



ECSTM News

Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

Sharing Ministry with First Congregational Church of Antioch



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From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

As I write this, I've just returned from the early morning rally outside the elementary school in Alamo where the Westboro Hate Group came to protest. It wasn't exactly clear why they

chose this particular school to protest, the Tuesday after the Sunday where they spent a half an hour in front of four congregations in Walnut Creek, except that a Fox News blog targeted the school in January for having a bulletin board with information supportive of the Transgender community. I learned separately that the school has done their best to follow the wishes of the parents of a young child in transition, and that the bulletin board shared some information on differing gender identities and expressions as sign of support and education for other students and parents.

Earlier this weekend, the flag at Clayton Valley Presbyterian was vandalized once more. Sadly, our partners in ministry there have become used to such occurrences, though it hasn't happened in some time. Perhaps they used the donation we gave them last year to have one on hand to replace it as quickly as they did.

On my way to lunch today, I drove in front of our church and noticed that someone has cut out the rainbow comma's on the FCCA banners on Leland Rd. Apparently the banners and comma's have been torn out for a while now, with Bill Dexheimer reattaching them from time to time. Even the rainbow comma on the sign in front of the church has been broken off of that sign in the last few months as well.

Sometimes it's not easy to stand up for what you believe in – and continuing to do so peacefully. (Why we can't keep people's hands off of our church signs is another conversation.) Perhaps it's just the cost of standing in solidarity with those whom have been targeted by the church itself for so long, but it is clear that when hate comes to town, it gives cover for others

From the FCCA Pastor



Happy Easter!

Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming.

Freedom from fear....
freedom from the fear of death.

"Perfect love casts out fear."

Easter celebrates that perfect love...a love that is stronger than death.

We hear again the ancient words, "Death where is thy victory. Death where is thy sting?" Nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from the love of God.

Easter is a celebration of that love...that steadfast, reliable, powerful love of God revealed through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Life and love will not be defeated.

My father died a little over a month ago. He is no longer alive. And yet the connection to him continues to be strong. The love that connected us while he was alive, connects us still. It is different now. I can't hug him or speak to him or worry about whether or not he will fall out of his wheelchair again. All of that is over.

And yet I feel the support of his love even after his death. Something profound continues to connect us.

The web of life that sustains us includes those who have died. Support, love and understanding come to us from those who have gone before us in death. We are of the same substance...love....which does not end. The veil between the worlds of life and death is very thin.

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to do the same thing.

Insisting that all people, gay and straight, brown and white, and those of every gender identity and expression are included in the *imago Dei*, the image of God, can sometimes raise the ire of those who would insist that only their tribe or definition of acceptable humanity are included in God's kin-dom of welcome and love. But we will continue to "Stand on the side of love" as our song reminds us. It's important for faith communities to stand up to such idolatry, hate and vandalism by continuing to live out the expansive love a God that continues to break down every barrier between us.

Sometimes it's as easy as showing up to a rally, but other times it asks us to speak up even with those we love, challenging off the cuff remarks that belittle others. If it's not good news for everybody, it's not good news for anybody. The love of God is always beyond our imagination, and welcomes us to greater feats of love, service and care for a hurting world. Let us continue to share this vast grace and love until the world is filled with the harmony of the kin-dom where everyone belongs.

Together we serve,

Pastor Will

Easter 2018



Pastor Christy continues...

Can we know this in our lives? Can we trust this mystery of our faith? We are supported by a love that is eternal. A love that will not be destroyed by death or aging or dementia or sorrow of grief. Love withstands all of that. It survives in the face of death. Death cannot kill it. That is what we celebrate at Easter as we proclaim the risen Christ.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is alive forevermore.

When we know this to be true, our lives are forever changed.

Our priorities shift. Our capacity to serve grows. Our commitment to inclusivity and tolerance grows. Our awareness of oppression grows. Our willingness to work for justice grows. We are transformed by this love as it moves through our hearts and minds.

Happy Easter. Celebrate the gift of life that does not end. Celebrate the gift of love that is not destroyed by death.

This is much to celebrate!

Easter Blessings,

Christy

CPC Treasurer's Corner:

March 2018

Income: \$8,427.26

Expenses: \$11,528.62

Pastor's Schedule: Christy will be in SoCal from April 3 - 13. Her father's memorial service is April 7. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Will McGarvey @ 925 597-9797.



