

# HE IS RISEN

## Connections

### SERVING



We have begun to use Facebook to reach out to our neighbors in Santa Rosa to let them know about the activities at Christ Church. As we use Facebook more for outreach and announcements I'd like to know more about how our congregation uses Facebook. Please take the following survey about Facebook <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K377F5Z> and if there is enough interest I'll be holding a few workshops on Social Media for all interested in the near future. Look forward to hearing from you. Deanna Dawson, your Lay leader

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30 PM  
CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST  
1717 YULUPA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1551 MONTGOMERY DRIVE, SANTA ROSA

### EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST  
1717 YULUPA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA

### EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 9:30 AM  
CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST  
1717 YULUPA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA

\* FOLLOWING WORSHIP, THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK AND EASTER EGG HUNT

There is much to celebrate at Easter. Certainly, we joyfully proclaim Christ's resurrection, as Mary did on that first day of the week so long ago. Also, on Easter we remember how the early church emerged from a period of doubt and fear, into a time of joy and expectation.

## From the pastor...



This year, we remember this emergence with our own reemergence. As a church, we have sought to intentionally lay the groundwork of spiritual growth together. Perhaps one of the ways we've best done this is through the intentional reflection time on the sermon. Every Sunday for the past few months, Lay Leader Mary Rankin has gathered a group fifteen minutes after the conclusion of worship, and has guided the group through a time of thoughtful sharing.

The group is intentional about making space for everyone to speak, and wrestling with the questions of the heart that emerge from sharing. This reflection time allows participants to build relationships with each other, and deepen their experience of worship. Just as importantly, it lays the groundwork for how to talk about our relationship with God.

In the Easter season, I hope we reemerge from this groundwork eager and excited to share our faith with others. We'll practice together as a congregation several times in the next few weeks. In worship on April 8, 15, and 29, lay folks from our congregation will speak about their own experiences of faith and resurrection. I hope this will inspire and encourage each of us to talk about what God is doing in our lives. Indeed, every one of us has a story to share.

In our shared story of the risen Christ,

Pastor Lindsey

**April**

- 1 Sue Fleenor
- 14 Mikey Coolidge
- 18 Deanna Dawson
- 19 Marty Murdock
- 20 Marcia Burkart
- 24 Myra Gaiser

**Happy Birthday!**

**ALICE JANN  
MEMORIAL  
SERVICE**

Saturday, April 14th at  
1:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to come together to celebrate the life of Alice Jann. Refreshments will be served after the service.



## Sunday School Help

Our group has expanded over the past few months and after talking with the children and Family Life Team members we've decided to offer our Sunday lessons in smaller groups as needed for more meaningful conversations.

We need a few more teachers.

Could any of you who might be interested contact Anne Colby? (Cell 707.322.5715 or [email apcolby@comcast.net.](mailto:apcolby@comcast.net))

## Talking Sticks

We've begun using a talking stick in Sunday school following the example of our after worship Reflection Group.

Last month our kids created some beautiful ones. In many Native American tribes, people used a "talking stick" to make sure that each person had a turn to share ideas and opinions with the rest of the group. The person holding the stick had the right to speak. Everyone else was expected to listen with respect. When a person finished talking, that person passed the stick to someone else.



Talking sticks are a wonderful way to help us listen.



A very special camp - VBS experience at the First United Methodist Church Stony Point campus is being planned for July 20-30th. This will be a unique experience for approximately 50 children who have experienced the trauma associated the October fires. We will keep you posted. Please let Anne Colby know if you are interested.

We will keep you posted on other VBS opportunities as well.

## Simplifying After Worship Snacks

The Caring Committee wants to make it easier for anyone and everyone to bring Sunday “After Worship Snacks”. We have a new refreshment signup sheet, which allows us to share the task with 2 other people. Now anyone can sign up for a sweet, a fruit or veggie, or something savory, and no one has to be responsible for all of it!



# Caring Ministry

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Before you go home on Sundays, don't forget to check out the table in the back of the Sanctuary for signups and information!!



## CHRIST METHODIST PRESCHOOL

You may have seen some new decor on the sanctuary walls! These are special art projects the kids and teacher's worked on for our open house we had at the beginning of the month! We hope you have enjoyed seeing how much our school has grown with all the faces that accompany their art totaling 30 students! During March we focused on a few different themes! We got creative with all things Dr. Seuss. We made a beautiful garden



mural and butterflies to go with it during our garden week. And we learned all about the helpers in our community! Now we are focusing on all things Easter before we take a short break to spend with our loved ones! We hope you have enjoyed all March has offered because we sure did! And now we look forward to everything April brings!



Arlene

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We will be breaking ground on three homes in Santa Rosa (on West Steele Lane) in May. We are now scheduling church groups for build days in June, July and August. If interested, please contact John Davenport, (707) 528-8545, or [johndaven@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johndaven@sbcglobal.net).





