

THE BELL



Niles Discovery Church

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

NAVIGATION CENTER UPDATE TO BE OFFERED AT TOWN HALL MEETING

The Negotiation Committee will offer the church an update on the status of the Housing Navigation Center at a special Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, July 14, following worship. As of the press



deadline, we do not know what type of information will be shared, and the content will likely depend on the outcome of the July 9 City Council

meeting. **Note:** This meeting is intended for church members and friends, not the community at large.

Niles Discovery Church Flea Market

THE BEST JUNK IN TOWN!

It is that time of the year when we gear up for our big fund-raising event – The Flea Market! Last year our church netted \$9,000 for the month of August.

Sunday, August 25, is the date for the 55th Annual Niles Antique Faire and Flea Market. On that day, Downtown Niles is closed to traffic. Antique and food booths are set up, and hordes of people descend on Niles. We even sell

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 7

"Common Healing"
2 Kings 5:1-14

July 14

"The Harder Question"
Luke 10:52-37

July 21

Guest preacher:
the Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones

July 28

"In Memory of Her"
Mark 14:3-9



ANNUAL MEETING COMPLETES BUSINESS IN RECORD TIME

In what may have been the fastest Annual Meeting on record, the congregation approved the minutes of the three congregational meetings of the past year and elected new leaders on Sunday, June 9. The meeting was held immediately after the worship service in the sanctuary and the presence of a quorum was quickly and easily established. A lack of a quorum on May 5 postponed the Annual Meeting to June 9.

The Cabinet Membership for the coming year is: Mark McConville, Moderator; John Smith, Vice Moderator; Barbara P. King, Treasurer; Cathy West, Clerk; Val Parker, Chair of the Ministry of Spiritual Life Team; Beth Armstrong, Chair of the Ministry of Christian Education Team; Mark Twist, Chair of the Ministry of Property Team; Jim Thomas, Chair of the Ministry of Evangelism Team; Judy Zlatnik, Chair of the Ministry of Social Concerns Team; and Amy Gunnarson, Chair of the Ministry of Hospitality and Fellowship Team. Also elected were: Ken Rasler, Auditor; and Sybil Smith, Susie Claxton, Sandy Thomas to the Nominating Committee.



The Happiness Report

Last March, just in time for International Day of Happiness (March 20), the United Nations released the 2019 World Happiness Report, which is an annual survey that ranks 156 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be.

This year's World Happiness Report focuses on happiness and the community, investigating how happiness has evolved over the past dozen years, with a focus on what drives that



evolution, such as technology, social norms, conflicts and government policies (you can access the report at: <https://worldhappiness.report/>)

In glancing at the report's findings, it doesn't really surprise me to learn that the top five happiest countries are Nordic (Finland, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and the Netherlands, in that order), or that the United States has been slipping in happiness in the last three years. This year, we are number 19, while last year we were 18; in 2017, we were 14. In fact, we have declined in our happiness level every year since the report began in 2012. This is despite the fact that prosperity in the US is on the rise, and violent crime is in decline—two factors that logic says should help increase national happiness.

Lots of people have speculated about the causes of our declining happiness. Some researchers pin

the blame on declines in social capital and social support. Others believe it's due to the changes in how we spend our leisure time, noting the rise in use of digital media and the decline of face-to-face interactions. The report's co-author, economist Jeffrey Sachs, suggests that it's the prevalence of addictions in American society — including gambling, social media use, video gaming, shopping, consuming unhealthy foods, exercising, and engaging in extreme sports or risky sexual behaviors —that might be fueling our decreasing happiness.

The societal reasons for our declining national happiness may seem overwhelming obstacles, but there are certainly things we as individuals can do to increase our own happiness, the happiness of our families, and, in turn, the happiness and well-being of our communities. The Gallup folks who conducted the happiness surveys didn't contact me for my opinion, but I would have told them that, generally, I'm a happy person, despite the ups and downs that life offers. This hasn't always been the case, however. I don't think I'm a person with a naturally high happiness set-point; rather, I've found that there are deliberate actions I can take on a regular basis to increase my overall happiness and well-being. In no particular order, I share them here with you:

☺ **Get outside.** I notice that my happiness and well-being increase in direct proportion to

the time I spend outside in nature. The Japanese even have a word for the practice of going outside for health benefits: *shinrin-yoku*, or "forest bathing."