*Congratulations
Ginny and Kookie
on your 40th
Anniversary!*

THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The **Monthly Fellowship Lunch** will next meet Wednesday, April 4th at 11:30 am at The Red Caboose, 210 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Fellowship Ministry: We will next meet Wednesday, April 4th at 1:30 pm at the Red Caboose, 210 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch.

Food Handler's meeting: On Friday, April 6th at 4:00 pm we will meet with a Contra Costa County Environmental Health Director for a learning session about feeding the public safely and state requirements. Please feel free to join us in the Social Hall, especially if you participate in the Bountiful Table program.

Outreach Committee: We will next meet Monday, April 9th at 1:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

Welcome & Marketing Committee: will next meet April 18th at 11:30 am in the Stoneman Room.

Worship Committee: will next meet Wednesday, April 18th at 3:00 pm at Ann Custer's home.

Classic Film Night *formally LGBTQ Film Night*: Will next meet Tuesday, May 8th at 5:30 pm in the CSR we will watch "Don't Say a Word" – a thriller with Michael Douglas.

April 15th 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: The Chocolate bars are gone. Unless I hear from you stating you will buy them I will not order until fall. They don't ship Chocolate in the summer due to the heat. You can go to their website and check out the different varieties of bars and let me know what you want <http://equalexchange.coop/>

Thanks for your help in this decision making.
Mary Burks 925-852-8392. You can text me at that number.

Bountiful Table Free Lunch Program

We will be serving a Bountiful Table lunch on April 21st, 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.



April

5	Jon Fish
8	Rachel Stephens
	Stevie Burks
10	Scott Brown
11	Megan Green Sims
13	Chris Shipe
16	Russell Peck
20	Holley Kenney
24	Cherie Persing
29	Glenda Lamb
	Dennis Lamb

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

Happy Anniversary!
April



1	Ginny & Kookie McGuire (Easter)
13	Mike & Sandy Henry
	Roger and Lynn Lessley
15	Myrdell and Chuck Dybdal
16	Vicky and Barry Winkler
18	Lawrence and Tracy Bishop
25	Dick and Betty Pankey

FCCA Cabinet will next meet Sunday, April 15th, immediately following worship.

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, April 9th.

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

Theology Pub: Will next meet Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 pm, at La Veranda, 444 Railroad Ave, Pittsburg.

Save the Date!

We will be hosting the Winter Nights Shelter, May 7-21st ... Volunteer opportunities will be available. Lists will be available soon. Contact Carol Hosmer with any questions.



**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.

Below are the dates open in April/May:

**April 22 – OPEN
May 6 – OPEN**

ECSM News!

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



Earth Day Celebration in Martinez on April 21. Celebrating John Muir's 180th birthday the 47th Anniversary of Earth Day and the National Park Service Centennial plus the 62nd Anniversary of the John Muir Association

John Muir Birthday—Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 21, 2018
10am–4pm
Admission and parking are FREE!

For more information:
(925) 228-8860
www.nps.gov/jomu

Members of the church are welcome to host our table for a few hours if you would like. Talk to Pastor Will if you are available. We are one of many Progressive, Earth friendly congregations sharing a booth there to get the word out about ourselves together.

Rev. William Barber, Dr. Liz Theoharis on New Poor People's Campaign 50 years after Dr. King's assassination
APRIL 3, 2018

Reverend William Barber and Dr. Liz Theoharis speak in Memphis, Tennessee about the “new and unsettling force” of Dr. Martin Luther King’s life and legacy, on the eve of the 50th anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination. Barber and Theoharis are co-chairs of the [New Poor People’s Campaign, A National Call for Moral Revival](#), inspired by Dr. King’s movement at the time of his death in 1968.



<https://ourfuture.org/20180403/rev-william-barber-dr-liz-theoharis-on-new-poor-peoples-campaign>

RECIPE CORNER

Pasta Primavera



Ingredients

3 carrots, peeled and cut into thin strips
2 medium zucchini or 1 large zucchini, cut into thin strips
2 yellow squash, cut into thin strips
1 onion, thinly sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
1/4 cup olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon dried Italian herbs or herbes de Provence
1 pound farfalle (bowtie pasta)
15 cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup grated Parmesan

Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

On a large heavy baking sheet, toss all of the vegetables with the oil, salt, pepper, and dried herbs to coat. Transfer half of the vegetable mixture to another heavy large baking sheet and arrange evenly over the baking sheets. Bake until the carrots are tender and the vegetables begin to brown, stirring after the first 10 minutes, about 20 minutes total.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente, tender but still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid.

