburg shared a common VBS and covered for each other's vacations. They considered merging like other multi-denominational congregations that began sharing ministry like Island United Church in Foster City, which started when UCC, Methodist and Presbyterian church planters found each other there. Meanwhile, in 1967 (the year I was born) Community Congregational bought the former Camp Stoneman Chapel and renovated it with a loan from the Conference. The three congregations worked together until the Methodists decided to go it alone. By 1971 the Presbyterians sold their building on Kirker Pass Rd. and merged with Community Congregational Church through the "Ecumenical Covenant" format being used then that merged congregations and let the congregation operate according to one of the polities. Through the written history and conversations I've had, it seems that the Pittsburg Church was allowed to operate under Presbyterian polity while giving half of their mission giving to both denominations and belonging to both.

As you can imagine, this made things confusing for UCCers who were used to a decision making process as a direct democracy versus the Presbyterians who were used to the representative democratic model in allowing Session to make most day to day decisions. Over the years, it has put a strain on our relationships with our regional bodies. There was conflict in the 1983 when the Northern and Southern Presbyterian movements merged and created a new constitution. There were also misunderstandings in the 1990s when the UCC Conference changed its mission giving model and we were counting all our members as Presbyterians. We all know the history of the last decade of our churches, but what a storied history we celebrate – together and separate from Nortonville to Pittsburg. Because, together we serve.

Pastor Will

Pastor Christy continues...

We hope you will join in the celebration. The Saturday night concert brings both Cris Williamson and the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus to East County. Come out and hear these great musicians....sing along to old favorites or experience music that may be totally new to you. Either way, join in celebrating our "radical hospitality." All are welcome in this space.

As we celebrate during our Sunday morning worship service and luncheon on June 7th, we will look back to those who preceded us--those who had the vision to found and sustain a church that has endured through time. We will honor their legacy and claim our own as we envision an ongoing faith community that will bless and nourish folks not yet born...even to the seventh generation.

We are drenched in the living waters of faith that have sustained the church for generations. In one of Cris Williamson's songs, she sings of our lives opening up and becoming like rivers of flowing water...filling up and spilling over...it's an endless waterfall.

When you open up your life to the living
All things come spilling in on you
And you're flowing like a river
the Changer and the Changed
You've got to spill some over
Spill some over
Spill some over
Over all

Filling up and spilling over
It's an endless waterfall
Filling up and spilling over
Over all

Filling up and spilling over with love is what we are called to do as people of faith. Jesus used the image of flowing water as a way to describe the presence of the Spirit in our lives and the power of that Spirit to bring nourishment and blessing to others. Jesus said, "Whoever is thirsty, should come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures said, 'From your innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" John 7:37-38

May the living water of our faith nourish and strengthen us for the work we are called to do in the name of the One who calls us. May we live into our call to be an Open and Affirming community where all are truly welcome.

Let FCCA and CPC claim the promise, blessing and challenge of our shared ministry as we celebrate FCCA's 150th anniversary.

Blessings,

Christy



Getting to Know Our New Members:

Janie and Jim Hodges

This is a new feature from our Welcome & Marketing Committee. We have questionnaires for our new members to complete so we can get to know them a little better.

About Janie:



I am: retired writer. I've been published in four anthologies – poems and short stories; novel in progress.

Proudest moment: giving birth to our son, only child.

Biggest challenge: learning to read, write and speak modern Hebrew – many moons ago.

Perfect day: sitting by the ocean with a picnic and writing poetry.

First job: Secretary.

My inspiration: deep spiritual revelations.

A few of my favorite things: Books, ocean, nature, family, friends.

About Jim:

I am: Retired (and enjoying it!)

Proudest moment: birth of our son.

Biggest challenge: overcoming my fascination with details to see the big picture.

Perfect day: Picnicking by the ocean or in the mountains and getting some photographs of nature's beauty

First job: working on a pickle dock for a canning company in Brighton, CO.