☺ **Pray.** One of my goals for my sabbatical was to develop a regular prayer practice, which I did. I notice that I am not as centered or grounded on the days that I allow my practice to slip.

☺ **Practice Gratitude.** I have a practice of nightly journaling, and the way I conclude my entry for the day is to name the things I'm especially grateful for. In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness.

☺ **Do Something for Others.** I'm blessed that my vocation puts me in a place to serve others, both those that I know and those I don't. There's lots of research out there showing that giving of ourselves boosts our own happiness, while making our communities better places to live.

☺ **Pet the Cat.** This is another research-driven activity; studies show that pet owners experience greater health and happiness than those without pets. I love having a cat, and I *think* she likes me back.

☺ **Limit Screen Time.** There's some research that suggests

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ALL ABOUT M.E. By Jim Thomas

In my readings on evangelism, I read something that said, “the best way to get someone to come to church is to invite them.” I know of several people who come to our church who were initially invited by a friend already attending. So, from a purely anecdotal perspective, that seems to work. However, I have invited five people to come to church and four of them came once. My track record is in shambles. “Is there a better way?” I thought to myself. That led me to think about what it was that got me to this church.



When looking for a church, my wife and I first attended churches attended by people we knew. However, in each case, we felt something missing, that is until we came to this church. It felt right, for the first time, so we kept coming and quickly joined the church. It is the community that was missing in our lives. This community is awesome, and that alone should be enough to build up our church. Yet, the five people we invited aren't return worshipers. I suspect it is because they aren't ready to commit to the spiritual practice and ritual we do in worship.

Perhaps I got it backwards. Instead of inviting friends to worship, perhaps a better approach is to invite them to a church activity. There are many things happening in this church, so inviting someone to help with the mobile hygiene van, for example, will connect them directly to our church community, and no one would have to stand on ceremony. Once connected, they may find themselves more receptive to joining the church. Now, when I talk about the awesome things my church does, when someone appears to be interested, I ask if they would like to participate.

That's all about M.E. How about we make this all about you?



IT'S TIME TO RALLY FOR A CAUSE

Join us on July 25, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm, at the corner of Paseo Padre and Walnut in Fremont, as we take an opportunity to come together and stand up for our shared values. The theme for this particular event has not been announced by the press deadline for this edition of *The Bell*, but it will be included in Sunday announcements once it is set. The “We Are One” rallies are sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council, of which Niles Discovery Church is an affiliate.



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, 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.

NAME IT!



Please remember, for cash donations to be credited to your giving record, you must put the cash in an envelope and write your name on it.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KIDS

In 2018 the United Church of Christ adopted the following Mission statement: "United in God's spirit and inspired by God's grace, we can love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all: for the children, for our neighbors and for creation."

It's time to put God's love to work by sharing. Please help us give students a fresh start and instead of starting school with a worn out backpack or none-at-all, help us provide new backpacks and supplies. The Ministry for Christian Education will be collecting backpacks and school supplies to donate to the Fremont Family Resource Center, which serves the Tri-City area. Please bring backpacks and school supplies to the church no later than August 11. Cash donations towards school supplies will be received as our special offering on August 11.



Open your hearts and share the greatest give of all - Love. YOU can make a difference in a child's life!



After much deliberation, the family of Pete Hokom decided not to hold a traditional memorial service. They are holding a “cyber memorial” online. You are invited to go online to <https://www.gatheringus.com/memorial/marvin-pete-hokom/894>. Here, you will find a memorial website where you can see pictures, leave messages, and read tributes. It is a work in progress, so you may want to return more than once.

Pete was a much-beloved math teacher at Eden High School. Dozens of students chose to stay in touch with him long after leaving high school. Some of their remembrances will be on this website. You can also contribute to the “Pete Hokom Scholarship for advanced math students at Mt. Eden High School” on the previously mentioned website.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Niles Discovery Church has closed its Post Office Box and is only receiving mail at the church building. Please make sure all correspondence (including automatic pledge payments from your bank) goes to the street address: 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont 94536. Thank you.

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WHAT MAKES BRENDA HAPPY

that adults spend up to 11 hours a day interacting with media, and that the more screen time teens have, the less happy they are. It’s really easy for me to zone out in front of YouTube in the evening, but I’m happier if I don’t.

