



# ECSTM News

## Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

### Sharing Ministry with

### First Congregational Church of Antioch



June/July, Issue 6 \*Summer Edition\*

From the CPC Pastor



Dear Friends,

Rachel Held Evans recently died. I don't know if you ever heard of her, but she was a young evangelical author who helped reclaim everyday ways of reading the Bible from a liberatory female perspective.

She was very active on Twitter, Facebook and had a regular series of articles she wrote at Patheos, the religious portal. In her book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, she wrote,

*"Life is full of the sort of joys and sorrows that don't resolve neatly in a major key. God knows that, the Bible knows that. Why don't we?"*

Rachel had a way of sharing her thoughts in a gracious way, and sharing reproving remarks without alienating others, even the many men who trolled her regularly online. Her first book, *Evolving in Monkey Town*, shared her spiritual journey from certainty to an accepting of doubt and questioning while living in Dayton, Tennessee, where the Scopes Mokey Trial took place.

*"The story isn't over. There are still prophets in our midst. There are still dragons and beasts. It might now look like it, but the Resistance is winning. The light is breaking through."*

Her second book, four years later was called "A Year in Biblical Womanhood: How a liberated woman found herself sitting on her roof, covering her head, and calling her husband master." Like the book by the secular Jewish man, "Living Biblically," Evans attempted to live for a year in a literalistic reading of the Bible as a woman. From the experience, she was better able to write about how so much of our understanding of faith is culture based, and how to reclaim portions of ancient culture for women in liberative ways.



From the FCCA Pastor



The three large crosses that were newly installed on the Leland Road side of the church will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday which is June 9th. We will celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit with worship in the sanctuary and then at the end of the service we will process outside to the crosses and gather around them as we dedicate them.

The crosses are a public symbol of our faith. Folks who see them as they drive past on Leland Road will be reminded of the presence of our church community. The crosses are an embodiment of the deepest mystery of our faith--death becomes resurrection. The crosses witness not only to the transformation of physical death into the new life of resurrection, they also testify to the new life in Christ we experience as a daily reality through grace, compassion and forgiveness. The structure of the cross, intersecting beams with one in a horizontal position and the other in a vertical position, is a reminder of the dynamics of our faith. God's love flows unconditionally into the world (the vertical beam) and then through our service flows out into the world (the horizontal beam.) As we serve, our hearts fill with love for God and love flows back to God. We are met by God's love and the dynamics of the cross come alive in our own hearts and lives.

To all who drive by on Leland Road, the crosses will announce the presence of a church that is often hidden. May we embrace our visibility. May the crosses inspire us to be witnesses to the presence of God in the world. We are the ones called to bring our faith into the community and let people know that our faith is vital and life giving. May we be the messengers of a faith that is inclusive, grace filled and committed to justice & peace.

A bit of the history of the crosses. The three crosses stood for many years in front of the First Congregational Church of Antioch when it was located on East Tregallas in Antioch. The crosses welcomed

## Pastor Will continues...

She also recounts the cultural hazards moving from Evangelicalism to Episcopalianism. See pages 9-10.

*"If you are looking for verses (in the Bible) with which to oppress women, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to liberate and honor women, you will find them."*

Some of her best-known quotes are shared as images throughout this newsletter. You may be interested in reading her for her quick wit, and her deep honesty about the failings of the church. You may also like how she reclaims a way to be a Christian woman in the modern age without checking your head or heart at the door. She died much too young at age 37. Emma Green, in the Atlantic, wrote that Evans "was part of a vanguard of progressive-Christian women who fought to change the way Christianity is taught and perceived in the United States." Green argued that her legacy is "her unwillingness to cede ownership of Christianity to its traditional conservative-male stewards" and that her "very public, vulnerable exploration of a faith forged in doubt empowered a ragtag band of writers, pastors, and teachers to claim their rightful place as Christians."

