



ECSM News

Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg
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First Congregational Church of Antioch



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

Almost half of Americans live in poverty in the richest country on the planet. It's worse than a shame. It's a crime. This level of poverty is created. It's not a mistake.

I thought I knew quite a bit about poverty. I've been advocating against the systems that make people poor and keeps them poor for years now. But I've been learning a bit more about the diversity of poverty in California and the country during the Poor People's Campaign.

Some of us remember Dr. MLK's Poor People Campaign 51 years ago. We've heard his sermon at the Riverside Church, we've recognized that poverty is as great or greater today than it was back then. But I had forgotten that there was also a PPC back in the 1920's, when people went to live in tents on the National Mall to force their national leaders to create the New Deal. We haven't seen this level of inequality in the US since the 1920's when the 1% was collecting nearly as much wealth as they are today. It's as if the Gilded Age of the Robber Barons has returned, but the rationale that encourages the people's hard work in hopes of joining the rich someday has proven to be futile.

We have a banking system that was intent on being saved itself rather than putting people back to work building more homes to increase the needed affordability of housing across the nation. A Grand Jury here in Contra Costa County recently told our elected leaders that we need 31,000 apartments and housing units at affordable rates just to keep people from being displaced outside of the Bay Area. I've overheard people talk about family members who are moving out of California to be able to find an affordable place to live. It's not just about the cost of living, though.

From the FCCA Pastor



On Sunday morning, June 3, at 6am thousands of people will ride their bicycles out of the Cow Palace in San Francisco to begin a 561-mile journey to Los Angeles as part of the AIDS/LifeCycle.

Our own Lucas Stuart-Chilcote will be among those riding. We prayed over both Lucas and his bike on Sunday, May 27 during worship. We prayed for a safe journey and acknowledged the importance of the ride in raising both awareness and money. Awareness that HIV/AIDS is still a devastating disease in our society especially in the LGBT community and communities of color. And money for continuing medical research into battling HIV/AIDS.

As an open and affirming community of faith, we are committed to working to create an accepting and diverse community. We will face resistance. The rainbow comma on the FCCA sign (which faces Leland) was cut out of the sign. The rainbow is a symbol of our commitment to inclusivity...especially the LGBT community. The rainbow was cut out and thrown to the ground. Similarly, the rainbow was ripped off the top of the sign to the right of the sanctuary steps.

We are currently working to respond to the resistance.

"Angels in America," a play written about the beginning of the AIDS epidemic is currently playing at the Berkeley Repertory Theater. The director of the play, Tony Taccone, writes, "Do we have the vision necessary to re-imagine our democracy, the will to sustain a society built on equality

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Wages have stagnated even here in California where wages are higher than other parts of the country. Whether it's keeping minimum wages low, or industries asking for more undocumented workers who are willing to work for less, there are many intersectionalities that contribute to the wage suppression. Teachers across the country have been striking and forcing their legislatures to address the low wages and sparse funding for the schools themselves. Teachers have been paying for classroom supplies out of their own pockets for years, but even they have had enough. Rather than having communities where investment leads to better roads and bridges and safer school buildings, we have whole regions of the country that have largely been forgotten and crumbling. It's not just Flint, Michigan with undrinkable water. That's true in Detroit, parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland and even neighborhoods in Oakland. Such areas have become where the poorest of the poor struggle to survive. It's also where the most police violence exists.

Such problems only come after decades of neglect. When the UN visited parts of the United States last year, they concluded that we are operating as a 3rd World Country in many such non-investment zones. As the rich continue to move to newer suburbs, the exurbs and other aging communities never get the infrastructure upgrades they need, leaving the poor to live in the oldest, most polluted and least safe neighborhoods where even the health of their children is at risk.

We live in a county that still has many such forgotten neighborhoods. The Iron Triangle in Richmond, the areas near the refineries and chemical companies along the waterfront, and even those places along the river or Brannon Island where the homeless encampments have sprouted over the last few years tell their stories.

