



# ECSM NEWS

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



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## From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

April showers bring May flowers. Or so they say. Have you noticed that every time it rains, it takes a little longer to get where you need to go, and sometimes others keep driving like the roads are dry and end up getting into accidents.

Highway 4 was stopped a few times in the last few weeks, once with a shooting, but many other times because of accidents. Once this week, I saw an SUV that had rolled over.

I've noticed with the opening of much more of the freeway that people are going faster and more aggressively than before, and I've experienced a purposeful squealing of tires and revving of engines a couple of times recently.

Do you give yourselves time to get to where you want to go? What happens if the traffic backs up, or the rain comes down so hard that you have to slow down just to see the road? How well do we allow space in our lives for the unexpected?

Letters and pages in books and magazines offer margins, not only so you can hold on while reading but to give you space to write in your responses and make notes. It's called marginalia. Sometimes we need to create greater margins in our lives. I'm taking a couple weeks of vacation in May, having put it off too long thinking that Becky and I were going to take a trip together that fell through. Now, as I've looked at the rest of my schedule in May, there's very little margin to schedule much else. At least I've carved out Mother's Day weekend to be with Becky and the family up in Chico with Megan and then more time around Ian's graduation in late May.

## From the FCCA Pastor



Dear Friends,

*"O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise."*

The above words express a vision of a world where diversity, acceptance and welcome are the foundations of all our relationships. Based in the power of God's unconditional love, we embrace this vision of inclusivity.

As Pentecost approaches on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to celebrate this vision of the world in our own community. On Pentecost we celebrate the Spirit's arrival in wind and fire, inspiring the early disciples to speak in a variety of languages so all those assembled in Jerusalem at the time could hear and understand the message of the resurrected Jesus in his or her own language.

Pentecost is a mysterious occasion...with wind and fire and doves and multiple languages. In the midst of all the mystery, what is clear is that the Spirit revealed the essence of Jesus' teachings so that all people could hear and understand the message.

The key to Pentecost is the power of its radical inclusivity. Acts 2:1-11 records the story of this inclusivity and how it stunned those who experienced it.

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."*

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## Pastor Will continues...

I appreciate Tristan and Matt and the Hodges clan for their deep sharing over the last two weekends as we have continued the conversations around welcome and hearing each other's stories. Thanks for your vulnerability, and reminding us that we are all works in progress.

I've found an open night to offer the Biblical Self Defense course on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you've never gone through this multimedia experience I invite you to come join the conversation and see what the Bible says about sexual orientation and gender diversity and marriage in their context.

How else can we as a congregation grow in our understanding of others? Come to a Bountiful Table lunch just to get to know who shows up. Take a Muslim, Black or Hispanic friend to lunch and ask what life is like for them right now. Pay the toll for the cars behind you sometime. Go to a Mosque on Friday afternoon, or a Jewish Shabbat service on Saturday morning or the Sikh Temple on Crestview on Sunday morning. Attend an NAACP meeting or go to the City Council and ask your city to do more for the homeless. Search Netflix for documentaries like Race: The Power of an Illusion on PBS or Malcolm X. Or do something radical like attend Tuesday morning Bible Study. We are watching a video series on Genesis that's pretty interesting.

Together we serve,

*Pastor Will*

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### Pastors' schedule:

Christy will be visiting her parents in SoCal from May 3 to May 10. She will be celebrating her mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. For pastoral care: Contact the church office (925) 439-9361.

Will will be on vacation May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. For pastoral care contact: Jack Shriver - 925.699.7075 (May 7-10) and Christy Parks-Ramage 510.847.4650 (May 23-June 1) or the church office (925) 439-9361.

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**Palestine Program** May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Manar Vosgueritchian and her pastor husband will share about her non-profit work in East Jerusalem and about what it's like to live in the occupied West Bank.

## Pastor Christy continues...

*Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ...In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'"*

On that first Pentecost, people from very different places experienced the inclusive power of the Spirit. Each person heard the disciples' words spoken in language that they could understand.

The message of love and inclusivity was available to each person gathered in that Jerusalem crowd. Can we be inspired by that inclusivity to continue in our commitment to create a Beloved Community that welcomes all.

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends.  
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

The challenge of our faith is to trust the strength of God's love to support and sustain us in our efforts to create the Beloved Community in our midst.