My inspiration: learning about faith journeys of those of all faith traditions.

A few of my favorite things: photography, kayaking, studying Bible



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

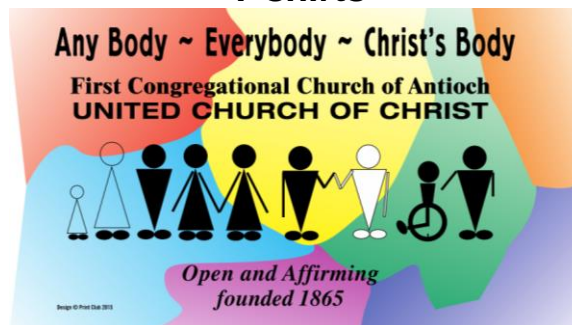
God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



FCCA Cabinet will meet in the Stoneman Room on Sunday, May 3rd at 8:30 am and on Sunday, May 17th following worship.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Our entertainment for the 150th Anniversary Pride Concert has been confirmed - Cris Williamson and the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus Ensemble will be performing June 6th at 7 p.m. in the Stoneman Chapel. Tickets will be a \$20 donation which goes to our Heifer International Ark. Watch your Sunday bulletins for details.

FCC Sesquicentennial T-shirts



In celebration of its 150th anniversary, FCCA is offering T-shirts commemorating the event. The cost is \$16.35, exclusive of the T-shirt. For those who are interested, bring a white T-shirt to Becki Peterson by May 17, or you may take your shirt directly to Print Club, 1913 Verne Roberts Circle in Antioch.

And just for good measure, here a few Sesquicentennial Moments for your edification:

1944 – Week day ecumenical Bible Study instituted which involved four churches and 135 pupils.

1948 – 203 food packages were sent to Germany and considerable clothing was sent to Hungary.

June, 1950 – Sponsored Displaced Persons who lived in the parsonage.

Please plan to join the celebration on **Sunday, June 7**, during worship and afterwards at our lunch party.



THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Upcoming Small Group Meetings:

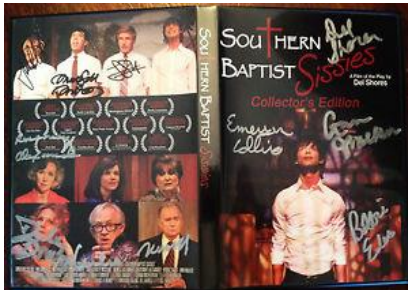
The **Joint FCCA-CPC Women's Luncheon** will next meet Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30 am at Outback Steakhouse, 4350 Century Blvd, Antioch.

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. **On May 4th we will meet at Bev Peterson's home with lunch after, contact Bev at 925.706.1541.**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the CSR to explore various biblical and theological issues. Right now we are finishing up a video series on Islam.

Outreach Committee: Our next meeting will be Monday, May 11th at 1:00 pm in the Stoneman room.

LGBT Film Night: Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm in the CSR. "Southern Baptist Sissies" is a touching and hilarious documentary about the experience of LGBTQ people who grown up as Southern Baptist. Don't miss it! Bring a snack to share and share in the fun. All are invited!



Fellowship Ministry: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00 pm in the Stoneman Room. All are welcome to join.

Welcome & Marketing Committee: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th at 3:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

Worship Committee: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th at 4:00 pm in the CSR.

Theology Pub will meet again on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm at EJ Phair's in Pittsburg. The next one will be June 2nd.

Scouts Mother's Day Breakfast: Sunday, May 10th at 8 am in the Social Hall. Suggested donation:\$5

Happy Birthday!



May

1	Kathleen Kenney
	Steve Hosmer
4	Jim Campbell
6	Val Galarza
7	Megan McGarvey
10	Shirley Thomas
11	Edie Lanstrom
12	Anne Marie Parker
	Shree Krishnan
16	Virginia Devens
	Mary Vargo
19	Richard Pankey
21	Alice Gibbons
23	Joshua Thomas Pickens -Bellinger
25	Tish Brown
	Jacob Zimmerman
27	Jayne Shipe
	Shelly Dorsie
	Lindsey Arms
30	Lynn Lessely
31	Ian Kindorf

Happy Anniversary!

