



# ECSTM News

## Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Sharing Ministry with First Congregational Church of Antioch



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

It's been exactly 50 years since the 1967 Summer of Love. Ten years ago, I loaded a bunch of the music from that summer to play at my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party that September and invited everyone to dress in their

1960's regalia. A few of my sisters decided to make a trip of it, and join us for the poolside party in their best hippie wear. It was quite a time.

It feels like I've slowed down a bit over the last decade and much more cognizant of my health and energy (or lack of it) than I was then. Some days I play the "woulda, coulda, shoulda" game in my head, and then I come back to the present and my own sense of acceptance of yet this additional lesson in life.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1967 was also the day the occupation of the Palestinian Territories began. I've been reading the many articles being written this week at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Six Day War that began it all, and note that this is one of the longest running military occupations in the world (along with that of Tibet by China and portions of North Africa now claimed by Morocco).

It's hard to wrap my mind around an injustice going on this long without the world making it right. On my first mission trip there in 2006, there was a sense that if only people could see what was going on there – that things would change. Well, people have had a greater view of it over the last decade as Palestinians have taken to recording the incidents of Settler violence, outright murder in the streets and the hundreds of children incarcerated without right of appeal – and yet the horror continues. Given the role our own country has played in protecting Israel from responsibility in the International courts, we have become complicit in

From the FCCA Pastor



Dear Friends,

Tongues of flames, flying doves, the rush of a mighty wind....Pentecost arrives on June 4<sup>th</sup> with all of its energy and mystery.

Pentecost celebrates the arrival of the Spirit. The disciples found themselves speaking in languages they did not know and folks listening heard the language of love spoken in their native languages.

Mysterious, profound...the Spirit arrived in a whirlwind...each person understood the call of the Spirit in his or her own heart. The message resonated and people were moved, transformed and believed.

The reality of Pentecost is that the Spirit arrived and spoke to individuals who were gathered in the midst of a crowd. And so Pentecost is remembered as the "birthday" of the church. The first time believers were gathered together.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us remember the gift of the Spirit that seeks to speak to our individual hearts in the midst of the heart of our beloved community. We are on both an individual and shared spiritual journey. Our individual lives are woven into the fabric of our shared lives.

In the following poem, Jan Richardson speaks of this grace of Pentecost.

**This Grace That Scorches Us  
A Blessing for Pentecost Day**  
Here's one thing  
you must understand  
about this blessing:  
it is not  
for you alone.

*Both articles continue on page 2...*

[Pastor Will continues...](#)

the human rights abuses there. It's a sad thing, to be sure, but not the only troubling thing about being an American right now.

The Confession of 1967 was approved at the Presbyterian General Assembly that summer as well, which reminds us that there was much cultural change and conflict going on during that summer. The church leadership attempted to address it all by reminding the church at large of our duty to seek reconciliation in all of our relationships – between warring parties a world away in Vietnam, the races, the sexes, and even the divisions within the church.

Perhaps that's why I connect so much with the music from the Summer of Love. It continues to inspire a new way of seeing the world beyond the conflicts of the previous era, while promising a new way of being even in the use of new musical sounds and melodies that invite us all into a new day. While some have continued to be fixated on the sexual revolution of the era, we have to admit that women still live as unequal partners in society, both in their pay and access to advancement. There is still much work to do to live into the ideals of the "Age of Aquarius." Who knows, perhaps some of my summer preaching will include themes based on such songs. I hope you are ready to dream along with me.

Together we serve...

*Pastor Will*

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[Pastor Christy continues...](#)

It is stubborn  
about this;  
do not even try  
to lay hold of it  
if you are by yourself,  
thinking you can carry it  
on your own.

To bear this blessing,  
you must first take yourself  
to a place where everyone  
does not look like you  
or think like you,  
a place where they do not  
believe precisely as you believe,

where their thoughts  
and ideas and gestures  
are not exact echoes  
of your own.

Bring your sorrow. Bring your grief.  
Bring your fear. Bring your weariness,  
your pain, your disgust at how broken  
the world is, how fractured,  
how fragmented  
by its fighting, its wars,  
its hungers, its penchant for power,  
its ceaseless repetition  
of the history it refuses  
to rise above.

I will not tell you  
this blessing will fix all that.

But in the place  
where you have gathered,  
wait.  
Watch.  
Listen.  
Lay aside your inability  
to be surprised,  
your resistance to what you  
do not understand.