- 😊 **Ditch Social Media.** I took a social media sabbatical along with my church sabbatical last fall. After I got over the mindless impulse to constantly check Facebook, I found that I really didn’t miss it. Once I returned from sabbatical, I found that I didn’t feel the need to check in every day. Although I do miss connecting with my far-away friends, I think I’m happier for not being constantly engaged online.
- 😊 **Develop Community.** My happiness increased immeasurably in my thirties when I reconnected with my faith and joined a church, and I can’t imagine not being part of a faith community. Being connected to a group that is working toward the greater good deepens my faith and sustains my hope.
- 😊 **Cultivate Casual Friendships.** Casual friendships are the folks you connect with regularly but don’t have a close relationship with—the barista at the coffee shop, the folks in your exercise class, the people at the dog park, the parents in the school drop-off line. You see them every week, but don’t know them well. A recent study shows that cultivating these relationships—learning names, saying hello, sharing brief conversations—increases happiness and a sense of belonging in the community—and it makes the world a kinder, friendlier place.
- 😊 **Make Stuff.** I don’t feel right unless I’m making something with my hands—whether it’s a project on the knitting needles, a felted art piece, or a great new recipe. One of my goals this year is to make more time for making more art.

What makes you happier? If you try one of these ideas, or have another one to share, let me know! I hope that by sharing these practices and cultivating our happiness here in our community, we can start reversing the trend of our nation’s declining happiness.

Blessings,

Pastor Brenda

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

One easy way to offer hospitality to first-time worshippers and newer members is to wear your name tag. Please pick up your name tag before worship and wear it throughout coffee hour. If you need a new one, check the box on the green attendance form.





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SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE

parking spaces in our lot.

We also have a big Flea Market right here in our Fellowship Hall at the same time. To prepare, our congregation and friends clean out closets, garages, and storage places, in order to donate used but good items to the church. These wonderful treasures are priced, displayed, and sold during the month of August.

As soon as donations are received, we will begin pricing, displaying, and selling, even though the Big Flea Market sale dates aren't until August 24 and 25. We rely on your donations arriving EARLY so that members of the church can shop and buy. Our doors open for your precious donations on Wednesday, July 24. This year it is especially important to bring things early because we have a shorter selling time than usual. The flea market team appreciates your donations. However, please be sure your donation is clean, usable, and not torn, stained, broken, chipped, dirty, or unpolished. You may bring things to church on Sundays, weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., whenever office staff is in the church, or call Alta Jo Adamson, (510) 713-1333, and she will arrange to open the church.

DONATION SUGGESTIONS

- ◆ Tools
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Children's Toys
- ◆ Games (with all the pieces)
- ◆ Children's Furniture
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Hats, Purses, and Shoes
- ◆ Musical Instruments
- ◆ China and Glassware
- ◆ Antiques, Collectables, and Knickknacks
- ◆ Holiday Decorations
- ◆ Linens and Blankets
- ◆ Working Small Appliances
- ◆ Patio Accessories
- ◆ Office Supplies
- ◆ Trunks
- ◆ Chairs, Desks, and Other Small Furniture
- ◆ Exercise Equipment and Sporting Goods

MERCHANDISE RESTRICTIONS

- ◇ No Sofas and other large, heavy furniture (without prior permission)
- ◇ No drapes or drapery rods
- ◇ No sinks and toilets
- ◇ No old microwaves, TVs, or obsolete electronics
- ◇ No heavy old sports equipment
- ◇ No clothing
- ◇ No broken or obsolete tools
- ◇ No old travel books or obsolete manuals

CONSIDERATIONS FOR BOOK DONATIONS

- ◆ Novels of mystery, romance, history, adventure, family, science fiction and so much more
- ◆ Nonfiction of all types
- ◆ Children's books in good condition
- ◆ Both hardcover and paperback books

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Pamphlets; any instructions for using technology, especially for computers; comics or coloring books; and torn, worn, or stained books

Would you like to help unpack and price merchandise? Can you haul items to the church? We need volunteers every day in August, to help us make this a blessed event. On weekdays, volunteers are needed to hang around and sell, sell, sell. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carrie Williams (cwilliams@nilesdiscoverychurch.org) or Jim Thomas (james@nilesdiscoverychurch.org).

