



# THE BELL



Niles Discovery Church

United in God's love for everyone's journey ... no exceptions.

## CALL TO Annual Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the 2016 Annual Meeting of Niles Discovery Church will be held on Sunday, May 1, following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda includes the election of the Cabinet (the Officers and Chairs of the Standing Ministry Teams), receiving reports, voting on a proposed amendment to the bylaws, and any proposals coming from the floor. Your attendance is prayerfully and urgently requested.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE PLANNED

The Tri-City Interfaith Council invites the public to attend their 34th annual Holocaust Remembrance Service on Sunday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. The service is held at Temple Beth Torah, 42000 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont.



and father of a Temple Beth Torah member.

A free-will offering will be received for the "Refugees Welcome Fund," sponsored by the Jewish Family and Community Services. Every dollar donated will be matched.

This year the featured speaker will be Jussi Rajna, a Holocaust survivor

## CABINET MOVES QUICKLY TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION

At their April meeting, the Cabinet decided to ask the congregation for the extra funds needed to purchase and install a solar power system at the church. Because we now have a year's worth of data, we can see how having a solar system would not only decrease our carbon footprint, but how it would also save us money by significantly decreasing our power bills.



Although the Cabinet is still seeking bids, it is clear that the installation will cost around \$65,000. Bill and Mary Alice van Doorn left the church \$25,000 from their estate to help us attain solar power. An additional \$4,000 had been contributed to the fund before the campaign began, and the Cabinet committed \$5,000 from the memorial fund. That leaves about \$30,000 left to raise.

The campaign to raise these additional funds kicked off on Sunday, April 24, Earth Day Sunday, and will conclude on Pentecost, May 15. Members and friends are asked to contribute or to make a pledge by May 15. Pledges are to be paid within one year. If you want to contribute an appreciated asset (like stock shares), speak with Beth Rasler, the church treasurer.

For more information about the campaign please speak to Pastor Jeff.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

### May 1

"The Uprising of Stewardship"  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

### May 8

"Whatever the Hardship, Keep Rising Up"  
Acts 9:1-25

### PENTECOST

### May 15

"The Spirit Is Moving!"  
Acts 2:1-41

### May 22

"Moving with the Spirit"  
Galatians 3:19-4:7, 5:1, 13-26

### May 29

"Spirit of Love: Loving God"  
Ephesians 3:14-21



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## Jeff's Jottings

Growing means changing. That's a thought I have as I sit down to write this column. There are two things that bring me to this thought – this conclusion, really. One is the experience of April 17 and the other is the anticipation of what's planned for May 14 and 15.

On April 17, we held a Day of Discovery event to kick off the data gathering by the Strategic Planning Team. What a great way to begin! Everyone's experiences, everyone's stories, everyone's opinions were heard and



valued. I was at a table with one of our grade schoolers and, just like everyone else at the table, her experiences and visions were taken seriously. And I might say, she listened carefully to the sharing of the adults around the table, too.

The process the strategic planning team is using to clarify our mission statement and develop some strategic goals is called "Appreciative Way." It focuses on what we do well, what we value, and what we hope for – in other words, what we appreciate about our church – to help us set goals that utilize our gifts. I look forward to how our sense of mission will be focused and what goals we will choose to take to fulfill it.

Whatever they are, if we follow through on the goals, they will bring growth to us – personally and communally. I don't know what that growth will look like (since I don't know the goals and strategies). We may grow spiritually, theologically, relationally, and/or numerically. Whatever they are, these goals will help us grow in understanding how we best live out our call to follow Jesus. When I think about that growth, I realize it will bring change. Hopefully, we will embrace these changes. Hopefully, we will see the spirit at work moving us in these changes.

May 15 is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. You can read the Pentecost story in Acts 2 (and we will read some of it in worship that day). It is seen as the birthday of the church because it is the day when Jesus's closest disciples changed from being followers of Jesus to people calling others to join them in following Jesus. That is why it is my preferred day to celebrate the rite of confirmation.

