

THE BELL



Niles Discovery Church

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

Call To Special Congregational Meeting September 15

Important Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 15, following worship, to vote on adopting a Just Peace Covenant and declaring ourselves to be a Just Peace Church. Your attendance is prayerfully and urgently requested. See "Just Peace Covenant" article below for more information about becoming a Just Peace Church.

Celebrate Our Music Ministry Rally Day Is September 8



Celebrate the wonderful music ministry of our church on Sunday, September 8. The choir will sing during the service and a special treat will be shared during coffee hour to thank all the people who provided special music during the summer worship services and to welcome our choir back to the sanctuary.

This is a great time to join the choir! The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and warms up at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning in Room 1.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

*Celebrate
the Season of Creation
during September's
worship services*

September 1

"Walking Together:
Land and Water"
John 4:4-15

September 8

"Walking Together:
Biodiversity"
Matthew 6:25-33

September 15

"Walking Together:
Climate Change"
Romans 8:18-27

September 22

"Walking Together:
Simplicity and
Sustainability"
Exodus 16:13-21



Watch for the Flea Market wrap-up in your October edition of *The Bell*.

SEPTEMBER 29 – "WALKING TOGETHER: IN GRATITUDE"

This worship service will be held outdoors at Quarry Lakes Regional Park, 2100 Isherwood Way, Fremont. See article, page 5.



CHURCH TO VOTE ON "JUST PEACE COVENANT" - September 15

The United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (DOC) have several different designations congregations can qualify for. These designations help communicate who they are – both to themselves and to the wider community. One such UCC designation is being a "Just Peace Church."

Following an informative Town Hall Meeting on August 11, the congregation will gather for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 15, following worship, to vote on adopting the proposed Just Peace Covenant (see page 3) and declaring ourselves to be a Just Peace Church.

Our Pathways to Beloved Community group has spent over one year exploring whether or not we are a "Just Peace Church," as defined by the UCC. They have concluded that we are and have drafted a "Just Peace Church Covenant," recommending the church adopt it by congregational vote. It comes to the congregation with the endorsement of the Cabinet.

As with all Congregational Meetings, there will be a time for discussion before the vote, and members of the congregation are allowed to move to amend the motion (the covenant) during that discussion time.

If you missed the Town Hall Meeting on August 11, you can learn more about Just Peace Churches at https://www.ucc.org/justice_just-peace.

Jeff's Jottings



The season between Pentecost and Advent is LONG. It's called "Ordinary Time" not because it's common or typical, but because the Sundays are numbered (they have ordinal numbers). Still, because it is such a long season, it can start to feel pretty, well... ordinary—as in common, mundane, etc. There is an ecumenical movement to add a new liturgical season between September 1 and October 4, the Season of Creation. We are going to celebrate the Season of Creation this year.

During the Season of Creation, we will rejoice in the good gifts of creation and reflect on how we can more deeply care for it. There is an invitation in the Season, to pause in the midst of our day-to-day lives and contemplate the fabric of life into which we have been woven.

As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gifts we share. As the psalmist sings, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1-2). During the Season of Creation,

we ask ourselves: Do our actions honor our Creator? Are there ways to deepen our faith by protecting "the least of these," who are most vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation?

The theme for the Season of Creation that Pastor Benda and I have selected is "Walking Together." In walking together, we follow the role of Jesus, who walked with friends on the roads around Galilee and Judea. As he traveled, he invited us to encounter God through God's presence in creation. Whether by considering "the lilies of the field" or the "grain of wheat that falls to the earth," the spiritual journey of following Jesus is closely tied to the everyday wonders of nature that he experienced in his earthly journey.

As pilgrims who are "Walking Together," we welcome the opportunity to awaken anew to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and to protect the web of life it shelters.

