



ECSM NEWS

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



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

A Season of Peace.

The International Day of Peace comes and goes each year on the Fall equinox, September 21st. Often times we miss it's message – that if we can be at

peace for at least one day a year, perhaps we can learn how to be at peace the rest of the days in each year.

What will you do this year to mark the day and make a difference in your own life, or the lives of others?

This year, we thought about starting a "Season of Peace" on the inauspiciously important date of September 11th, as we mark the 15th anniversary of that day when America experienced (for many of us, for the first time) the kind of terrorist attacks seen around the world for decades. When asked what lessons people of faith 9/11 has taught us, scholar Karen Armstrong said,

"I know what lessons I'd like them have learned – that we now live in one world; that what happens in Gaza or Afghanistan or Arabia today will have repercussions in the United States or London tomorrow; that America is no longer protected by its great oceans or wealth or military prowess. Look what happened at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the symbols of what we thought would give us absolute security in the western world. We have now entered the community of suffering. It is a religious opportunity, because the great religious teachers all say that unless our hearts are awakened to compassion, we cannot begin our religious quest...."

This could make for a more compassionate form of religion, a religion that's not concerned just with dogma, identity, or keeping the various institutions going, but that is concerned above

From the FCCA Pastor



Dear Friends,

September 11th falls on a Sunday this year. The International Day of Peace follows later in September on the 21st. Our continued response to September 11th is a deep commitment to the work of peacemaking.

Every year on the International Day of Peace, the United Nations invites folks all over the globe to appreciate our shared humanity and to join together in working for peace. The United Nations sponsors a variety of initiatives to support the process of working towards international peace. Emphasizing the direct connection between peace and justice, the UN works diligently to address poverty and the inequities and conflicts that result from it. "When people feel secure in their abilities to provide for their families, when they are given access to the resources they need to live healthy lives, and when they feel truly included in their societies, then they are much less likely to engage in conflict." (IDP website)

In addition to addressing poverty, the UN also fosters dialogue as a way of working to create peace. "Dialogue and tolerance are vital to maintaining world peace and unity. The United Nations launched the Alliance of Civilizations initiative to advance mutual respect for religious beliefs and traditions. The Alliance represents a committed international effort to bridge divides and overcome prejudice, misconceptions, misperceptions and polarization." (IDP website)

This process of learning mutual respect for diverse religious and cultural traditions happens on both an international and individual scale. Both are necessary in order to create the conditions for peace. We join in prayers for global peace and we work to better understand the folks we work, worship and live with.

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Pastor Will continues...

all with compassion, the one litmus test of every single one of the world's great traditions. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam all insist that there's no point in being religious or saying your prayers unless you are acting justly and honoring the sacred rights of your fellow human beings."

I'm sad to say, we continued the cycles of vengeance and revenge after 9/11, the singular moment when the world offered us more support and unity than at any other time in my memory. How do we reclaim compassion and understanding as our primary religious responses to being victimized?

This is what this season between 9/11 and 9/21 offers us. We will begin the season together in worship on the 11th and continue that theme on the 18th. There will be activities in the county and community you can use to further your own spiritual growth in learning how to listen more intently, share more deeply and seek understanding more purposefully. May it be so.

Together we serve...

Pastor Will

Pastor Christy continues...

We created an opportunity to do both on the evening of August 3 when we invited the community to an interfaith Peace Vigil. As dusk settled in, we gathered around the Peace Pole in the courtyard. People were invited to name places around the world where there was need for healing from the suffering created by war and violence. People shared stories--from personal experiences of violence to heart breaking stories of refugees fleeing the terrors of war. Prayers were raised for healing from personal abuse...to prayers for the safety Syrian refugees. As more people spoke, there was a growing sense of intimacy and shared purpose. As it grew darker and the candles around the pole grew brighter, it became clear that those of us gathered around the pole were creating a safe space within which we could hear each others' stories. Together, we created a space that allowed us to speak our fears, our concerns, our grief, our hopes.

As a church community, we are also creating space for each other as we do the work of Building the Beloved Community. Many thanks to those who have shared their stories on panels during worship and after worship in the circles of conversation in the Social Hall. We are creating safe space for each other where we can speak our deepest truths. As we listen to each other, we learn to hear the deep currents of each others' lives.