We live in a world where intolerance, targeting, and exclusion are gaining momentum. Our sister church, Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church just over Kirker Pass in Clayton raised a rainbow flag as a sign of the church's commitment to inclusivity. Vandals removed the flag more than once and eventually burned it. Each time the flag was vandalized, the church flew a new flag. The church continued to bear witness to inclusivity.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us also celebrate Clayton Valley Pres and their witness. May the power of the Spirit of Pentecost continue to create inclusive, welcoming communities.

Blessings,

*Christy*

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

God is still speaking,  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**FCCA Cabinet** will meet in the Stoneman Room on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**CALLED TO CARE:** The next training will be May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at noon in the Camp Stoneman Room. Contact Pastor Christy or Sandy Henry if interested.



You are cordially invited to the  
Baby Shower for

*Jessica Natal*

June 5, 2016

11:30 am

after worship, Potluck Salad Luncheon

Registered at **BABIES'R US** & **TARGET**

\* To be included in a group gift contact Ginny McSwire

One small request that won't be too hard...

Please bring a book instead of a card,

Whether *Cat in the Hat* or *Winnie the Pooh*,

You can sign the inside cover with a note from you.

By signing your book, we will remember and share

Your special gift, even when you're not there!

## Thank You Corner

Thank you to **Ann Custer**, for all your help in the Church office with newsletters and other miscellaneous tasks!

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Groceries needed:

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

*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.*

The next **Joint Cabinet/Session Meeting** will be Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in the Stoneman Room.

**Weekly Worship Services CPC-FCCA**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## Upcoming Small Group Meetings:

**Theology Pub:** Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at Pete's Restaurant and Brewhouse (2709 Hillcrest Ave., Antioch).

The **Joint FCCA-CPC Women's Luncheon** will next meet Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at The Red Caboose (210 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch CA).

**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 Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Fellowship Ministry:** our next meeting will be Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Stoneman Room.

**Worship Committee:** our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Ann Custer's home.

**Outreach Committee:** Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the CSR.

**Welcome & Marketing Committee:** Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**LGBT Film Night:** The next film night will be Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event:** Our church is hosting free lunches every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will be May 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.**

**Calling all Grads!** Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Be sure to call/email the Church office with all the information.



**AIDS LifeCycle or ALC** is a fully supported, 7-day bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise money and awareness in the fight against HIV/AIDS. AIDS/LifeCycle 2016 will take place June 5th thru June 11, 2016. Marcia Molina, Venture Crew leader is raising money for this amazing charity through individual donations. If you would like to submit your donation online or learn more about this amazing organization and cause, please visit my virtual donation page at <http://www.tofighthiv.org/goto/lulu2016>.

## Happy Birthday!



### May

1	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

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

## 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

## 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](mailto:cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net)

## Fellowship Ministry – Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day.** A cake will be provided to honor all the moms. The Boy Scouts will be having a pancake breakfast in the social hall starting at 8:00 AM
- ❖ **May 29** - Ice Cream Social. Bring toppings to share. Ice Cream provided by the pastors.
- ❖ **June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Jessica's Baby shower
- ❖ **June 19<sup>th</sup>** Father's Day. Baked Potato Bar. Potatoes provided. You will be asked to provide toppings. The sign-up list will be available starting May 29<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Potluck Bring a Red, White or Blue food to celebrate Independence Day

Treat providers needed for June 12 and 26. Please sign on the calendar in the social with what you can provide. This way several people can share in bringing some things.

## Tips for helping with coffee hour.

Help cleaning up coffee hour is always accepted. Just a couple of tips:

- When putting the coffee pots away it is helpful to just wind the cord around the pot so you don't have to try to figure out which cord goes to which pot the next time. It's also helpful to just return the innards of the pot back into the pot.
- Place all of the supplies back in the cabinet where they are stored.
- Take the large blue recycling can outside and place it near the dumpster.
- If you have any questions please ask Mary or Ginny.

## Little Free Library

The LFL is still doing well. The books flow in and out. Which is a very good thing!

The little children's books flow mostly out! I am asking again if you come across any books for toddlers and pre-school if you could please donate them. So if you are at yard sales or thrift stores and you see any please, if you could, pick them up for our library. It would be greatly appreciated by me and the parents who take them for their kids. I'm going to put a reminder in the red library that it is take a book, give a book. So maybe some of those will come back.

