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Dates to Remember:

Sat., May 16
Rose Garden Tea
2-4 p.m.

Sun., May 17
Quareterly Meeting
and Potluck
after worship

Sun., May 17
Vespers Service
4:330 p.m.

Sat., June 13
Style Show
12-2 p.m.

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Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Welcome

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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.

Pat Horton
Laurie Jackson
Margarete Knacke
Ruth Rhoda

Next Newsletter Deadline: May 24

Quarterly Meeting and Potluck



Sunday, May 17 following the worship service..
Bring a salad, main dish, or dessert to share.
Please sign up in Woodhull Hall.

Wednesday Circle

Ada Morton

Our next meeting is May 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Library. Hostesses are Beverly Pugh and Lisa Sargisson. Bring a sandwich; dessert and tea/coffee will be provided. Roxie Blanks will present the program on the history of CCMP and our beautiful stained glass windows. All interested persons are invited. For those not on our calling list, please call Beverly Pugh at 624-5524 or Ada Morton at 624-7420.

ANNOUNCING DATE CHANGE:

RESOLVING GRIEF - SIX SESSIONS

Education and Caring Support for All Kinds of Grief Experience. Participants will learn how to offer care and support to each other in ways that maintain their own safety and health. Longstanding grief will be addressed and resolved in this supportive environment with the aide of creativity and Spirit. This will be a six week class held at CCMP starting April 13th. Attendance at the entire series is not required. There is a sliding scale for payment from \$0 to \$20. Participants who are unable to pay are encouraged to practice "paying it forward".

Class Sessions -

1. Overview of Grief - Personal, Societal and Global
 2. Relations Grief - Death, Divorce, Empty Nest, Financial Loss
 2. Societal Grief; - Racism, Sexism Ageism, Cultural Loss
 4. Global Grief - Poverty, Slavery, Terrorism, War
 5. Finding Source of Renewal - Our Capacity to Heal
 6. The Beauty of Grief - Higher Realms of Expression and Creativity of the Spirit
- Reserve your spot at the 3:30 or 7:00 pm class by calling Maureen F. Balaam MFT 655-3665

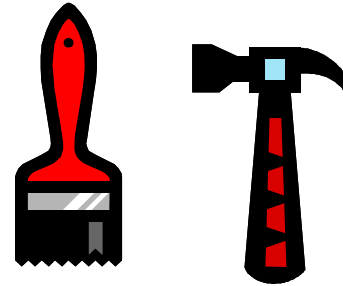
Church Women United

Church Women United will hold its May meeting on a SATURDAY! They will meet on Saturday, May 2, for May Friendship Day, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 246 Laurel Drive in Pacific Grove. The project for May is to support Nancy Costello's migrant family ministry. Items they are collecting are the following: soap, washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. If you have donations and are unable to attend, please give them to Kathy Warthan, our Church Women United rep.

Church Women United is considering having all of our big program meetings on Saturdays so women who work during the week will be able to attend. The time, 10 a. m. would be the same and the meeting would be followed by a luncheon. Let Kathy know your thoughts on this subject.

Property Steward

Bill Daniel



As usual we have several projects we are working on. Thanks to Jane Heider-Samuels and Kathy Warthan for removing the old tattered wall-paper from the bathroom in the office and all the old paste. It is now ready to have the final prep work and paint.

We also had a cleaning crew consisting of Bev, Liz, Kathy and Millie cleaning the wood-work in Carole's office and the other bathroom so it could be painted.

Since we reduced the gardeners' hours we have to care for the lawn and the North Forty. this requires a lot of mowing with the tractors and push mower, weed eating and general clean-up with the fast growing weeds. Russel and I could use a little help.

Jane Heider-Samuels loaned us a trickle charger to charge our tractor batteries. Then Mark Holbrook gave us a brand-new first class battery trickle charger!! Many thanks!! We can now use both on a charger when necessary.

While we are completing projects and keeping up with our lawn work, we still have a few problems, i.e. I underestimated the amount of gas required for the year. (already used up my budgeted amount). We have also had to purchase more maintenance parts than planned. I want to give a big thanks to the Women's Association for assisting by providing the funds to cover these items. If we can't keep our equipment running, we are in real trouble.

My committee can always use help. We work every Wednesday (except for the second Wednesday) and Saturday mornings. Please call me at 625-1299 the day before our work day so that I can plan a job for you and to also see if I am going to be there. At my age, you never know!

The above comments were submitted for the last Beyond Sunday, but a computer glitch eliminated them.. However the info is still relevant. By the time you read this, the office bathroom will be completed. Next project is to paint the brown trim in the office windows and doors.

P.S. If you have a paint roller tray (and inserts?) that you could donate....we could really use it! Thanks to Karen Wolter and JoAnn Holbrook for window-cleaning in the office building and Woodhull Hall. They plan to do the sanctuary next!

I-Help



The next I-Help Dinner for homeless men will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 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

Worship

JoAnn Holbrook

May 10, Mother's Day Sunday, is "BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY", honoring Mothers. Please reach out to friends, neighbors and past members. Our Rose Garden will be in full bloom and our fellowship will be too!

There are ways for all to contribute to our worship service: flowers and music! For flowers, please sign up on the chart in Woodhull Hall and note that you would like to do them yourself or have our florist provide them for 35 dollars. There are only 8 empty slots for the rest of the year (and you may always more or take a Sunday that Worship has filled in!) For music please contact Nancy Phillips, who will perform a song near and dear to you for 35 dollars.