One of the ways we can move from this spiritual reflection to action is by participating

in the Global Climate Strike. I hope you are familiar with Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old from Sweden who began protesting outside the Swedish parliament in August 2018 about the need for immediate action to combat climate change. She started skipping school on Fridays to keep this protest going and in doing so, started the "Fridays for

Future" movement. Now, around the world, young people are walking out of schools and jobs on Fridays to pressure politicians and corporations to act on climate change.

A few months ago, this student-led movement called older people to join them. They are calling for a week of action, September 20 through September 27, with a Global Climate Strike happening on the Fridays that begin and end that week. I know that actions are being planned around the Bay Area, but I don't have details as I write this column. I'll share additional information in church, as I learn more.

For now, I invite you to:

- Get inspired by the young people who started this movement by poking around their website at <https://www.fridaysforfuture.org/>.
- Learn more about the Global Climate Strike by checking out <https://globalclimatestrike.net/>
- Look at your calendar and work schedule and prayerfully consider striking on September 20 and/or September 27 so you can join some action somewhere around the Bay Area.

And I encourage you to join us each Sunday morning during the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can walk together to care for creation.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

If you're interested in reading my General Synod and General Assembly report, I've published it on my blog at <http://j.mp/GSGA2019>.





PROPOSED JUST PEACE COVENANT

The following is the Just Peace Covenant that will be presented to the congregation for adoption at a Special Congregational Meeting on September 15. See story on page 1.

As members and friends of Niles Discovery Church, we commit ourselves to be a Just Peace Church in partnership with The United Church of Christ (UCC) and the World Council of Churches. *The UCC defines 'just peace' as the "interrelation of friendship, justice, and universal security from violence."*¹ We commit to striving to create peace with justice through our relationships with local, regional, national and international communities. We commit ourselves to pursuing just peace relationships with all of God's creation.

Our just peace work will be guided by examples of peace with justice found in the scriptures, as well as the stories of injustice, violence, and silenced voices in scripture. Through the words and stories of Jesus, we will be encouraged and brave in our just peace work. The scriptures emphasize that all people are created in God's image, all people are our family, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, and the practice of the Jubilee year.² All these scriptural concepts will drive our just peace commitment and activities. We will strive to be allies with people impacted by intentional and unconscious bias, whether it is racism, patriarchy, homophobia, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, able-ism, ageism, classism, nationalism, and any other prejudicial practice.

We will strengthen our faith, under-

standing, compassion, and just peace work through truth telling and listening with individuals and groups, through conversations, seminars, reading, sermons, vigils, celebrations, charitable work, and actions of solidarity designed for systemic change. We will create space for those experiencing injustice to be understood and to define their reality and needs. We will be guided by the words and work of great peacemakers such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the myriad of contemporary prophets working together to create a peaceful world of justice for all of creation.



We commit ourselves to continue on our path of being good stewards of the earth. We will work to protect creation from climate change and other threats to the planet that endanger a balance of all aspects of creation: the earth, the waters, the air and all living things.

We commit ourselves to work for peace with justice in all of our ministries and in our personal lives. We will continue to uphold our covenant of radical welcome of all people no matter where they are on their life's journey, our many ways of embodying the United Church of Christ's "3 Great Loves," our Green Chalice standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and our Open and Affirming standing in both denominations.

We affirm that these commitments reflect and support Niles Discovery Church's ongoing covenant as a Just Peace church.

¹From *Just Peace Church Handbook* (p.4) available on the UCC website at https://www.ucc.org/justice_just-peace (accessed on 17 August 2019)

²From Luke 4: 16-21, Isaiah 61: 1-2 and Leviticus 25: 10-13

Let Your Voice Be Heard; Stand Up For What You Believe In

We Are One The "We Are One" rallies,

held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the corner of Paseo Padre and Walnut in Fremont are still going strong. We aren't aware of the theme of the September 26 rally as of 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 – John Zlatnik, Judy Molander, Cindy Sojourner, Ken Rasler, Ingert Svaerd, 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.