May



1	Richard James & Jerry Castleberry (20 years dating 2012)
7	Mike and Betsy Sullivan
9	Tom and Eva Umholtz
29	Will and Becky McGarvey
31	Lois Zollars (Special day)

Weekly Worship Services CPC-FCCA

May 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.

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.

For the Living of These Days

By Edie Lanstrom

A few months ago I joined the congregation in the singing one of my favorite hymns: *God of Grace and God of Glory*. However, when I sang the refrain from the second verse:

“Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days,”

I wondered how Dr. Henry Emerson Fosdick who wrote the hymn in 1930 could possibly know anything about the problems in the 21st century so I looked up Henry Emerson Fosdick on the Internet.

Dr. Fosdick, who had a long-term ministry at Riverside Church in New York, wrote this hymn during the Great Depression. A time when men were riding the rails (hopping trains) in hope of finding a job in an unknown destination. In the evenings the men (hobos) would gather around camp fires with other hobos and hopefully share food while commiserating about their desperate state. The lucky jobless person had relatives who had an employed family member and would graciously share their meager food supply with their unemployed relative. The food might be beans and bread but it was food that filled empty stomachs.

It was a time when women belonged in the home obeying their husband. There were no workers' rights. A common belief was a poor worker's reward came in heaven. Against a restrictive, evangelical backdrop, Dr. Emerson Fosdick encouraged inclusion, non-violence, pacifism. Riverside Church supported women's rights, racial and civil rights, the ordaining of women, conflict resolution, immigrant rights, poverty eradication and labor law protections. Mm...This sounds like my church. Yes, Dr. Fosdick's hymn does minister to the problems of the 21st century.

“Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.”

Annual Gathering of the NCNCUCC Conference

June 11 – 14, 2015 Sonoma State University

This year's Annual Gathering will be held at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Our worship, plenary sessions, workshops and meals will take place in the university's Student Center. We will have access to its recreational facilities. We will use the university apartments for our housing.

All members and friends of the United Church of Christ are invited to come to Annual Gathering

Register by contacting Joy Davis: 510-247-8995, or
joy@ncncucc.org

Spring Meeting of Bay Association

~ @ City of Refuge !! ~

Saturday, May 2nd

8:45am to 9:15am Registration

\$10 donation

Continental Breakfast, Tour CoR new Oakland facility,
Fellowship & City of Refuge brief worship!!

new location : City of Refuge

8400 Enterprise Way, Oakland, CA 94621

This is directly off 880-N. @ intersection of Edes Ave & Enterprise Wy

Niles Discovery Church, United Church of Christ, invites you to this celebration and dedication of

their new worship and mission space. Gala Dedication, Reception and Open House at Niles Discovery Church Sunday, May 17, 3pm-6pm 36600 Niles Blvd. Fremont, Ca

Small Group Activity

Date: 07/25/2015 Time: 10:30am to 5:30pm

Event: Garlic Brothers Lunch Cruise boarding in Discovery Bay to Garlic Brothers in Stockton

Price per person is \$49.95

This cruise BOARDS IN DISCOVERY BAY and cruises to Garlic Brothers in Stockton. On this full day of adventure you can relax with your favorite drink (no-host Bar onboard) while listening to Captain Morgan's play list which features everything from Reggae, Blues, Country, Classic Rock, to the sounds of the Caribbean. We will navigate past three bridges, the Orwood Railroad Bridge, Bacon Island Swing Bridge, and the Turner Cut Slide Bridge. Traveling further up the river you will experience spectacular sights from the top deck of the Rosemarie which allows you a vantage point that provides panoramic views. We will then cross the San Joaquin River to arrive at Garlic Brothers Restaurant and Bar around 1:00pm for lunch. Lunch will be served "family style" which includes Bread & Oil/Vinegar, House Salad, Tri Tip, Herbed Chicken, Pesto Gemelli, Grilled Asparagus, and a Fountain Drink (alcoholic drinks sold separately). Your tax and tip for lunch is included in the cruise fee.