Since the new year, four young women have met with me almost

weekly to study, to explore questions (sometimes even finding answers to them), and to experiment with different spiritual practices. They won't be making their decisions about whether or not this is the right time to commit to following Jesus until after this edition of *The Bell* goes to press. Still, we are planning on celebrating baptisms on Saturday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. on the patio at church, and the rite of confirmation in worship on May 15. Please be holding Maddi, Maddie, Megan, and Grady in prayer as they approach their decisions. Whatever their decisions end up being, their time in confirmation class has been a time of growth – spiritual, theological, and relational. With that growth comes change, change for the better.

Growing means changing.

As our church plans for its growth, as we celebrate the growth and commitment of our youth, maybe this is a good time to consider how you have grown and changed over the past year, or the past decade. How have you lived more deeply into your commitment to follow Jesus?

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

Pastor Jeff's personal blog is at [jeffsjottings.wordpress.com](http://jeffsjottings.wordpress.com). He is publishing his sermons there so you can leave feedback or comments. He has started another blog, "Does God Care When My Mom Kills Slugs?" where he answers kids' theological questions. You can read it at [askrevjss.wordpress.com](http://askrevjss.wordpress.com).



## STORIES PROVIDE DATA FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The “Day of Discovery” held on April 17 focused on story sharing.

Starting in pairs, then sharing in larger and larger groups, participants asked each other questions to find out what they most appreciate about Niles Discovery Church.

“We are really listening for commonalities in the sharing,” explained Pastor Brenda. “We are listening for where people agree about our church’s strengths and about their hopes for the future of our church. These common themes will help guide the strategic planning team in developing goals for the church.”

“I haven’t looked through the responses

and notes,” Pastor Jeff said, “but I heard two very important things: we are a church that embodies God’s radically inclusive love, and we are a church that desires to serve our neighbors.”

Pastor Brenda says that the Strategic Planning Team will compile and digest the results from the Day of Discovery and follow-up sessions. They will use what they learn to revisit the church’s mission statement to see how it might need to be revised to reflect our current vision, values, and focus. They will then move on to creating specific goals and strategies for the church.

Watch this space in the newsletter to keep up-to-date on what’s happening in the Strategic Planning process.

## MINISTRY TEAMS ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The five Standing Ministry Teams are responsible for carrying out and coordinating the ongoing, regular ministries of the church. They are open to anyone who would like to serve on them for any length of time. Only the chairs of the Standing Ministry Teams are elected by the congregation.

Because the Ministry Team Chairs will be elected at the Annual Meeting on May 1, May is a great time to join one of the teams. The Ministry Teams meet on the first Monday of the month (which this month is May 2). The Ministry of Christian Education Team meets at 6:30 p.m., and the other teams – the Ministry of Property, the Ministry of Spiritual Life, the Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach, and the Ministry of Social Concerns – meet at 7:30 p.m.

## GREEN TEAM MOVES CHURCH TOWARD “GREEN CHALICE” DESIGNATION



Under the guidance of a new Green Team (Susie Claxton, Bill Palleschi, Beth Rasler, and Judy Zlatnik), Niles Discovery Church is well on the way to becoming a certified Green Chalice Church within the Disciples of Christ. The purpose of the Green Chalice Program is to encourage and assist local congregations who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. It is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God’s creation and aims to empower congregations with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth. We qualified as a Green Chalice Congregation and believe we are well on our way to becoming a *Certified* Green Chalice Congregation. Watch for updates on our progress and/or look for our fliers in the Fellowship Hall. You can learn more about the Green Chalice program at <http://j.mp/GreenChalice>. When the United Church of Christ finalizes their program, the Green Team plans join that, too



## TRI-CITY YOUTH CHORUS IS RECRUITING

Tri-City Youth Chorus is resting for the summer and will resume in the Fall, once again under the direction of Joy Suh. It has been a great musical opportunity for kids from grades 5 through 8. Think about all the children in your lives and how they could benefit by joining TCYC. It could take them on a path to having a life filled with music. Contact Marilyn Singer for more information.