Region Wants Your Vision

The Disciples of Christ Region wants to “refresh our vision” of ministry and mission as we move into the future. To that end, they are holding a series of “visioning workshops,” the first of which is going to be held here, at Niles Discovery Church, on Sunday, September 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The only qualifications for participation are a desire to listen to the Spirit and the people present, and a passion for the ministry of the church.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Teach the Future

We are still looking for a few people to be helping hands in the Preschool classroom. There are no lessons to plan, you just need to help our youngest kids experience a safe and loving place to interact with other children and adults. There are openings for the third Sundays and the very few fifth Sundays of the month.

In addition, we are also looking for a teacher for our Middle school class for those sporadic fifth Sundays. There are only three of them in the school year.



Where Art Abides

As you can see from the photo, the mosaic tiles have been installed in the concrete relief below the bell. This was a special location we had selected in our remodeling plan, in conjunction with the portable baptistry. Artist Denise Hart completed the installation of the original mosaic in the patio at the east end of the church building during the first half of August. Designed specifically for Niles Discovery Church, the mosaic evokes ripples of water, reminding us our baptisms, and spirals out into the world, reminding us that discipleship calls us into the world. This theme of water and sightings of rainbow colors dispersed about the work gives a sense of movement and a pathway. Perhaps you will have your own interpretation as you gaze at it! Special recognition should be given to our construction foreman Vince Pilotti for his skill in creating the helix relief in the concrete, as well as the design contributions from Joy Barnitz, Alta Jo Adamson, Cindy Sojourner, Pastor Brenda Loreman, and Mark Twist.



GIVING WITH A SMILE

amazon smile Along with buying scrip gift cards, you can help support our children being able to attend youth summer camp programs by using a personal Amazon Smile account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Niles Discovery Church every time you buy something.

It's simple to set up, whether you have an existing Amazon account or not. And once you have Amazon Smile bookmarked on your computer, it's easy to rack up funds automatically as you purchase all the items you want (and sometimes need :-)) through Amazon just like you normally would.

As the beneficiary, the church has an Amazon account where all our pooled money is placed. We can then access the funds that we have earmarked for youth summer camp programs. And the money can really add up. Amazon Smile has generated over \$134 million for charities to date.

Several church members have already designated Niles Discovery Church as their Amazon Smile charity. They have already generated \$178 and every day it grows a bit more. Now is your opportunity to add .5% of the hundreds or thousands of dollars a year you spend on Amazon (at no additional cost to you!) to help our campers. The more of us that do it, the quicker this nest egg will grow and be put to good use.

For the complete instructions to sign up for Amazon Smile please see the news blog article at <http://bit.ly/GivingSmiles> or you may look at the Finance Committee banner on the wall in in the church hallway.



All-Church Worship And Picnic

George Washington Carver once said, *“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.”* This seems to embody what many of us experience in the great outdoors—a unique connection with our Creator that inspires praise and gratitude for the beauty of creation. The opportunity to engage in outdoor worship while surrounding ourselves with God’s gifts of creation will amplify our experience in prayer or conversation. This unique experience of worshipping outside provides a space for congregation members to encounter nature, to realize that the holy is experienced outside of the sacred space of the sanctuary, and to connect worship with creation care.