We will say goodbye to Garlic Brothers at 3:00pm and head back to Discovery Bay, arriving at the Discovery Bay Marina around 5:30pm. This adventure is one of the best values Captain Morgan offers and once you have experienced it, you will want to book it again and bring some friends before the summer is over.

Boarding Instructions: All cruise guests must meet inside the Boardwalk Grill Restaurant (5879 Marina Rd, Discovery Bay, CA 94505) in the lower Bar area at least thirty minutes prior to the cruise departure time listed above for a brief safety meeting that is required by the United States Coast Guard. After the safety meeting all cruise guests must sign in verifying they received the safety instructions prior to boarding the Rosemarie.

Small groups: Many of you signed up to participate in one of the small groups. I sent e-mails to those who signed up asking that within that group one of you volunteer to coordinate it. Some groups can be any one of those who signed up. Here is a list of the groups and the names of those who signed. It is not too late to add your name to the list. Just contact someone in the group and ask to have your name added. Or take the lead and plan an activity.

Hiking/Biking (Some will want to participate in both)

Carol Czarnowski—lead for bike rides
Christy Parks-Ramage
Mary Burks—maybe leading hikes/walks
Stevie Burks—bike
The Namany family; Gary, Gayle and Alyssa
Letha and David Arms—Bike
Sullivan Family—Betsy and Ethan—bike and hike
Sue Ferguson—hike

Book Club

Sandy Henry
Elaine Palmer

Wine Tasting - This one has met already and was very successful. May be the most popular!

Michael and Stephanie Capurro—coordinating outings
Mary Burks
Ginny McGuire
Betty LaMar
Will McGarvey
Tristan Mendoza and Matt Taum
Roberto and Nora Buluran
Myrdell and Chuck (DD) Dybdal
Judie Moore
Dick and Betty Pankey
Dave and Letha Arms
Jim and Janie Hodges
Cherie Persing
Sue Ferguson
Betsy Sullivan

Play Reading/discussion/theater

Betty Brown
Elaine Palmer
Joanne Chalmers
Stevie Burks
Mary Burks

Progressive Dinner

Ginny McGuire
Betty LaMar
Will McGarvey
Mary Burks
Michael and Stephanie Capurro
Carol and Steve Hosmer
Chuck and Myrdell Dybdal
Elaine Palmer
Jim and Janie Hodges
Richard James and Jerry Castleberry

Movies - This is one anyone can coordinate. If you see a movie you want to see just e-mail this group and invite them along.

Ginny McGuire
Carol Czarnowski
Betty LaMar
Christy Parks-Ramage (even if it's in Berkeley)
Will McGarvey (even if it's in Benicia)
Mary Burks
Carol Hosmer
Janice Campbell
Elaine Palmer
Judie Moore
Chuck Dybdal—the movie going king!

Crafts—all sorts of crafts! Work independently on your own project. It could morph into a class if you choose.

Will McGarvey
Stevie Burks
Nora Buluran
Sandy Henry
Betty Brown
Maxine Chan
Karen Hastings Flegel

Game Time

Chris and Cherie Persing
Carol Hosmer
Sandy Henry
Mary Burks
Myrdell and Chuck Dybdal
Janice Campbell
Judie Moore

There has been some talk about a campout. Any other ideas out there?

If you have questions about any of this please talk to Mary Burks. 925.427.7225

I volunteered to lead the small group interested in cycling (pedal not motor) but I thought we should start out with a safety class. Bike East Bay is a non-profit organization that provides free bicycle education classes for adults, youth, and families throughout the East Bay, and would be happy to set up a session for our group. It could be done at the church. The family workshops are on-bike trainings taught by their certified instructor. The classes are 2.5 hours long with both adults and youth participating, using their own bikes and helmets. A free BikeMobile repair service can also be scheduled to provide bike mechanics services on the day of the class as well. All attendees receive a free reflective vest for participating.