Toss the pasta with the vegetable mixtures in a large bowl to combine. Toss with the cherry tomatoes and enough reserved cooking liquid to moisten. Season the pasta with salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of Giada De Laurentiis
www.foodnetwork.com

April Music Schedule

Many thanks to those who participated in the ECSM Easter Choir. Music is such an important part of our worship celebration. Thank you to Michael Miller for inspired direction and to Ann Custer for excellent accompaniment.

The New Way team is back on schedule for April, kicking off our new quarterly theme:

With Our Voices

Rehearsals will be on April 8 and April 22, with a warmup on April 22 at 9 am.

Our next New Way Sunday is April 22, Earth Day. We'll combine our "voices" theme with an Earth Day celebration, which promises to bless us all. Please consider adding your voice to this rewarding and very enjoyable ministry.

Maybe this information will influence your decision:

Some Possible Health Benefits of Music

Reduce pain intensity

Reduce stress and anxiety

Boost mood

Increase memory and attention

Enhance workout performance

Improve immunity

Improve symptoms of depression

Facilitate recovery

Improve sleep quality



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April 1st
Easter

Communion Sunday

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

April 8th
2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 133; 1 Jn 1:1-2:2; Jn 20:19-31

Rev. Will McGarvey

April 15th
3rd Sunday of Easter
Sparkle Sunday
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

April 22nd
4th Sunday of Easter
New Way Sunday

Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3:16-24; Jn 10:11-18

Rev. Will McGarvey

April 29th
5th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

May 6th
6th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 1 5:9-17

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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