*"I have come to regard with some suspicion those claim that the Bible never troubles them. I can only assume this means they haven't actually read it."*

Rachel, you are gone too soon, but the planet is a better place for your having been here.

Together we serve...

Pastor Will

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Join Pastor Will is the Church World Service Ration Challenge. Can you share your solidarity with refugees around the world by eating what they are given for a week-June 16-23?

Sponsor Pastor Will  
at <https://www.rationchallengeusa.org/revwillmcgarvey/>

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## Pastors Schedule:

Christy will be attending a Clergy Women's Retreat from June 2-5. She will also be attending the NCNCUCC Annual Gathering from June 13-15.

Pastor Will is on study leave from July 12-14. He will also be attending the Annual Gathering on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Pastor Christy continues...

folks as they drove into the church parking lot. They became the unofficial logo of the church. A line drawing of the crosses was used on the church letterhead and in church publicity.

The Antioch church building and grounds were sold to the Salvation Army in 2010 and the decision was made to move to Pittsburg and share ministry with Community Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg. At the time of the sale, we brought many things with us from the Antioch church. The crosses were the largest items we took with us when we moved. The church bell was the heaviest, the stained glass rose window the most beautiful, the baptismal fount and communion table the most recognized. The altar candles, cross and Bible were the most easily carried. Some of these items have journeyed twice. Once from the church when it was located on 6th Street in Antioch to the East Tregallas church location and then again from East Tregallas to Pittsburg.

On the first Sunday of our arrival in Pittsburg, we processed down the center aisle of the sanctuary carrying the Bible, candles and cross. The communion table and baptismal fount quickly found new homes in Pittsburg. The table we use every Sunday for worship. The baptismal fount lives in the narthex and on occasion holds the door open. The candles and cross live in the back of the sanctuary. The Bible found a home in my office. The Rose Window was framed, lights were installed to back light it and it now graces the rear of the sanctuary above the doors.

The church bell was adopted by the Antioch Historical Society. The crosses lived in an Antioch backyard for a number of years and then were transported to Pittsburg and spent time in the Camp Stoneman Room. The crosses had been cut off even with the ground when they were removed from Antioch and in order to restore their original height they had to be extended. Eventually the crosses were installed on the side of the church facing Leland Road. Thanks to Chris Persing and Jim Hodges who shepherded this project along. And to all the others who pitched in.

'Looking forward to gathering around the foot of the crosses to dedicate them on Pentecost. Hope you will be able to be there.

Blessings,  
Christy

# THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**FCCA Cabinet Meeting:** Will meet on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:45 am in the Stoneman Room.

**The Monthly Fellowship Lunch:** Will be Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am – Hillcrest Restaurant and Taphouse 2709 Hillcrest Ave, Antioch.

**Fellowship Committee:** Will be Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon at the Host Restaurant.

**Outreach Committee:** Will meet on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> time TBD.

**Care Team:** Will meet Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am in the Stoneman Room.

**Worship & Marketing Meeting:** Will meet on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**Theology Pub:** Will meet on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Smith's Landing Seafood Grill, 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch. (Formerly known as Humphrey's.)

**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.

## Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event:

We will be serving a Bountiful Table lunch on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. As summer is upon us, we really need summer clothes (shorts, tank-tops, cut offs, sandals, etc.) for men and women. Please consider asking friends and neighbors for donations. Donations can be dropped off in the sanctuary or Stoneman Room. If you feel called to serve, please come and participate.



**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.

*Happy Birthday!*



*June*

2	Gleam Green	3	Becki Peterson
4	Nancy Grissette	4	Uloma Umozurike
5	Jim Hodges	6	Phil Taylor
8	Mary Burks	11	Anne Cakebread
	Leslie Gomez	17	Michael Miller
	Lyn Loftin	18	Kathryn B. Miller
11	Letha Arms	19	Tristan Mendoza
12	Elva Sullivan	23	David Arms
16	Zaria Natal	24	Starr Lieber
18	Emma Brownrigg	25	Mike Sullivan
22	Ingrid Broers	27	Clarice Chandler
	Brandon Peterson	28	Jay Broers
	Betsy Sullivan	29	Mary Ann Buffo
23	Kal Krishnan	31	Paul Fish
	Ken Lieber		Gary Choate
25	Bill Dexheimer		James Cosetti
26	Nolan Bishop	31	Ann Custer
	Clint Bishop		Billie Magner