We have plenty of books for the elementary through young adult age group, so that is not a problem. I can also always use newer adult fiction books, too.

Thank you all for supporting our library! If you want to help out at any time just let me know. I'm still looking for an assistant steward.

Mary Burks, Library Steward

## Meals with Friends, now called Time with Friends.

With the name change this leaves your group open to do whatever you want. You decide! Any time, anything, any date! Our initial time period will be over this month. If you want to be included in the next go around, which will cover the summer months, please let Mary Burks know so we can add you.

## Equal Exchange

Coffee, Tea and Chocolate will be available during social hour most Sundays. The cart with the product will be near the drink table. Please pick out what you want and then find Mary Burks to give the money to. These items make great gifts, too. Just an idea!

## PaintNite Fundraiser at CPC

May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - You don't have to be an artist to be creative. It's okay if you've never painted anything but your walls! Come join us and the artist for fun and fellowship. Please call Jude Stephens for more information at 925-698-1946 (Tickets are \$45 each and should be purchased no later than **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** to hold our reservation.)

## Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast:

The Boy Scout Troop & Venture Crew 48 are hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall before church from 8 am - 10 am. The cost is \$5.00 and the proceeds will help young scouts attend Summer Camp. Breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice, a gift for Mom, and there will also be a silent Auction. Hope to see you there!

## think...YOUTH GROUP!

Minutire Golf field trip! Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, time and location to be determined. Interested in going? Contact Judy or Will!

## NCNCUCC 2016 Annual Gathering.

Race, racial justice, and dismantling racism will be the focus of NCNC's 2016 Annual Gathering, June 16 – 19, at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Our theme — “Have You Seen Your Neighbor?” — is drawn from I John 4: 7 – 21, our focus Bible text for the event. Please go online to register for this event.

**Biblical Self Defense:** On Thursday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Stoneman Room. Pastor Will leads a conversation about what the Bible really say about LGBTQ inclusion.

**CHOIR:** May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at CVPC. Pickup choir practice with Clayton Valley Pres for May 10<sup>th</sup> worship at 7:00 pm for Presbytery meeting.

## Captain Morgan Delta Adventure Trip July 9, 2016

Below is the Captain Morgan Delta Adventure trip information for 2016. Please see below for details. If you would like to go on this trip, please go on line and get your tickets. The web site is listed below. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Ginny at (661) 993-1225. Remember that seating is limited, so to assure a place on the cruise, please get your tickets as soon as possible.

[http://www.captainmorgansdeltaadventures.com/Adventure\\_Packages.html#Rosas\\_Lunch\\_Cruise\\_DB\\_07\\_09\\_2016](http://www.captainmorgansdeltaadventures.com/Adventure_Packages.html#Rosas_Lunch_Cruise_DB_07_09_2016)

**Date:** 07-09-2016

**Time:** 10:30am to 6:00pm

**Event:** Rosa's Lunch Cruise Boarding in Discovery Bay and cruising to Tower Park Marina & Resort in Lodi.  
**Price:** \$59.95pp.

This cruise **BOARDS IN DISCOVERY BAY** and cruises to Rosa's Restaurant in Lodi (Tower Park Marina & Resort).

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 two bridges, the Orwood Railroad Bridge and Bacon Island Swing 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 Rosa's Restaurant and Bar around 1:00pm for lunch. Lunch will be served buffet style and include a Salad Bar with tomatoes, cheese, olives, cucumbers, egg crumbles, beans, red onions, mushrooms and croutons. Dressings will be Ranch, Italian, Blue Cheese and Caesar. The main course will be Beef with Mushroom Sauce, New Potatoes, Pasta, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Tea, or Soft Drink (alcoholic drinks sold separately). Your tax and tip for lunch is included in the cruise fee.

We will say goodbye to Rosa's at 3:00pm and head back to Discovery Bay, arriving at the Discovery Bay Marina around 6:00pm. This adventure is another great value that 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

## Letter Carriers Food Drive:

**You Can Help:** Helping Stamp Out Hunger is as easy as checking your mailbox. Just leave a bag of non-perishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will then pick up and deliver the food to a local food bank. Examples of non-perishable items include:

- Canned soup
- Canned meats and fish
- Canned vegetables, fruits and juices
- Boxed goods (such as cereal)
- Pasta and rice

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit either [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com) or [www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger](https://www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger), and follow the drive at [www.twitter.com/StampOutHunger](https://www.twitter.com/StampOutHunger).