See then whether this blessing  
turns to flame on your tongue,  
sets you to speaking  
what you cannot fathom  
or opens your ear  
to a language  
beyond your imagining  
that comes as a knowing  
in your bones  
a clarity  
in your heart  
that tells you  
this is the reason  
we were made,  
for this ache  
that finally opens us,  
for this struggle, this grace  
that scorches us  
toward one another  
and into  
the blazing day.

Blessings,  
*Christy*

**THANK YOU -----** To each and every one of you who helped with Winter Nights planning, volunteering, cooking, serving, teaching, cleaning or monetarily. Thank you, thank you, and thank you from the bottom of my heart on behalf of all those folks we helped in the Winter Nights Program. It was a very appreciative group of guests and does one's heart good to know that we can make a difference in the lives of others like Jesus called us to do. It is a most rewarding and successful program to be involved with and I hope ECSM can continue to support it in the future. Betsy Sullivan Outreach Elder, CPC

## You Ought to Be in Pictures!

One picture, for sure! On Sunday, June 11, we are scheduled to have an all-congregational photo taken by the very talented Melissa Paniagua. Please plan to attend worship that day, and afterwards stick around for a group photo shoot. Shouldn't take long, and it will become part of our welcoming and marketing material for the upcoming year. The plan is to do this annually. Hope you can make it! Bring a friend or two!



## Reflection

By Janie Hodges

Godlike

Mornings, I rubbed sleepy from my eyes  
To see you sitting, bathed in  
Sunlight, smiling at me.

Your face wrinkled, not much hair,  
Wire framed glasses and eyes,  
Gentle, loving – me

*Thank  
You*

Many, heartfelt thanks to the Care Committee for their wonderful help with the luncheon following my Dad's Memorial Service on April 22nd. The social hall looked lovely, the food was delicious, in addition Becki made a beautiful cake and Michael some delicious cookies! Afterwards the Care Co cleaned everything up...their time and energy was most appreciated. Additionally, Jessica's clean-up crew and her office work were also appreciated, with Thanks going to Christy who wove all the pieces together in a seamless tribute to my Dad and his Family Tree. We appreciate our wonderful church folk!

- Jane & Paul Fish

## Thank You Corner

BILL DEXHEIMER who alone cleaned the Social Hall floors after Winter Nights Departed !!!!  
( I came back to the church to pick up something I left in the fridge after we did the laundry and found him in there moving everything and mopping the floors of the hall, hall and probably kitchen --- I sneaked in and out as I was on the phone - I don't know if he saw me or not but I certainly saw him and what he was doing !! ) – Betsy..

# THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Joint FCCA-CPC Women's Luncheon will next meet Wednesday, June 7th at 11:30 am at Viet Nam Noodle House (3676 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch).

**Fellowship Ministry:** Our next meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 1:30 PM in the Camp Stoneman Room. Please join us! Share your ideas for this important part of who we are!

**Outreach Committee:** next meeting is Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**Welcome & Marketing Committee:** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Camp Stoneman Room.

**Worship Committee:** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm at Ann's Custer's home.

**Theology Pub:** Will next meet Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, at EJ Phairs.

**Classic Film Night formally LGBTQ Film Night:** Will next meet Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**Shared Ministry update:** Next Joint CPC/FCCA Cabinet/ Session meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship in the CSR.

**June 18<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.*

### 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 bagged lunches on June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 12:30 pm served out of the Stoneman Room.**



*Happy Birthday!*  
*June*

2	Gleam Green
4	Nancy Grissette
	Jim Hodges
5	Mary Burks
	Katelyn Peck
8	Lyn Loftin
11	Letha Arms
12	Elva Sullivan
18	Emma Brownrigg
22	Ingrid Broers
	Betsy Sullivan
	Brandon Peterson
23	Ken Lieber
	Kal Krishnan
26	Nolan Bishop
	Clint Bishop (born 2 years apart)

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

*Happy Anniversary!*  
*June*

6	Ken and Starr Lieber
10	Carol and Steve Hosmer
17	Tristan Mendoza and Matt Taum
18	Reed and Ann Custer
19	Michael and Stephanie Capurro



### 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)

## First Congregational Church of Antioch

FCCA Cabinet will not meet the month of June.



**FCC Monday Bible Study:** We meet at 10:00 am every Monday in the Stoneman Room for an informal time of conversation, prayer & study. **We will not meet Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pastors Schedule:** Pastor Christy will be away on vacation in Southern California June 5th – 9th. She will also be attending the NCNC Annual gathering at Sonoma State University June 15 – 18. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Will at 925.597.9797.