April 1st

Betsy Sullivan
George and Jude Stephens
George and Jude Stephens

April 8th

Janie Hodges
Roberto and Nora Buluran
Jim and Janie Hodges

April 15th

Donald Lang
Chuck and Myrdell Dybdal
TBD

April 22nd

New Way
Bill and Barbara Dexheimer
TBD

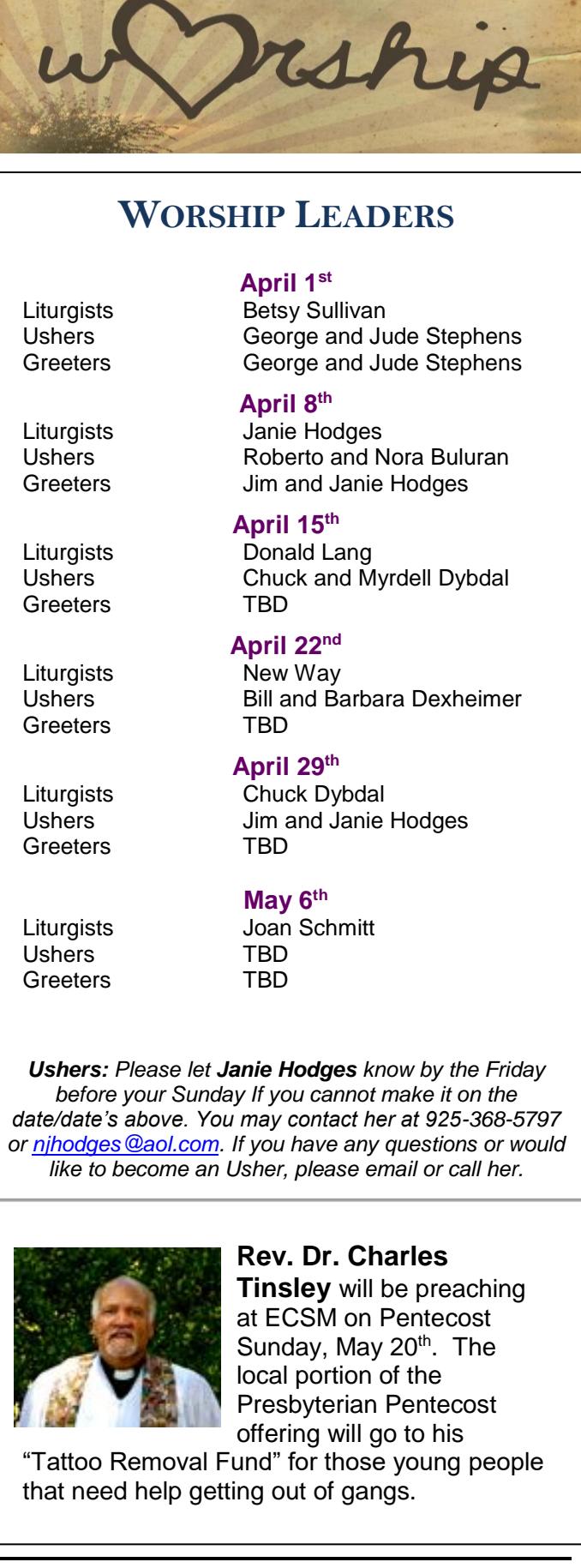
April 29th

Chuck Dybdal
Jim and Janie Hodges
TBD

May 6th

Joan Schmitt
TBD
TBD

Liturgists
Ushers
Greeters



Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley will be preaching at ECSM on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. The local portion of the Presbyterian Pentecost offering will go to his

"Tattoo Removal Fund" for those young people that need help getting out of gangs.

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. The families of Betty Brown, Reed Custer and Silver Halladay. Pastor Christy 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 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. For those affected by hurricanes and fires and violence.

April Prayer Families & Churches

April 1

Mary Burks and Family
Deb Burton and Suzie Holland
First Presbyterian Church – Castro Valley
First Congregational UCC – Palo Alto

April 8

Anne Cakebread
The Worchel/Cameron Family
New Bridges Presbyterian Church – Hayward
Pescadero Community UCC

April 15

Jim and Janice Campbell
Michael and Stephanie Capurro
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
Petaluma United Church of Christ

April 22

Jerry Castleberry and Richard James
Maxine Chan
First Presbyterian Church – Livermore
Community Presbyterian Church UCC – Pittsburg

April 29

Clarice Chandler
Teresa Chavez-Sauceda
First Presbyterian Church – Newark
First Congregational UCC – Pittsburg



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

March 20, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the home of Myrdell Dybdal by checking in.

Elders present: Ruling Elders: Mary Burks, Jim Hodges, Myrdell Dybdal, Carol Hosmer and Michael Capurro and Teaching Elder/Moderator Rev. Will McGarvey. A quorum was present. **Elders excused:** None.

Visitors: None. **Mission statement** was read by all and meeting opened in prayer by Moderator Will McGarvey.

Docket was read and approved as corrected with addition of MCE meeting and the B&G report for the annual meeting. **MSC (Mary)** to approve minutes of February 10, 2018 Regular Stated Meeting of Session and the February 10, 2018 First Annual Leadership meeting as submitted.

Consent Calendar: Mary **MSC to approve all consent items as noted below.**

- **Appoint Ann Custer to replace Reed Custer to the Stoneman Board of Directors, which would leave Ann's current Member-at-Large position to be filled by someone from the community.**
- **Request Nancye Blasingame to perform a financial review of 2017 CPC Financials.**
- **Formal approval of sending \$5000 grant from Presbytery to Winter Nights for the Parking Lot Program**
- **Approve expenditures for steel double doors into Social Hall on West side and steel single door on South side. See discussion below for source of these funds per the F&S committee recommendation.**

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Clerk of Session: Membership as of Sunday, March 18, 2018 is 58, with the addition of Donna Henry, Donald Lang and Ken and Joan Schmitt.

First quarter attendance report through March 18 was reviewed.

Correspondence: Church statistical report was emailed to UCC for the UCC 2018 yearbook.

Pastor's Report: Regular Bible Studies, pastoral care and committees. Leadership Retreat, Jerry Castleberry's Birthday dinner, Pastor's lunch, Presbytery meeting, Ash Wednesday, remainder of 2017 Study Leave President's weekend, Worship committee, Theology Pub, Vacation, March 2-11, Ministers and Musicians lunch mtg., teaching the Biblical Self Defense course and Welcoming Congregation presentation at RCC. Visited with Greg Brown in preparation for Betty's memorial.

Presbytery Meeting report: Jim, Mary and Will reported on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Presbytery meeting at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer's Report: Report emailed by Cherie Persing 03-16-18.

Care Team: Report emailed by Jude Stephens 03-15-18. Discussion about spending money from funds for contribution to congregant. Important points to communicate to Care Team are the need to keep transparency and accountability of these funds. Need to keep 501(c)3 accountability in the process.