The Poor People's Campaign is an important first step in a long term struggle to change the policies and systems that disenfranchise the poor in every state. It is a years long struggle that attempts not to leave anyone behind. For the first time, even the needs of the Indigenous and LGBTQ communities are included in the demands for systemic change. As Dr. Audre Lorde taught us, there are no hierarchies of oppression. That's why the poor are asking all of us to join them in their struggle,

because no matter what amount of resources we are able to control for us and our own families, we too won't be truly free (or able to convince ourselves that we are good Christians) without finding ourselves spending our time and talents helping those around us become truly free as well.

As you've heard me say before, when Jesus said in Matthew 26:11 that the poor will always be with you, he wasn't saying there will always be poor people – so don't work to end poverty. He was saying that we are his disciples, we too will be where he spent his time, with the poor, hearing their stories, and making a difference in their lives.

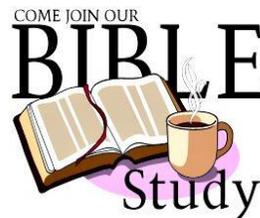
Together we serve,
Pastor Will

Pastor Christy continues...

and inclusion, the courage to look at our prejudices to look beyond our personal experience and commit to the greater good? These questions are more pressing that ever. We can only hope that our answers approach the transcendent optimism of the play." And I would add the transcendent optimism of our faith.

May we be in solidarity with those riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Blessings,
Christy



FCC Monday Bible

Study: We meet at 10:00 am every Monday in the Stoneman Room for an informal time of conversation, prayer & study.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: We meet every Tuesday at 10 am in the Camp Stoneman Room. We started a new video curriculum called "Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles over Authentication" with Dr. Bart Ehrman.

THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The **Monthly Fellowship Lunch** will next meet Wednesday, June 6th we will be meeting at Wong's Restaurant, 3704 Lone Tree Way, Antioch.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fellowship Ministry: Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:15 am.

Outreach Committee: We will not meet in June.

Worship Committee: will next meet Wednesday, June 27th 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Stoneman Room.

Welcome & Marketing Committee: will next meet June 27th at 11:30 am in the Stoneman Room.

June 17th will be our monthly

Sparkle Sunday

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

Equal Exchange: Coffee and tea are available. The cart is out on Sundays during the Fellowship Hour. Give the money to Mary or Ann. Checks made payable to CPC. Thanks.

Bountiful Table Free Lunch Program

We will be serving a Bountiful Table lunch on June 16th, at 11:30 am. If you have any extra blankets, towels, coats, sweatshirts, other clothes and shoes, please drop them off in the sanctuary or next to the Stoneman Room. If you feel you are being called to serve, please come and participate.

FCCA Cabinet will next meet Sunday, June 24th at 12:30 pm in the Stoneman Room.

Theology Pub: Will next meet Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30 pm, at Waterfront Grill & Café, 51 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg.

Everyone is invited to a farewell luncheon for Sandy Henry on Sunday, June 24th after worship in the Social Hall.

Pastors Schedule: Pastor Christy will be away at the UCC Annual Gathering at **Sonoma State University**, June 14th – June 17th. Pastor Will will be at General Assembly in St. Louis June 15th – June 22nd.

Happy Birthday!



June

- 2 Glean 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

Graduation Day

Are you graduating this year? Is someone in your family graduating? Is someone we know and love graduating? Please let us know, so that we can honor our graduates on June 10th as they accomplish this major milestone.



SAVE THE DATE! PEACE CAMP 2.0

July 20th 5pm to 8 pm, dinner included
July 21st 9-3, act of service to Bountiful Table Luncheon, lunch included
July 22nd church service at 10 am, Peace Campers arrive at 9:00am. Fellowship Hour afterward. Registration forms will be available July 1.