## Community Presbyterian Church

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** We meet every Tuesday at 10 am in the Camp Stoneman Room.

**Session Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm hosted by Jim Hodges.



**Care Team BBQ (formally Deacons BBQ)** will be held Pentecost Sunday! - June 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in the Social Hall and Courtyard. No ticket necessary this year. **Don't forget to wear RED for Pentecost!**

## ECM 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).



**Equal Exchange:** The coffee cart is available during Fellowship Hour in the Social Hall on most Sundays. You will find Fair Trade Equal Exchange coffee or tea! And chocolate bars. There is regular and decaf coffee and each come in regular roast and French roast! If you're looking for a last minute gift these are the perfect things! People will love them. Thank you for supporting the small farmers via the Equal Exchange program. - Mary Burks

### Abundant Produce

Some of you have gardens and usually have more produce than you alone can consume. Thanks to the Buluran's for bringing zucchini recently to share! I have some things planted and hope they produce enough to share later in the summer. This idea was around before but has not been recently. So hope it does produce some donations. Just place the things on the counter before worship or after; With some bags to put the things in.



## Cornerstone Sunset GARDENS + MARKETPLACE

### Cornerstone Sonoma Outing July 15<sup>th</sup>

We will go on a field trip to Cornerstone Sonoma to this very beautiful garden. If you haven't been before you will enjoy it. This place has many interesting gardens, a restaurant, shops and 3 wine tasting venues. The park is at 23570 Arnold Dr., Sonoma, and is open from 10 AM- 4 PM on Saturdays. Entrance to the park is free. The gardens are self exploratory. The restaurant, Park 121 is open from 11:00-5:00. Depending on how many go we may have to break up into smaller groups for the restaurant.

The cost for wine tasting is between \$10-\$20. To see the menu go to the website. Ginny will be taking sign-ups. Please make sure your name is on the list. We will carpool from the Church at 9:00 AM.

For further information contact Ginny McGuire or Mary Burks.

<http://www.cornerstonesonoma.com/>

## June Tunes

From Michael and Elaine



In June, New Way Sunday is the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will rehearse after worship on Sunday, June 11. We will meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 25. No rehearsal after worship on June 25.

We will continue to enjoy New Way Sundays through the summer, and our selections will depend on the number of singers available. New Way Sundays will be July 23 (in conjunction with Vacation Bible School) and August 27.

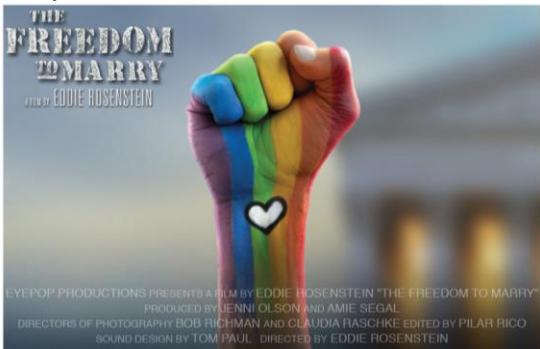
Many thanks to those who have participated thus far this year. Our hope is that you will continue to make this joyful noise and invite others to join our happy band.

### Musician's Prayer

*May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices. Amen*

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**"THE FREEDOM TO MARRY"** documentary movie about the decade long, nail-biting journey of Marriage Equality will be shown at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek on Fri, June 16th to kick off SF Pride. All proceeds will benefit Rainbow Community Center.



**WHAT: "THE FREEDOM TO MARRY" movie**  
**WHEN: JUNE 16TH at 8pm**  
**WHERE: Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Bortin Hall at 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek**  
**COST: Suggested Donation \$5. All proceeds to benefit Rainbow Community Center, Concord**

**Fellowship (Coffee) Hour:** Anyone is welcome to provide coffee hour goodies! Get together with the group you are in and provide some goodies. Or add your goodies to someone else's bounty to round out our Sunday fare. We have several open dates during the summer. Please help! If you have questions, just ask! Thank you in advance.  
Mary Burks, Chair



words." That seems to be true because we get lots of activity on our Facebook page when we post pictures. Please feel free to forward them to me at [elainepalmer723@gmail.com](mailto:elainepalmer723@gmail.com).

### Take a Tote, Share a Tote



Your Welcome & Marketing Committee has a new method for welcoming visitors and for spreading the word about East County Shared Ministry's shared ministry. We now have handy blue shopping bags with ECSM printed on them. The ones for visitors have all the information inside that we formerly placed in the visitor's packets including letters from both Pastor Will and Pastor Christy, explaining what each church represents. Our ushers will distributed these to our visitors.