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Build-A-Thon



Friday, June 17 through Tuesday, June 21

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Muir Ridge Development  
401 Heron Lane, Martinez, CA 94553

From our Building on Faith Framing Blitz in 2015, you know just how powerful 1000 hands are.

Join us in 2016 to celebrate 30 years of building homes and hope with Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.

**Not a builder? We've got a job for you!** We usually need 10-20 volunteers per day of the Build-A-Thon to help with food, parking, registration, and many other tasks. Your help makes the whole event run smoothly.

Spots go quickly, so don't hesitate to reach out via email at [TBommarito@HabitatEBSV.org](mailto:TBommarito@HabitatEBSV.org) or 510-803-3375 with any questions about how to get involved.

# MAY CELEBRATIONS

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Communion Sunday**

Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**Rev. Will McGarvey**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

**Guest: Rev. Jack Shriver**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday  
Sparkle Sunday**

**Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Guest: Sandhya Jha**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RAINBOW**  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**PRIDE ON THE PLAZA 2016**

**Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm-5pm**

Come out and join us on [Harvey Milk Day](#) for a prideful day of fun and celebration.

This event is for the whole community- bring your family and friends!

*Betsy Sullivan has a signup sheet for those who would like to volunteer*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

Jane Fish  
Steve Hosmer  
Patsy Nash

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

Steve Hosmer  
George & Jude Stephens  
The Arms' Family

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

Betty Brown  
Chris & Cherie Persing  
George & Jude Stephens

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

New Way  
Mary Burks  
Chris & Cherie Persing

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

Sandy Henry  
Matt Taum & Tristan Mendoza  
Janice Campbell

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters

Myrdell Dybdal  
*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](mailto: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.

## Deacons' BBQ tickets on sale

Tickets for the May 15 Deacons' Barbeque are now available.

Tickets are \$5 for an individual and \$15 for a family. Just ask one of the CPC deacons – Nora Buluran, Janice Campbell, Michael Capurro, Chuck Dybdal or Jude Stephens – and they'll be glad to sell you a tickets.

The Deacons' Barbeque will be held after the May 15 service. The menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs, beans, salads, ice cream and cookies.

# PRAYER PAGE

## Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, 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. 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. Grace, Donald Lang's grandmother. Tristan's Uncle Macy, who is undergoing treatment for his Leukemia. Lyn Loftin.

## 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. Friends and family of Kathy Anderson.

## 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.

## May Prayer Families & Churches

May 1

The Hosmer Family  
**Old First Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Joe & Carolina Zamora  
**First Congregational UCC – San Francisco**

May 8

Ben & Debi Johnson  
**Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Pamela Amison  
**First Samoan Congregational UCC – SF**

May 15

The Kindorf Family  
**St. James Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Lois Arseneau  
**Pilgrim Community UCC – San Francisco**

May 22

Kal & Carol Krishnan  
**St. John's Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Jim & Leah Becker  
**St. John's UCC – San Francisco**

May 29

Betty LaMar  
**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Janis Harris Bellinger  
**Congregational Church of Almaden Valley UCC – San Jose**



# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Minutes of Regular Stated Meeting of Session

April 19, 2016

**Call to order** at 6:40 p.m. at Tristan Mendoza's home by checking in. We reflected on Chapter 2 of "Grounded", the book we are currently studying. We will review chapter 3 at the May session meeting.

**Elders present:** Ruling Elders: Tristan Mendoza, Mary Burks, George Stephens, Betsy Sullivan, Myrdell Dybdal, Dave Arms (by speaker phone) 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 and approved.**

**MSC to approve minutes of March 12 session meeting**

**MSC to approve the following Consent Calendar:**

- Communion will be served on the first Sunday of each month, and any of the following services if it's appropriate to the worship committee: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise Service and the regular Easter Service.
- Pastor Will's vacation dates May 7-10 and May 23-June 1, 2016. Pastor Christy will cover most of the time, and Rev. Jack Shriver will preach May 8<sup>th</sup> and CPC will pay the honorarium for his preaching. FCCA will pay for Rev. Sandhya Jha on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for Housing Sabbath.
- "Paint Night" as a fundraiser May 6, with proceeds going to the general operating fund.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Clerk of Session:** 61 members. Bob Flegel's membership was transferred to Grace PC, Walnut Creek March 15, 2016.