## LET THE PPRC KNOW

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) wants to hear from you. Contact any PPRC member – Mark Twist, Judy Molander, Cindy Sojourner, Ken Rasler, Beth Armstrong, Debbie Keesis, Pastor Jeff Spencer, and Pastor Brenda Loreman – if you have a concern about the life of the church that you want to explore. If you have a church relationship that’s hurting and want some assistance in healing it, speak to one of them.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

You can get to know the amazing kids in our congregation by signing up to teach or be a helper in Summer Sunday School. Christina Monkman has the sign-up sheet, so look for her at coffee hour.



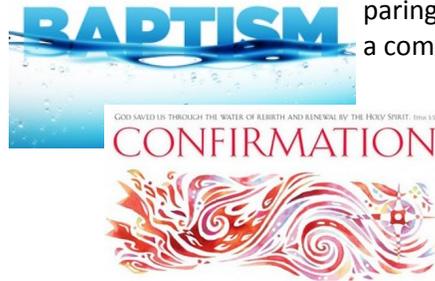
## BIG AND SMALL BOTTLES AND CANS WELCOME

All your bottles and cans, whether big or small, can help support Jose Gomez, our congregation's World Vision child in El Salvador. If the label says "CA Redemption," you can bring it to church and we'll recycle it, earning a little money. Every bottle or can makes a difference.



Aluminum cans are the biggest money raiser, but plastic water bottles and other drink containers are redeemable also. Big thanks to Rich Gallegos who collects bottles and cans from the Fellowship Hall barrel and redeems them. If you have questions about this project, speak with him or with Judy Zlatnik.

## BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS PLANNED FOR PENTECOST WEEKEND



After months of study, four youth in our church are preparing to make a decision: is now the right time to make a commitment to follow Jesus? Maddie Monkman, Maddi Wagner, Megan Keesis, and Grady Mahusay have been studying with Pastor Jeff since January, exploring their relationships with God and learning about who Jesus was and what it means to be one of his disciples.

Later in May, they will be making decisions about being baptized (or reaffirming their baptisms), affirming their faith through the rite of Confirmation, and whether or not they want to join the church. Please hold these four young women in your prayers as they approach this time of decision and commitment.

The baptism service is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. It will take place on the patio in the new baptistry (if the baptistry arrives as scheduled). Confirmations will take place during worship on Sunday, May 15. The entire congregation is invited to attend these important services.

## DEEPING MEMBERSHIP GATHERING FOCUSES ON FAITHFUL SERVICE

Come meet new friends and discover more about your church home in our new Deepening Membership series. Potential, new, and experienced members of Niles Discovery Church are warmly invited to attend the second program, called "Faithful Service," on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will explore ways service empowers our spiritual journeys and will introduce some



opportunities Niles Discovery Church offers for service within and beyond our congregation.

The series is intended as a way for both new and old members to learn more about Niles Discovery Church, and for everyone to meet new friends and grow in their faith. Upcoming programs in the series will include "Faithful Stewardship" in September, "Faith Then and Now" in January (2017), and "Nurturing Faith" in May (2017).

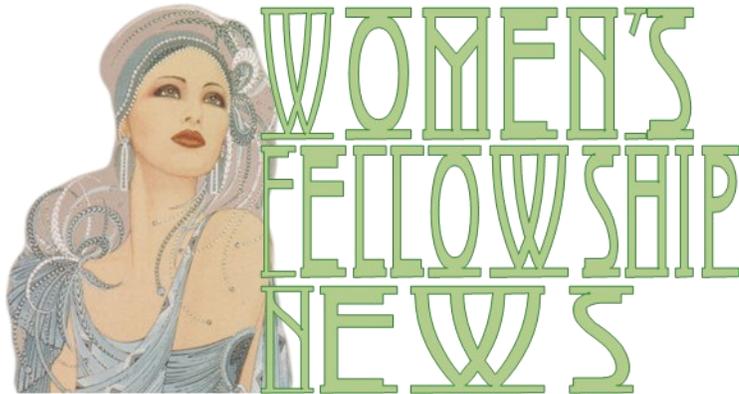
## "THINK BEYOND THE PUMP" CAMPAIGN COMES TO NILES