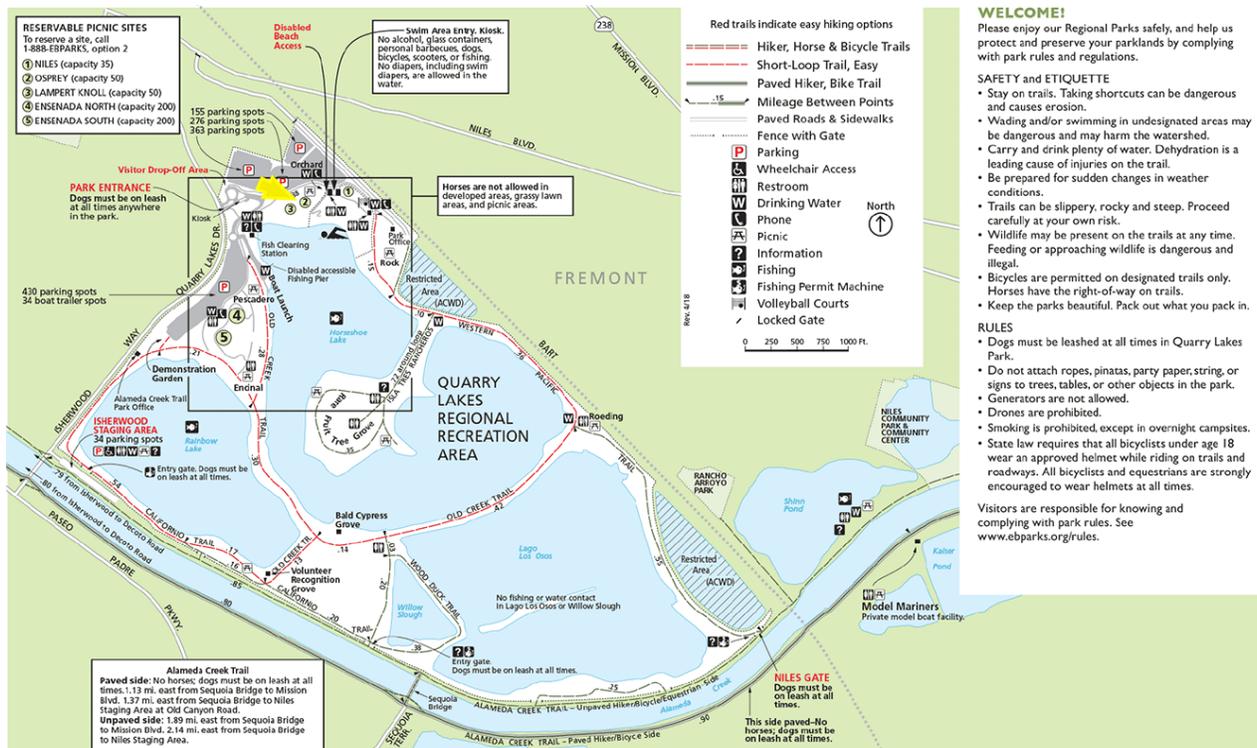
feel free to stay as long as you like for an afternoon of recreation choices, including: hiking, biking, walking, fishing (license and permit needed for those over 16), kites, touring the rare fruit tree grove, lawn games, and fellowship time with friends. Unfortunately, there is no swimming this year due to poor water quality.

The main dish and water will be provided. Please sign up to attend and to bring a potluck dish (side, salad, or desert) to share. You will also want to bring your own chairs to the picnic site. Carpooling to the park is encouraged, since there is a \$5 per car entry fee. We will be forming carpools in the church parking lot between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The carpools will receive \$5 to cover the cost of parking. If your family happens to fill your car you can come by the church from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and get your \$5 parking fee on your way to the picnic. Many thanks to the generous NDC couple that has anonymously donated the funds for this gift.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Amy Gunnarson (301)693-6397 or Melissa Palleschi (510)396-7932.

Please join us for the Second Annual Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic Sunday, September 29, at Quarry Lakes Recreation Area “Osprey” and “Lampert Knoll” Picnic Areas. The unique worship service in natural surroundings will be held 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and we have the picnic areas reserved all day. After lunch,



WELCOME!
Please enjoy our Regional Parks safely, and help us protect and preserve your parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

SAFETY and ETIQUETTE

- Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.
- Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous and may harm the watershed.
- Carry and drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on the trail.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Trails can be slippery, rocky and steep. Proceed carefully at your own risk.
- Wildlife may be present on the trails at any time. Feeding or approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal.
- Dogs are permitted on designated trails only. Horses have the right-of-way on trails.
- Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.