## RECONCILING CORNER

Did you know we've been a proud Reconciling Church for 20 years?

Reconciling Ministries Network is an organization made of primarily United Methodist individuals. Its work is guided by the following core principles:

### Spiritually Grounded

Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to the justice imperative of the Gospel and grounding its ministries in the Wesleyan practice of personal and social holiness. RMN is committed to utilizing inclusive language and respectfully recognizing the diverse approaches to scripture, tradition, reason, and experience of the congregations and communities with whom it relates.

### Reconciliation

Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to reconciliation that leads to the healing and transformation of animosity into honest relationships that respect all God's children. Reconciliation is a profound ongoing individual and collective commitment from all those affected to establishing new relationships embedded in mutual recognition. Authentic reconciliation requires the naming and the speaking of truth to create relationships and communities grounded in peace with justice.

### Naming Privilege, Ending Oppression

Reconciling Ministries Network aspires to fulfill our baptismal covenant to recognize and utilize our privileges to resist oppression in whatever form it presents itself in our movement, church, and world. RMN has a commitment to ending institutional oppression in all its forms by working at the intersections of oppression and focusing on an ongoing examination of internal processes and external actions at all levels including its selection of issues and organizing strategies. Further, RMN will strive to create beloved community, as imagined by Dr. Martin Luther King, by being vigilant in all its activities about those forces that create wedges between us, with particular attention to racism, transphobia, and the history of colonialism.

### Integrating Sexuality with Spirituality

Reconciling Ministries Network believes that human sexuality is a good gift from God. RMN is committed to supporting the integration of healthy, loving expressions of sexuality and spirituality for everyone. We celebrate the sexuality and spirituality of same and opposite gender loving persons and pledge to provide resources that lead to a deeper understanding of God's precious gift.

### Relationships

Reconciling Ministries Network acts in hospitality across theological divides and is committed to the creation of community, interconnectedness, and deep relationships.

## Systems Change

Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to policy change and the creation of long-term solutions and practices that create full inclusion in The United Methodist Church and our broader society. RMN works for full equality in membership, ordination, and marriage for God's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender children.

## Stewardship

Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to the stewardship of its organizational resources—the people, time, talent, and treasures—that God provides for transformation of our church and world.

## Organizational Authenticity

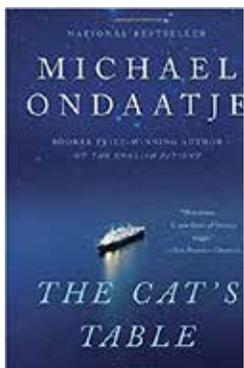
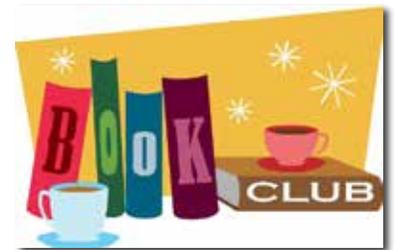
Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to operating in a way that mirrors the change we hope to create in the world. Towards that end, we commit to honesty, integrity, excellence, equality, justice, dignity, civility, diversity, inclusion, and creativity. This includes continuous soul searching in all organizational practices and the provision of ongoing continuing education to all staff and board members to enhance skills and develop growth.

## Commitment to Intersectional Justice

Reconciling Ministries Network will frame its work from the optic of justice, inclusion, and liberation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer persons. To sharpen that optic, RMN will apply an intersectional lens to focus on precise points of convergence between LGBTQ oppression other forms of oppression including racism, sexism, patriarchy, and gender inequality. Furthermore, for the purposes of organizational staffing, board membership, and the training, equipping, and support of new leadership, RMN will continue to uphold persons of color, young adults, and trans persons.

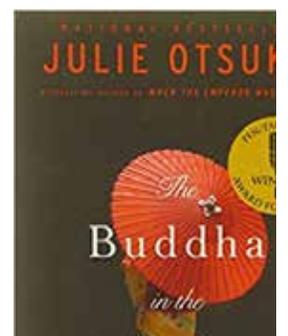
## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Monday, April 9  
7:00 pm  
Anita Pitzer's house



April's book, **THE CAT'S TABLE** by Michael Ondaatje, tells the spellbinding coming of age story of three boys' journey of discovery aboard a ship from their homeland of Colombo, Sri Lanka, to England.

May's book is **THE BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC**, by Julie Otsuka. This novel tells the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to S.F. as “picture brides” nearly a century ago.





## WHAT'S WITH THE NEW BULLETIN?

You may have noticed that we began a new bulletin format in Lent, which we will continue through the Easter season. The worship order is now on a separate piece of cardstock from the announcements, which is on a 8 ½ X 5 ½ piece of paper.