*July*

3	Uloma Umozurike
4	Phil Taylor
6	Anne Cakebread
11	Michael Miller
17	Kathryn B. Miller
18	Tristan Mendoza
19	David Arms
23	Starr Lieber
24	Mike Sullivan
25	Clarice Chandler
27	Jay Broers
28	Mary Ann Buffo
29	Paul Fish
31	Gary Choate
	James Cosetti
	Ann Custer
	Billie Magner

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



*Happy Anniversary!*

*June*

6	Starr & Ken Lieber
10	Carol & Steve Hosmer
17	Matt Taum & Tristan Mendoza
19	Michael & Stephanie Capurro

*July*

8	Roberto & Nora Buluran
26	David & Donna Henry
29	Dan & Gleam Green

# First Congregational Church of Antioch



**FCCA Cabinet** will meet Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:45 am in the Stoneman Room.

**FCC Monday Bible Study:** We meet at 10:00 am every Monday in the Stoneman Room for an informal time of conversation, prayer & study.  
\*No bible study on 06/03



## Community Presbyterian Church

**JustFaith Bible Study:** Join us Tuesday's at 10:00am in the Stoneman Room.  
\*No bible study on 06/18

### CPC Treasurer Corner:

As of 04/30/19:  
Income - \$14,300.38  
Expenses - \$14,352.40

### Free Advertising for ECSV

All you Facebook members, please take note of a free and easy way to spread the news about what's happening here at East County Shared Ministry. When you are visiting any of our pages (we have three), you'll note that we post quite a bit of news, info and announcements. Each time you "like" one of those posts, you increase the circulation of that particular notice. If you "share" it, you increase its visibility dramatically. And if you add a comment, well, that just takes it over the top. This is something we can all do with no charge. So next time you stroll through Facebook, add some "oomph" to our postings with a little interaction. Start spreading the news...



### ECSV News!

All newsletter articles are due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. Please email to Leslie at [cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net).



**New Way** Sunday will be on June 9 to celebrate lots of exciting activities in the life of our congregations, gathering at 9 am to warm-up. We will celebrate Pentecost (so wear flame-colored clothing), we will dedicate the three FCCA crosses, and we'll enjoy a barbecue fellowship sponsored by the Care Team (no charge for the barbecue, but donations are gratefully accepted).

The New Way Team will be on an informal schedule for the summer months. We plan to have ensemble groups sing on July 28 and August 25, so let's gather at 9 am on those days. We will likely be meeting in the Social Hall this summer (where we will express our gratitude for the wonder of air conditioning).

If there is music you'd like to share or like to hear, please contact Michael or Elaine, and we will do our best to make it happen. All God's critters got a voice in the choir, so let's use them and make some noise.

### ECMV Has Talent

Our first annual Variety Show has come and gone. Saturday, May 4, is a day we will remember fondly for a very long time. The energy was so high, and the camaraderie so powerful, the talent so prevalent, and we raised almost \$1700!!! Our Outreach Committee and Care Team will put those funds to good use in our community.

So many people stepped up to make this a success. I am fearful of trying to name them all lest I omit someone. I do know that every time I asked for help, it was forthcoming... from baking cookies, to selling raffle tickets, from singing to kicking up our collective heels, from running last minute errands to calming down the coordinator (me) when the white binder went missing.

The good news is we all recovered, and a date has already been set for next year.

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**  
For clarity, we are renaming the event:

### East County Has Talent

From the bottom (and top) of my heart, thank you  
– Elaine Palmer



2019 JUN

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa is hosting Concord PRIDE on June 1st, from 12 PM - 6 PM. Come to Todos Santos Plaza and celebrate community, diversity, & PRIDE. This event is family friendly.



