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Dates to Remember

**Sunday
Sept. 27
Riene Eisler
3 p.m.**

**Sunday
October 25
Church Family BBQ
after worship**

7

October 2009

beyond
sunday

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.

In our worship and activities beyond Sunday, we invite you to experience the transforming power of God and walk daily with Jesus as you live out your spiritual journey. Welcome to the journey!

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

Joanne Anderson

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

- Elaine Coon
- Laurie Jackson
- Margarete Knacke
- Margaret Lenck
- Kimmie Jo Winslow

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Worship Department

Mary Parsons, Worship Department Member

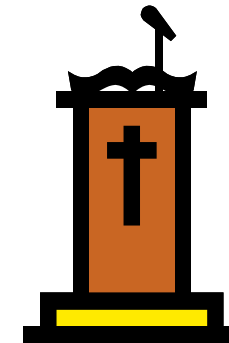
The coming months bring wonderful opportunities for worship at Community Church, with a variety of familiar pastors serving as guests in our pulpit while we await a new permanent minister.

Everyone on the calendar below has preached at CCMP before, either when we were in a space between permanent and interim ministers or while our minister was on vacation. The Worship Department is pleased to be working again with the Reverends Brian Bajari, Ken Feske, Ben Newcomer, Dana Reynolds, Greg Ward and our Minister Emeritus Ron Barton!

Greg Ward was hired in 2007 by the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula after preaching in our "neutral pulpit" during their search. Many of you may remember him from that enjoyable experience. Dana Reynolds is looking forward to returning to worship with us, and participation in Worship Department meetings, after a period of traveling. She will continue to help with prayer time and communion and is excited to be involved during Advent. Reverend Ben Newcomer is a retired Presbyterian minister who preached for us in March 2007 and is delighted to return for a visit in November. And Ron Barton is very happy to be joining us during the season of Advent, -all of December including Christmas Eve! We are already making plans for a very special season of community and celebration for all ages.

OCTOBER

4 - Dana Reynolds
11 - Ken Feske
18 - Brian Bajari
25 - Greg Ward



NOVEMBER

1 - Ben Newcomer
8 - Dana Reynolds
15 - Ken Feske
22 - Ken Feske
29 - Brian Bajari

DECEMBER

Ron Barton all month including Christmas Eve!

RIANE EISLER TO SPEAK THIS SUNDAY!!

"The Real Wealth of Nations - Is there Life After the Economic Crisis", is a talk by best-selling author Riane Eisler on her recent book, Sunday, Sept. 27, 3-5 p.m., here at Community Church.

A Carmel resident, Riane Eisler is an internationally renowned social scientist and author best known for her bestseller The Chalice and the Blade.

In her talk Dr. Eisler will focus on national and local implications of her book The Real Wealth of Nations - Creating A Caring Economy. Hailed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu as "a template for the better world we have been so urgently seeking" and by Jane Goodall as "a call for action," the new book proposes a new approach to economics that gives visibility and value to our most essential human work, the work of caring for people and our planet.

Dr. Eisler was born in Vienna, fled from Nazis with her parents to Cuba and then emigrated to the U. S.. Because of the impact of her many books she is included in the award-winning book Great Peacemakers along with Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Martin Luther King Jr.

This event is the first of a prospective quarterly series for a Community Colloquium, the brainchild of our Minister Pro Tem Wayne Martin!

October Birthdays

2nd Roxie Blanks
 6th Lisa Sargisson
 7th Mary Parsons
 11th Tammi Lyon
 13th Beverly Pugh



18th Pam Klaumann
 19th Emma Parsons
 24th Adele Rasch
 30th Linda Pugh Lyon

Board Of Governors

George Brehmer, President

Pot-Pourri

Potluck THANKS to Pastor Wayne. It is hard to believe. Pastor Wayne has been with us for an exciting 9 months. This Sunday, September 27th, is his last day in the pulpit. We will celebrate and share with him at a wonderful potluck after the service. DON'T MISS IT. Bring your favorite dish, but, above all, bring yourself. Call Carole at 624-8595 if you need a ride.

Pastoral care. Pastor Wayne has spoiled us with his round the clock, 24/7, care. He wants to be sure that our needs will continue to be met. The Rev. Ken Feske and our former Pastor, the Rev. Ron Barton, will provide our pastoral care through December. Stay tuned!

Chocolate Fest. Yes! The Chocolate Fest is in its infancy. Parts are being assembled and more will be added. Chuck McGowin, one of our special angels, is leading the way. All are participating. Put on your thinking caps and come up with your favorite "chocolate whatever". Your "chocolate whatever" may be the prize winner. Stay tuned!

