

Lent

a season of
Reflection

Connections

Laying Holy Ground – Lent 2018

Lenten Services

February 14, 7 PM

Ash Wednesday Service
FUMC, Stony Point

March 29, 6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Service
CCUM

March 30, 7:30 PM

Good Friday Service
FUMC, Montgomery

March 31, 7:30 PM

Easter Vigil, CCUM

Lenten Suppers/Small Groups*

Tuesday Night Pub Theology

Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 – 7:30pm
Third St. Aleworks

Wednesday Night Potluck

Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28– 5:30pm
FUMC, Stony Point

Wednesday Night Pub Theology

Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7:30pm
Brew

Thursday Morning Theology

Feb 22, 29, March 8, 15, 22, 19 – 9am
Aroma Roasters

**Locations subject to change based on availability. Please RSVP to Pastor Lindsey if you're attending.*

Sunday Time for Reflection

During Lent, we'll come into the sanctuary in (relative) quiet, and spend time in a time of centering before worship.

Ten minutes after worship, the Spiritual Enrichment Team will continue reflection time on worship and the message.

Laying Holy Ground

If your new year is anything like mine, then so far you've found that this year has been every bit as fast-paced as 2017. If only for this reason, Lent comes at the perfect time. Just six weeks into the new year, the Church

calendar calls us to six weeks of intentional spiritual development. Unlike Advent, Lent is not focused so much on waiting and anticipation, as it is on simplicity and preparation.

This Lent, we will explore Laying Holy Ground. We will reexamine our relationship with God through stories from Jesus' life, focused on the themes of humility, forgiveness, boldness, beauty, and failure. As we spend time reflecting, we will listen for how the Spirit calls us both to deeper understanding and to service in the world. Together, we may also reflect on how we will respond.

That may seem like a lot of work. Chances are, you're already very busy. This is why I also commend to you the Lenten practices of fasting and abstaining. At its heart, the practice of "giving up something for Lent" is meant to make room in our lives to focus more on our spiritual journey. If it is applicable, I invite you to join me in a technological fast for Lent. What does that mean? For me, it means I'm restricting the amount of time I spend going back and forth to my phone. It also means reducing screen time and spending more time doing the things I really love (ie music, reading, talking with friends/family).

Maybe there is something else that eats up your time. It might just be general "busy-ness". It might be a substance. It might be an unhealthy relationship. Whatever it is, I invite you to step back from it a moment, and join in Lenten practice with us. We'll have a daily devotional, which I would encourage you to explore with a friend. Small groups will be meeting in various places and times to have conversations each week on the scripture/readings (February 20-March 28). Please let me know if you (or someone else you know) are interested in the following times:

Tuesday Nights, Brew (on Healdsburg Ave.) – 7:30pm*

Wednesday Nights, Sprengers Tap Room (B St.) – 7:30pm*

Thursday Mornings, Aroma Roasters – 9am

*Location subject to change based on interest. Make sure to RSVP.

I'm excited to be on this Lenten journey with you.

In Christ,

Lindsey

From the pastor...





A Heartfelt Thank-you

The Boevers family is sincerely thankful for the many meals and kindnesses that came our way during my extended illness. It helped us all in more ways than we can say. Once again, we have witnessed Christ Church following its mission to be the Body of Christ in the world. Thank you.

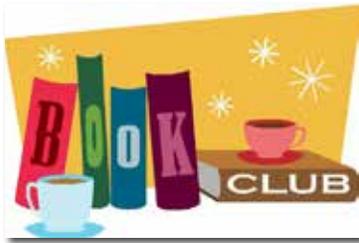
Carol-Jean and Family

Choir in Lent and Easter

We are just beginning to practice music for Lent and Easter. If you'd like to sing for this season, please join us Thursday nights at 6:50!

Worship Committee Needs One More

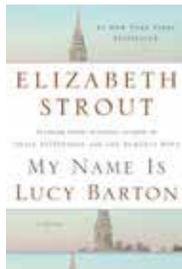
We are still waiting for someone who is not involved in the music program to participate in the Worship Committee. We meet 4-5 times per year to make our worship the best possible offering. Feedback from one more person not in the choir would be most helpful.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Monday, February 12
7pm
Anita Pitzer's house

My Name is Lucy Barton is a story about a simple hospital visit that becomes a portal to the tender relationship between mother and daughter in this extraordinary novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout.



