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A Newsletter for the Community  
Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

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Wherever you are  
on your  
faith journey, you  
are welcome here!



**Dates to Remember**

Women 's Assoc.  
Book & Garden Sale  
Sat. June 18  
9-3

Rummage Sale  
July 22 and 23  
9-3

June/July 2011

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula



Welcome

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. We are a nondenominational Christian church, governed by the members. Openness, independent thinking and inclusivity are critical for our journey together. We encourage individual spiritual exploration and do not require adherence to a creed or a single view of what it means to be a Christian or to follow Christ. We journey by heart and our goal is to love God and all that God loves.

Our Mission

The Mission of The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula is to welcome independent-minded people of all ages, build a diverse Christian community, and nurture one another to love God, neighbor and self.

Our mission is grounded on ten core values:

- God loves all people.
- We welcome all people, wherever they are on their faith journey.
- Worship is the life breath of our community.
- We are the heart and hands of Christ serving others.
- We grow spiritually in Christ.
- We provide creative, open, lifelong Christian education.
- We are stewards sustaining all of God's creation.
- We promote understanding and cooperation among people of all faiths.
- We are independent, nondenominational and democratic.
- We joyfully support our mission with time, talent and treasure.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Prayer is a powerful tool during times of special need and joy. You are invited to pray for the following people.

- Sallie Conn
- Elaine Coon
- Laurie Jackson
- Margaret Lenck
- Kimmie Jo Winslow

Next Newsletter Deadline: July 24

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## From Our Minister

Dear Friends,

In the New Testament book of Acts, the disciples impress us as persons not with strained longings and dissatisfied yearnings, but as persons who had found what they were looking for. They found what they were looking for in their Pentecost experience of being filled with the Spirit of the Living God. They were satisfied to the very roots of their being. They knew they knew and were sure they were sure. Their question marks had turned into exclamation points! Their religion was no longer an everlasting reaching out but a present realization of God's Spirit within.

But while the eternal quest had been mastered by a finding, yet it was an eternal finding. They had found but knew there was more to be found. They had arrived only to start on an endless journey every moment of which was a new arriving. Every realization of the Spirit of God within set them on fire to realize more – and then more. Realization and reach were the alternate beats of their hearts.

And this will, I believe, continue forever. I am persuaded that we begin the next life where we leave off this one, that there will be an eternal growth in the divine image, the finite forever approaching the Infinite in character and life, but never becoming the Infinite. In that growth in the Divine Image will be our eternal happiness, for we are happy only as we fulfill the laws of our being, and those laws demand growth and creation for their fulfillment. To be alive is to be alive to creation and development. God, the eternal Creator within us, would make us eternally creative.

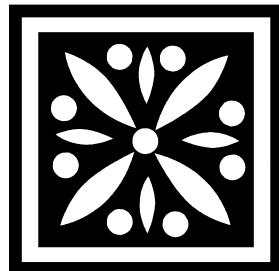
When does eternal life start? Right here. Right now.

God Bless,  
Pastor Paul

*Paul*

## Memory Wall

Our wall is growing with tiles, but we need more, especially the small \$50 tiles. Please consider adding your name or honoring someone. This beautiful tile wall is in Woodhull Fellowship Hall. The money goes to the general fund.



You can add a name to our special wall of tiles. A tile may be purchased in memory of a dear one or in honor of someone special. This project is on-going and has plenty of room to grow. This is an opportunity to contribute financially and physically to our Church! Large 6 inch tiles are \$200 each; the smaller 3 inch tiles are \$50. Send your check to CCMP with the name for your tile. (P. O. Box 222811, Carmel CA 93922)

NAME ON TILE: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayers and Projects

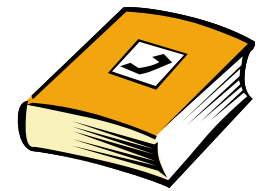
Prayer shawls have been delivered to Roxie Blanks, Janice Griffin, Ele Church, Sallie Conn, and Sallie Armstrong. Our Monday morning group is prayerfully humming along. We meet from 9:30-11:30. Evening group will meet Tuesdays, June 28 and July 26 at 6 pm. Beautiful journals are now available for purchase. \$3 to \$10 depending on size. We have lots of projects to complete for Harvest Fair. Please join us. Phone Pam Klaumann 624-8759.

## 2011 Book and Garden Sale



June 18

9 - 3



Sponsored by the Women's Association

See Joanne Anderson to see how you can help the day of the sale and your donations are always appreciated!