We would like to congratulate all of those who graduated this year! We're so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds for each one of you!

A prayer for our graduates: May you have WISDOM in heart and mind SUCCESS in every challenge you find COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you BELIEF in yourself to make it come true STRENGTH to do your best and endure and the guiding light of FAITH to ensure that wherever you go, whatever you do, Gods LOVE will always see through.

- Lisa O. Englehardt



**Pentecost** on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Crosses will be dedicated followed by a BBQ sponsored by the Care Team.

**NCNCUCC Annual Gathering:** Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Sonoma State University

**Inquirer's Class** for Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am in the CSR. All those who want to learn about how to join the church or how it is we share ministry, please let Pastor Christy or Will know.

## Ice Cream Social:



Join us Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> for Father's Day worship followed by Ice Cream Social in celebration of fathers.

## Peace Camp:

Join us for Peace Camp this year on July 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> more details to come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. Please look at announcements.

## Leslie Gomez leaves to Peru:



Hello everyone, I will be leaving on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> until July 5<sup>th</sup> to my missions' trip in Peru. I will be stationed in Arequipa Peru and I'll be under our sports ministry. I will be leading a team of 4 where we will get to interact with kids and be able to share the word of God. At a young age, I've always wanted to do something like this and I'm so humble for this experience. Please keep me in your prayers and thank you again to those who donated towards my trip.

- Leslie Gomez

## Care Team Offering:

First Sunday offers you a chance to support the East County Shared Ministry's Care Team with special donations that can be inserted in the envelopes located in the pew racks. The Care Team is made up of members of both CPC and FCCA. It provides assistance both to church members in need as well as the community as a whole, including providing bus passes, McDonalds gift cards and gift cards at local grocery stores. The Care Team also provides support for families providing food at funerals and helps sponsor the Bountiful Table outreach to the hungry on the Third Saturday of the month. It also provides for the special birthday cakes served at Social Hour on the Second Sunday of the month.

## JUNE/JULY CELEBRATIONS

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Rev. Christy Ramage**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
 Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9;  
 Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or  
 Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)  
**Rev. Will McGarvey**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Rev. Christy Ramage**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Ps. 42 and 43;  
 Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39  
**Rev. Will McGarvey**

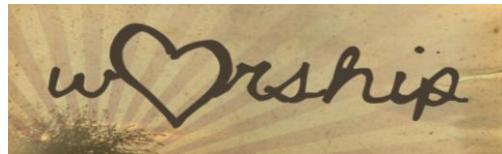
**June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Christy Ramage**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Peace Camp Sunday**  
**Rev. Will McGarvey**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Christy Ramage**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28;  
 Luke 10:38-42  
**Rev. Will McGarvey**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Hosea 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19);  
 Luke 11:1-13  
**Rev. Will McGarvey**  
**New Way Lite**



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Liturgists Myrdell Dybdal  
 Ushers Chris and Cherie Persing  
 Greeters Chris and Cherie Persing

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists New Way  
 Ushers Gayle Namanny  
 Greeters Roberto & Nora Buluran

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists Mary Burks  
 Ushers Dave and Letha Arms  
 Greeters Dave and Letha Arms

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Liturgists Judy Hartz  
 Ushers George and Jude Stephens  
 Greeters George and Jude Stephens

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists Mike Sullivan  
 Ushers Jim and Janie Hodges  
 Greeters Jim and Janie Hodges

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists Ken Schmitt  
 Ushers Janie Hodges  
 Greeters The Umozurike Family

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists George Stephens  
 Ushers Jim and Janie Hodges  
 Greeters Roberto and Nora Buluran

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Liturgists Steve Hosmer  
 Ushers Roberto and Nora Buluran  
 Greeters Dave and Letha Arms

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 Liturgists New Way  
 Ushers Bill and Barbara Dexheimer  
 Greeters George and Jude Stephens

**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 [nihodges@aol.com](mailto:nihodges@aol.com).

If you have any questions or would like to become an Usher, please email or call her.