We are learning the art of holding space for each other. "What does it mean to hold space for someone? It means that we are willing to walk alongside another person in whatever journey they're on without judging them, making them feel inadequate, trying to fix them, or trying to impact the outcome. When we hold space for other people, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgment and control." (Heather Plett)

It is possible to hold space for the person sitting beside you in church and possible to hold space for a Syrian refugee in Turkey, a person you may never meet.

When we hold space for each other, we create safety, acceptance and tolerance. These are the conditions necessary for building peace. May we embrace this important work as a foundational piece of our faith. Jesus ministry was based upon creating safe space for others. He invited folks to share their lives with him, to speak their truth to him. As people opened to him and came to understand the power of acceptance and love that he offered them, he promised they would receive a "peace that passes understanding."

May we witness to the presence of this peace in our lives and the world.

Blessings,

Christy

Pastors' schedule:

Christy will be on vacation September 5th to 10th.
For pastoral care contact: Will McGarvey
925.597.9797 or the church office (925) 439-9361.

Will will be on retreat September 15-18th.
For pastoral care contact: Christy Parks-Ramage
510.847.4650 or the church office (925) 439-9361.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

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



FCCA Cabinet will meet Sunday, September 18th after worship.

Called to Care Team: Meeting after worship on September 11th in the Stoneman Room



LET'S FEED THE KIDS

A Multi-Faith ACTION Project with the
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County

NEEDED IN September by the 18th
6 pack Toilet Paper

LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER BREAK...
(2 lb. 8 oz) jars of creamy peanut butter

**Whenever we are asking for items to be donated,
please bring them to church with you and place them
in the narthex.**
(We check the space often.)

Thanks for all you do as a part of Let's Feed the KIDS.

Wendy Neale & Judie Moore,
Co-Chairs

No Kids Should Be Hungry

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 will be on September 17th 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Thank You Corner

Thanks to all who contributed by bringing school supplies! Kids in Antioch and Pittsburg will benefit from the gifts.

The next **Joint Cabinet/Session Meeting** will be Sunday, September 25th immediately following worship in the Stoneman Room.

September 18th 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.*

Recycle reminder

There are blue recycling cans in various places throughout the church. We encourage you to use them for anything you have that should be recycled. There is a small blue can in the Narthex for you to put your bulletin in as you leave church; there is a blue can in the Camp Stoneman kitchen for you to use when you are in meetings or events in the Camp Stoneman Room and there is one in the kitchen that is available while you are in the social hall or kitchen! Just a reminder to use while you are on our campus. Thank you!!



ECSM Newsletter

Can we email a link next time?
We are pleased to be able to provide our ECSM newsletter and share news about what is happening at East County Shared Ministry. We are also working to both reduce the expenses of postage and printing, and be more environmentally responsible about our use of paper. Therefore, we are looking at ways to change how we deliver the newsletter.

If you would like to continue receiving the ECSM News and use email, please provide your email address and we will get the newsletter to you electronically. Please let Jessica in the office know by email (cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net) or phone (925-439-9361) **by September 15th**. Thank you, we appreciate your efforts!

THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Upcoming Small Group Meetings:

The **Joint FCCA-CPC Women's Luncheon** will next meet Wednesday, September 7th at 11:30 am at Mel's American Grill (2523 Sand Creek, Brentwood)

Theology Pub: Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at Samurai X (2171 Loveridge Rd, Pittsburg).

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 Monday, Sept 5th in observance of Labor Day.**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Every Tuesday in September (except the last Tuesday, Sept 27) we will meet at Father Tom's at 10:00 am, 5417 Buckeye Ct, Antioch.

Outreach Committee: next meeting is September 12th at 3:00pm in the CSR

LGBT Film Night: Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the Camp Stoneman Room to watch "A Jihad for Love" Don't miss it! Bring a snack to share and share in the fun. All are invited!

Fellowship Ministry: Our next meeting will be September 14th at 2:00 PM in the CSR.

Welcome & Marketing Committee: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 2:00 pm in the Camp Stoneman Room.

Worship Committee: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 4:00 pm at Ann's Custer's home.

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

Happy Birthday!