February Birthdays

4	Wayne Davis
4	Bob Smith
5	Gary Johnston
11	Janet Smith
13	Linda Carroll
14	Maddy Lawrence
19	Sue Tredick
23	Robin Brown



EARTHKEEPERS

Meetings will be starting up in February. Look in the bulletin and weekly e-blast for updates.



Sunday School

Love is patient

Love is kind

It isn't jealous

It doesn't brag

Love isn't arrogant

It isn't rude

Love doesn't demand having its own way

Love isn't irritable

Love doesn't rejoice in other people's mistakes

Love honors justice and truth.

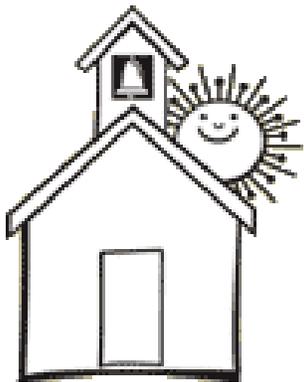
--Adapted from Paul's letter to a new Christian community in Corinth. (1 Corinthians 13)

Last month we talked about Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus and will be talking again about his transformation from a person who persecuted the followers of Christ to a man who spent the rest of his life committed to the teachings of Christ.

Lent starts on Valentine's Day. Our Sunday school theme will be about simplicity...how we can live simply; with a bit of humility; become less focused on "stuff;" learn about the meaning of forgiveness and understand that the best things in life are free.

Visit to the Bird Rescue Center

Our visit is planned Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 at 3430 Chanate Rd. We thank Marguerite Li, Heather Boone and Margo Hoagland for making this a memorable experience for our children. Ask our children about their "adopted" birds cared for with such love. You will be impressed with their enthusiasm and knowledge.



CHRIST METHODIST PRESCHOOL

My how January has flown by just as anticipated! This past month we eased back into things, enjoying each moment! We got out for some fresh air as well as enjoyed some indoor rainy days! We learned about all things winter focusing on weather and winter animals. We also learned about hibernation and Night time! We were happy to get back to school after a nice long break. We

all enjoyed exciting reunions with friends and teachers as well as welcomed a few new students with open arms! We look forward to all that February will bring and are happy we got to spend the first month of 2018 all together at our happy little school!

Arlene Taylor

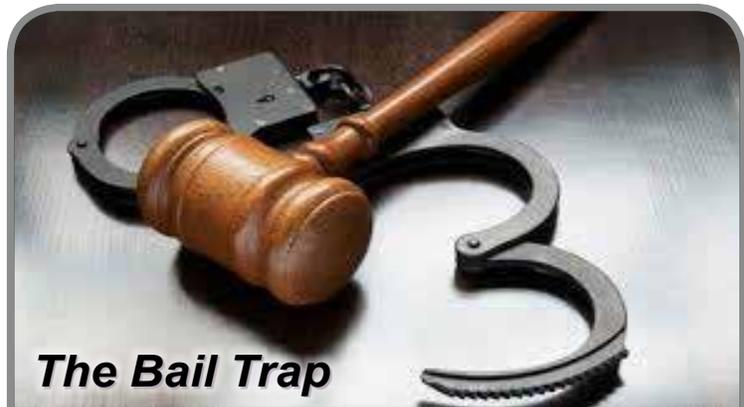




February 24, 7pm • “The Bail Trap” – The inability to pay bail is one of the main causes of America’s mass incarceration system – and yet something most Americans know little about. Find out about the devastation caused by money bail and how we can fix the system.