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in (friends & family welcome) please talk to me at church and/or email me at cmcjk@sbcglobal.net.

Let's Ride!

- Carol Czarnowski

Fellowship Hour: Thank you so much for those who keep this going! It always does work out through the dedicated help of some. We can always use more help. The areas needed are food donations, Set up, but mostly clean-up. Please help after fellowship any way you can. Whether it's washing dishes, drying and putting away dishes, putting the coffee pots away, taking out the trash and the blue recycle can. Thank you in advance for your help! Many hands make light the work.

Special Fellowship Hour Sundays:

May 3rd—Along with the Deacon's Barbecue the Fellowship Committee will be providing the ice cream and toppings.

May 10th—Mother's Day-- Another potluck. This time please bring the dish that was your favorite that your mama made! This should be interesting. Bring whatever you remember best and most fondly!

Bountiful Table: The Bountiful table will still be set up each Sunday for you to bring your extra produce from your trees and gardens to share with others.

Rummage Sale...A date has been set aside for this if someone or several someone's come forward to help put this on. September 26, 2015. Talk to Mary Burks, Myrdell Dybdal or George Stephens.

Pride on the Plaza, 2015!

Sunday May 31st 1:00pm-5:00pm

Join us for our 8th Annual Pride on the Plaza! The Pride celebration will take place at Todos Santos Plaza in Concord, and will include performances, games, entertaining MC's, booths, and a Beer Garden!

Performances by:

Honey Mahogany!

Stephanie Nicole le Dream!

Young talent from the RCC youth program!

YOUTH GROUP

think . . . Youth Group Adventures

Many thanks to the youth and leaders who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success.

Saturday, May 16 – 10:00a-3:00p – an outing combining service and fun. We have an opportunity to help prepare and serve a meal for the hungry at our church. Any level of cooking ability is welcome. After helping at the meal program, we plan to go to Walden Park in Walnut Creek to play **disc golf**! This fun sport is played with Frisbees instead of balls and metal baskets instead of holes. It is also known as frolf, folf, Frisbee disc, or Frisbee golf. R.S.V.P. Karen (325-7742 call or text; korgan81@yahoo.com). No money is required for this outing, but do bring a Frisbee if you have one.

Thursday, May 28 – 5:00-7:00p – dinner, croquet, something spiritual, youth-chosen discussion topic – Youth, this is YOUR chance to decide what we talk about.

We are working on plans for a summer mission trip!

Westminster Woods: Enrollment is open for Summer Camp! It's for grades 2-12! And the church has scholarships available! Talk to Karen, Judy or Mary. The link to register is:

<http://www.westminsterwoods.org/summer-camps/>

1st Annual Antioch Care & Share Faire:

Saturday, June 13th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 620 E. Tregallas Rd, Antioch. Come & meet representatives from area nonprofits, government agencies and churches here to help you and your family thrive. Find out about different assistances available to adults, seniors, and youth. Resources and programs for every economic situation. Every kind of support you may need all in one easy location.

Donations for Shepherd's Gate: On mother's day we will be blessing donations to Shepherd's Gate. Please begin to bring the following items April 26th – May 10th.

Groceries needed:

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| -Canned fruits, vegetables, & beans | -Condiments | -Milk, creamer & juices |
| -Ground coffee | -Fresh fruits and vegetables | -Bread |
| -Cereal | -Spaghetti sauce & pasta | -Frozen meats (chicken, beef, ground beef, pork) |
| -Canned tuna | -Eggs & butter | -Baking items (flour, sugar, seasonings) |
| -Macaroni and cheese | -Instant potatoes | -Syrup |
| -Snack Crackers | -Salad dressing & salsa | |