September



- 1 Joe Zamora
- 4 Elaine Grothmann
Madeline Hansen
- 5 Kristen Ferguson
- 6 Evelyn Arms
Debi Johnson
- 7 Janis Harris Bellinger
- 8 Lucille Brautigam
- 9 Jessica Natal
- 10 Julie Custer-Ortega
- 11 Roger Bishop
Laurie Pease
Janie Hodges
- 13 Jeff Shipe
- 15 Shawna Lieber
Matt Taum
Carol Czarnowski
Jan Schrock
- 16 Judy Shipe
- 18 Benjamin Pease
- 21 James Pickering
- 22 Joanne Chalmers
- 24 Cheryl Schram
- 26 Marian Becker
- 27 Will McGarvey
Sean Poynter
Robin McCarty
- 28 Robert Buluran
- 29 Dale Grothmann

Happy Anniversary!

September



- 2 Gus and Ingrid Broers
- 4 Rich and Sue Ferguson
- 9 Carol Czarnowski and Jan Schrock
- 13 Jason and Lisa Hansen
- 14 Ben and Debi Johnson
- 18 Dennis & Glenda Lamb
- 21 David and Letha Arms
- 26 Dale and Elaine Grothmann
Doug and Dawn Conant

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

Calming Water

By Edie Lanstrom

I was born and raised in Florida, not too far from beaches. During the summers I spent a lot of time at the beach. After meeting my future husband Sig, we took picnic lunches to the beach. I loved going to the beach and frolicking in the water. But the beach was not the only place I cavorted in water.

My aunt lived in a house on a lake in the center part of the state and in the summer my family would visit her. While my twin sister and I loved swimming and playing in the large lake, I think I began to have a different perspective of the God-given water. In the evening my sister and I often watched the setting of the sun from a screened-in porch at the front of the house. I think it was in those quiet times on the porch, strengthened by long walks on the beach, I began to feel the presence of God when I was near water.

A few weeks ago, I joined other church members on a boat ride on the Sacramento River. The large expanse of water made me feel surrounded by the Creator. The lush green fields planted with some type of produce that we would see in our stores and on our dinner plates reminded me of God's bounty.

However, my idyllic trip was shattered when jet skiers zoomed by too close to the boat for comfort, my comfort. The captain calmly maneuvered our boat through the jet skis parade. On the way home, when we passed through an open bridge with a large black erector-type piece equipment that opened the bridge raised over our heads, I felt uneasy. Then I remembered the story of Christ walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). Somehow that story calmed me as we passed through the opening made by the black menace.

I realize I often feel frighten when facing challenging situations. In the future, I am going to try let God be God when I face scary circumstances, trusting his presence to sustain me no matter what challenge I face.

Little Free Library

There have been some good donations recently of children's books. Thank you so much. Still continue to think of the LFL when you see children's books. They seem to go quickly; Especially the preschool, toddler and early elementary books.

Thank you to Bill Dexheimer for fixing the glass in the red library. It was completely missing a few weeks ago. Another interesting thing that happened recently is that someone took the 'grass' that was around the library! What's that about do you think? Maybe it's for a homeless person and will make their site more comfortable. I just don't know.

Thank you all for your support of this project.

- Mary Burks

Equal Exchange

Thank you for purchasing the coffee and teas available on the Equal Exchange cart most Sunday's after worship in the Social Hall. The chocolates have been marked down to \$2.00 from \$4.00 and the fruit and nut bars are now \$1.00. They don't seem to be selling as well so am closing those out and most likely won't be ordering unless I get requests. The tea and coffee will still be available; both regular and decaf. I have one person that would like to get whole coffee beans. She doesn't want to purchase a whole 6 bags though. Would you be interested in getting some? Please let me know. Thanks again for supporting small farmers from other countries that struggle to make a living.

- Mary Burks

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to all who have contributed to our coffee hours during the summer. Just because summer is drawing to a close doesn't mean you should stop doing so. When you can please contribute what you can when you can. If you are planning certain Sundays to do this please put your name on the sign-up chart on the bulletin board.

At this time the only special 'potluck' Sunday we have planned right now is October 2nd. This is World Communion Sunday, so to go along with that theme, we are asking you to bring a dish to share that is part of your heritage, culture or ethnicity. It will be fun to see what we get.

Stay tuned for other themed Sundays.