Our reasons for this are multi-fold. First, the new format reduces the amount of paper we use. Our hope is that we will learn as a congregation to place the cardstock back on the cart after each worship service, so that it can be reused for many weeks. Second, having one set format for several weeks saves the office staff quite a bit of time. Perhaps most importantly, the new format also allows us to prioritize what we share with visitors. With simply one announcement page (and an in-color, glossy pamphlet that's also available), new folks will have an easier time getting to know who we are.

This may feel like a big change. Also, all of the information that was once in the bulletin is still available. The information about who is leading worship (and the hymn numbers) is still available on the powerpoint as we go through worship. Additionally, the announcements continue to be available in the e-blast and on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

**TAIZÉ**

**TAIZE WORSHIP  
AT CHRIST CHURCH**

FRIDAY, APRIL 27  
7:00 PM

A black banner with a red border. On the left is a large, stylized, golden cross symbol. To its right, the word "TAIZÉ" is written in a golden, serif font. Further right, the text "TAIZE WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH" is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below that, the date and time "FRIDAY, APRIL 27 7:00 PM" are written in a white, sans-serif font.

**SILENT AUCTION**

**CHRIST CHURCH  
UNITED METHODIST**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
CCUM SANCTUARY**

Don't miss this fun-filled event!  
Please bring a finger food to share.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

A poster with a purple background. On the left is a black silhouette of a person playing a trumpet. Above the person are musical notes and a treble clef. The text is in yellow and white. The background features a stylized, colorful landscape with a fence and hills.

## SILENT AUCTION

Everyone is welcome! Please bring a savory or sweet finger food to share.

Donating auction items: Please contact Robin Brown at [browns5@pacbell.net](mailto:browns5@pacbell.net) or (707) 321-3173 to donate your amazing auction items. The children will be performing for you. Popular donations in the past have been art work, food items, wine, gift baskets jewelry, gift certificates as well as gifts of your time for a service you provide. There will also be a special kids table for auction items. If you are willing and able, All donations are welcome! Thanks!

# SAVE THE DATE!

A Wedding Shower for Pastor Lindsey and Diana

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm

Fields Fellowship Hall, FUMC, Montgomery

All are welcome!

Note: Marriage ceremony will take place at the Church of One Tree later in the summer.

**Elisha's Pantry**  
Serving Bennett  
and Rincon Valleys



Gifts of food and love

## ELISHA'S PANTRY

April is our month to lead the Pantry. Please sign up on our calendar at church or call or email Linda Carroll if you can help. We especially will need helpers for shopping on Wednesday's at Redwood Empire Food Bank. Plus need 3 volunteers each Thursday from 2:45 until 5:45. Thanks so much!

Like us on  
**facebook**





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

- Things are heating up in the office, thanks to the Trustees! A new heating AND air conditioning system is being installed.
- Meanwhile, Deanna and Deborah Dawson are displaying such teamwork! The office & conference room "sprucing up" is in the works!
- 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

Barbara Schmidt and family

Roger White

Jean Houser

The Coolidge family

Bob & Janet Smith's granddaughter, Annika, and family

The Lawrence family

All those who were affected by natural disaster

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



# April Calendar

## Sunday, April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

7:30 am	Worship, Communion	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt & Refreshments	

## Monday, April 2, 2018 – CMP on Spring Break this week

10:00 am	Elisha's Pantry Steering Committee	Conf Rm
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## Tuesday, April 3, 2018

6:00 pm	Trustees mtg	Conf Rm
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## Thursday, April 5, 2018

4:00 pm	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
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## Friday, April 6, 2018

1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
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## Saturday, April 7, 2018

10:30 am	Master Gardener's Worship: Tomatoes	Sanctuary
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## Sunday, April 8, 2018

9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Time for Reflection	

## Monday, April 9, 2018

7:00 pm	Women's Book Group	Anita Pitzer's house
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## Tuesday, April 10, 2018

5:45 pm	Finance Committee	Conf Rm
7:00 pm	Ad Council	Conf Rm

## Thursday, April 12, 2018

4:00 pm	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
6:50 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Friday, April 13, 2018

1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
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## Saturday, April 14, 2018

1:00 pm	Alice Jann memorial service	Sanctuary
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## Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:50 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Time for Reflection	

<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b>		
4:00 pm	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
6:50 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, April 20, 2018</b>		
1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
<b>Saturday, April 21, 2018</b>		
4:00 pm	Silent Auction	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, April 22, 2018</b>		
8:50 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Worship, Amnesty Letters	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Time for Reflection	
<b>Thursday, April 26, 2018</b>		
4:00 pm	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
6:50 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, April 27, 2018</b>		
1:00 pm	Handicrafts	Conf Rm
7:00 pm	Taizé worship	CCUM Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, April 29, 2018</b>		
8:50 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Time for Reflection	