The *Think Beyond the Pump* campaign is working with Bay Area cities to get climate change labels on gas pumps. A presentation about this campaign is coming to Niles Discovery Church on Sunday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

The first step in addressing any problem is to honestly face it. That's exactly what this campaign seeks to do through disclosure labels on gas pumps. We just hit 400ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere and are motoring past it. Reducing gasoline consumption is one way to slow this rise.



You can learn more about the *Think Beyond the Pump* campaign and how you can get involved at the workshop.



### EVENING FELLOWSHIP

At the April 13 meeting, we learned of the challenges of Leah and Rachel in the culture of their time. Our next and last meeting of the 2015-2016 fiscal year will be at the home of Dorletta Larsen, 4402 Eggers Drive, Fremont, 792-3729 on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. The study will be on Hannah and Elizabeth. The scripture will be 1 Samuel 1:1-28, 2:1-10, and Luke 1:5-25, 1:67-79. These lessons about Old Testament women have been enlightening and interesting. The differences in culture have been mentioned but the lessons have all been applicable to today's women. All women are invited in the Evening Women's Fellowship.

**Save The Date For Fall Retreat:** The Annual Fall Women's Retreat, held at the beautiful Mission Spring Conference Center, will be on September 23-25, 2016, and will feature as keynote speaker the Rev. Diane Weible, the United Church of Christ Conference Minister for the Northern California Nevada Conference.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Every four years, the General Conference of Disciple Men holds a program called "Sessions." This year's event, Sessions 2016, will be held in Fort Worth at Texas Christian University. The theme is, "You Are Called By Name." A whole bunch of top Disciples speakers will be there. The dates are July 8-10. You can get more information and register by going to <http://sessions2016.org/>.

Our Regional Disciples Men's fall retreat will be October 14-15 (it's always the weekend after Columbus Day). The theme and location are still being worked out, but you can block out the weekend now.



### DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

Daytime Women's Fellowship will meet on May 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

### MILDRED REYNOLDS LAP ROBE TYING GROUP



The lap robe tying group met on Wednesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. If you know someone who would like one of the lap robes or a group that could use several lap robes, let Alison Kieft, Judy Molander, or Dorletta Larsen know. There is no charge for the lap robes. All women are invited to join in the lap robe tying, but let Dorletta know if you plan to attend as lunch is provided.



### BUTTERFLY TEA

Many of the attendees at the Christmas Tea at Laura Beebe's home expressed interest in the spring tea. We have reserved May 14 at noon for this event. This promises to be an exciting day. Make your reservations with Alison Kieft or Judy Molander by the deadline of May 1.

### Mark These Dates:

**May 11**  
Evening Women's  
Fellowship

**May 14**  
Butterfly Tea

**May 16**  
Daytime Women's  
Fellowship

**May 25**  
Lap Robe Tying

### "SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATORS" STILL NEEDED

As more and more groups ask to use our facilities, the Ministry of Property has determined that some events need a special events coordinator. To that end, the Cabinet has approved a job description and empowered the Personnel Committee to select several people to be trained and then be on call to serve as Special Events Coordinators when needed.

The position is a paid, contract position and is limited to church members. If you are interested in applying for the job, go to [nilesdiscoverynews.wordpress.com/job-opportunities/](http://nilesdiscoverynews.wordpress.com/job-opportunities/), download and complete the application, and submit it to Pastor Jeff.

## CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHES

The registration deadline for both the DOC Regional and the UCC Conference camps is May 22. The registration procedures differ depending on which camp you (or your child) wants to attend, but they all start with talking to Pastor Jeff (or sending him an email: [jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org)). If you let him know by May 22, the church will provide a campership of up to \$200. Additional needs-based camperships are also available. Camp dates are available online at [j.mp/ndccamp2016](http://j.mp/ndccamp2016).