A few weeks ago, the tote bags were distributed to everyone in the congregation. These bags have a bookmark and "Let It Shine" brochure inside. We encourage everyone to make good use of these sturdy, attractive tote bags when shopping or otherwise bagging things up. Should someone comment on how nice they are, please give the bag to them. We'll replace your bag next time you attend. That's a win-win if ever there was one.

This is an easy way to put our name out in the community, and it's an opportunity to distribute reusable bags – a great outreach effort.

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June 4<sup>th</sup>

### Pentecost Sunday Communion Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b;  
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21;  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Rev. Will McGarvey

June 11<sup>th</sup>

### Trinity Sunday

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

June 18<sup>th</sup>

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day!

Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 OR  
Ex 19:2-8a; Ps 100; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Rev. Will McGarvey

June 25<sup>th</sup>

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage



**Strengthen the Church and Pentecost Offerings** will be received on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Refinery Healing Walks of 2017

**SUNDAY June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Benicia to Rodeo  
(Valero – Conoco Phillips 66 Refinery)

**SUNDAY July 16<sup>th</sup>** - Rodeo to Richmond  
(Conoco Phillips 66 – Chevron Refinery)

2017 is the final year of the commitment Idle No More SF Bay made in 2014.

8:00 a.m. Water Ceremony & Registration  
9:30 a.m. Walk Begins

Please feel free to join us for the prayers for the water at 8:00 a.m. We will walk to the shore and make our prayers. Feel free to bring a small bottle of water from your area to join the waters in the Carquinez Straights (where the Delta meets the Bay) in Pittsburg.

Registration for the walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. Walkers will be asked to agree to the Nonviolent Principles. For details on what to bring/not bring, please go to "What To Expect" in the tabs above at <http://www.refineryhealingwalks.com/what-to-expect.html>



## WORSHIP LEADERS

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Jim Hodges  
Bill and Barbara Dexheimer  
Roberto and Nora Buluran

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Phil Taylor  
Chuck and Myrdell Dybdal  
Chris and Cherie Persing

June 18<sup>th</sup>

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Elaine Palmer  
George and Jude Stephens  
George and Jude Stephens

June 25<sup>th</sup>

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters  
New Way  
Chris and Cherie Persing  
The Umozurike Family

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Liturgists  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Mary Burks  
TBD  
TBD

**Ushers:** Please let **Janie Hodges** (new head Usher) know by the Friday before your Sunday If you cannot make it on the date/date's above. You may contact her at 925-368-5797 or [njhodges@aol.com](mailto:njhodges@aol.com). If you have any questions or would like to become an Usher, please email or call her.

## Care Team offering

The first Sunday of each month has traditionally been Deacons' Sunday at Community Presbyterian Church – it will now be Care Team Sunday at ECSV.

The Care team has 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 envelopes are available in the pew racks for those who wish to help the Care Team provide support for those in need coming to our church seeking help.

The Care Team thanks everyone for their continued support.

# PRAYER PAGE

## Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Dorothy Shipe, Lucille Corzine, Elaine Grothmann, Anne Cakebread, Betty LaMar, Margaret Wilcox, 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. Hanby & Greenwood Families (Betsy Sullivan's Family). Deborah Scott (with many health issues right now). Catherine Hewitt, Mary Burks cousin who is battling cancer. Kahli Davis. Pastor Will. Jerry Castleberry and Richard James. Betty Brown, Carol Czarnowski. Lois Arseneau. Lucille Brautigam.

## 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. Family of Barbara Sellers. Family of Carolina Zamora. Prayers for Jane Fish and family at the blessed passing of her father. Silver Halladay. The family of Jason Foster, an Eagle Scout from troop 48 has been missing since Monday.

## 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.

## June Prayer Families & Churches

June 4

Rich and Sue Ferguson  
**Christ United Presbyterian Church – SF**  
Phyllis Grant  
**United Church of Cloverdale UCC**

June 11

The Hastings-Flegel Family  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church – San Francisco**  
Anne Greeff  
**United Japanese Christian UCC UMC – Clovis**

June 18

Valerie Galarza  
**First United Presbyterian Church – San Francisco**  
Silver Halladay  
**First Congregational Christian Samoan CCAS UCC – Daly City**

June 25

Alice Gibbons  
**Greja Kristen Indonesia – San Francisco**  
Judy Hartz  
**La'au Ole Ola Congregational Christian CCSUCC – Daly City**



# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

May 16, 2017

Called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the home of Jim Hodges by checking in.