Shepherd's Gate has earned a reputation for rebuilding shattered lives. Since 1984, we have helped over 10,000 battered and homeless women and children. We provide faith based shelter and services for women and their children who are homeless because of abusive relationships, addictions, loss of financial support and other factors. Shepherd's Gate is about new beginnings; we restore hope and redirect our residents' lives through a Christ-centered program. Shepherd's Gate is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS and qualified to grant receipts for tax-deductible donations.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

May 3rd

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26–40; Psalms 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

Rev. Will McGarvey

May 10th

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

May 17th

7th Sunday of Easter

Sparkle Sunday

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

Rev. Will McGarvey

May 24th

Pentecost

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

May 31st

World Café Sunday

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29

Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

Rev. Will McGarvey

First Sunday is Deacons' Sunday

The first Sunday of each month is Deacons' Sunday.

You'll find special green offering envelopes in the pews for a special contribution to the Deacons. The offering helps as we supply emergency relief for members of our church family and others in need.

Thank you for your support.



World Café Sunday

**May 31st at 10:00 am
in the Social Hall**



WORSHIP LEADERS

May 3rd

Jane Fish

George Stephens & Patsy Nash

Chris & Cherie Persing

May 10th

Mary Burks

TBD

The Arms' Family

May 17th

Carol Czarnowski

Dave & Letha Arms

Janice Campbell

May 24th

New Way

Chris & Cherie Persing

Patsy Nash

May 31st

Sandy Henry

Matt Taum & Tristan Mendoza

Richard & Betty Pankey

June 7th

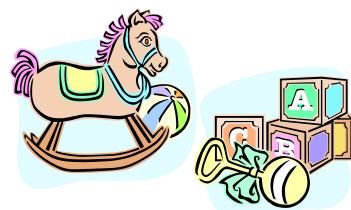
Mike Sullivan

TBD

Matt Taum & Tristan Mendoza

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.

There is now an attendant in the nursery so if you have little ones please plan to come to church and know they will be taken care of.



PRAYER PAGE

Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Kathy Anderson, Pam H. & Rebecca P. – health issues, Janis Harris Bellinger and Dorothy Shipe. Elaine Little, Carol Krishnan's sister. Lucille Corzine. Elaine Grothmann, Anne and Scott Cakebread. Jerry Castleberry, Richard James, Betty LaMar. Cherrie McNeilly, Edie Lanstrom, Kendall Lanstrom, Margaret Wilcox. Barbara Sellers. Cherie & Daniel Persing. Jim Magner. Kathy Kenney. Paul Telfer, Mary Vargo. Jackie in Israel, Lili's friend who is battling breast cancer. Jason, Becki Peterson's friend's son (9, chemotherapy). Kookie McGuire. Nora Buluran. Elwin, Bev Peterson's husband. Jay Shipe. Gayle Namanny's sister, Sue who has a severe bone infection.

Prayers of Concern

Those affected by the recent violence here and abroad. Those affected by the natural disasters in Northern & Southern California, Hawaii, the Philippines, New York, New Jersey, Japan, Chile, Panama, Haiti, Cuba 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. The Wells Family. Lois Arseneau as she grieves the death of her sister. The Garvey/Unangst Family. Jane Fish and her family as they grieve the death of her sister JoAnn. Betty Pankey. Elaine Grothmann's sister, Marilyn and family after the death of her husband Buck. The family of Ethel Stow as they grieve her death. Billie Magner as she grieves the death of her husband, Jim.

Prayers For Our Mission Partners

Prayers for the ministry of Habitat for Humanity and 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.



Prayers For Sisters and 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.

May Prayer Families & Churches

May 3

The Custer-Ortega Family
Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
Mary Vargo
Filipino – American UCC – Fremont

May 10

Richard & Betty Pankey
First Presbyterian Church – Concord
Margaret Wilcox
Filipino-American Evangelical UCC – Fremont

May 17

The Parker Family
Mision Hispana NCD, Concord
Carrie Worchel
Niles Discovery Church DOC UCC – Fremont

May 24

The Pease Family
Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church – Concord
Donita Young
Vine Moni UCC – Fremont

May 31

Chris and Cherie Persing
Broadmoor Presbyterian Church – Daly City
Joe & Carolina Zamora
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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

April 21, 2015

Call to order at 6:40 p.m. at Dave Arms' home by checking in.