Mission Statement and Core Values. Our Mission Statement and Core Values are worthy – worthy enough to warrant examination from time to time to assure that they clearly and accurately guide us. How do you explain our Mission and Core Values to your friends and acquaintances? Do you have suggestions about how we might better accomplish our Mission? Let's EXPLORE! Stay tuned!

Gifts and Memorials Committee. Yes, we have a Gifts and Memorials Committee. Bill Daniel and Blair Hyde are members. The Committee offers guidance to the Board of Governors regarding gifts to our church. Another Committee member is desired. Contact George Brehmer at 624-2804. This important work does not take much time. Thank you. Stay tuned!

Cedar Funding. Many have followed the Cedar Funding Fiasco in the newspaper. Follow it in greater detail by going on line at <http://www.cedarfundingbankruptcy.com>. If you do not have a computer, ask a friend to do this for you. Your request will be a gift to your friend. We are all hungry to be of help – to matter. Yes, we matter to ourselves, but mattering to another is where happiness lies.

Our Road Side Signs. Years ago when our buildings were built the permanent sign parallel to Carmel Valley Road served its purpose. Architecturally harmonious with our buildings, it announced to the world who we were. Time passed, bushes grew and cars increased speed – the sign went hardly noticed. We erected the banner framework to get more attention. BUT, is it of the attractive quality we want to speak for our church Family? Stay tuned!

PROJECT YELLOW RIBBON

We are pleased to welcome PYR to our church again in October for their fine work in supporting our troops by sending care packages. If you wish to make donations or work at the event, please contact Joan Bizzazero at 625-5128-

The women of our church are invited to a meeting of Church Women United, Friday, Oct. 2, at Carmel Mission's Crespi Hall located behind the Basilica on Rio Road in Carmel. The program starts at 9:30 with a coffee social and then Jean Moritz will be the speaker. She will tell us about her work with "Women Alive" in Salinas which helps homeless women there. She also talks about her work with puppets of handicapped people which she shows in schools to get children to realize the handicapped are not "different" and shouldn't be teased or treated badly. We ask that you bring men's white socks of various sizes to give to "I-Help."

CWU was considering having all our big program meetings on Saturdays, so women who work during the week would be able to attend, but the calls we have had about the change have been negative so we will resume our Friday Schedule.

Upcoming Projects: OCTOBER we will collect new white socks for Shelter Outreach as well as phone cards and backpacks; NOVEMBER we will collect personal items, socks,, underwear, sweats etc. for the Women Alive Program, and DECEMBER we will collect new children's shoes for migrant children. Please see Kathy if you can contribute to any of these fine causes.



Library Guild

Ada Morton

"Books are the ever burning lamp of accumulated wisdom."
 Thomas Carlyle

On Sunday, Sept. 27th, Riane Eisler, J. D. and internationally renowned social scientist and best-selling author will review her latest book. Her new book "proposes a new approach to economics that gives visibility and value to our most essential human work, the work of caring for people and our planet."

Our CCMP library has three previous books authored by Dr. Eisler:

- 303.3 E The Chalice and the Blade: Our History – Our Future
 c/1987 Dr. Eisler's message here is that there are two ways of viewing power and the exercise of power in the world – either the dominator or the partnership model of society. The Blade refers symbolically to the power to dominate, conquer or destroy something or someone. The Chalice symbolizes the power to elicit in ourselves and/or others the highest spiritual human potential in which society works cooperatively for a more peaceful universal coexistence.
- 370 E Tomorrow's Children
 In this book, Dr. Eisler explores a new restructured approach to education on several levels beginning with kindergarten and progressing through middle school, high school and beyond. She uses a 3 part "partnership process" on (1) how we learn and teach; (2) what we learn and teach; and (3) the environment where learning begins so that our children will clearly understand the past, present, and the aspirations and possibilities for the future whether it be female or male.
- 306 E Sacred Pleasure: Sex, Myth, and the Politics of the Body – New Paths to Power and Love
 Dr. Eisler points out that "our deepest and most powerful human yearning is for connection – for sex, for love, for all that gives pleasure and meaning in our lives." She examines the failure of traditional morality, sexual violence, use of power and dominance, spirituality, the epidemic of AIDS, the history and myths of intimate relations- and how these affect and are in turn affected by all our experiences in the public or private world of human social interconnection.

GENTLE REMINDER:

Resource books along the East wall are not to be removed from the Library.
 Please return Vol. 1 of The Anchor Bible Dictionary (A-D)

From Our Pastor Pro Tem

Dr. Wayne Martin

October 2009

Dear Church Family:

I want to try to express my deep gratitude as I prepare in the next few days to return to Eugene.