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE WIDER CHURCH

You can subscribe to the weekly email newsletters from the UCC Conference by going to <http://bit.ly/QFhbEz> and entering your email address. You can subscribe to the weekly email newsletter from the DOC Region by going to <http://conta.cc/SlhyQL> and typing in your email address.

You can subscribe to email newsletters from the national settings of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at <http://bit.ly/n1Mzfk> and the United Church of Christ at <http://j.mp/odtLO>.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+

The May Special Offering is for Church World Service's "Blankets+" program. In 2015, CWS distributed 7,820 blankets around the world to people in crisis because of poverty and disaster. A blanket brings warmth. A blanket brings love. Be part of the love.



This special offering will be received on May 8, though you are welcome to give to any of our special offerings at any time (always make checks payable to Niles Discovery Church). You can see the schedule of special offerings at <http://j.mp/specoff2016> or call the church office and Randy will mail you one.

Thanks to your generosity, the April special offering of \$625 will be split between our denominations' local seminary, Pacific School of Religion, and our denominations' local college, Chapman University.

## WHERE DISCIPLES GATHER A REPORT ON THE REGIONAL ANNUAL GATHERING



On April 7-9, 2016, nearly 200 Disciples gathered in Sacramento for the 162nd Annual Gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada, hosted by Arden Christian Church. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Brenda attended and served as delegates for Niles Discovery Church.

The Gathering began with a panel discussion for the Region's clergy at First Christian Church, Sacramento. Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon led the panel in discussing the challenges faced by the church in a society that is increasingly interfaith, secular, and fearful. Uplifting and inspiring sermons were offered by Rev. Kinnamon on Friday evening, followed by CCNC-N Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum on Saturday morning, and Rev. Bruce Barkhauer, Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Saturday evening.

On Saturday, individual workshops and Circles of Healing and Advocacy dealt

with important issues in our Region such as Muslim relationships, welcoming LGBT people openly in our congregations, creating a culture of generosity in the church, and a workshop led by the youth on Technology and the Church, a tutorial on everything from sending texts, understanding social media, and navigating your smart phone.

During the Gathering's Business Session (renamed the "Worshipful Work Session"), reports from the various committees and ministries of the region were received, new staff and leaders were introduced, a new Executive Committee was elected, and the budget was approved for the coming fiscal year. The Region has a projected deficit of \$2,536.00, which is much improved over the budgeted deficit last year.

In 2017, the 163rd Annual Gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada will be held at First Christian Church of Concord. If you are interested in serving as a delegate for the Gathering, please speak with Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brenda.



## KITCHEN TIME WARP

When Ann Melious' daughter was visiting her, she wondered why Ann returned home late after church. Ann explained that she was cleaning up in the kitchen after coffee hour. Anne's daughter snorted and said she couldn't believe Ann had become a "church lady."

"That's church WOMAN," Ann said, evincing her best 70's feminist indignation.

"How many men worked in the

kitchen with you?"

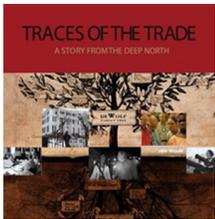
She had a point. Bill Palleschi and Mark Twist had helped by taking the recycling out to the shed (which is deeply appreciated!), but as to men and women modeling cooperation for a younger generation, well, the church kitchen looks like 1916 not 2016. Ann suspects that the Ministry of Property Team often has the same problem.



Habit, not intent, has resulted in work assignments that segregate the sexes. The Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach will try to remedy the problem of unintended kitchen sexism by asking for coffee hour worker sign-ups, with emphasis on recruiting help from men of the congregation. There are written procedures for setting up and cleaning afterwards so no one needs to feel awkward.

### SECOND SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY SERIES

#### FILM CONFRONTS THE ROOTS OF AMERICA'S BLACK/WHITE DIVIDE



"Racism, unfortunately, is baked into the DNA of the United States of America," says the Rev. Jeffrey Spencer, Senior Pastor at Niles Discovery Church. "Slaves were considered less than fully human in our founding documents, and only people of color were slaves."