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

**Elders excused:** None.

**Visitors:** Janie Hodges

Mission statement was read by all. Docket was read and approved

MSC to approve minutes of April 18 Regular Stated Meeting of Session. Prayer was led by Will

### **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Clerk of Session:** 57 members, January attendance for five Sundays, from emailed report from Jessica was discussed.

**Pastor's Report:** Regular committees, Bible Studies and visitations. Theology Pub, Defusing Hatred, Worship lunch meeting, Presbytery meeting.

**Presbytery Meeting report:** The next presbytery meetings will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Newark, then Tuesday, November 14 at First Presbyterian in Concord. Pastor's Retreat will be held by Presbytery Sept 24-26. Will is undecided about going. Some Presbytery funds available for pastors to attend retreat.

**Treasurer's Report:** April Treasurer's Report emailed by Cherie Persing 05-07-17. Discussion was held about disbursement of funds for the Winter Nights program. Some could come from the hunger support fund, if needed. The report was reviewed and accepted after discussion.

**Care Team:** They have set the Nurture Groups for the group. There are 7 nurture groups, with members of each congregation in each nurture group. Discussion of the deacon's fund envelopes. Suggest that Care team look at the unnamed envelopes that we have to determine if they could be stamped or labeled Care Team. Their next meeting will be May 21. The Pentecost BBQ will be hosted by the Care Team.

**Event Coordinator:** No upcoming events scheduled at this time. The report was reviewed.

**Nominating Committee:** No report.

**Personnel Committee:** Looking at potential organist. Mary will keep Session posted.

### **COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Building & Grounds:** The speakers and wire are here, Dave Arms will install when he can get time. The doors to the south end of social hall, Camp Stoneman room and the doors on the north side of the church are very vulnerable, and need replacement. The closet door on the north side with a vent leaves it very vulnerable. Request Dave to get figures of cost and get back with us. Possibly have a fund-raising event to raise funds for this and other B&G items. The capital fund improvement task force will look into it.

**Christian Education:** No report, but Gayle is doing a great job.

**Fellowship:** No report.

**Outreach:** No meeting this month. The committee has been focused on Winter Nights. Each congregation is contributing \$125 to the Pride in the Plaza in Concord on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Joanne and Betsy will each have a minute for Mission on May 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Email sent by Cherie Persing 05-07-17. Action items: (1) Finance Committee recommends the Chase Restricted Account (#10052) be combined with the regular Chase Account (#10051), as there is no need for the separate accounts and it creates confusion.

(2) The Finance Committee further recommends that the funds in Hunger Support be disbursed

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to get these funds to those in need. We need to clarify to her about the necessary disbursement to Presbytery, then disburse to Pices (Pittsburg Interfaith Community Emergency Services) and Antioch Ministerial Food Closet at Saint Andrews equally. Needs to be referred to Myrdell to remind Cherie of the custom. Session will look at it at our next meeting.

**Welcoming & Marketing:** April 26, 2017 meeting minutes emailed by Elaine Palmer 04-27-17.

**Worship:** April 26, 2017 meeting minutes emailed by Ann Custer 05-08-17.

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- **Deacon and Elder Installation Certificates.** Jessica is working on setting up our own forms to use for these certificates, as they are no longer available from the PCUSA Store.
- **Progress of FCCA request to move their three crosses and bell to CPC:**  
Chris Persing met with the City of Pittsburg Chief Building Official, and was told that if he had a letter from a registered California engineer or architect giving a design for the foundations for the crosses, he might be able to allow installation of the crosses without a permit. Jim sent such a letter to CBO Herrera, so we are waiting to hear from him.  
The bell and a location for it will be discussed at the August Joint Cabinet/Session meeting. Ethan Sullivan has been asked to research possibility of how it can be installed as completion of his Eagle Scout project. Betsy will have Ethan check into it and get back to us.
- **The Chapel Improvement Fund:** Meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss a plan of action.
- **Music Library Filing:** Jessica will work on it as available.
- **Arrange for financial review of 2016 financials:** Will is looking into someone who can do this.
- Appoint members at large to the Personnel Committee for 2017: Will check on it.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting site:** Ongoing
- **David & Lois Zollars Memorial Butterfly Garden:** Plan to have it dedicated on June 4.
- **Social Hall Sound system:** See above under Buildings and Grounds report.
- **Church website updated pictures:** Could update to a new look, will probably cost about \$250-\$300. To update to an updateable calendar would be an additional \$125 +/- year for this. Suggest look at possible Word Press templates and get any suggestions to Will.
- **Continuing the conversation with the pastor:** Health is improving, good test results last week.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with final prayer led by Pastor Will.**

Next Session Meeting: June 20, 2017 hosted by Dave Arms.

