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A Newsletter for the Community
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Dates to Remember

Jackson Stock
and Sextet
Concert
Sun. , Sept. 13

Riane Eisler
Sun., Sept. 27

September 2009

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

Next Newsletter Deadline: September 20

NEWSFLASH!!
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

JACKSON STOCK
AND HIS SEXTET

will appear

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 4:00 P.M.

at

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA

4590 CARMEL VALLEY ROAD
CARMEL CA

FOR INFO: CALL 601-0022 OR 624-8595

September Birthdays

1st Doris Durr
 5th Virginia Chapman
 12th Chuck McGowin
 13th Wayne Martin
 16th Ali Rodgers



19th Richard Gray
 23rd Bessie Linvill
 " Peggy Kuck
 24th JoAnn Holbrook
 29th Rob Chapman

Property Steward

Bill Daniel

Thanks to the following individuals who gave of their time and effort August 8, to spruce up the garden of the Manse – Pastor Wayne Martin, George Brehmer, Jane Heider-Samuels, Chuck McGowin, Lisa Sargisson, Kathy Warthan, Millie Daniel, and Nancy and Dave Phillips. A very special thanks goes to Russel Wolter who not only worked hard, but provided his large truck to dispose of all the yard waste we had cleaned up.



I wish to express my appreciation to the Women's Association for their generosity in providing funds for upkeep of equipment. Thanks also to Clyde Klaumann and Russel Wolter and their vehicles for their help in picking up several pieces of donated furniture.

Just for your information I hope to complete the following projects before the end of October: Seal cracks in the west side of the parking lot, paint the east and the north end of the Women's Workroom, and remove most of the dead trees in the north forty. Thanks to those who provided Clorox for our bird fountain!

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SALAD POTLUCK LUNCHEON



The Women's Association Feast of Salads will be held on September 16th at Noon, in Woodhull Hall. Monterey County Assistant District Attorney, Stephanie Myzak Hulsey will present a very "hot" topic right now—"Trends in Criminal Justice – Building a Safe Community." Mrs. Hulsey has a very distinguished career, making a jump from a legal assistant in 1997 to a permanent Deputy District Attorney in 1999. On October 2007, District Attorney Dean Flippo appointed Mrs. Hulsey as Assistant District Attorney, supervising the Sexual assault and Child Abuse Teams and a myriad of other programs. Please come and ask all the questions you want and bring a salad. It will be a very informative and exciting program.

RIANE EISLER TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

"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, on 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 - Is there Life After the Economic Crisis*. 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!

The women of our Church are invited to Church Women United's September 4th meeting of CWU at the United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, located at the intersection of Sunset and 17 Mile Drive. The program will start at 9:30. We will begin with a coffee social and then have a video show and talk by Bill and Heidi Sullivan, members of St. James' in Monterey, who have gone to Uganda a few times to rebuild and refurbish a health clinic in a little town called Bulisa, which is near Lake Victoria.

Church Women United is considering having all our big program meetings on Saturdays so women who work during the week will be able to attend. The time, 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. would be the same and the meetings would still be followed by a luncheon. Please let us know your thoughts on the subject at the next meeting or by phoning Kathy Warthan, President, at 372-7510.

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 immigrant migrant children. Please see Kathy if you can contribute to any of these fine causes.

Library Guild

Ada Morton

"For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open."
 [words spoken by Jesus in Luke 8:17]

Humankind seems to need a tangible past on which to base the future and so, for centuries, biblical archaeologists have been adding realism to the Bible narratives. Archaeology does not prove or disprove our religious beliefs, but it often confirms and defines the historical settings of the important religious events recorded in the Old and New Testaments. These discoveries document the Bible as a wondrous book of ancient to modern history.

Begin your interesting exploration of Biblical history by perusing the pages in the following books with their magnificent color photographs from medieval manuscripts, engravings, landscapes, works of art, to retrieved artifacts, etc. while reading the commentaries by the distinguished authors.

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| 220.9 | | Atlas of the Bible: Illustrated Guide to the Holy Land | |
| 232.9 | | Jesus and His Times | |
| 220.6 | | Mysteries of the Bible: The enduring Questions of the Scriptures | |
| 915 R | Feller, Bruce | Walking the Bible: Following in the footsteps of Moses | |
| 930 | Ryan, William | Noah's Flood | |
| 220.93 | Thurlow, Gilbert | Biblical Myths and Mysteries | |
| 220.93 | | Archaeological Discoveries in the Holy Land | |
| 220.1 | Alegro, Job | Dead Sea Scrolls | |
| 220.9 | Coogan, Michael | Oxford History of the Biblical World | |

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George Brehmer, President

EXHALTATION!!

Are you feeling it too --- our little FAMILY engine is picking up steam. I am getting more ENTHUSIASTIC by the day! Our Pastoral Search Committee is meeting with real, live, good candidates. We are nearing a truly REBIRTHING MOMENT in the life of our Church Family.

CELEBRATE!! Exalt in what is to come. Prepare to spread the GOOD NEWS to friends and acquaintances. Give prayerful thanks for God's work through our faithful Search Committee. Let Joy abound!