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

Elders excused: George Stephens

Prayer was led by Will, followed by reading Mission Statement.

Docket was read, additions made and approved.

MSC to approve minutes of March 17 Session Meeting.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Clerk of Session: 68 members.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's Report: Lenten Contemplative Service. Joint Personnel meeting. Accompanied Karla Garvey to visit with Federal Glover's chief of staff. Meal Program. Went to Richard James' birthday party in Hayward. Theology Pub. Women's Fellowship. Maundy Thursday service at Clayton Valley PC. Good Friday Ecumenical service at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Antioch. World Cafe follow up brunch. Preached at both Easter services. East County FAITHS Foundation colloquium. Committee meetings. Monthly Musicians-Pastors lunch. East County CROP Hunger Dinner at Holy Rosary. Joint Personnel meeting interviewing an organist candidate. RCC Clergy event. Presbytery meeting. Met with Rescue Mission which is looking to expand a shelter to East County. Taught Biblical Self Defense to 14 teens at the RCC. East County CROP Hunger Walk.

Presbytery Meeting report: April 14 presbytery meeting at First PC, Burlingame, Myrdell attended as an elder commissioner. Trend for presbytery meetings is toward fellowship, sharing information, and education. A new introduction is a Bible study at each meeting. Presbytery voted on amendments to the constitution, including approving 14-F which revises the definition of marriage and permits clergy to officiate same sex weddings and sessions to approve hosting them on church property. This amendment had already been approved by the required number of presbyteries before the SF presbytery vote. Next presbytery meeting will be June 9 at Lafayette-Orinda PC in Lafayette.

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

Deacons: Report emailed by Chuck Dybdal

Event Coordinator: No report

Nominating Committee: No report. If we do not have a congregational meeting by September we will need to call a special congregational meeting to elect four members-at-large to the Nominating Committee..

Personnel Committee: Session is tasked with appointing up to two members-at-large to the Personnel Committee. Two names were suggested and Will will ask them if they are willing to serve.

Partnership Visioning Committee: Committee will meet May 3, another World Cafe is scheduled for May 31.

Consent Calendar: None

COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Report emailed by Dave Arms.

Christian Education: Tristan is beginning planning for VBS.

Fellowship: Report emailed by Mary Burks. Wine Tasting small group had a successful outing.

Outreach: March report sent by Barbara Sellers. Betsy reported that a Meals on Wheels representative attended the April Outreach Committee meeting. A possible outreach activity would be for ECSM to commit to a Pittsburg and/or Antioch delivery route one day a week. **MSC to approve hosting Winter Nights 2/15-2/29/16.** Outreach Committee will be the coordinating group. Tristan reported on the Meal Program. The committee will meet and make decisions on when and how often we will serve lunch. A possibility is to serve bag lunches if the social hall is not available for a meal service.

The next meal program is scheduled for May 16.

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Finance & Stewardship: No report. Betsy feels the committee will now have time to work on policies for building usage, categorizing rentals and fees, sponsored groups, etc.

Welcoming & Marketing: Report emailed by Elaine Palmer

Worship: Report emailed by Ann Custer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter from Danville Congregational Church re: discussion about partnering to open a preschool. Will will respond that this is not feasible for us at this time.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Adding cloud feature to Servant Keeper database software at \$49.99/month, in addition to \$600 one-time fee for program and guidebooks: Consensus is that the cloud feature is not necessary at this time.
- Update on improved projection in the chapel: Will has not yet had contact with Best Buy.
- Discussion on copier: We will discuss this when the current copier lease expires.
- Are we doing anything (beverages?) for the FCCA event in June: We welcome FCCA's suggestions.
- Are we working on a vision statement: Not at this time.
- Community forum with representatives of Pittsburg and Antioch Police Departments: Will hopes to now have time to pursue this

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with final group prayer.