Dave Arms is scheduled to prepare June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 communion.

Next Joint CPC/FCCA Leadership meeting scheduled for August 6 following worship

Jim Hodges  
Clerk of Session

*Pastor Christy dedicating the Butterfly  
Memory Garden in honor of  
Rev. C. David and Lois Zollars on  
Pentecost Sunday.*

*It was a beautiful day to have their  
children on hand to help dedicated  
it with everyone being invited to share  
a stone with the names of loved ones  
to be added to the garden.*



# JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>May 28</b> 9:00 am New Way warm up – Sanctuary 10:00 am New Way Worship Service - Chapel 11:45 am New Way rehearsal – Sanctuary 11:45 am – Cabinet Meeting – CSR 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>29</b> Office Closed  <i>No FCC Bible Study</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>30</b> <i>10:00 am Bible Study – CSR</i>	<b>31</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>June 1</b> 6:00 – 9:30pm – PCT – Social Hall 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>June 2</b> 6:00 – 9:30pm – PCT – Social Hall 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>June 3</b> MC in parking lot – 8 am to 1pm
<b>4 Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Communion Worship Service in the Chapel Deacons BBQ 4-7 MC – Social Hall	<b>5</b> <i>No FCC Bible Study –</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>6</b> <i>10:00 am Bible Study – CSR</i> <i>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm RCC Support Group – CSR</i>	<b>7</b> <i>11:30am Women's Fellowship</i> <i>1:30 Fellowship Meeting – CSR</i> <i>6:00 – 9:30pm – PCT – Social Hall</i> <i>7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>10</b> <i>3 pm – 7 pm – Private Event in the SH</i>
<b>11</b> <b>GROUP PICTURE DAY!</b> 8:30 am Care team meeting - CSR 10:00 am Joint Worship Service in the Chapel 11:45 am New Way rehearsal – Sanctuary 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>12</b> <i>10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR</i> <i>3:00 pm Outreach Meeting – CSR</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>13</b> <i>10:00 am Bible Study – CSR</i>	<b>14</b> <i>6:00 – 9:30pm – PCT – Social Hall</i> <i>7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR</i>	<b>15</b> <i>6:00 – 9:30pm – PCT – Social Hall</i>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>17</b> <i>8 am – 1 pm Ministerio Cristiano – Chapel</i> <i>11:30am Bountiful Table Lunch – CSR</i> <i>4:30 pm – 10:30 pm – Private Event in the SH</i>
<b>18 Father's Day!</b> 10:00 am Sparkle Sunday in the Chapel 4-7 M.C. – in SOCIAL HALL	<b>19</b> <i>10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>20</b> <i>10:00 am Bible Study – CSR</i> <i>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm RCC Support Group – CSR</i> <i>6:00 pm Session Meeting</i>	<b>21</b> <i>2:00 pm Welcome &amp; Marketing – CSR</i> <i>3:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting – Ann's home</i> <i>7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR</i>	<b>22</b> <i>*July/August newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today!</i>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>24</b> <i>9 am – 2 pm Ministerio Cristiano – SH</i> <i>Private Event – SH 2 pm – 7 pm</i>
<b>25</b> 9:00 am New Way warm up – Sanctuary 10:00 am New Way Worship Service - Chapel 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>26</b> <i>10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR</i> 6:15 pm Cub Scouts - SH 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	<b>27</b> <i>10:00 am Bible Study – CSR</i> <i>7pm Theology Pub – EJ Phair</i>	<b>28</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>July 1</b>



# ECSM News

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

## June Events at ECSM

### Women's Fellowship

*Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Viet Nam Noodle House  
(3676 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch).*

### Group Picture Day!

*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we are scheduled to have an all-congregational photo taken by the very talented Melissa Paniagua.*

*Please plan to attend worship that day, and afterwards stick around for a group photo shoot.*

### Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event

*Our church is hosting free lunches every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month for the community. **The next lunch will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 12:30 pm serving bagged lunches out of the Stoneman Room .***

### Theology Pub

*Will meet Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
Bring a friend! Everyone welcome!*