NEED A RENTAL HALL?
CONTACT (925)439-9361
LOCATED IN PITTSBURG, CA • FITS UP TO 250 PEOPLE



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

Fellowship Hour:

There are always dates on the calendar for you to sign up and help with some of the food. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall. Just add your name to the preferred date. If a name is already on the date you want, please coordinate with them what to bring.

Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:

Saturday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.
More info to follow.

ECSM News!

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

Newsletter



Building and Grounds

Hello everyone.

As the Building and Grounds Elder I should get an update to all of you and let you know what kind of things are going through my mind.

I'm hoping to focus on the outside spaces this year. There are many things that could be done.

Last year the Zollar's family installed the Butterfly Memorial Garden to the left of the sanctuary steps. It is so nice that I want to carry that farther. I want to spruce up the area to the right of the steps now, too. There is a mostly dead bush there that just needs to go. I'm not sure yet what will go in there but it will coordinate some with the other side. The sign that is there is also damaged so that will be replaced. There is a committee that will be figuring out what the new sign will look like. If you have ideas let me know.

I would also like to spruce up the area by the steps that go up to the Pastor's offices. Both sides of that area. There I'm thinking of putting succulents in along with some small stones.

Another area I have ideas about is that space between the Camp Stoneman Room steps and the door to the social hall. I would like to put 3 large planters there with a variety of plants in them and again small stones on the ground around the planters. All of these spaces would be drought tolerant and not need a lot of watering. And I think they would be quite inexpensive to do. Except for the three large pots by the Stoneman Room. That would be the largest expense. And I'm hoping some of you have ideas about these spaces and would be willing to help bring them to life! Let me know please.

The sign that is on Leland also needs replacing and will be part of the sign committees work. The crosses will be installed on the lawn on the Leland side. There are people working on that and getting the permits and the city of Pittsburg's approvals, too. I hope that gets done in the very near future.

If any of you have any other ideas please let me know. Or if you see things that need attention, whether it's a repair or update I would appreciate knowing that, too.

I'm looking forward to taking on these projects and looking forward to working with some of you to achieve these things.

Thank you for your support.
Mary Burks



Poor People's Campaign

East County PPC Rally

What's Next – How do we address poverty together?

Saturday, June 23rd at 4:00 pm
Antioch Church Family
55 East 18th Street, Antioch

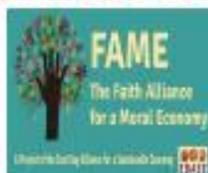
We meet in Antioch on the Global Day of Solidarity with poor everywhere, promising to keep the work going, holding our elected leaders accountable to dismantle the systems that make people poor & keep people poor.

**Come hear the stories of real people as we
address poverty together!**

For more information, contact Rev. Will McGarvey at 925-597-9797 or eye4cee@gmail.com. If you want to join the Poor People's Campaign and go to the actions in Sacramento, please see the weekly Themes, History, Foundational Principles and Moral Agenda with the links on the back side of this flyer.



Light Supper shared after the rally!



**Social
Justice
Alliance**



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June 3rd

**9th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday**

1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20) • Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18 or
Deut 5:12-15 • Ps 81:1-10; 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mk 2:23-3:6
Rev. Will McGarvey

June 10th

**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Graduation Sunday**

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

June 17th

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day**

Rev. Teresa Chavez Saucedo

June 24th

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
New Way Sunday**

1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 • Ps 9:9-20 or
Job 38:1-11 • Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mk 4:35-41
Rev. Will McGarvey

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 ECSM.

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.

CPC Treasurer's Corner:

April 2018

Income: \$12,787.46
Expenses: \$9,256.25



WORSHIP LEADERS

June 3rd

Liturgists Ann Custer
Ushers Umoz Umozurike
and Gayle Namanny
Greeters Roberto and Nora Buluran

June 10th

Liturgists Myrdell Dybdal
Ushers Roberto and Nora Buluran
Greeters The Umozurike Family

June 17th

Liturgists Mary Burks
Ushers Jim and Janie Hodges
Greeters Jim and Janie Hodges

June 24th

Liturgists New Way
Ushers George and Jude Stephens
Greeters George and Jude Stephens

July 1st

Liturgists Judy Hartz
Ushers TBD
Greeters TBD

Ushers: Please let **Janie Hodges** 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. If you have any questions or would like to become an Usher, please email or call her.