When it is time for the official Flea Market weekend, we will be staffed by church volunteers in two-hour increments throughout the day. These hours are especially important to fill. Generally speaking, everyone rolls up their sleeves, pitches in, and it is loads of fun! Hope to see you this summer. More details will be coming soon.



HELP US TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION!

The Liturgical Art team is planning an installation of photographs and we are asking **you** to participate. All aspects of creation's beauty are sought: plants, animals, mountains, lakes & seas ... even people in non-urban setting (please, no relatives or readily identified people). More details will be in the August issue of *The Bell*. Until then, get out there and enjoy God's abundant natural beauty And take some pictures while you are at it.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LISTS

To join any of our email lists, just go to <http://bit.ly/NDCemailsignup> and start filling out the forms. You can select what email lists you want to join – for the newsletter, the weekly prayer requests, the weekly announcements, and more.

We also encourage you to join our Yahoo! group. Go to <http://j.mp/NDCyahoogrp>, look for the purple "Join Group" button, click it, and fill out whatever forms Yahoo! needs you to complete to become part of the group. Once you're a member of the group, you can send announcements to everyone else in the group. It's one more way for our church to keep in touch.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MONTH

USHERING: We need four ushers on any given Sunday for the worship service – preparing the worship space, greeting worshipers, handing out bulletins, receiving the offerings, tidying up the worship space – so if you would like to help out, please contact Mark Twist for job details and to get into the rotation.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Help extend the welcome to God's table of grace by helping serve communion – passing the bread and cup when communion is served to the congregation in their chairs or by holding the bread or cup when communion is served by intinction. If you'd like to help out in this ministry or just to learn more about what it entails, contact Val Parker (nursval@sbcglobal.net).

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: There are six Standing Ministry Teams that coordinate the essential work of the church (Spiritual Life, Christian Education, Property, Evangelism, Hospitality and Fellowship, and Social Concerns). There are also a number of committees and Special Ministry Teams (Liturgical Arts and the Green Team). Contact the chair/coordinator of the Team/Committee you're interested in serving with for more information.

ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE DELEGATE: Represent and connect the congregation with the wider United Church of Christ at Association and Conference meetings. A job description exists; limited to church members. Contact Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brenda if you're interested.

REGION/GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE: Represent and connect the congregation with the wider Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Region and the biennial National meeting. A job description exists; limited to church members. Contact Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brenda if you're interested.

CURRICULUM WRITER: Someone has to write the curriculum our Sunday School teachers use. Maybe you could write some. The Ministry of Christian Education Team purchased the book *Meet Me at the Well: The Girls and Women of the Bible*, by Jane Yolen and Barbara Diamond, a book that is a rich source for good discussion in worship. If you would like to try your hand at creating a curriculum for this book, please talk with Beth Armstrong.



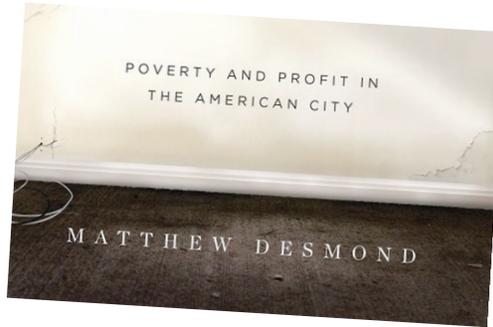


EVICTED BY MATTHEW DESMOND

A REVIEW BY B. NEWELL

What happens when:

- ☹️ The neighborhood kids throw snowballs at a driver during the first good snowfall of winter and one driver kicks your door down? -- You are evicted.
- ☹️ Your work hours are cut from full time to two days a week, so you cannot feed your family and pay rent? — You are evicted.
- ☹️ Your youngest child has a very severe asthma attack, so you call 911 and both paramedics and police show up? -- You are evicted because the landlord doesn't want any "nuisance people" at their place.
- ☹️ You take an apartment unit sight unseen because you have called or visited over 90 other places but were always turned down; you move to the unit with your two trash bags full of clothes and a small bag of toys only to find out that it has been condemned? -- You are evicted.
- ☹️ Although you filled out all necessary paperwork for your disability check, the government doesn't process it in reasonable time, therefore, you are short of money for rent? -- You are evicted.