RULES

- Dogs must be leashed at all times in Quarry Lakes Park.
- Do not attach ropes, pinatas, party paper, string, or signs to trees, tables, or other objects in the park.
- Generators are not allowed.
- Drones are prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited, except in overnight campsites.
- State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. All bicyclists and equestrians are strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules. See www.ebparks.org/rules.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Katie Hayes and Jake Sargent joined the church on Sunday, July 28. Katie and Jake met in Boston in 2014, where Jake had been living since college and Katie was visiting (having never stayed in one place for very long). He convinced her to stay for a while and they welcomed their son, Henry, in 2017. When Henry was three months old, they arrived in California, and now they spend much of their time camping, hiking, and on the beach. Since moving to California, they have been looking for a community of faith that emphasizes the values they hold dear – hope, love without limits, and charity. They were very excited to find Niles Discovery Church and they look forward to being members of our congregation.



ALL ABOUT M.E. by Jim Thomas

I love YouTube! Almost anything you can think of can be seen there. Most of the new skills that I have acquired over the last five years came from watching tutorials on YouTube. It's entertaining too, and I am not talking about cats wearing bread.

There are a lot of talented YouTubers, and while they run the gamut from mediocre to incredibly talented, they get thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of views for a single video, and they get tens to hundreds of thousands of subscribers. That just shows that there are millions of people who use YouTube on a regular basis.

I think YouTube can be a powerful evangelical tool. Imagine someone looking for a church like ours. Can they find one on YouTube? I started a Niles Discovery Church YouTube channel just to answer this question. Currently, it mainly has sermons, but there is a training video and a video about the recent history of our church. That isn't quite enough to get on someone's radar. What I think

we need are videos of what we do for our community.

To that end, I am planning to do a video on the Mobile Food Pantry. I want to record how it gets set up, where it goes and how it delivers. I'd like to include short interviews of the people involved as well. The idea is to keep it from 5 to 7 minutes. After that, I want to video the Adult Sunday School, the Home Warming Program, the Lap Robe Tying group, the Choir, and on and on and on. There is so much that we do that people should know about, and YouTube can be a wonderful tool for that.

I hope to recruit a few people to work with me on this. There are several roles to fill: planning, talent, video recording, post-production, etc. (there will be a job for everybody, and for those who would like to learn a specific skillset, guess what? -- YouTube!)

Well, that is all about M.E. and if you would like to be a part of the YouTube experience, then how 'bout we make this about you?



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. Note, no commercial notices or partisan political announcements are allowed (to keep us from running afoul of regulations). Niles Discovery Church makes no representations or endorsements about the events or services listed.

GLOBAL ACTION FOR PEACE

The United Nations has designated September 21, 2019 as the "International Day of Prayer for Peace." The Tri-City Interfaith Council is co-sponsoring, with Pax Christi and Compassionate Fremont, a local, interfaith gathering on that day by the Peace Pole at Lake Elizabeth, in Fremont. The multi-faith event celebrating peace will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please see <https://tcicouncil.weebly.com/our-programs.html> for more information.





Thanks for Making Work a Party by Bill Palleschi



The Ministry of Property (MOP) would like to thank those fantastic church members that came out to Party with the MOP's.

Hopefully I have not missed anyone but, please, when you see the folks listed below give them a hearty handshake and/or a pat on the back. They are champions all.

Beth Rasler, Ken Rasler, Jo Szeto, B Newell, Lynn Miller, Iris Nicholson, Marilyn Singer, John Zlatnik, Mark Twist, Diane Harvey, John Smith, Bill Palleschi. A special shout out to John Smith who provided donuts, really great donuts and spectacular donut holes.