Thank you all for adding so much blessing and love to my life, while I was your pastor.

Thank you for so many acts of kindness and recognition. Thank you for the gestures of patience and forbearance when I forgot or muddled or simply slipped up. Thank you for showering me with loving cards on my birthday. Thank you for the privilege of working with Carole French on the day-to-day life of the congregation. Thank you for all the conversations that made the spiritual seeds sprout. (Thank you for expressing your hearts during our Sunday intercessory prayers.) (Thank you for joining in praise, music, fellowship, and sermon-sharing with me on Sundays.)

Thank you for showing each desire and will to help our church recover from its financial setbacks. Thank you for opening the holy scriptures in the ways that you have. Thank you for reaching out to one another whenever you felt a genuine need. Thank you for, as St. Paul says in Romans 12, thinking of another more highly than yourselves. Thank you for welcoming my family and friends with such enthusiasm, every time they visited.

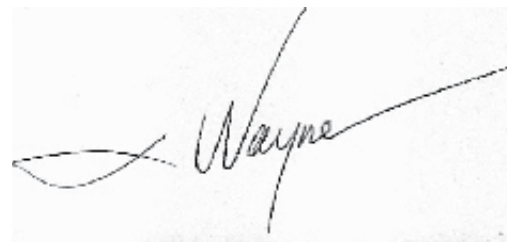
Thank you for speaking love into the community wherever you were, wherever you went.

As I said in last month's letter, "I (will) thank my God every time I think of you, confident that God will bring these collaborations to resolution and completion." (Phil. 1:3,6)

May God fill you full of good things and good news through the days of October, and

Let the deepest river flow,

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I-Help

The next I-Help Dinner for homeless men will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

If you can help by bringing a part of the meal and/or joining us for dinner, please sign up in Woodhull Hall.

The second Wednesday of each month we provide dinner and sleeping quarters for about 20 men. Your help is much appreciated. A special shout out to all who faithfully support this program!!



Wednesday Circle

Ada Morton

On a beautiful summer day, September 9th, we met at the home of Jeanne Mackres in Hacienda Carmel to enjoy refreshment served by Jeanne and her co-hostess Nellie Mirani. The program was the history and symbolism of Holy Communion. As an added interest we examined photos of the controversial artifact found in Antioch, Syria, in 1910 identified as the Chalice of Antioch. Dr. Gustavus Eisen studied the chalice for ten years before publishing his interpretations of the carvings he believed were images of Jesus as a youth and mature man surrounded by Biblical symbolism of the Gospel stories. To this day archaeologists differ on the origin, date, and meaning of the carvings. The chalice is in a collection at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

The next Circle meeting will be held in the church library on October 14th at 12:15 p.m. Co-hostesses are Kathy Warthan and Susan Adams. Bring a sandwich. Dessert, tea/coffee will be served. Jeanne Mackres will give the program on the history and symbolism of the rite of baptism and our baptismal font.

Upcoming Harvest Fair

Joanne Anderson

We need Jewelry, collectibles, art work, Christmas decorations! We need people who can sew to make baby clothes and other items to sell. We need knitters, and those who can crochet. We need people to work on projects. Please let me know if you can help. Call me at 624-2916! Mark your calendar for our Harvest Fair on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14!!



Women's Association

Kathy Warthan

Stephanie Hulsey, ADA, gave us a very informative program about the roots of gang activity using pertinent illustrations from her work. She also wowed us with her rendition of an operatic "Summertime." The Feast of Salads was varied and delicious. The apple pie and ice cream finished off a tasty meal!

Our next meeting will be The Advent Tea on December 2. In the meantime we need all your support for the Harvest Fair, November 13 and 14. Help is needed ahead and during the Fair. See Joanne Anderson if you can help.

Property Steward

Bill Daniel

Since our last "Beyond Sunday" I have experienced several acts of generosity. They are as follows:



- 1, The Women's Association purchased 5 gallons of paint for our exterior walls.
- 2, Jane Heider recommended a plumber Ed Hanly (E.H. Maintenance Service) to unstop a drain at the Manse. Not only did he do the job quickly, but he also gave us a new brass faucet for the Manse! (Note: Mr. Hanly's business card referred to the following scripture - Phil 4:19; please look it up.)

I wish to thank the following individuals for their assistance in projects around the church: Jane Heider for cleaning and painting the mushroom lights; Bodhi, who is doing his community service, for helping with several projects; my son Wayne for painting the wall for the Women's Workroom to the north gate; Peter Sewald for assisting in sealing the parking lot; Millie for sweeping the area before the sealing job and last, but not least, Carole French who assists (does most of it) with the Administrative part of my responsibilities.

There are many projects that need to be completed and we could use your help.