SMALL GROUPS

Meals with Friends

We are taking signups to start a new round of fun with your friends! We will be making new groups in early September so if you already haven't let Joan or me know, and you want to participate, please let us know soon! We'll see what things people come up with going forward. We have been hearing a lot of good reports on the groups getting together.

- Joan Taylor & Mary Burks

Wine Tasting Group

We are taking a train ride on September 10th! There is an historic train that goes from Sunol to Niles and offers wine tasting on the way. The cost is \$43.50 and starts at 1:00 PM. There may still be time to sign up. Please use this link to get your tickets. We have 11 people who have signed up so far.

<http://www.ncry.org/>

Then look for the wine tasting special link. Let me know if you have any questions at all.

- Mary Burks

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Calling All Chefs

*Cook dinner at the
emergency family shelter*

Are you looking for an engaging and fulfilling way to get involved? Volunteers are needed to provide, prepare and cook dinner at our emergency family shelter in Martinez. This is a great opportunity for groups willing to provide meals for an entire week, Monday through Friday. Volunteers should expect to provide food for 12 adults, 15 children, and themselves.



For more information and to schedule dates for volunteering, please contact Martie Steinmetz at MaritesS@shelterinc.org or (925) 228-6920.

Thank you!



CCIH Opportunities for Involvement We need your help.

Join the Ruby Slippers

Committee: If you are a fun, energetic party planner, we'd

welcome your help. Ruby Slippers, our annual gala auction, will be held at Diablo Country Club on February 4, 2017. This is our **BIGGEST** fundraising event of the year. We are looking for committee members to help with exciting auction packages, sponsorships, and ticket sales. To learn more, email elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

For more information or to get involved, go to our website:

www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer,
Contact Volunteer & Outreach Manager Gloria Bertolozzi at gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org or call (925) 448-2004.



Ordination Service for

Karen Hastings-Flegel

**She has been called to Grace Presbyterian
Church in Walnut Creek as Designated
Associate Pastor of Music and Pastoral Care**

The service will take place Saturday, September 3rd at
2:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 E
Meadow Dr., Palo Alto, CA

All are invited. Reception to follow.

*I (Karen) have been called as Designated
Associate Pastor of Music and Pastoral Care at
Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek.
You are all cordially invited to my installation,
which will be on Saturday September 24th at 3:00
(choir rehearsal at 1:45), at Grace Presbyterian
Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.*

A reception will follow.

*If you have any questions about either service,
please contact me at 925-325-7742 [call or text]
or korgan81@yahoo.com).*

*Thank you for your support through the years and
for teaching me so much about ministry!*

Blessings,

Karen

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September 4th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion Sunday

Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 or
Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1
Philem 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
Rev. Will McGarvey

September 11th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps 14 or
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 51:1-10
1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Rev. Will McGarvey

September 18th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sparkle Sunday

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

September 25th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time New Way Sunday

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 or
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146
1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
Rev. Will McGarvey

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

September 24th – we will meet at the church and carpool to attend the installation of
Karen Hastings-Flegel
at Grace Presbyterian Church,
2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.

Kangazoom Miniature Golf & Games & Foster Freeze Antioch

Sunday, October 2, 2016 1:00 - 3:00PM
501 Auto Center Drive, Antioch

📞 RSVP By September 30th 📧

Judie: 925-757-5943

samoore@pacbell.net

Will: 925-439-9361

cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net

🚗 CAR POOL from CHURCH 12:30 pm



WORSHIP LEADERS

September 4th

Liturgists	Joanne Loftin
Ushers	Janie & Jim Hodges
Greeters	Tristan Mendoza & Matt Taum

September 11th

Liturgists	Chuck Dybdal
Ushers	Dave and Letha Arms
Greeters	The Umozurike Family

September 18th

Liturgists	Kenneth Umozurike
Ushers	Steve Hosmer
Greeters	The Sullivan Family

September 25th

Liturgists	New Way
Ushers	Tristan Mendoza & Matt Taum
Greeters	George & Jude Stephens

October 2nd

Liturgists	Betsy Sullivan
Ushers	TBD
Greeters	TBD

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.

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.