Evicted by Sociology professor Matthew Desmond is a carefully-researched and well-documented book that reads like a novel. It follows six families as they plummet towards increasing poverty, and two landlords who profit from the poorest inhabitants of Milwaukee's inner city.

Evicted is the United Church of Christ (UCC) all-church-read book of the year, and the author was the keynote speaker during the UCC General Synod in June. According to the UCC website, the book "will transform our understanding of eviction and its impact on generational poverty through unjust and differentially enforced housing policies. Desmond writes, 'No moral code or ethical principle, no piece of scripture or holy teaching can be summoned to defend what we have allowed our country to become.'"

A copy of the book is available for you to check out from our church library. This highly recommended book gives new meaning to the phrase: *There but for the grace of God go I.*

Ed: The NPR program *On the Media* ran a two-part program on the issue of housing and evictions. You can listen online at <https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/scarlet-e-part-one-why>.



NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

To provide the best possible care for our young children, we need to add one additional worker to the Nursery each Sunday. Ideally, we would like people to sign-up to work one Sunday each month. If you are not able to commit to one Sunday per month, then let us know your availability and we will sign you up. Don't miss this chance to get to know these sweet young children! They are sure to bring a smile to your face. Please contact the Ministry of Christian Education (mce@nilesdiscoverychurch.org) if you would like to volunteer.



PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Do you have a camera and enjoy taking pictures? It sure would be nice to have some people who would make it a habit to take pictures of stuff happening in the life of the church – or just about anything that fills you with joy and thanksgiving. All you need to do is snap the pics and email them to admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Pastor's Discretionary Fund The July Special Offering will go to replenish the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. This money is used by our Pastors to help families in emergencies. During the past year, our Pastors have been able to help church families keep phones connected, prescriptions filled, and lights on thanks to your generosity.

This offering will be officially received on Sunday, July 14. As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time (always make checks payable to Niles Discovery Church). You can also give online: go to our church

webpage at <http://nilesdiscoverychurch.org/> and click the "donate" button at the top of the page.

Niles Discovery Church receives a special offering each month. With that many possibilities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. You can see the schedule of special offerings at <http://bit.ly/2019specialoffering>.

Thanks to your generosity, our June Special Offering for the evangelism and church renewal ministries of our two denominations: the UCC's "Strengthen the Church" offering and the DOC's "Pentecost" offering, raised a total of \$1,046.

SECOND SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY SERIES

RIGGED: THE VOTER SUPPRESSION PLAYBOOK EXAMINES VOTER SUPPRESSION

Amid the bomb throwing of charges and countercharges that has become what passes today for political discussion, a couple of positions have hardened. When the elections of 2016, 2018, and 2020 come up, Republicans cry, "Voter Fraud!", while Democrats shout back, "Voter Suppression!"

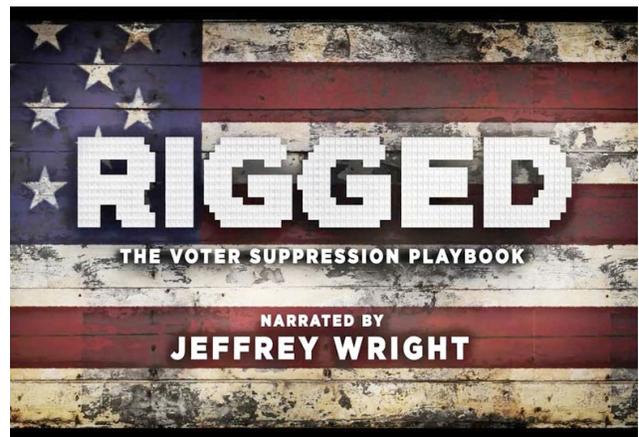
To date, the mere existence of voter fraud has yet to be conclusively demonstrated, while there *is* evidence of voter suppression. A case in point is *Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook*, which will be shown at Niles Discovery Church at 1:30 p.m. on July 13, followed by a facilitated audience discussion.

Directed by Michael Kasino, written by Timothy Smith, and narrated by Jeffrey Wright, the film goes back to 2008, after the election of Barack Obama, and traces the decade-long development by Republican operatives of plans to make it harder for people of color to vote.