Attention all New Way Singers (and all those who want to give it a try):

We will rehearse on Sunday, June 10, at noon, after the Barbecue. Then, we'll meet up on Sunday morning June 24, at 9 am to warm-up and then sing during worship. Please consider this short-term commitment as we will be on hiatus for the month of July. C'mon folks, let's make some noise!

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. 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. Jerry Castleberry and Richard James. Carol Czarnowski. Lucille Brautigam. Pat Vines and Bill Dexheimer

Prayers of Concern

Those affected by the recent violence here and abroad. Those affected by the natural disasters in Texas, the Caribbean – St. Martin, St. Barts, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Turks and Caicos, Miami, Cuba, Mexico, Nepal, Northern & Southern California, the Philippines, Japan. 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. Letha Arms and Family

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 Califo 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. For those affected by hurricanes and fires and violence.

June Prayer Families & Churches

June 3^d

Bill and Barbara Dexheimer
Evert and Margaret Diest Lorgion
First Presbyterian Church – Oakland
First Congregational UCC – Redwood City

June 10th

The Dwinell Family
Chuck and Myrdell Dybdal
Montclair Presbyterian Church – Oakland
First Congregational UCC – Reno

June 17th

Birdie Edwards and Reggie Washington
Robert Ewen
Park Blvd Presbyterian Church – Oakland
Light of Soul UCC – Reno

June 24th

Sue and Rich Ferguson
Paul and Jane Fish
Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana – Oakland
Imani Community UCC – Sacramento



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

May 15, 2018

Called to order at 6:50 p.m. at the home of Michael Capurro by checking in.

Elders present: Ruling Elders: Mary Burks, Michael Capurro, Myrdell Dybdal, Jim Hodges, Carol Hosmer, and Teaching Elder/Moderator Rev. Will McGarvey. A quorum was present.

Elders excused: None.

Visitors: Stephanie Capurro

Mission statement was read by all and meeting opened in prayer by Moderator Will McGarvey.

Docket was read and approved as revised.

Minutes of April 17, 2018 Regular Stated Meeting of Session approved as submitted. Report on May 6th Joint Cabinet/Session Meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Consent Calendar: None

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Clerk of Session: No new report.

Correspondence: June 9th Church Treasurer Workshop in El Cerrito okay for Cherie to attend, East Bay Regional Meeting May 29th in Clayton Valley. All who are interested to go and take soup. Presbytery meeting June 5th at El Cerrito office.

Pastor's Report: Committees, Green Spirit tabling with 3 other congregations for Green Church welcome. Theology Pub, GSA Forum, visited Janie Hodges, Church Fellowship Lunch, musicians and pastors lunch. Regular calls and visitation.

Presbytery Meeting report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Report emailed from Cherie Persing 05-15-18.

Care Team: Report emailed by Jude Stephens 05-08-18.

Event Coordinator: Report emailed by Jessica Natal 05-15-18.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Report emailed by Mary Burks 05-14-18. See Mary's report. Discussed added succulent gardens on church grounds. Discussed some security concerns about someone living in the cinderblock shed outside. Mary will ask Dave to change the code to not allow people to get in. People are sleeping in the paint room and smoking. Discussed windows being left open in Social Hall. Carol will ask Rob Hosmer to make sure that the windows are closed when he does rounds at Winter Nights. The steps next to Christy's office need repairs, but there is an issue of asbestos. Dave Arms and Bill Dexheimer are figuring out a means of enclosing the steps with a sealer to address the concern.