A screening of the feature documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, will take place on Saturday, May 14, at 1:30 p.m. as part of our Second Saturday Documentary series. In this feature documentary, filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors, the DeWolf family, were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide in America.

The screening will be followed by a discussion led by the Rev. Sandhya Jha and attorney Peggy Bristol. Both Jha and Bristol have extensive experience in anti-racism work. The screening is free and open to the public; donations are welcome to help cover the costs of the screenings.

Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. In following Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey, *Traces of the Trade* brings us all face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

The issues with which the DeWolf descendants are confronted dramatize questions that apply to the nation as a whole: What, concretely, is the legacy of slavery – for diverse whites, for diverse blacks, for diverse others? Who owes whom and what for the sins of the fathers of this country? What history do we inherit as individuals and as citizens? How does Northern complicity change the equation? What would repair – spiritual and material – really look like and what would it take?

This screening is part of the Second Saturday Documentary Series, cosponsored by Niles Discovery Church and the San Jose Peace & Justice Center.



### Community Bulletin Board

Members and friends of Niles Discovery Church are invited to submit short notices that may be of interest to the rest of the congregation.

**The Golden Gate Men's Chorus** presents their Spring Concert, *Out of the Depths*, at Mission Dolores, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.ggmc.org](http://www.ggmc.org).

**Washington High School's Theater Arts Department** presents *Little Shop of Horrors* (Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Music by Alan Menken) May 6 at 7:30 p.m., May 8 at 4:00 p.m., May 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Our own Ryan Boyer Taylor and Leigh-Anna Nielsen appear in the production. Tickets are available at [Tnyurl.com/whslittleshop](http://Tnyurl.com/whslittleshop).

## PASTORS' AND OFFICE SCHEDULES

Staff office hours have changed, starting May 1. Because of appointments and meetings, it is difficult for our pastors to have regular, posted office hours. Please call your pastor if you would like to make an appointment or have him/her come by for a visit. None of the staff is available on Mondays, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., because they are in a staff meeting. Our Pastors also meet from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**Pastor Jeff's** Sabbath day is Friday and his day off is usually Saturday. He will be on vacation May 17-24.

**Pastor Brenda** takes Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays off. She will be on study leave May 30-June 5.

**Cecilia Le's** hours are Mondays, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Randy Fewel's** hours are Mondays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Randy will be out of the office on May 18.

### Church

510-797-0895

### Pastor Jeff's mobile

510-579-8851

### Pastor Brenda's mobile

510-828-4107



## Please Pray For...

### BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Cindy Corey;**  
**Helen Boyer;**  
**JoAn Parker;**  
**Charles Lovato;**  
**Alison Kieft;**  
**Bill Ball;**  
**Sandi Reeder;**  
**Barry Kean;**  
**Grace Rankin;**  
**Jack Rankin;**  
**Mark McConville;**  
**Charlotte O'Donnell;**  
**Maureen O'Donnell;**  
**John O'Donnell;**  
**Diana Roeding;**

**Edrea Espinoza;**  
**Isaiah Espinoza-Carter;**  
**Sarah Boyer;**  
**Ryan BoyerTaylor;**  
**Julia Parks;**  
**Ken Young;**  
**Jerry Hollands;**  
**Jan Filip;**  
**Janet Butcher;**  
**William "Butch" Butcher;**  
**Diane Kindle;**  
**Mary Ann Dillon;**  
**Peg Tait;**  
Mark Twist's father, **Arnie;**  
Ken Young's son, **Mike;**

Rich Gallegos' son's mother-in-law, **Lyn Ruckman;**  
Tom Olkowski's brother, **Paul;**  
**Karen Engelsen,** Wendy Goodfellow's sister;  
**Ed Espinoza,** Isaiah and Aiyanna's grandfather;  
**Jo Carroll,** Suzy Mahusay's sister;  
Rod Reyes' niece, **Tatiana;**  
Rod Reyes' **grandmother;**  
Mike Foster's mother, **Jan Richards;**  
Carol Easter's mother, **Barbara;**  
Dorothy Williams' daughter, **Belinda Williams.**

### ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

**Ryan Ramseyer,** his father **Albert Ramseyer,** and stepmother **Francyne Vezi-na** as they grieve the death of Ryan's brother **A.J. Ramseyer** on March 20;

**Marcia Allen and her family** as they grieve the death of **Fred Allen** on February 23;

**Shirley Dunlap** as she grieves the death of her **mother** on February 20;

**Judy Smith and her family** as they

grieve the death of Judy's mother, **Ruth Simons,** on February 12;

**Bill Palleschi (and his family),** grieving the death of his mother, **Catherine,** on November 8, and his father, **Bill,** on January 3;

**Leslie Schmid** and her family as they grieve the death of Leslie's father, **Fred Anderson,** on December 31;

**Jason Briggs** and his family as they

grieve the death of Jason's grandfather, **Sam,** on December 26;

**Kathleen Davis,** whose mother, **Arlene Snagor,** died on December 21;

**Judy Zlatnik,** whose **big brother** died on December 20;

**Nancy Walker,** whose mother, **Thelma Rogers,** died on November 30.

## May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9a Adult Sunday School	2:30p Staff meeting	12p Pastors Meeting (off site)		6p Tiger Den, Pack 112 (R1)		8:30a Miracle Day (Oakland Peace Center)
9:30a Choir warm-up (R1)	6:30p MCE meeting (R3)			7p ACA Group (FH)		
10a Worship & Sunday School	7:30p Ministry Team Meetings			7:30p Choir Rehearsal (R1 & Sanctuary)		
11:30a Annual Meeting (FH)						
7p Patrol Leader Council meeting (R3)						
7:30p Yom HaShoah Service (Temple Beth Torah)						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9a Adult Sunday School	2:30p Staff meeting	12p Pastors Meeting (off site)	1:30p Worship Planning Meeting	7p ACA Group (FH)		9a Confirmation Class baptisms (on the patio)
9:30a Choir warm-up (R1)	7:30p Finance Committee (R3)	6:30p Boy Scouts (FH & R2)	6:45p Pack 112 committee meeting (Rm 3)	7:30p Choir Rehearsal (R1 & Sanctuary)		12p Women's Butterfly Tea (the home of Laurel Bebe)
10a Worship & Sunday School			7p Evening Women's Fellowship (Dorletta's)			1:30p Second Saturday Documentary Series (Sanctuary)
11:30a Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3)			7:30p Spiritual Direction Group A (R1)			
12p Confirmation Class						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Pentecost	11:30a Daytime Women's Fellowship (FH)	Pastor Jeff on Vacation				
9a Adult Sunday School	2:30p Staff meeting	5p Bell deadline	Randy gone	6p Tiger Patrol, Pack 112 (R1)		
9:30a Choir warm-up (R1)	7:15p Cabinet (FH)		7:30p Care Team meeting (R2)	7p ACA Group (FH)		
10a Worship, Confirmations, & Sunday School				7:30p Choir Rehearsal (R1 & Sanctuary)		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Pastor Jeff on Vacation			10a Lap Robe Tying Group (FH)	7p ACA Group (FH)		
9a Adult Sunday School	2:30p Staff meeting	6:30p Boy Scouts (FH & R2)	7:30p Deepening Membership (FH)	7:30p Choir Rehearsal (R1 & Sanctuary)		
9:30a Choir warm-up (R1)		7:30p Book Group (Adamson's home)				
10a Worship & Sunday School						
11:30a Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3)						
4p Think Beyond the Pump (FH)						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Notes:			
9a Adult Sunday School	Brenda on Study Leave to Jun 6 ►					
9:30a Choir warm-up (R1)	Memorial Day - office closed					
10a Worship & Sunday School	2:30p Staff meeting					
12p Communion Elders mtg						



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