[Walk Out for Immigration Reform](#)

In support of all undocumented immigrants
Monday, March 5th
11AM: Walk out of school or work
Noon: Meet on Graduation Lawn at SRJC and March to Downtown Santa Rosa
For more information, go to Facebook “[Dreamers Accion Day](#)”, or <http://socodreamersactionday.org/>



The Bail Trap

February 24, 7pm
Congregation Shomrei Torah
2600 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa

The inability to pay bail is one of the main causes of America’s mass incarceration system – and yet something most Americans know little about. Find out about the devastation caused by money bail and how we can fix the system.

Panel discussion following the movie.

*Free and open to the public.
Donations appreciated.*

A poster for a silent auction. It features a silhouette of a person playing a trumpet on the left. The background is a gradient of yellow and red. Musical notes are shown floating from the trumpet. The text is in blue and white.

SILENT AUCTION

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH
4:00 - 6:00 PM
CCUM SANCTUARY

- ♪ Finger foods
- ♪ Desserts
- ♪ And great entertainment

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Get out your 2018 calendars and write in

“Christ Church Auction”

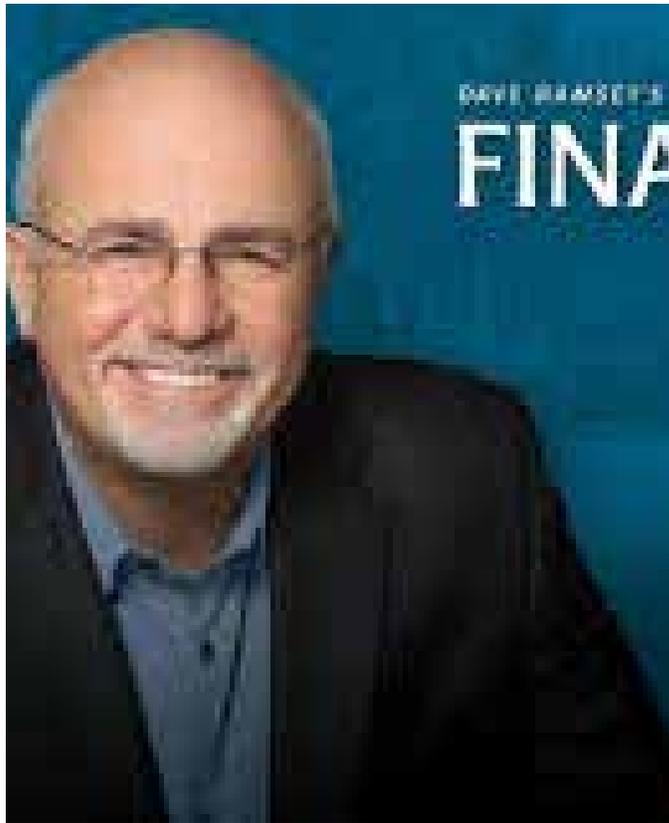
on

Saturday April 21st.

Contact Robin Brown to donate your amazing auction items, and Myra Gaiser at to help with food.

FEEDBACK ON THE NEWSLETTER

Do you love reading it cover to cover? Wish there was less to read? Want something else? Please send your feedback to Cindy at [office @ srchristchurch.org](mailto:office@srchristchurch.org). Thank you!



DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by Christian financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Classes will be held at FUMC Stony Point starting Tuesday, March 13th, 7:00-8:30pm. If interested contact Larry Wofford, thewoffords@hotmail.com, or 707-584-7654.

You are cordially invited to lunch with



where dignity is priceless

COST? FREE - Reservations Required
Donations gratefully accepted.

WHEN? Tuesday, February 13, 2018
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