# PRAYER PAGE

## Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Dorothy Shipe, Elaine Grothmann, Anne Cakebread, Betty Rexroth, Mary Vargo, Patsy Nash. Kathy Hanby, Betsy's sister-in-law. Deborah Scott (with many health issues right now). Catherine Hewitt, Mary Burks cousin who is battling cancer. Jerry Castleberry and Richard James. Lucille Bratigam. Gary Errington who has cancer. Janie Hodges. Ann Custer. Jim and Janice Campbell. Mary Burks. Kal Krishnan.

## Prayers of Concern

Those affected by the recent violence here and abroad. Those affected by the natural disasters and wars in Syria, Palestine, 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. All those affected by the fires in Northern and Southern California. Jerry Castleberry, as he is now in hospice. The family of Betty LaMar as they grieve. Bev Peterson and family as they grieve the loss of her husband.

## 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, Winter Nights Family Shelter, Rev. Julius Van Hook at the Juvenile Detention Center, the Rainbow Community Center, Loaves and Fishes, the Antioch Ministerial Food Bank, the Food Bank at Los Medanos College, the RCC 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, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Winter Nights Rotating Shelter and the Parking Lot Program, Shelter Inc. and the Mt. View Family Shelter., White Pony Express, 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, YWCA of Palestine, 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.**

## June/July Prayer Families & Churches

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mike & Sandy Henry  
Jim & Janie Hodges

**First Presbyterian Church – Oakland**  
**First Congregational UCC – Fresno**

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Ian & Lauren Kindorf  
Billie Magner

**Montclair Presbyterian Church – Oakland**  
**Community UCC – Guerneville**

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Donald Lang  
Zelda LeFrak

**Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church – Oakland**  
**Eden UCC – Hayward**

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ken & Starr Lieber  
Will & Becky McGarvey

**Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana - Oakland**  
**United Church of Hayward UCC - Hayward**

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Vicki McGuire  
Judie Moore

**Community Presbyterian Church - Pittsburg**  
**Arlington Community UCC - Kensington**

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Chuck Muhlenhaupt  
Patsy Nash

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Pleasant Hill**  
**Community UCC - Kenwood**

July 14<sup>th</sup>

Jacob Hill-Broers  
Steve & Carol Hosmer

**Tri-Valley Presbyterian Church – Pleasanton**  
**Community UCC – La Selva Beach**

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Ben & Debi Johnson  
Kal & Carol Krishnan

**First Presbyterian Church – Richmond**  
**United Congregational Christian DOC UCC - Lodi**

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Dennis & Glenda Lamb  
Edie Lanstrom

**Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church – Richmond**  
**Loomis Basin Congregational UCC - Loomis**



We will celebrate **Pentecost** (so wear flame-colored clothing) on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

On this day we will dedicate the three FCCA crosses and enjoy a barbecue fellowship sponsored by the **Care Team**

*(no charge for the barbecue, but donations are gratefully accepted).*



## Remembering Rachel Held Evans

"As a Christian, my highest calling is not motherhood. As a Christian, my highest calling is to follow Christ."

-RACHEL HELD EVANS

#BiblicalWomanhood



WHAT MAKES  
THE GOSPEL  
OFFENSIVE  
ISN'T WHO IT  
KEEPS OUT,  
BUT WHO IT LETS IN.

— #SearchingForSunday —

## INSPIRED

The Church is not a group of people who believe all the same things; the Church is a group of people caught up in the same story, with Jesus at the center.

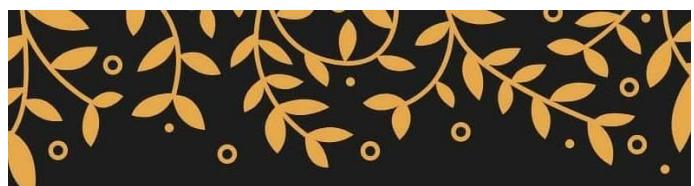
RACHEL HELD EVANS



With Scripture,  
we've not been invited  
to an academic fraternity;  
we've been invited to a wrestling match.