Christian Education: Email from Gayle Namanny 05-08-18. No report.

Fellowship: Email from Michael Capurro 05-08-18. Fellowship will start having meetings before church from 9:15 to 9:45, Sunday of month to be determined.

Outreach: Report emailed from Carol Hosmer 05-15-18. Fifth Sundays will have a project for each of the remaining 3 this year. July (International Rescue Committee-IRC), September (Peacemaking) and December (Christmas Joy). Mary will check about stores to buy gift cards for IRC. Will suggested the committee brainstorm how they want to do gift cards, do not need Session approval. **MSC for approval of concept for the remaining Sundays.**

Stewardship & Finance: Email from Myrdell 05-08-18. No meeting this month. FCCA financial persons will meet this month and then CPC Finance and Stewardship committee will meet with them.

Welcoming & Marketing: Report emailed by Elaine Palmer 05-18-18.

Worship: Report emailed by Ann Custer 05-10-18.

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CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Follow-through items from Finance and Stewardship committee discussed last month-consolidating inactive accounts:
 - Carol has purchased several balls from the sports equipment fund as approved last month. **MSC to use remainder of line item 2118 to Lucas Stuart-Chilcote HIV bike ride. Cherie to use church credit card and round up to even \$75.**
 - Feedback on Worship Committee use of funds available to combine separate line items of designated funds. Worship is aware of the available funds and will be using them to purchase Marcia McFee worship guidelines and other worship related items. **The committee requested approval of a 30' HDMI cable purchased from acct #21505. Session approved this request.**
- Revisions to Policies and Procedures Manual to reflect dissolution of Board of Deacons, replacement by Care Team. **Discussion tabled again until next month as Care Team did not have a quorum for their meeting.**
- Changes to landscaping to save money. Mary Burks is continuing to look into this.
- Discussion and suggestions regarding the Buildings and Grounds report as printed in the Annual report. More discussion is needed about the possibility of a wrought iron fence.
- Installation of Crosses: **Chris Persing spoke with the aluminum fabricator. Cost to weld on extensions will be \$525 + tax and will take about ½ day.**
- The Chapel Improvement Fund & "Hearing loop": **Status update was given by Myrdell Dybdal. At this time, we have \$2016 total, of which \$1245 is designated for carpet, \$500 designated for Twire, and \$271 undesignated. June 12th Session meeting will be the goal for a decision on the carpets.** Estimates of carpet costs have been received from three individuals: for carpet tile - \$11.8k; Abbey carpet - \$6.7k; and a friend of George Stephens - \$5.1k, limited to a choice of 2 colors only. Abbey carpet is most promising to work with at this point. Abbey carpet bid did not include steps down to Stoneman Kitchen.
- Continuing the conversation with the pastor: No news.
- **Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley will be our guest speaker for Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. Line item 5045 pulpit supply will be used to pay his honorarium. This is a budget item, no motion required.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with Michael Capurro leading in prayer.
Next Session Meeting: June 12, 2018 hosted by Jim Hodges.
Michael Capurro is scheduled to prepare June communion.
Next Joint CPC Session/FCCA Cabinet meeting scheduled for August 5, 2018 immediately following worship in the Camp Stoneman Room.
Next Presbytery meeting is Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 4 PM – 7 PM at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hodges

Clerk of Session



Outreach Reports

WINTER NIGHTS

The Winter Nights program just finished a two week stay at our church, from May 7 to May 21. What a great group of people who really seemed to appreciate what we were doing for them.

We had wonderful help from St. Ignatius Church in Antioch who provided meals from May 7 to May 11 with 14 meals provided with 22 members giving 80.5 hours of their time. Thanks for doing the extra shopping at the beginning: Brian and Vicki McCoy.

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church stepped in to help with meals from May 14 to May 18 providing 15 meals. Thanks to Marsha Miller and her group of 23 who put in 51.75 hours.