WHERE? Friedman Center
4676 Mayette, Santa Rosa

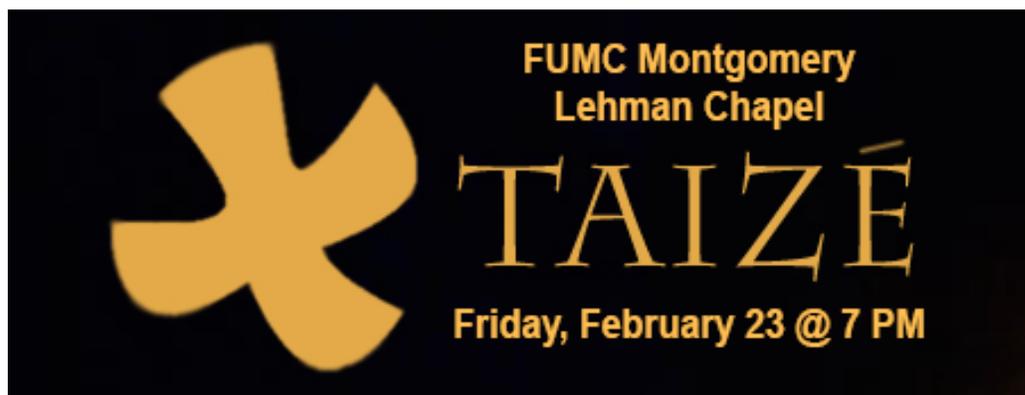
WHY? To learn how The Living Room brings meals, services, goods, programs and substantial amounts of hope to homeless and at-risk women and children including the newly homeless in the aftermath of the 2017 fires.

RSVP by February 1, 2018 to: info@thelivingroomsc.org
or call 707 579-0138



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

- Roger White for donating a brand new white board in our conference room.
- Mary Rankin for creating and coordinating our after worship Time for Reflection.
- Lois Nimmo for coordinating photos for our upcoming church picture directory.
- Myra and Bob Gaiser for our Advent Christmas decorations
- Sue Tredick for opening the church on Sunday mornings
- Cindy Piccinini for her assistance with Worship PowerPoint
- Glo Wellman for her quick thinking in putting out a fire in the conference room... just in time...and all involved in the clean up 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

Meg Hurt & family

Meg Scherfee & her mother

Glo Wellman and family

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday, Feb. 01	4:00 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
	6:50 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, Feb. 02	1:00 PM	HandiCrafts	Conf Rm
Sunday, Feb. 04	9:30 AM	Worship, Communion	Sanctuary
	10:40 AM	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Monday, Feb. 05	10:00 AM	Elisha's Pantry Steering Committee	Conf Rm
Wednesday, Feb. 07	6:30 PM	CMP PJ Story Time	CMP
Thursday, Feb. 08	4:00 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
	6:50 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, Feb. 09	1:00 PM	HandiCrafts	Conf Rm
Saturday, Feb. 10	10:00 AM	HFTH Garden Workshop: Grape Growing for Gardeners	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb. 11	8:50 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:40 AM	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Monday, Feb. 12		CMP Closed – Lincoln's BD	
	7:00 PM	Ad Council	Conf Rm
	7:00 PM	Women's Book Group	Anita Pitzer's House
Tuesday, Feb. 13			
Wednesday, Feb. 14	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	FUMC Stony Point
Thursday, Feb. 15	4:00 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
	6:50 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, Feb. 16	1:00 PM	HandiCrafts	Conf Rm
Saturday, Feb. 17			
Sunday, Feb. 18	8:50 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:40 AM	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Monday, Feb. 19		Presidents Day, Federal Holiday	
Tuesday, Feb. 20	7:30 PM	Tuesday Night Pub Theology	Brew, 555 Healdsburg Avenue, SR
Wednesday, Feb. 21	10:00 AM	Network Leaders	Conf Rm
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Potluck	FUMC Stony Point
	7:30 PM	Wednesday Night Pub Theology	Sprengers Tap Room, 446 B St, SR
Thursday, Feb. 22	9:00 AM	Thursday Morning Theology	Aroma Roasters, 95 5th St, SR
	4:00 PM	Food Distribution	Elisha's Pantry
	6:50 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, Feb. 23	1:00 PM	HandiCrafts	Conf Rm
	7:00 PM	Taizé Worship	FUMC Lehman Chapel
Sunday, Feb. 25	8:50 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Worship, Amnesty Letters	Sanctuary
	10:40 AM	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Feb. 27	7:30 PM	Tuesday Night Pub Theology	Brew, 555 Healdsburg Avenue, SR
Wednesday, Feb. 28	5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Potluck	FUMC Stony Point
	7:30 PM	Wednesday Night Pub Theology	Sprengers Tap Room, 446 B St, SR