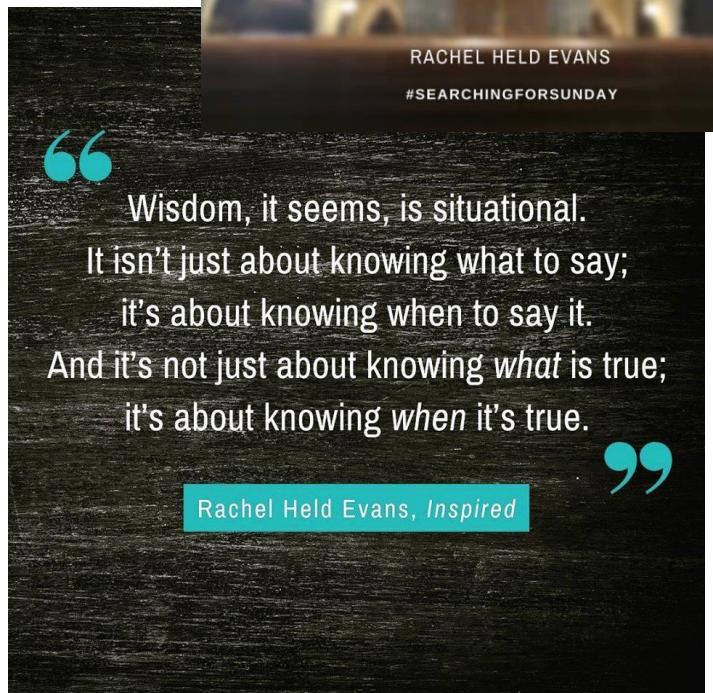
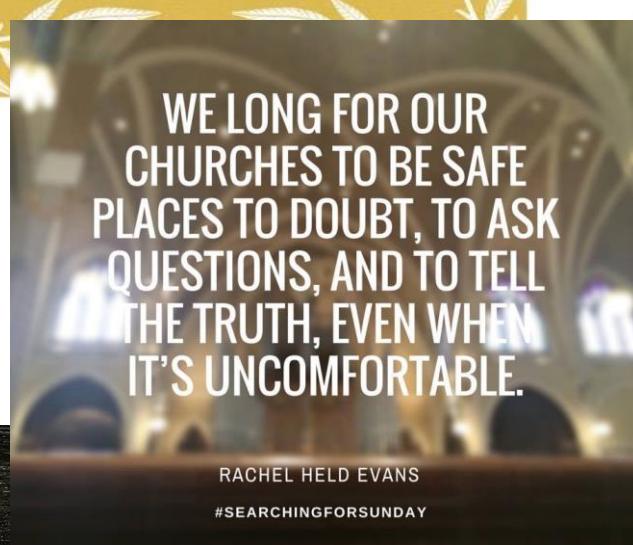
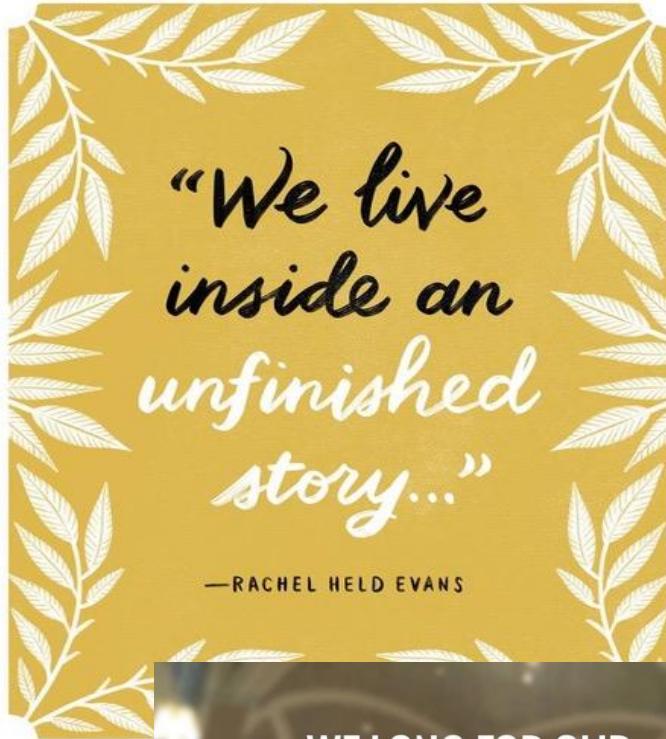
We've been invited to a dynamic,  
centuries-long conversation  
with God and God's people  
that has been unfolding since creation,  
one story at a time.