A lot of tasks were completed. They include:

- ◆ Brushing away the spider webs at the entrances
- ◆ Sweeping out the crushed rock from the spiral helix beneath the bell for the mosaic tile installation
- ◆ Picking up the trimmed berry branches and pruning any others that are in our pathway along the railroad track by the big ladder. Pulling any weeds in that area.
- ◆ Picking up paper or trash along Niles Blvd and squirrel hill
- ◆ Clearing any cobwebs
- ◆ Wiping inside windowsills
- ◆ Removing five olive trees and one redbud
- ◆ Plugging drip lines where olive tree was (west side)
- ◆ Trimming the Memorial Garden
- ◆ Taming the Raspberry vine
- ◆ Repairing/replacing roller on dish washer
- ◆ Charging the Arlo battery in the office
- ◆ Repairing the opaque shade motor in the sanctuary
- ◆ Cleaning/changing filters on projectors
- ◆ Repairing/replacing spotlight in the sanctuary
- ◆ Replacing burnt out hallway lights near bathroom (used 10w LEDs vs 26w)
- ◆ Gathering palm fronds for Monica, a Niles neighbor
- ◆ Power washing west entrance
- ◆ Having coffee, donuts, bagels and some fellowship



Tasks still to be completed:

- ◇ Clean windows with Windex power washer (2-person crew) to be scheduled
- ◇ Rearrange storage room after flea market (stuff to be thrown out, too)
- ◇ Prune, trim, manicure, and coif overgrown planted area. Needs an owner who can prune and weed
- ◇ Repair east entrance lights (2 by door not coming on; patio okay)
- ◇ We also have an unwanted visitor that ate half of the roots of the redbud tree by the office. So, we are reluctant to plant another tree before the tunneling fiend moves on. If you are looking for a pet or are an insectivore whisperer, please see what you can do to remove our pain in the roots.

If you see something at church that needs cleaning or adjusting or on this list, and would like to take it on, please let us know. We will update you as to when the next MOP's Party will transpire.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS - Teach a Family to Farm—and They Can Change Their Future

The September Special Offering is for Heifer International. For 75 years Heifer International's program has empowered families to change their lives – by turning hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. Their approach offers more than just the giving of a handout; Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. You can learn more at www.heifer.org.



A GIFT FROM HEIFER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

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 August Special Offering of school supplies made it possible for 87 children in need to receive new backpacks for school. Over 50 backpacks, 8 lunchboxes, and 4 bags of crayons, pencils, markers, and erasers were donated in the month-long supply drive. In addition to all this generosity, \$1073.08 was received on August 11, enabling the purchase of more than 30 additional backpacks, 2 large boxes of spiral notebooks, and plenty of binder paper. The staff of the Fremont Family Resource Center was awed. As usual, the congregation of Niles Discovery Church showed their kindness and giving hearts in the most amazing way.

The offering will be formally received on Sunday, September 8. 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 by going to our church webpage and clicking the “donate” button at the top of the page.

SECOND SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY SERIES



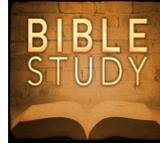
THE GREAT INVISIBLE: A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE REAL PEOPLE BEHIND A DISASTER

The explosion and sinking of the “super” drilling rig, the Deep Water Horizon, caused the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Huge amounts of raw petroleum were released continuously into the Gulf of Mexico for eighty-seven days before it was finally capped. *The Great Invisible*, a documentary by filmmaker Margaret Bowen, is the first full-length attempt to examine the disaster in its social, business, political, and personal contexts.

The presentation of the first three topics is competent and thorough. There are no surprises offered here. It is the fourth context, the personal dimension, where the tale becomes fascinating. Bowen has lots of interviews with people who have not previously talked publicly about what the spill meant to them, and in many cases, appear to never have been asked about it before. There are parents grieving the loss of sons (11 people were killed), the walking wounded struggling with physical injuries that haven't gone away and PTSD they have no idea how to heal. There are countless workers from the tourist and (especially) fishing industries whose livelihoods died in the oil spill along with the fish and seagulls. There are the long-time residents of the many coastal towns who, despite the promises of visiting politicians, seem to know that things will never “get back to normal.” These are real people struggling to give adequate expression to huge pain and loss that never made it into the media accounts of this unnatural disaster. Bowen is to be congratulated on seeking out these people and letting them give voice to truths deeper than the “public facts.”

The Great Invisible will be screened in our sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, and will be followed by a facilitated audience discussion.