The two weekends and Monday morning breakfast was provided by our own members. At least 35 of our members stepped up and helped out cooking 15 meals, doing crafts, shopping, laundry, cleaning and numerous other things giving 112.5 hours. And those numbers do not include Robert H. who spent every night and helped out with breakfast every morning during the week for a total of 213.5 over a period of 14 days!

And those numbers do not include the hours of cooking at home and those who forgot to sign in. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you. It could not have been done without your support!

5TH SUNDAY GIVING

For the remainder of the year, Outreach is going to try to have a 5th Sunday become "Giving Sunday". The next month with five Sundays will be July. So on July 29, we are asking for donation of gift cards for the International Rescue Committee. Info on other Sundays will be announced after July.

International Rescue Committee

This group has offices in Oakland and help those in need worldwide.

Who are we?

The International Rescue Committee helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and regain control of their future.

Where we focus:

The IRC will put in place high-impact, cost-effective solutions that help people affected by crisis. We'll also use our learning and experience to shape humanitarian policy and practice in ways that improve the lives of more people worldwide. And in all of our work we will focus on **breaking down each of the barriers faced by women and girls.**

Make a donation

Help the IRC save refugee families in crisis.

Make your tax-deductible gift today.

Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC delivers lifesaving care to people fleeing conflict and natural disaster. Year after year, the IRC is one of the highest-ranking nonprofits for accountability, transparency, and efficient use of contributions. Their greatest need is gift cards, particularly from Target and Safeway in amounts of \$25 or \$50. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please bring gift cards by July 29, 2018.

More information can be obtained at:

<https://www.rescue.org/united-states/oakland-ca>

JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 27 9:00 am New Way Warm up – Chapel 10:00 am New Way Service – Chapel 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – SH 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	28 Memorial Day. Office Closed <i>No FCC Bible Study</i>	29 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR	30 5:30 pm Movie Night in the CSR 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	31	June 1 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	June 2 3 pm – Pride on the Plaza @ Todos Santos Park in Concord.
June 3 10:00 am Communion Worship Service in the Chapel 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – SH 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	4 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	5 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	6 10:00 am Peace Camp Meeting – CSR 11:30 am Joint Fellowship Lunch @ Wong's 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting – CSR PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	7 PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	8 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	9 Private Event – SH
10 10:00 am Joint Sunday Service in the Chapel 11:30 am Care team BBQ 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – Sanctuary 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	11 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	12 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	13 PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	14 PCT – 6:30-9pm – Chapel	15 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms <i>UCC Annual Gathering</i>	16 Bountiful Table – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – SH <i>UCC Annual Gathering</i>
17 Father's Day! 10:00 am Sunday Service – Chapel 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – Sanctuary 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms <i>UCC Annual Gathering</i>	18 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	19 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Session Meeting	20 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	21	22 <i>*July/August newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today</i> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	23 4:00 pm – Poor Peoples Campaign Rally at Antioch Church Family. 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Boy Scouts Spaghetti Feed - Social Hall
24 9:00 am New Way Warm up – Chapel 10:00 am New Way Service – Chapel 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel During FELLOWSHIP: Sandy's Farewell 12:30 pm FCC Cabinet Meeting – CSR 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – SH 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	25 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH	26 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR	27 10:00 am – Worship Meeting – CSR 11:30 am – Welcome & Marketing – CSR 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	28	29 Office Closed 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	30 Private Event – SH



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June Events at ECSM

Joint Fellowship Lunch

*Wednesday, June 6th at 11:30 am at Wong's Restaurant,
3704 Lone Tree Way, Antioch. All are Welcome!*

Care Team BBQ

*Sunday, June 10th immediately following worship in the Social Hall and
Courtyard. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP with a Care Team member.*

Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event

June 16th 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Poor Peoples Campaign

*East County Rally: Saturday June 23rd at 4:00 pm at
Antioch Church Family, 55 East 18th Street, Antioch.*