From Our Pastor Pro Tem

Dr. Wayne Martin

September 2009

Dear Church Family:

I write these words 5 days before an event for which I'd like you to be present. It is the wedding of my son Jake to his bride-to-be Kimberly Garlinghouse. Jake booked the church for his reception long before I knew I was coming here to pastor. How is that for serendipity!?

The wedding is this Saturday, August 29, at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Church folk are invited to return for the "church-folk" reception, a catered meal after worship on Sunday at 11:45 p.m. The occasion will be for all of you to meet and greet my children (6), their various partners/spouses, and their children. Please give me the delightful gift of your presence and blessing. I want my family to meet you.

A special invitation, as well, to our big concert Sunday, on September 13, 4-5:30 p.m. with Jackson Stock (son of Jake Stock) and his incredible sextet. Tell your friends. Pass out flyers.

Another special invitation, this one to kick off the church's new Community Colloquium series, on Sunday, September 27, 3 p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Riane Eisler, author of two award-winning, best-selling books on today's culture. Dr. Eisler is a much-sought speaker in academic and research settings throughout the world. She is graciously speaking here at no charge.

Refreshments follow both Sunday events.

Riane Eisler's address coincides with my final Sunday in Carmel. I feel a deep welling of emotion at the thought. So many of you have made me feel welcome in your lives. You have told me parts of your story, and I have cherished these treasures.

I have felt very alive during this season of 8 ½ months with you. Your prayers have given energy, protection, and blessing for daily visits, meetings, classes, and outreach. I hope mine have provided the same for you.

As the days of September draw near to their end, I will increasingly feel the satisfaction and gratitude for what we have experienced together.

I leave you with two excerpts from Paul's letters:

1) "I [Paul] have sought to be gentle with you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply have we cared for you that we ended up sharing not just the message of hope, but our very lives as well." (1 Thess 2:7-8)

2) "I thank my God every time I think of you....I am confident of this, that he who has begun our good work together will bring it to resolution as the day approaches." (Philippians 1:3,6)

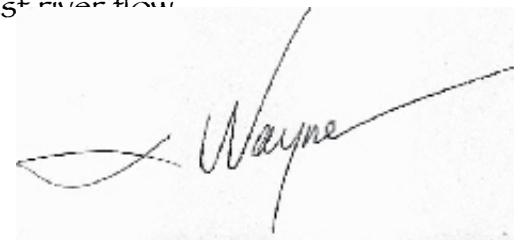
With your help and inspiration, we've done some good things together. The monthly concerts, a new monthly or bi-monthly speakers series, our on-going work with homeless men, some very satisfying public events like the Rose Tea and our rummage sale, and the birthing of an interfaith network on joblessness.

Paul writes that God, who begins all things that bring the kingdom alive, will bring them to resolution and completion.

I believe this with all my heart about you and this church. You can actually bring God's promise to pass in this community. With these words I sign off!

Let the deepest river flow

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Pastor Wayne requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of his son Jacob Michael Martin
to Kimberly Garlinghouse on
Saturday, August 29, 1:30 in the afternoon.
Reception: Sunday, August 30, Noon (after church). No RSVP needed.

Wednesday Circle

Ada Morton

Wednesday Circle ladies will meet at the home of Jeanne Mackres at 12:15 p.m. September 9th. Nellie Mirani is co-hostess. Bring your sandwich. Dessert and tea/coffee will be served. The program is the history and symbolism of the Eucharist. To car pool, meet in the CCMP parking area by Noon. All interested persons are invited. Those not circle members, please call Jean Mackres (625-7643) or Ada Morton (624-7420) so Jean and Nellie can plan for refreshments.

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!!

The Maker's Diet

Anne Hess

I am interested in offering a book group - reading a book called The Maker's Diet by Jordan Rubin. The book is a model of allowing God, I should say asking, for what we want. God needs to be asked and it will be given. Jordan, in his thirties became dangerously ill- very close to death for about 2 years. He saw 70 doctors around the world. None could help and things got worse. Through all of this, Jordan was sure that God would heal him (he prayed a lot) and that there would be important work for him in healing the world's health by eating the Biblical food of the Hebrew Bible and some good science. He is still doing that work. Apparently almost anyone can improve their health if they choose The Maker's Diet (food made by God for humans.) Call me if you are interested or have questions at 295-0234!

I-Help

The next I-Help Dinner for homeless men will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 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.

Pastoral Search Committee-September

Jame Heider, Chair

September Report: We on the Search Committee have been working feverishly all month making phone calls, listening to sermons, and attending services, all with the goal of getting to know better the handful of candidates who have made our "short list." It is very possible that we will have a happy announcement soon, to be followed shortly by a special congregational meeting!

FILM NIGHT: Friday, Sept. 18, Outcalt Chapel: A primer on global warming, "TOO HOT NOT TO HANDLE" features contributions from leading scientists in the field. In addition to in-depth discussions of such subjects as the greenhouse effect, hurricanes, snow pack, hybrid vehicles, and alternative power sources, the film shows how businesses, local governments, and citizens are taking positive actions to reduce global warming emissions. Free. Donation appreciated.