- RACHEL HELD EVANS -



Bible stories don't have  
to mean just one thing."

RACHEL HELD EVANS #INSPIREDBOOK



## INSPIRED

Dignified or not, believable or not, ours is a God perpetually on bended knee, doing everything it takes to convince stubborn and petulant children they are seen and loved.

RACHEL HELD EVANS

## INSPIRED

The Bible’s original readers may not share our culture, but they share our humanity.

RACHEL HELD EVANS



## **Anniversary Party:**

Reverend Will McGarvey is celebrating his 15th anniversary of being ordained and installed as Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church on July 1st. This is a milestone worth celebrating!

June 30th will be a potluck lunch after worship. It would also be great to bring cards, drawings, posters, letters, original art, etc. for Will to show our appreciation.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Mary Burks at 925-852-8392.

## **Winter Nights:**

By the time you read this, the Winter Nights will have been completed, but as of this writing, it has not started yet. We are scheduled to receive 7 families, 32 guests, 12 adults/20 children. Girls are 12, 10, 10, 4, 3, 2, 17 mo., 2 weeks and 1 week. Eleven boys are 13, 11, 11, 9, 8, 8, 8, 7, 6, 2 and one month. A special thank you to those families who cooked a meal for this group while they were here. Recognition to the Fish, Schmidt, Henry, Stetson, Galvez, Persing, Dybdall, Hosmer, Namanny, Dexheimer, Burks, Hodges, Sullivan and Scott families!!! And, Robert Hosmer who spent every night. The program couldn't have worked without your help!! On May 30, the dinner invitation was extended to the churches that plan to help host the extended Winter Nights program next year. That program is scheduled to last for 13 weeks early next year. More information to follow as we get closer.

## **Shepherd's Gate:**

Our Mother's Day donations for the women's shelter was very successful. There were many cans of food donated, along with several large packages of paper towels and toilet paper. Three gift cards were received, and we purchase another \$100 of gift cards from our share of the profits from the Talent Show. Some clothes were also donated. May thanks to all who contributed, no matter the amount.

## **Parking Lot Program:**

The Parking Lot Program began on January 2 and finished on April 29. For four months homeless people, who were living in their cars, were able to park in the parking lot on the Leland Roadside of the church. This gave them access to restrooms, snacks, water and breakfast items in the morning. A member of the Interfaith Council was there every night supervising. Due to the graciousness of the shelter program congregation, we were able to provide a hot meal on most nights. Families came from Pittsburg, Bay Point, Antioch, Brentwood, Central County and Hercules. There were 40 participants which included 9 singles, 3 couples (6 people), 5 families (23 people) and 1 family with 1 adult child. This included 7 working adults and 3 pregnant women. One pregnant woman was able to move into the Winter Nights shelter and delivered a daughter. One family of 7 moved into the shelter (with a newborn). One family of two and a single adult female found housing. One couple moved to Texas and a family of 4 moved out of the area.

A testimonial from one family:

Hi! I'm sorry we forgot to say something yesterday. You took such kind care of us there, but we had to try to get to him mom's house. We are too old and too medically fragile to maintain our health under those conditions. We both were declining very fast. We blew his whole check on that U-Haul for those few days and I'm blowing mine on a rental van trying to get to his mom's house. Thank you for taking care of us.

## **A Special Thank You:**



A very special thank you to Elaine Palmer for planning and organizing the wonderful East County has Talent Show and dividing the profits between Outreach and the Care Team. It is so appreciated! You did a wonderful job and the show was great!!!



## East County Shared Ministry

Community Presbyterian Church  
First Congregational Church UCC

200 E. Leland Rd,  
Pittsburg  
(925) 439-9361

# JULY 5-7th

Begins Friday 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

(Ages 6-12)

**All Are Welcome!**

A suggested donation of \$5/child  
would be gratefully accepted.

Registration Forms available in the Narthex/Vestibule.  
For more information or to request a copy of the  
Registration form call (925) 439-9361

Registrations due by **July 1st**.  
*Forms can be dropped through the  
mail slot at the office of CPC.*



## East County Shared Ministry

Community Presbyterian Church  
First Congregational Church UCC  
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## REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, July 5 — 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Saturday, July 6 — 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Sunday, July 7 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Suggested donation: \$5 per child | Ages 6 — 12**

(Please fill out one form per child.)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Age Information Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information: Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from Peace Camp.

**T-Shirt Size:**

- X-SMALL
- SMALL
- MEDIUM
- LARGE
- X-LARGE

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Other Information (Church Use Only)

Age Group \_\_\_\_\_ Are parents helping? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

# JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 10:00 am Worship Service – Chapel Celebrating Graduation & Education!  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	3 No Bible Study!  6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	4 10:00 am CPC Bible Study - CSR  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Troop 1903 & Pack 48 - CSR	5 Fellowship Lunch @ Hillcrest Restaurant & Taphouse – 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Meeting after lunch! 7:30 – 9PM M.C. - CSR	6	7	8
9 9:00 am New Way Warm-up - Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service – Chapel BBQ – Pentecost Sunday!  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	10 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR  6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	11 10:00 am CPC Bible Study - CSR  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Troop 1903 & Pack 48 - CSR	12	13 NCNCUCC Annual Gathering @ Sonoma State University 06/13-06/15	14 7:30 – 9PM M.C. Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	15 Bountiful Table @ 11:30 am - SH
16 10:00 am Worship Service – Chapel Ice Cream Social/Inquirer's Class!  HAPPY FatHer's Day!  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	17 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR  6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	18 No Bible Study!  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Troop 1903 & Pack 48 - CSR	19 7:30 – 9PM M.C. - CSR	20	21 Leslie will be on her Missions Trip in Peru! 06/21-07/05  7:30 – 9PM M.C. Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	22
23 8:00 am Care Team Meeting - CSR 10:00 am Worship Service – Chapel 11:45 am FCCA Cabinet Meeting - CSR 4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	24 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR  6:30 pm Venture Crew - CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts - SH	25 10:00 am CPC Bible Study - CSR  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Troop 1903 & Pack 48 - CSR	26 7:30 – 9PM M.C. - CSR	27	28 7:30 – 9PM M.C. Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	29 Memorial Service for Ellee Peterson @ 11:00 am
30 10:00 am Worship Service – Chapel Will's 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms						

# JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 2019

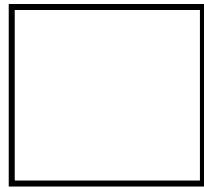
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# ECSM News

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

## June/July Events at ECSV

### **Monthly Fellowship Lunch**

*Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am  
Hillcrest Restaurant & Taphouse, Antioch  
Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am  
MJ's Downtown Café & Bakery, Brentwood*

### **Pentecost**

*Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Crosses will be dedicated  
followed by a BBQ sponsored by the Care Team*

### **Bountiful Table**

*Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:30am in the Social Hall*

### **Peace Camp**

*Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 7<sup>th</sup>*