PRAYER PAGE

Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Dorothy Shipe, Lucille Brautigam, Lucille Corzine, Elaine Grothmann, Anne Cakebread, Jerry Castleberry, Betty LaMar, Margaret Wilcox, Barbara Sellers, Paul Telfer, Betty Rexroth, Mary Vargo, Patsy Nash, and Forrest Brown. Elwin, Bev Peterson's husband. Carol Krishnan's sisters. Grace, Donald Lang's grandmother. Kathy Hanby (Betsy's sister-in-law). Deborah Scott (with many health issues right now). Catherine Hewitt, Mary Burks cousin who is battling cancer. Kahli Davis, Elaine's great-nephew Samuel.

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.

Prayers For Our Mission Partners

Prayers for the ministry of Let's Feed the Kids, 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 the 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, the Keep Hope Alive Program, and Minar and Milad Vosqueritchean in East Jerusalem with their after school peace school and music program.



Prayer cards are located in the Narthex by the Guest Book



Prayers for Sisters & Brothers Around the World

The Conflict in the Middle East; Darfur, Sudan; East Congo, Bolivia; Colombia; Venezuela; Lebanon, Israel-Palestine, North Korea, and Mumbai, India. Long term aid to Haiyan victims; children in Hurricane areas; 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.

September Prayer Families & Churches

September 4

The Ryan Family
Calvary Presbyterian Church – Berkeley
Lucy Jagard
Broadmoor Community UCC – San Leandro

September 11

The Saavedra Family
First Presbyterian Church – Berkeley
The Lamb Family
San Leandro Community ABC UCC

September 18

Cheryl Schram
St. John's Presbyterian Church – Berkeley
Edie & Kendall Lanstrom
San Lorenzo Community UCC

September 25

Deborah Scott
First Presbyterian Church – Burlingame
Lyn Loftin & Joanne Chalmers
College Heights UCC – San Mateo



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

August 14, 2016

Call to order at 3:15 p.m. at Will McGarvey's home and began by discussing Chapter 5 of "Grounded."

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

Elders excused: Tristan Mendoza, George Stephens

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

Docket was read and approved

MSC to approve minutes of June 22 session meeting and June 26 Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting

Consent Calendar: None

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Clerk of Session: 61 members. It is noted that session minutes from February 1966 - January 1970 and July 1971 - September 1989 appear to be missing from the records storage filing cabinet.

Correspondence: Rainbow Community Center letter (dated July 25) requesting support for Give OUT Day August 2.

Pastor's Report: Regular meetings and Bible studies, 2 LGBTQ Film Nights, 2 Theology Pubs, Women's Fellowship, Captain Morgan's Boat Cruise with the church group, picked up our preacher and escorted him to PSR for the event there, 2 worship music team meetings, worship, KHA presbytery meeting, CCISCO Clergy Caucus, Session, hosted youth swim party, interview with a KQED reporter, lunch with presbytery staff person, Father Tom's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination gathering, Peace Vigil, Jubilee USA meeting, study leave to Seattle for a Welcoming Congregations conference and preaching at my student's church August 19-21. Vacation August 25-30 to attend our family reunion and my parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

Presbytery Meeting report: Next presbytery meeting will be Saturday, August 27 at Christ PC, San Leandro. Packet will be available August 17 at presbyteryofs.org

Treasurer's Report: June and July reports emailed by Cherie Persing 8/14.

Deacons: Report of August 7 Deacons "Called to Care" meeting emailed by Chuck Dybdal.

Event Coordinator: No report

Nominating Committee: No report, committee will try to meet in September.

Personnel Committee: No report

Bountiful Table meal program: Next lunch will be served August 20.

After a break for a potluck dinner the meeting resumed.

COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: No report

Christian Education: No report

Fellowship: Notes from August 3 meeting emailed by Mary.

Outreach: No report, as the committee has not met during the summer

Stewardship & Finance: Report emailed by George

Welcoming & Marketing: No report, will meet August 17th.

Worship: Minutes of July 13 meeting emailed by Ann Custer.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Add more speakers in Social Hall: Mary will contact Dale Grothmann for advice on the feasibility of adding speakers.
- **Copier lease: MSC to accept the Toshiba lease proposal.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Church website updated pictures: has not been done, Will will work on it.
- Update on newsletter mailings: we will set a September 15 deadline for people to respond if they wish to continue receiving the newsletter
- Update on Ethan's Eagle Scout project: parts should be delivered to Ethan this week so he can finish the project
- Policies and Procedures timeline: committee should have a draft to session before the September session meeting
- Update on cleaning the stove: Dave has cleaned as much as he can

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. with final prayer led by Mary.