Event Coordinator: Report emailed by Jessica Natal 03-16-18.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Email sent by Mary Burks 03-19-18. Mary talked about reorganizing the closets in the storeroom so that Bountiful Table clothes could be stored in the Social Hall. Thanks to Mary and Bill and Barbara Dexheimer for their work on this.

Cristian Education: No Report.

Fellowship: Mary sent minutes to Michael, who sent them to Jim on 03-15-18. Jim did not send the minutes out to Session. Minutes have been sent to Session members 03-22-18

Outreach: Carol Hosmer emailed the February report 02-17-18 and the March report 03-12-18. Bountiful Table is under Outreach, and any receipts for funds needed for Bountiful Table should be given to Carol if they are to be reimbursed from CPC funds.

Winter Nights is setting dates set for next year 2019. First choice for dates are May 6-20, May 20-June3 or possibly other weeks in June. Carol will follow through with Winter Nights about scheduling dates. Parking lot program is projected to be expanded from two months in the future. For this year, Clayton Valley and St. Ignatius will continue to help us in Winter Nights.

Stewardship & Finance: Report emailed by Myrdell Dybdal 03-13-18. See New Business below.

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Welcoming & Marketing: No meeting this month. Next meeting will be 3/21.

Worship: Report emailed by Ann Custer 03-08-18.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Myrdell Dybdal agreed to be the Session Representative to Nominating Committee and will serve as Chair.
- Facilities Coordinator Questions (email from Jessica March 15)
 - Small Church Group of about 30 wanting to rent for about 6 months. **MSC to accept at \$75.00/hour w/o air, \$125/hour w/ air. However, due to Winter Nights Mothers' Day event on May 13 and a special birthday event on May 20, they can't use Social Hall for those dates. They would be able to use the chapel those dates.**
 - Cooking Around the World kids' summer program has requested to rent the kitchen the end of June/July. Discussion centered around the cost and the need to get our kitchen certified for serve safe (food handler's) certificate. **MSC to decline and further, that we need to get our kitchen serve safe certified.**
- Changes to landscaping to save money. Mary Burks will be meeting with the landscaper and Jessica to discuss items that need to be taken care of.
- F&S Committee items for discussion:
 - Discussed February 25th collection for Deacon's Fund to assist an individual as fiscal responsibility and processing issues raise questions about non-profit status. **No action was taken at this time.**
 - Question about CPC Care Team Policies and Procedures. Postponed until after the Care Team comes up with a draft of their recommended policies and procedures for review and approval by FCCA Cabinet and CPC Session.
 - Regarding the cost of the South Social Hall door installation, **MSC to charge first \$1019.53 to Social Hall Deferred Maintenance (line item 21121) and the remaining \$335.37 to Building Repairs and Maintenance (line item 21111).**
 - 11 items relating to consolidation of designated/restricted funds accounts in accordance with the financial review recommendations.
 - **ALL of the F&S recommendations were passed, see printed version in the back of the chapel for more information.**
 - Both the Peacemaking and Pentecost denominational offerings have percentages that are retained by the church for disbursement, line items 2122 and 2128, respectively. From 2017 the amounts retained are for Peacemaking \$28.75, and Pentecost \$77.60. **MSC that, after Pentecost this year, we send to Rev. Charles Tinsley, chaplain for juveniles, the Peacemaking and Pentecost portions from last year, and include this year's Pentecost portion. Will to invite Rev. Tinsley to speak on Pentecost. These funds will be designated for tattoo removal for gang members trying to get out of gangs.**
 - It was emphasized that the Treasurer and committee liaisons must be given justifying receipts for items in committee budget. If an expense item exceeds a committee's budget for the year, Session must specifically approve the expenditure.
 - The list of committee members, chairs and persons responsible for taking minutes for 2018 was reviewed and updated.
 - The City of Pittsburg has chosen MCE as energy supplier, who are investing in renewable energy sources. CPC will participate in the default 50% renewable energy program beginning April 1st with PG&E and MCE. Over the rest of the year we will review the option and costs of going 100% renewable. Myrdell will contact MCE about them coming to ECSM for an informational meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Installation of Crosses: Dave has not been able to date to find a fabricator that can make extensions and help with field welding. Chris and Dave are working on it.
- Discussion of the B&G report in the church annual report will be carried forward to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m., with prayer by Will McGarvey.