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/nilesssds.



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 9

The Monday morning Bible Study resumes its regular schedule, every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on September 9. You might want to make it a habit to join the study in Room 3 (or the fellowship hall). The group typically looks at the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service.



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 September 25. 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.



DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP RETURNS

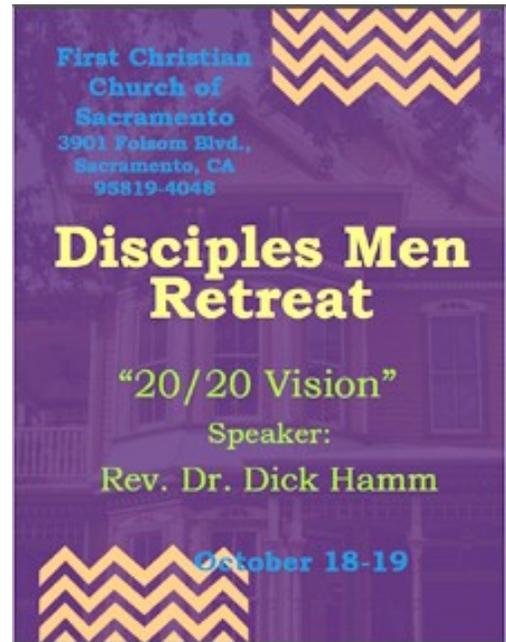
After their summer hiatus, the Daytime Fellowship returns on September 16. Everyone is invited. It starts at 11:30 a.m. with the Monday Morning Bible Study and continues with informal fellowship (and sometimes a little bit of business) as we eat our brownbag lunches. Dessert and coffee are provided.



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 82ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Women from across the Region and Conference will gather to celebrate together during their annual fall retreat from September 21 through September 22, 2019, at Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley, CA.

The theme for this year's gathering is "Weaving One Thread at a Time." The keynote Speakers are Elana Bolds from City of Refuge, UCC, and the Rev. Dr. Christy Newton, Pastor of First Christian Church of Vallejo. You can register online at bit.ly/fallwr2019.



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. The office will be closed on Labor Day, September 2.

Pastor Jeff's sabbath is on Friday, and his day off is Saturday. His email is jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Pastor

Jeff is on vacation through September 2.

Pastor Brenda is not in the office Thursday through Saturday. Her

email is brenda@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She will be attending the Conference Clergy Retreat, September 15 through September 17.

Mikele Kearney's hours this semester are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Her email is admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org.

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

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THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:

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

ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

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| Sandy Hollands and her family as they grieve the death of her husband Jerry Hollands on August 7; | Grace Rankin and her family as they grieve the death of her husband, Jack Rankin , on April 27; |
| Maxine Foster and the extended family of Bill Ball who died on July 13; | Mark Twist and his family as they grieve the death of his father, Arnie Twist , on April 14; |
| The family and friends of Will Malone who died on June 12; | Delya Stoltz and her family as they grieve the death of her grandmother, Letha Mae Rogers , on March 29; |
| Yolanda Moreno and her family as they grieve the death of her father on June 3; | Michele McConville and her family as they grieve the death of her mother, Marie Maguire , on March 13; |
| The family of Pete Hokom as they grieve his death on May 15; | JoAn and Val Parker as they grieve the death of their brother-in-law/uncle Sherman on February 7. |
| Veronica Riggs and her extended family as they grieve the death of Veronica's Aunt Eloise ; | |

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

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.