Next Session Meeting: September 20 hosted by Myrdell

Next Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting scheduled for September 25th following worship, due to Will's vacation.

Dave is scheduled to prepare September communion (Dave and Myrdell traded dates, Myrdell will do November communion prep)

Myrdell Dybdal
Clerk of Session

CPC Treasurer's Corner

June

Income: \$12,274.29

Expenses: \$11,259.94

July

Income: \$9,543.73

Expenses: \$9,061.45

ECSM News!



All newsletter articles are due on the 22nd of each month.

Please email to Jessica at cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net.

An Interfaith Weekend Speaking in Peace with Each Other

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday, September 16-17-18

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville

Come for the day, an afternoon or the whole weekend.

- Friday night the 16th at 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Shabbat Service at Congregation Beth Chaim, 1800 Holbrook, Dr., Danville, CA. (Lodging available at San Damiano Friday and Saturday evening.)
- Saturday the 17th, Retreat and Programs on Compassionate Listening and Interfaith Dialogue:
 - Speaking in peace. Nonviolent Communication & Compassionate listening with Meganwind Eoyang.
 - Presentation on International Day of Peace with Father Tom Bonacci
 - Sacred Story Telling and Spiritual Practices
 - After-dinner presentation from recent refugees & Universal Dances for Peace. Review of the day and next steps.
- Sunday morning Prayer Service led by Father Tom Bonacci and Will McGarvey.

Commuters are welcome to attend the events at these different rates: Saturday meals and programs alone are \$75.00. Friday night lodging and Saturday programs with meals are \$125.00. Saturday meal and programs and night lodging and Sunday meals and programs are \$125.00. For those staying for the whole weekend retreat, Friday to Sunday with meals is \$235.00. Registration needs to be made either online at <http://www.sandamiano.org> or by mail by sending their registration form to 710 Highland Dr., Danville, CA 94526. For more information, call the office of San Damiano at 925-837-9141 or Rev. Will McGarvey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council at 925-597-9797.

JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2016

Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3
10:00 am Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	10:00 am Mondays in Antioch Bible Study 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	10 am Bible Study-CSR 	7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR		7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms Private Event set up -Social Hall	Private Event 4-10 pm -Social Hall
4 10:00 am Communion Sunday Service in the Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	5 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>No Mondays in Antioch Bible Study</i>	6 10 am Bible Study - at Father Tom's 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm RCC Support Group - CSR	7 11:30 am Women's Fellowship @ Mel's, Brentwood 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	8 	9 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms Private Event set up -Social Hall	10 Private Event 4-10 pm -Social Hall
11 10:00 am Joint Sunday Service in the Sanctuary 11:30 am Called to Care Meeting- CSR 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	12 <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	13 10 am Bible Study - at Father Tom's 7:00pm Theology Pub - Samurai X, Pittsburg	14 2 pm - Fellowship - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	15 	16 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	17 11:30 am Bountiful Table Lunch - CSR PCT Rehearsal- 12 pm - 3 pm Chapel
18 10:00 am Sparkle Sunday in the Chapel 11:30 am FCCA Cabinet Meeting- CSR 4-7 M.C. - Sanctuary & classrooms	19 <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	20 10 am Bible Study- at Father Tom's 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm RCC Support Group - CSR 6:00 pm Session Meeting	21 2 pm - Welcome & Marketing - CSR 4 pm - Worship - Ann's home. 7:00pm LGBT FILM Night - CSR 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	22 *October Newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today!	23 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	24 Private Event 4-10 pm -Social Hall PCT Rehearsal- 9am - 12 pm - Chapel
25 10:00 am New Way Sunday in the Chapel 11:30 am Joint Cabinet/Session meeting - CSR 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	26 <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	27 NO Bible Study-	28 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	29 	30 7:30 - 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms Private Event set up -Social Hall	Oct. 1 Private Event 4 - 10 pm - Social Hall



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT ECSM

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 will be on September 17th 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.***

LGBT Film Night:

Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the Camp Stoneman Room to watch "A Jihad for Love" Don't miss it! Bring a snack to share and share in the fun. All are invited!

Karen Hastings-Flegel's Installation

Saturday September 24th at 3:00 (choir rehearsal at 1:45), at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.