**Correspondence:** Presbyterian Mission Agency, with information about applying for grants from "monies available from unassigned General Mission Restricted Funds."

**Pastor's Report:** Dinner with the Benicia church members. Regular Bible Studies and committees. Theology Pub. Inquirers class and tour of the church building. Called to Care discussion. LGBTQ Film Night. Maundy Thursday service at CPC (with images). Good Friday service at CPC (with images). Birthday dinner for Ian. Preached at Sunrise Service at John Henry Johnson Park. Church Easter celebration (with images). Interview with Spencer Wilkinson for his documentary on the Interfaith Choir of Oakland. Multi-Faith Action Coalition Steering Committee. Ozumo's Worship meeting. Meeting with a grieving couple. Antioch City Council meeting on emergency housing for the homeless. Memorial for the Hosmer's Great-Grandchild Helios Woodward. that died prematurely. East County CROP Hunger Walk. GA orientation at the SF Presbytery office.

**Presbytery Meeting report:** Next presbytery meeting will be May 10 at Clayton Valley PC, Clayton. Clayton Valley PC has invited CPC to help with hosting the meeting by providing communion elements and 3-5 volunteers. Mary plans to go. First two elders to sign in will serve as commissioners. Packet will be available at [www.presbyteryofsf.org](http://www.presbyteryofsf.org) April 30. Pastor Will and Pastor Barbara Barkley will be sharing in leadership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Emailed by Cherie Persing, reviewed. Session appreciates the additional account detail reports Cherie provided.

**Deacons:** Report of March 12 and April 10 meeting emailed by Chuck Dybdal. Deacons Barbecue will be May 15, tickets are now available.

**Event Coordinator:** Jessica sent a graph report of building usage and the regular report.

**Nominating Committee:** No report

**Personnel Committee:** Mary has talked with Jessica about coverage during her maternity leave.

**Partnership Visioning Council:** No report.

**Bountiful Table meal program:** Meal was served April 16, with Clayton Valley PC organizing this time.

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## COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

**Building & Grounds:** Report emailed by Dave April 9. **MSC to pay for the floor stripping and waxing out of account 21121 (Social Hall Deferred Maintenance).**

**Christian Education:** Gayle Namanny and Tristan continue to work on cleaning out the Christian Education office space.

**Fellowship:** Fellowship Ministry will meet April 20. Discussed the Equal Exchange program that Mary has organized. When there is a positive balance Mary would like to use the funds to purchase Equal Exchange coffee for fellowship hour.

**Outreach:** Betsy emailed a report of March 14 and April 11 meetings.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Report of April 12 Finance Committee meeting emailed by George.

**Welcoming & Marketing:** March 16 meeting minutes emailed by Elaine Palmer. Committee will next meet April 20

**Worship:** March 9 and April 13 meeting minutes emailed by Ann Custer.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **MSC to hire Office Manager Jessica Natal's friend Jessica Prieto to cover for her while she is on six week maternity leave at \$15 per hour for six hours a week, contingent on FCCA sharing the expense.** The cost to CPC would be \$270, charged to Office Manager account.
- In light of the recent vandalism of rainbow flags at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, **MSC to receive a special freewill offering Sunday, April 24 to be sent to Clayton Valley PC to show our support and solidarity.**

## CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Edgewater Church rent/lease update: the church declined our proposal and has made other arrangements
- Lynn Center Preschool is using the parking lot and has provided evidence of insurance.
- Comparison of CPC rental rates with other local facilities renting space: will be continued
- Financial audit/review: **MSC to appoint Cherie Persing and Myrdell Dybdal to audit the 2013, 2014 and 2015 financials.**
- Policies & Procedures committee is working on the manual and asks for suggestions of things to add. Tristan wants to see an addendum to the Sexual Misconduct Policy specifically addressing volunteers working with youth.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.** with final prayer led by Will

Next Session Meeting: May 17 hosted by Mary  
Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting scheduled for  
April 24 will be rescheduled because of a conflict  
in programming after worship.  
Mary is scheduled to prepare May communion

Myrdell Dybdal  
Clerk of Session

### HYMNAL GIVEAWAY

Have you always wanted to have your own hymnal to use at home?