Next Session Meeting: May 19, 2015

hosted by Mary.

Mary is scheduled to prepare elements for May communion.

Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting:
date to be determined

Myrdell Dybdal,
Clerk of Session



Easter 2015

CPC Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance on Feb. 1:	\$37,035.17
February Income:	16,001.53
February Expenses:	11,967.75
Ending Balance:	\$41,068.95

SAVE THE DATE!



This year's Vacation Bible School will be August 7th - 9th. More details to follow. If you would like to be a part of the team please contact the Christian Ed director, Tristan Mendoza via email: ionicgrey@gmail.com

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



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

MAY EVENTS AT ECSM

Deacon's BBQ

*Sunday, May 3rd immediately following worship.
Ice Cream Social and the May Pole in the courtyard.*

Joint Women's Fellowship

*Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30 am at Outback Steakhouse
(4350 Century Blvd, Antioch)*

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24th at 10:00 am in the Camp Stoneman Chapel

World Café Sunday

Sunday, May 31st at 10:00 am in the Social Hall

JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2015

April 26 10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	27 <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 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - Sanctuary	28 10 am Bible Study - CSR 7:00 pm LGBT Film - CSR 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - SH	29 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - SH	30 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	May 1 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	May 2 8 am Bay Association Mtg 8:30am Men's Breakfast Group at Ihop 4 pm - Private Event
3 8:30 am FCCA Cabinet Meeting - CSR 8:30 Deacon's Meeting - SH 9:00am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel 11:30am Deacon's BBQ 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	4 <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study at Bev Peterson's House</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - Sanctuary	5 10 am Bible Study - CSR 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - SH	6 11:30 Women's Fellowship at Outback Steakhouse 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - SH	7 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 6:30 pm RCC Group - JR High Room 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	8 7:00 pm PCT Rehearsal - SH 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	9
10 8 am Scouts Mother's Day Breakfast - SH 10:00 am Sunday Service - Chapel 11:30am Mother's Day Potluck Fellowship 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	11 <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i> 1:00 pm 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 1:00 pm Fellowship Meeting - CSR 3:00 pm Welcome Meeting 4:00 pm Worship Meeting - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	14 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	15 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	16 12 noon Free lunch Meal Program in the Social Hall 4:00 pm Private Event in the Social Hall
17 10:00 am Sparkle Sunday Service in the Chapel 11:30 am FCCA Cabinet Meeting 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	18 <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	19 10 am Bible Study- CSR 6:30 pm Session Meeting	20 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	21 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 6:30 pm RCC Group - JR High Room 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	22 *June Newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today! 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	23 4:30 pm Private event - SH
24 10:00 am Pentecost Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	25 Memorial Day Office Closed <i>No Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i>	26 Bible Study takes a break. 7:00 pm LGBT Film - CSR	27 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	28 5:00 pm Youth Group - SH 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	29 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	30
31 10:00 am World Café Sunday Service in the Social Hall 1:00 pm Pride on The Plaza at Todos Santos Park 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	June 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	June 2 6:30 - 8:30 HOA meeting - CSR	June 3 11:30 Women's Fellowship 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	June 4 6:30 - 7:30 pm Save Your Praise for God Bible Study - CSR 6:30 pm RCC Group - JR High Room 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Band Practice - Chapel	June 5 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	June 6 FCCA 150TH Anniversary Concert 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The Community Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg
is once again hosting a delightful

Free Lunch Event

Enjoy a warm meal with us.
Music and smiles are also free.

Saturday, May 16th

12:00 noon

200 EAST LELAND ROAD

We are that white chapel between the old Smit's
Family Restaurant and Stoneman Village.

We are in the process of making this a monthly service to the community. We are looking for more volunteers. Please call (925) 439-9361 to learn more about this meal program.