September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| ◀ From Aug 12 Pastor Jeff on vacation | | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | 6p-7p BSA Den 1 (FH) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | 7:30p-9p NA - Women's Group | 6p-8p Facilities Cleaning |
| 9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH) | Labor Day - Office Closed | 7:30p-8:30p BSA Den 4 (FH) | | 12p-2p TCIC Meeting (FH) | | |
| 10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School | 1p-2:30p GNV: Helping Hands (FH) | | | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | | |
| 7p-8:30p BSA Patrol Leader Council | 7:30p-9:30p Ministry Team Meetings | | | 6:30p-7:30p BSA Den 5 Meeting (R3/R4) | | |
| | | | | 7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH) | | |
| | | | | 7:30p-9p Choir Rehearsal (Sanc, R1) | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Rally Day | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | 10a-12p GNV-Board of Directors Meeting | 5:30p-6:30p SSDS Producers Meeting | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | 7:30p-9p NA - Women's Group | 9:30a-11:30a MPC Board mtg (R2) |
| 9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH) | 11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4) | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | 6:45p-8:15p BSA Pack 112 Leader Committee (FH) | 10a-1p Serra Center Staff Training (FH) | | 1:30p-4:30p Second Saturday Documentary Series |
| 9:30a-10a Choir Warm-up (R1) | 1p-2:30p GNV - Helping Hands (FH) | 6:30p-8:45p BSA Troop 112 meeting | 7:30p-9p Spiritual Direction Group A | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | | 6p-8p Facilities Cleaning |
| 10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School | 7p-8:30p Ministry of Evangelism Team | | | 7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH) | | |
| 11:30a-12p Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3) | 7:30p-9p Finance Committee (R3) | | | 7:30p-9p Choir Rehearsal (Sanc, R1) | | |
| 12p-1p MSL Team meeting | | | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Conference Clergy Retreat | | | 6p-7p BSA Den 1 (FH) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | Global Climate Strike | 5:30p-8:30p AIAnon Family Groups (FH) |
| 9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | Bell Deadline | | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | 7:30p-9p NA - Women's Group | 9p-11p Facilities Cleaning |
| 9:30a-10a Choir Warm-up (R1) | 11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4) | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | | 6:30p-7:30p BSA Den 5 (R3/R4) | | |
| 10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School | 12:15p-1:45p Daytime Fellowship (FH) | 7:30p-8:30p BSA Den 4 (FH) | | 7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH) | | |
| 11:30a-12:30p Special Congregational Meeting (FH) | 1p-2:30p GNV: Helping Hands (FH) | | | 7:30p-9p Choir Rehearsal (Sanc, R1) | | |
| 12:30p-1:30p MSC Team mtg (R3) | 7:15p-9:15p Cabinet (FH) | | | | | |
| 1:30p-3:30p Regional Visioning Meeting | | | | | | |
| 2p-3p Moved My Spirit Poetry Group (R3) | | | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 9a-9:50a Adult Sunday School (FH) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | 10a-12p Caring for Caregivers Support | 10a-2p Lap Robe Tying Group (FH) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | Global Climate Strike | 6p-8p Facilities Cleaning |
| 9:30a-10a Choir Warm-up (R1) | 11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4) | 10a-12p GNV-Board of Directors Meeting | 6:30p-7:30p BSA Pack 112 Pack | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | 7:30p-9p NA - Women's Group | |
| 10a-12:30p Worship & Sunday School | 6:30p-7:30p BSA Den 6 Meetings (R4) | 3:30p-4:30p Fall Prevention Class (FH) | 7:30p-9p Care Team meeting (R3) | 5p-6p We Are One rally (Walnut & Paseo) | | |
| 11:30a-12p Rainbow Ukulele Club (R3) | | 6:30p-8:45p BSA Troop 112 Meeting | | 7p-9:30p ACA Group (FH) | | |
| 2p-3p Communion Elders (R3) | | 7:30p-9p Book Group (Adamson's home) | | 7:30p-9p Choir Rehearsal (Sanc, R1) | | |
| 29 | 30 | Notes: | | | | |
| 10a-1:30p Outdoor Worship and Picnic (Quarry Lakes) | 10a-11a FCSN cleanings | | | | | |
| | 11:30a-12:15p Bible Study (R3/R4) | | | | | |
| | 1p-2:30p GNV: Helping Hands (FH) | | | | | |

GNV = Greater Niles Village

FCSN = Friends of Children with Special Needs



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