Now is the time for which you have waited. We want to re-purpose the old blue Presbyterian hymnals. If you would like a copy, they will be available at the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday, May 15 and 22, please help yourself. If you know of a place where multiple copies might be used, please let Ann Custer (439-8145) know. Thank you!

### ECSM News!

All newsletter articles are  
due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.

Please email to Jessica at [cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net).



### CPC Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance Mar. 1	\$54,636.33
Income	\$10,516.88
Expenses	\$10,360.19
Ending Balances Mar. 31	\$54,793.02

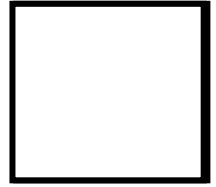
# JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2016

<b>May 1</b> <b>10:00 am Communion Sunday Service in the Chapel</b>  <b>12 – 2 pm Called to Care Training – CSR</b>  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>May 2</b> <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  6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary	<b>May 3</b> <b>10 am Bible Study– CSR</b>  <b>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm RCC Support Group – CSR</b>  6:30 – 8:30 pm HOA Meeting – CSR  6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary  7:00 pm Theology Pub @ Pete's Restaurant and Brewhouse	<b>May 4</b> 11:30 am Women's Fellowship – Red Caboose  6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>May 5</b> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary  7:00 pm Biblical Self Defense Class – CSR	<b>May 6</b>  <b>PAINTNITE Fundraiser</b> <b>6:00 pm Social Hall</b>  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>May 7</b> Private Event 6 - 10 pm – Social Hall
<b>8</b> 8:00 am – Scouts Mother's Day Breakfast – SH  <b>10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel</b>  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>9</b> <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	<b>10</b> <b>10 am Bible Study – CSR</b>	<b>11</b> <b>4:00 pm Worship – Ann's Home</b>  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>14</b> Private Event 3 – 7 pm – Social Hall  <i>Youth Group field trip!</i>
<b>15</b> <b>10:00 am Pentecost Sunday Service in the Sanctuary</b>  <b>11:30 am FCCA Cabinet Meeting– CSR</b>  <b>11:30am: DEACONS BBQ</b>  4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>16</b> <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i>  <b>1pm – Fellowship – CSR</b>  <b>3:00pm Outreach Meeting – CSR</b>  6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>17</b> <b>10 am Bible Study – CSR</b>  <b>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm RCC Support Group – CSR</b>  6:00 pm Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR  <b>7:30pm Palestine Program – Chapel</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>21</b> <b>11:30 am Bountiful Table Lunch – CSR</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:00 am New Way Sunday in the Chapel</b>  <i>*May Newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today!</i>  <b>12 pm - Pride on the Plaza – Todos Santos Park</b>  4-7 M.C. – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>23</b> <i>10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i>  6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>24</b> <b>10 am Bible Study– CSR</b>  <b>11 am – 1:00 pm – Private Event – Grad Ceremony – SH</b>	<b>25</b> <b>2:00 pm – Welcome &amp; Marketing – CSR</b>  6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PCT Rehearsal – Sanctuary	<b>27</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>28</b> 3:00 – 7 PM Ministerio Cristiano – CSR
<b>29</b> <b>10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel</b>  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>30 Office Closed</b>  <i>No Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i>	<b>31</b> <b>10 am Bible Study– CSR</b>	<b>June 1</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>June 4</b>



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## MAY EVENTS AT ECSM

### Joint Women's Fellowship

*Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am at The Red Caboose in Antioch. Please join us!*

### Biblical Self Defense Class

*Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Camp Stoneman Room.*

### PaintNite Fundraiser

*Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Come join us and the artist for fun and fellowship.  
(Tickets are \$45 each and should be purchased no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold our reservation.)*

### Pentecost

*May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Camp Stoneman Chapel...  
wear red to worship to celebrate the flames of the Spirit!*

### Annual Deacon's BBQ

*Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service,  
in the Social hall & Courtyard!*