Next Session Meeting: April 17, 2018 hosted by Carol Hosmer.

Sandy Henry is scheduled to prepare April communion.

Next Joint CPC Session/FCCA Cabinet meeting scheduled for May 6, 2018 immediately following worship in the Camp Stoneman Room.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Hodges, Clerk of Session



FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Poor People's Campaign A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL



Saturday, April 14th at 6:30 pm Labyrinth at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church 1578 Kirker Pass Rd., Clayton

Join those of multiple faith traditions and the Interfaith Climate Action Network in a diverse expression of gratitude, celebration in creation and sharing in Interfaith prayers for Earth Day. The Labyrinth is behind the Sanctuary (accessible from the east side of the building) and we will be indoors in case of inclement weather.

If you would like to be a part of the planning of this Interfaith Service, please contact Rev. Will McGarvey at 925.597.9797 or eye4eee@gmail.com.

1. We are rooted in a moral analysis based on our deepest religious and constitutional values that demand justice for all. Moral revival is necessary to save the heart and soul of our democracy.
2. We are committed to lifting up and deepening the leadership of those most affected by systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation and to building unity across lines of division.
3. We believe in the dismantling of unjust criminalization systems that exploit poor communities and communities of color and the transformation of the "War Economy" into a "Peace Economy" that values all humanity.
4. We believe that equal protection under the law is non-negotiable.
5. We believe that people should not live in or die from poverty in the richest nation ever to exist. Blaming the poor and claiming that the United States does not have an abundance of resources to overcome poverty are false narratives used to perpetuate economic exploitation, exclusion, and deep inequality.
6. We recognize the centrality of systemic racism in maintaining economic oppression must be named, detailed and exposed empirically, morally and spiritually. Poverty and economic inequality cannot be understood apart from a society built on white supremacy.
7. We aim to shift the distorted moral narrative often promoted by religious extremists in the nation from issues like prayer in school, abortion, and gun rights to one that is concerned with how our society treats the poor, those on the margins, the least of these: women, LGBTQIA folks, workers, immigrants, the disabled and the sick; equality and representation under the law; and the desire for peace, love and harmony within and among nations.
8. We will build up the power of people and state-based movements to serve as a vehicle for a powerful moral movement in the country and to transform the political, economic and moral structures of our society.
9. We recognize the need to organize at the state and local level—many of the most regressive policies are being passed at the state level, and these policies will have long and lasting effect, past even executive orders. The movement is not from above but below.
10. We will do our work in a non-partisan way—no elected officials or candidates get the stage or serve on the State Organizing Committee of the Campaign. This is not about left and right, Democrat or Republican but about right and wrong.
11. We uphold the need to do a season of sustained moral direct action as a way to break through the tweets and shift the moral narrative. We are demonstrating the power of people coming together across issues and geography and putting our bodies on the line to the issues that are affecting us all.

JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 1 10:00 am Easter Celebration in the Chapel 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – SH 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	2 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	3 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel 7:00 pm – Theology Pub – EJ Phair	4 11:30 am – Monthly Lunch in Antioch 1:30 pm – Fellowship Meeting PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	5 PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	6 4:00 pm Food Safety Meeting in the Social Hall 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	7 PWCL Lunch – 11:30 am – 3 pm - SH
8 8:30am Care team mtg. – CSR 10:00 am Worship Service in the Chapel 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel 1 pm – 2 pm – St. Mark Baptist – SH PCT – 2:30pm – 5:30 pm – Social Hall 4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	9 NO FCC Bible Study 1:00 pm – Outreach Meeting – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	10 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	11 PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	12 PCT – 7 - 10pm – Hall	13 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	14 4 pm – 10 pm – Private event - SH
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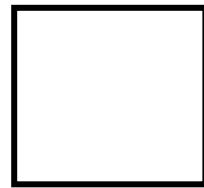
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April Events at ECSTM

Food Safety Meeting

*Friday, April 6th at 4:00 pm in the Social Hall,
come learn about food handling and state regulations.*

Pittsburg Women's Community League (PWCL) Luncheon

*Saturday, April 7th at 11:30 am in the Social Hall. \$7 per person,
White elephant and Bake Sale – Raffle and Door prizes.
Tickets available at the door.*

Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event

April 21st 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Theology Pub

*Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30pm at La Veranda,
444 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg*