



### August Birthdays

- 3 Rose Knight
- 6 Hinda Groner
- 7 James Coleman
- 10 Gregg Jann
- 16 Diane Gunderson
- 18 Irma Martin
- 19 Michael Healy
- 20 Pat Crosley
- 21 Carol-Jean Boevers
- 23 Kristine Sheerin  
Barbara Schmidt
- 28 Jean Houser
- 29 Gracie Gunderson
- 30 Lisa Norton

## THE ANNUAL, ALWAYS AWESOME, ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, August 5, 2017  
8am-1pm

*It's almost here!* With help from all of you, we can make this the best sale ever. There are jobs to fit everyone. If you can't do physical work, we can give you tasks that fit your needs. We can use you for an hour or for as long as you have to give us. We just need everyone to do some part. There are signup sheets at church or contact Deanie Wilmsen 528-4198 [tedwilmsen@comcast.net](mailto:tedwilmsen@comcast.net) or

Myra Gaiser 539-4491 [rgaiser@aol.com](mailto:rgaiser@aol.com).

All donations must be at the church by Thursday August 3 so we can be ready for the crowds on Saturday. For help bringing in large items, leave a message for Ted Wilmsen 528-4198 [tedwilmsen@comcast.net](mailto:tedwilmsen@comcast.net) or Bob Gaiserr 539-4491 [rgaiser@aol.com](mailto:rgaiser@aol.com) or through the church office.

## From the Pastor



Recently, I was asked an interesting question about our church: *If people had to pay to worship with CCUM, what would they be getting for their money?* On one hand, of course, this is an academic question. Welcome is at the heart of

who we are as a church, and nothing is required in order to join us on Sunday (or any other time). And on another hand, the question opens space for true examination.

What would a visitor get out of worshipping with us? And moreover, what do each of us receive by coming to church each Sunday?

When I imagine how we would answer these questions as a congregation, I cannot help but think that the most common answer would be “community”. Community is at the heart of our congregational identity, and no wonder – it’s something we do well. CCUM is a place where visitors are warmly greeted, and food seems to always be available. And over and over again, I have been impressed with how our congregation cares for those who are ill or unable to come to church. I don’t think it is an exaggeration to say that CCUM is community-centered.

This comes with some difficulties, too. When we worship as a community-centered community, the community can become the center of worship. We can begin to see Sunday morning as an opportunity to gather and share information. Business of the community can seep into time for prayer. This can leave those who are not part of the community feeling excluded, and those who are seeking prayer feeling frustrated.

Like CCUM, I also value community. And, in my experience, community is done better when it is not an end, but a means. The strongest communities I have been a part of are those who focus on something other than community. To have a focus beyond community is to strengthen and deepen our connection.

In August and September, we will focus on deepening our worship. How do we bring God to the center of worship? How do we make worshipping God more the center of our lives? We’ll explore this through written prayer, silent meditation, and spiritual practices we can do throughout the week. It is my hope that this renewed focus will strengthen the community that is so dear to us, and also deepen our lives of faith.

In Christ,

Lindsey



On **September 17th**, the choir returns from a restful, refreshing summer off. Welcome them back as they delight us with their musical talents!

### Summer Special Music

There are still two Sundays looking for someone to share his/her/their musical talents during worship: August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. If this is something you have been debating all summer, then come on down to the back table and sign up!



### Quotes from the editors of Sojourners, Aug 2017.

“Loving thy Neighbor may be one of the greatest commandments, but loving thy enemies is surely the hardest. In the past few months, we’ve seen an outpouring of the former: crowds rallying at airports to welcome refugees; churches, cities and campuses establishing sanctuary for undocumented immigrants; courageous bystanders intervening to protect strangers from harassment and violence.

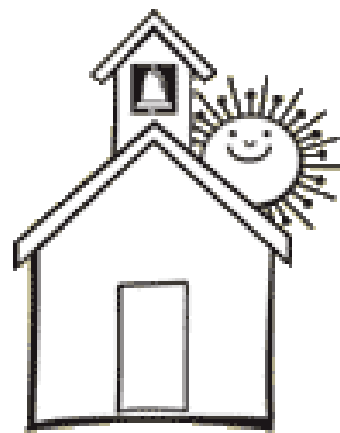
“But when it comes to loving the very people who have caused real harm to us and our neighbors – the crowd grows thin. And understandably so: Why should we extend love to those who perpetuate a politics of hate? What would loving those people even look like?

“...Of course, loving your enemies does not mean condoning their actions. Neither does it mean a disregard for the safety or well-being of those who an enemy may harm, including ourselves. Yet even with these caveats, it’s impossible to domesticate Jesus’ commandment: Seeking restoration rather than retribution for those who do evil is truly radical. As Martin Luther King Jr. put it, nonviolent enemy-love forces us to recognize “that evildoers are also victims and are not evil people.” Try thinking about that the next time you see an upsetting sound bite.”

# CHRIST METHODIST PRESCHOOL



We have had not only an amazing school year but an amazing summer! Filled with friends, water play, sidewalk chalk, otter pops, garden walks, arts, crafts and so so much more! The children enjoyed having some special helpers over the summer who kept them busy and entertained with new games and ways of playing! We have made so many



memories and now as summer school is ending and we have



had to say some goodbyes as well as some "see ya later's". We know that the world is big and there is so much to learn, see and do! We are thrilled that we get to be a part of so many of their lives! We look forward to hearing stories about those moving on as well as meeting many new children we get to watch learn and grow in the fall! We know there are many more adventures to come! :)

Arlene



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## UMC Circuit-Wide Fundraiser

Sunday August 27th @ 4:00 pm

Windsor UMC – 9451 Brooks Rd South – Windsor  
707-838-6898

African Food Potluck, Awesome Music  
Inspiring Keynote Speaker, Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño  
Connect with friends new & old!  
Learn about this incredible mission that is transforming a continent!



Camp-out and All Church Swim,  
July 14th and 15th



*Campfire Music*



*Making S'mores*

Thank you  
Dave and  
Linda Allen for hosting an awesome time at your home!  
We had a fantastic time.

Sunday School

Thanks Irma Martin and Mac MacKenzie for sharing your faith journey and your adventures growing up in the countries of your birth – Germany and England as we all get to know each other.

We will be having our Family Life Team meeting Sunday after church this month to make plans for this fall. Anne will be in touch about the best date for you.

SCUMY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 6	1:00 – 2:30pm	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group, FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center Main Room
Monday, July 3	10:00 am	VBS Set Up
Sunday, August 13	1:00 – 2:30pm	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group, FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center Main Room
July 16-22		Camp Lodestar (6th-9th grades)
Sunday July 16	1:00 – 2:30pm	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group, FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center Main Room
Sunday July 23	1:00 – 2:30pm	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group, FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center Main Room
Sunday July 30	1:00 – 2:30pm	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group, FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center Main Room
July 30-Aug. 5	SSP Chiloquin	

\* RSVP to Jacob Wilbur (phone/text) 707-318-1906



August 14 @ 7pm  
Anita Pitzer's house

This month's book, *In The Unlikely Event* by Judy Bloom, follows fifteen-year-old Miri Ammerman and her family and friends as they cope with three plane crashes from December 1951 to February 1952 in their home of Elizabeth, New Jersey.



As one of our valued volunteers,  
we are pleased to invite you to an

**ELISHA'S PANTRY  
VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

on  
Monday, August 28, 2017,  
12 noon-2:00 p.m.  
at the  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,  
1300 St. Francis Rd., Santa Rosa.

After the program, there will be a drawing:  
(1) \$30 Gift Certificate to Boudin's Restaurant,  
(2) bottle of wine  
(3) bottle of wine.

RSVP by August 20 to your representative:  
Linda Carroll <lmcds@comcast.net>,  
Dixie Offt <dlofft@sbcglobal.net>,  
or Stephen Harper <Kelev2@comcast.net>

We hope to see you there.



**5th Annual All You Can Eat Taco  
and Dance Party**

**Community Church of Sebastopol**  
1000 Gravenstein Hwy N.  
Sebastopol, Calif.

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**  
**6:00 – 10:00 PM**

Tickets – Sliding Scale: \$25 – \$50  
Get tickets online! <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3040453>



*Taizé Worship at Christ Church*  
6:30 Labyrinth Walk  
7:00 Worship

**DATES:**  
Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

*Psst...* If you go to the Sonoma County Fair on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> around 5:30pm, you will see and hear a certain men's barbershop group, including a member of our choir, performing on the Park Stage by the racetrack.



**UMC SHASTA CAMP**

## **FUNDRAISER DINNER**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

at the home of  
**Gayle Pickrell/John Davenport**  
**1138 Meridian Circle, Santa Rosa, CA**

Help support the UMC Shasta Camp with an outdoor (*weather depending*) camp-style dinner, hosted by the Pickrell-Davenports and Allens.

Shasta Camp had to replace their water tank this year, at an expense the camp was not prepared to make at the time. We decided to help raise money to replace the tank.

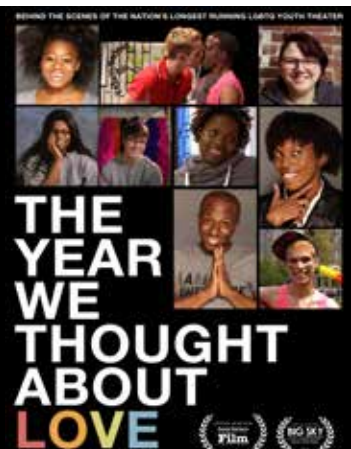
**Reservations required:** (707) 528-8545 or [gpickrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gpickrell@sbcglobal.net)

Donation: \$15-35, you decide!  
Make checks out to: Shasta Camp

## **THE YEAR WE THOUGHT ABOUT LOVE**

Ellen Brodsky, film producer and director, directed her first feature film, *The Year We Thought About Love*, an award-winning documentary which follows the LGBTQ youth theater troupe, True Colors, onstage and off, as they create a play about love and navigate growing up queer.

To view the film trailer, click [here](#).





There are so many of you who serve Christ Church... without mentioning a word about it.

• Family Camp was a wonderful event. Thank you to Dave & Linda Allen for hosting, Glo Wellman for providing the music, Robin Coolidge for the bbq, Carol-Jean Boevers for breakfast, and Anne Colby for driving the idea into reality!

- Thanks to Myra & Bob Gaiser, Deanie and Ted Wilmsen for organizing the Annual, Always Awesome Rummage Sale and to everyone helping to make this event a success!
- Thank you, Linda Carroll, for setting up the Meal Train for church families who need meal assistance.
- Thank you to everyone who came early to set up and stayed after to clean up for Worship in the Garden! This couldn't happen without you!
- Thank you to Ron Simpson and the Trustees for keeping Christ Church in good working order!
- We are thankful that we are Christ's Church!



One of the ways that we care for each other here at Christ Church is through prayer. We have a team of people who regularly pray for folks who are in need of spiritual and physical healing. Would you like to join those folks who pray daily for others in need? Would you like more prayers for yourself or people you are close to? Our prayer chain members feel honored to receive prayer requests from you. Contact Barbara Magnuson.



We also welcome written prayer requests you can put in the offering plate on Sundays. Prayer request cards are in the "Gray Pad" folder. We have listed names below so that we might all be in prayer for each other.



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

"God does nothing except in response to believing prayer."  
~John Wesley

- Glo Wellman and family
- Darlene and Wayne Davis
- Tom & Irene Clark and family
- Roger White and family
- Jean Houser
- The Coolidge family
- Bob & Janet Smith's family
- The Jann family
- The Wikse family

- The Lawrence family
- All those who struggle every day without a support system
- Our church family & community
- Those who are experiencing violence throughout the world
- Our United Methodist Church as it continues to wrestle with issues of full inclusion in divided world



# August 2017

Christ Church United Methodist  
Always Awesome

Day	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, Aug. 3	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, Aug. 4	1:00 PM	HandiCraft	Conference Room
Saturday, Aug. 5	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Always Awesome Rummage Sale	
Sunday, Aug. 6	9:30 AM	Worship, Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 6	1:00 - 2:30 PM	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group	FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center
Monday, Aug. 7	10:00 AM	Pantry Steering Com	Conf Rm
Tuesday, Aug. 8	5:45 PM	Finance Meeting	Conf Rm
Tuesday, Aug. 8	7:00 PM	SPR	Conf Rm
Tuesday, Aug. 8	7:00 PM	Ad Council	Conf Rm
Thursday, Aug. 10	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, Aug. 11	1:00 PM	HandiCraft	Conference Room
Friday, Aug. 11	5:30 - 9:00 PM	HFTH Garden potluck	Garden
Saturday, Aug. 12	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	SCUMY - Doran Beach Day (bring sack lunch)	
Sunday, Aug. 13	9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 13	1:00 - 2:30 PM	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group	FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center
Monday, Aug. 14	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Worship Committee	Conf Rm
Monday, Aug. 14	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Women's Book Group	Anita Pitzer's home
Tuesday, Aug. 15	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Social Concerns	Conf Rm
Wednesday, Aug. 16 & Thursday, Aug. 17	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CMP- Clean up days	Classroom & Play yard
Thursday, Aug. 17	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, Aug. 18		CMP Orientation	Sanctuary

Day	Time	Event	Location
Friday, Aug. 18	1:00 PM	HandiCraft	Conference Room
Saturday, Aug. 19	9:00 - 12:00 PM	CMP - replenish bark for play yard	
Sunday, Aug. 20	9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 20	1:00 - 2:30 PM	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group	FUMC Stony Point Ministry Center
Monday, Aug. 21		CMP First Day	
Wednesday, Aug. 23	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	HFTH Workshop Run- Through	Sanctuary
Thursday, Aug. 24	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, Aug. 25	1:00 PM	HandiCraft	Conference Room
Saturday, Aug. 26	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	HFTH Workshop: "The Transitional Food Garden"	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 27	9:30 AM	Worship, Amnesty Letters	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 27	1:00 - 2:30 PM	SCUMY Middle School Youth Group	FUMC Stony Point Ministry
Monday, Aug. 28	12:00 - 2:30 PM	Elisha's Pantry Luncheon for volunteers	Bethlehem Lutheran
Thursday, Aug. 31	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CCUM	Christ Church United Methodist
CMP	Christ Methodist Preschool
FUMC Montgomery	First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa
FUMC Stony Point	First United Methodist Church, 2150 Giffen Avenue, Santa Rosa
NBOP	North Bay Organizing Project
SCUMY	Sonoma County United Methodist Youth Group
SPR	Staff Parish Relations

As long as you feel pain, you're still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you're still human. And as long as you keep trying, there's still hope.

-- Susan Gale