## June Birthdays

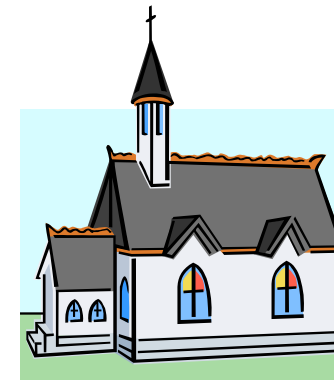
8th Janice Griffin  
11th Tom Marshall  
13th Christy Auld  
14th Elfe Marbach  
17th Jane Heider-Samuels  
23rd Bo Cisyk  
28th Sallie Armstrong  
29th Donald Berry

## July Birthdays

3rd Laurie Jackson  
8th Robert Sageman  
22nd Michael Guardino  
27 Jack Klusmire  
28th Michelle Barth



## Church Women United



Church Women United (CWU) is a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement initiated and carried out by women in the United States and Puerto Rico. It is a movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian fellowship, prayer, advocacy, and action for peace with justice in the world. CWU engages millions of women representing twenty-six supporting denominations and participating Christian women. Kathy Warthan is our CWU rep. There are not meetings in the summer but will begin again in September.



2011 Rummage Sale  
Friday and Saturday  
July 22 and 23  
9 - 3



### From Your Treasurer

Patricia Henry

#### Year to Date Report

Through April:	Operating Income	67,848
	Operating Expense	56,040
	Net Income (Includes prepaid pledges)	11,808
Total Cash in Bank Accounts		32,143



### Thursday Circle

Ada Morton

#### Circle Changes

Fourteen interested persons met in the Broaddus Room on May 11th for a time of fellowship and a short business meeting. An interesting informational program was given by Mary Jane Hammerland on two vital Monterey County programs: I-Help [a monthly community interfaith program for Homeless men where various churches take turns providing fellowship, dinner and a night's lodging]. The second program was Shelter Outreach Plus [providing supportive housing and services for domestic violence survivors and homeless individuals and families]. Brochures were distributed and available in the church office.

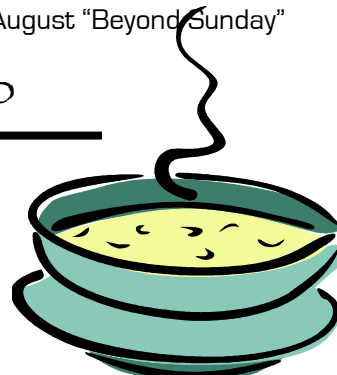
#### Business Meeting decisions:

1. Summer break June through August
2. Name Change - Thursday Circle - to meet 3rd Thursdays at Noon in the Broaddus (Youth) Room September through May
3. Next Meeting will be September 15th at Noon
4. Program: Jefferson Bible (Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Wrightman) Further details in the August "Beyond Sunday"

The meeting was adjourned with a Benediction by Rev. Elizabeth.

### I-Help

The I Help dinners will be held on Wednesday, June 8 and Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.. If you can contribute something for our meal, please sign up in Woodhull Hall. We thank all the people who support this fine program. Special thanks to Dolores Joblon, Coordinator, and Mary Jane Hammerland who helps with the additional sleepovers during each month. the hosts and hostesses, the cooks, and others who participate in so many ways. You are appreciated!! SIGN UP TODAY!!



## Library Guild

Eliuzabeth Wrightman



Love Wins by Rob Bell, published by Harper Collins:

This highly readable book, on the small side, is the subject of a Tuesday night study/discussion series presently taking place at Community Church and many people have already read it. I have not finished reading it but have heard him speak at length in his DVD series. His views, although consistent with many people in mainline denominations, constitute a severe threat to a certain mindset within Christianity. I can tell you most about this new addition to the library by quoting from a very articulate introduction inside the book jacket itself.

"Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment. Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"?"

Troubling questions - so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud.

But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them?"

From this quote you can see why Bell is rocking the boat for many people, whose whole identity may rest on a worldview held since they were children, or taught from a pulpit weekly. So while the book is liberating, and a cause for celebration of God's love to many...it is frightening to others who do not remotely consider that all are God's children, and have preferred an US and THEM outlook on fellow beings. Look for it in the library if you would like to explore more of the actual Biblical teachings on the afterlife, and what many of us would call the revealed nature of God.

### Missions Outreach

We have been going to Dorothy's Place in Salinas and have now identified some real needs for the Women Alive!

Women Alive is a program for homeless women to come to the shelter at about 7 pm each night to share a dinner meal, shower and sleep in a safe environment. They read, listen to music, watch a movie, play games and may have a cup of tea before bed. Sounds so lovely but they don't have what they need to do this. Here is a list of some of the things they could use to create this space.

Please share this list with any of your friends or groups of friends that would be interesting in helping these homeless women.

Donations can be brought to the church and they will be delivered to the Women Alive! Program, weekly. If you are interested in doing any volunteer work at Dorothy's please feel free to contact me. Carolyn 831 659-1469; cm\_gray@msn.com

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Women Alive!

Dorothy's Place Needs list:

Underwear, socks, bras, pajamas (gently worn)  
Hair ties  
Sewing kits  
Nail supplies  
Shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes (used)  
Toothbrush, toothpaste (new)  
Makeup (new)  
Sheets, blankets, pillows, towels (gently used)  
Movies (DVD's), games  
Tea cups, herbal tea  
Aromatherapy