Rigged shows the many tactics that have been used in voter suppression, and offers the history of voting policy and current challenges to its integrity, all richly illustrated with archival footage of political figures from Lyndon Johnson to Donald Trump.

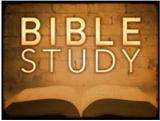
For screenwriter Smith, the goal of the documentary was "to show audiences that this is happening — and too few people are noticing." By the end of *Rigged*, all but the most hardened skeptics will be convinced that that voter suppression is real—and so are its dangers.

The Second Saturday Documentary Series is co-sponsored by Niles Discovery Church and the San Jose Peace and Justice Center. Learn more about the series at bit.ly/nilessds.





FELLOWSHIP NEWS



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jeff's weekly Bible study continues going strong. The weekly study is on Mondays (when he's in town), from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The scripture we will study is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. It looks as though the study will happen four of five Mondays in July, no Bible study on July 22. Stay tuned to your Sunday announcement folders for the most up-to-date information.



MILDRED REYNOLDS LAP ROBE TYING GROUP

The Lap Robe Tying Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be July 24. Let Judy Molander know if you plan to attend as lunch is provided. You can also let Judy know if you or someone you care about might benefit from receiving one of these lap robes that have all kinds of love tied into them.

GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY ...

Join us Sunday, July 21, for a group outing to see Star Struck Theatre's Newest Production *Newsies: the Musical*. We will begin with lunch at Frankie, Johnnie and Luigi (11891 Dublin Blvd.) and then attend the matinee show beginning at 2:30 pm. The performance is at the Dublin Center of Performing Arts (8151 Village Parkway, Dublin). We will leave right after worship.

Please purchase your tickets online at: <https://starstrucktheatre.org/>. Ticket pricing is: adults \$32, seniors \$30, and children and students \$28. There is an additional \$4 booking fee per ticket.

Sign up with Melissa Palleschi, (510-894-2520) if you wish to attend lunch with the group.



PASTORS' AND OFFICE SCHEDULES

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 to have him/her come by for a visit.

Pastor Jeff's sabbath is on Friday, and his day off is Saturday. His email is jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Pastor Jeff will be at General Assembly July 19 through July 25.

Pastor Brenda is not in the office Thursday through Saturday. Her email is brenda@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Pastor Brenda is on Vacation through July 20.

Church
510-797-0895

Pastor Jeff's mobile
510-579-8851

Pastor Brenda's mobile
510-828-4107

Mikele Kearney's hours this semester are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Her email is admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Mikele is on vacation July 22 through July 26.

Cecilia Le's hours during this semester are Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Her email is cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org.

Jenny Lin will be on vacation July 14 through August 10.



Please Pray For...

THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:

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| Harold Rucker; | Dean Hunter; | Susie Claxton's sister, Argyle Claxton; |
| Bill Ball; | Isaiah Espinoza-Carter; | Alison Kieft's friend, Judy Huff; |
| Jerry Mulcahy; | Ken Young; | Alison Kieft's sister-in-law, Debbie |
| Jerry Hollands; | Diane Kindle; | Thompson; |
| Becky Moreno; | Sandra Frisbey; | Grace Rankin's brother, Jim Carstairs; |
| Sharon Yool; | Sharon Yool's daughter, | Katy Wharton's mother; |
| Nancy Attinger; | Sharon Yool's brother, Harry "Butch" Lewis; | Janet Butcher; |
| Grace Rankin; | Dana and Chris Hoskins' friend | William "Butch" Butcher; |
| Diana Roeding; | Heidi Benton; | Rich Gallegos' mother, Esther; |
| JoAn Parker; | Dana and Chris Hoskins' friend Dan Scheib; | Carol Easter's daughter, Allison; |
| Maxine Foster; | Dana and Chris Hoskins' friend Melvin Pierce; | Carol Easter's mother, Barbara. |
| Charlotte O'Donnell; | Amy Gunnarson's great-niece Syra; | Maria Garnica's brother, Victor Garnica; |
| Mindy Adkins; | Conference staff member Joy Davis; | Ken Young's friend, Marlene Balan; |
| Penn Boyer; | Michael Thomson's sister, Mary | Suzy Mahusay's sister, Jo Carroll. |
| Cindy Corey; | Thomson; | |

ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

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| Yolanda Moreno and her family as they grieve the death of her father on June 3; | Delya Stoltz and her family as they grieve the death of her grandmother, Letha Mae Rogers , on March 29; |
| The family of Pete Hokom as they grieve his death on May 15; | Michele McConville and her family as they grieve the death of her mother, Marie Maguire , on March 13; |
| Veronica Riggs and her extended family as they grieve the death of Veronica's Aunt Eloise; | JoAn and Val Parker as they grieve the death of their brother-in-law/uncle Sherman on February 7; |
| Grace Rankin and her family as they grieve the death of her husband, Jack Rankin , on April 27; | Ken, Beth, Lisa, Samantha, and Clio Rasler and their extended family as they grieve the death of Marilyn Rasler on January 24. |
| Mark Twist and his family as they grieve the death of his father, Arnie Twist , on April 14; | |

PEOPLE WHO ARE CARING FOR SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS.

FOR PEOPLE FACING WORKPLACE HARDSHIPS, including Vivian and Marissa.

FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR NEW OR BETTER EMPLOYMENT, including Doug Sojourner.

PEACE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, OFFERING THANKS FOR ALL WHO, THROUGH NON-VIOLENT METHODS, ARE BRINGING GOD'S COMPASSION AND JUSTICE TO THE WORLD.

A reminder about this prayer list:

If you have a prayer request that you'd like added to this list (or removed) please let Pastor Jeff know.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	◀ From Jun 30 Pastor Brenda on vacation					
	10a-11a FCSN cleanings 11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4) 7:30p-9:30p Ministry Team Meetings	3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) 7:30p-8:30p Climate Grief Support Group		4th of July - office closed 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) 7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH)	7:30p-9p NA Women's Group (FH)	6p-8p Facilities Cleaning
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	◀ From Jun 30 Pastor Brenda on vacation					
9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH)	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)	5:30p-6:30p SSDS Producers Meeting (R2)	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	7:30p-9p NA Women's Group (FH)	1:30p-4:30p Second Saturday Documentary Series
10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School	11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4)	6:30p-8:45p BSA Troop 112 meeting	7:30p-9p Spiritual Direction Group A	10a-1p Serra Center Staff Training (FH)		6p-8p Facilities Cleaning
5:45p-7:15p ACA 12 Step Study	1p-2:30p Greater Niles Village - Helping	7:30p-8:30p Climate Grief Support Group		3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)		
7p-8:30p BSA Patrol Leader Council	7p-8:30p Ministry of Evangelism Team			7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH)		
	7:30p-9p Finance Committee (R3)					
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	◀ From Jun 30 Pastor Brenda on vacation					
Jenny on vacation to Aug 10 ▶						
9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH)	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	Bell Deadline	9a-2:30p Serra Center Training (FH)	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	7:30p-9p NA Women's Group (FH)	General Assembly (Des Moines, IA)
10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School	11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4)	3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)		3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)		5:30p-8:30p AIAnon Family Groups (FH)
11:30a-12p Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3)	12:15p-1:45p Daytime Fellowship (FH)	7:30p-8:30p Climate Grief Support Group		7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH)		9p-11p Facilities Cleaning
11:30a-12:30p Town Hall Meeting (FH)	7:15p-9:15p Cabinet (FH)					
5:45p-7:15p ACA 12 Step Study						
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10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	10a-12p Caring for Caregivers Support	10a-2p Lap Robe Tying Group (FH)	1p-2p Interfaith Book Group (R3)		
11:30a-1p Pathways To Beloved	7p-9p Candlelighters (FH/Kitchen)	10:30a-12:30p Serra Center Training	7:30p-9p Care Team meeting (R3)	3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)		
2p-3p Moved My Spirit Poetry Group (R3)		3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH)		5p-6p We Are One rally (Walnut and		
5:45p-7:15p ACA 12 Step Study		6:30p-8:45p BSA Troop 112 Meeting		7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH)		
		7:30p-9p Book Group (Adamson's home)				
28	29	30	31	Notes:		
Jenny on vacation to Aug 10 ▶						
9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH)	Flea Market set-up in Fellowship Hall to Aug 23 ▶ (FH)					
10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School	10a-11a FCSN cleanings	3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class	7:30p-8:30p Interfaith Book Group (R3)			
11:30a-12p Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3)	11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4)					
12:30p-2:30p MPCS Board mtg (R1)						



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