Worship Calendar:

April 26	Guest speaker
May 3	Communion
May 3	Worship Committee meeting in New Youth room, 11:20 a.m.
May 10	Bring A Friend Sunday, honoring Mothers
May 31	Pentecost Sunday, WEAR RED

From Our Pastor Pro Tem

Dr. Wayne Martin

May 2009

Dear Community Church Family:

Raise your wineglasses! Hoist your coffee mugs! My grandson Rowan Jacob Collier-Martin has entered the world!

His mother, my daughter Erin, went through 16 hours of pick-and-shovel labor and a c-section to bring him forth, but she did it. Raise the cups again!

Erin is still recovering from the ordeal, and I'm privileged to be here with her. It will be weeks before she looks like the Erin we know. The huffing is behind her, but her puffing too slowly subsides. But she IS home, and as always, full of love.

Meanwhile, this new child, born of woman, carries with him and within him all the unfolding promises of God's image. It's amazing, isn't it? How something so tiny, something that looks like a cross between a raisin and a paperweight, will learn to move heaven and earth with love, touch, breath and voice.

That's my news, and that's my wonder.

I return to Carmel this Saturday, May 2, and I will still be full of wonder. We will share some of that wonder around the bread and the cup in our Sunday worship. It will begin our month of May.

Such troubadours as James Taylor and Leonard Cohen repeatedly use May in their songs as the symbol of merriment and exuberance. "You're alive! Feel it! It's the month of May!"

May has five Sundays in it. Don't miss any. Bring your merriment. Or come and find some. Just look at the garden. As has been said: "Everything's coming up roses!" Let's put on our praying clothes and dig in the soil. Side by side, let's work and pray in the kingdom of God. Let's plant these prayers and water them. We've got a church to grow.

On May 17 we have our quarterly meeting and potluck at 11 a.m. We'll hear from the new search committee, and we'll make some decisions about the church's life during the summer. What shall we ALL do to maintain our momentum during these important three months?

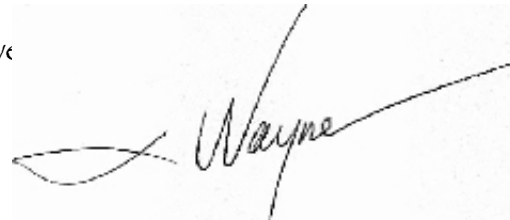
Also in May is your much-loved Rose Tea. I like to think of the history of this event. I like to cherish the memory of each woman who has ever served a warm cup of blessing in God's name to someone in this sacred space.

And we are also asking everyone who knows a mom who might be alone to bring her to worship on Mother's Day. Share the recognition. Share the thoughtfulness.

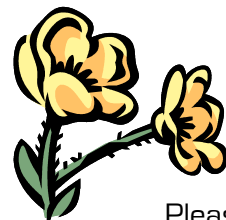
But the real substance of May will be revealed as it happens, as it did on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). Whenever we gather in two's or three's, seventies or eighties, the real substance of May is the presence of Christ. And like Emmaus, the mystery will come alive before our eyes. Let's not miss it.

As I have said before, I truly love your church. I sure hope you do too.

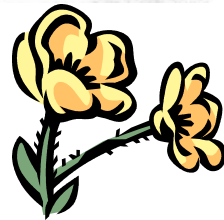
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You are invited to our annual.
ROSE GARDEN TEA



Saturday, May 16 2-4 p.m.

Please invite your friends and neighbors. Enjoy refreshments and friendship.

Music by Nancy Phillips
Our gift to the community.
Contact Liz Tarozzi or Bev Pugh if you can help!

THANK YOU – THANK YOU!



Armed with latex gloves, rags, cans of Liquid Gold, brass polish, and vacuums, 14 Pre-Easter “Wax and Polish” volunteers gathered to make our sanctuary shine and sparkle for Easter Sunday (working from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Crew members were: Ron Berry and Russel Wolter polishing the cross, Holy Spirit and altar candles; Karen Wolter and Pam Klaumann vacuuming upholstery and floors. Polishing pews and brasses, dusting, replacing pencils, donation envelopes, blue prayer request cards and visitor welcome cards were Beverly Pugh, Kathy Warthan, Nellie Mirani, Jean Mackres, Millie Daniel, Lisa Sargisson, Susan Adams, Margaret Knacke, and Mele.

At “break-time” we were treated to a variety of delicious fruits, nuts, crackers, cheeses, Nature Valley health bars, brownies, and tea/coffee supplied and arranged by Bessie Linvill.

Attention, All!

MAY 10 IS BRING A MOM DAY!

Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor to church that day!

Women’s Association

Kathy Warthan

Joanne Anderson’s “brainchild” The Book and Garden Sale had many volunteers who helped make it a success. Thanks to all of you! People who came enjoyed browsing and enjoying coffee and doughnuts.

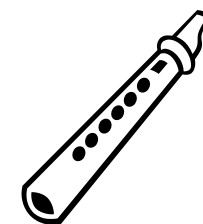
Coming up is the Rose Garden Tea on May 16 and the Style Show, Luncheon on June 13th, and the Rummage Sale on July 18 and 19th. Invite your friends to these great events!



Photos from the Loaves & Fishes Dinner are online so you can view them from your computer. You can send the link to family and friends, too.

Address is: www.flickr.com/photos/communitychurch/.

MONTHLY MUSICAL VESPERS



May 17, 4:30 p.m.! In our third sacred concert we will share passages of scripture and literature, and be inspired by an eclectic assortment of musical styles. Our guest is local flutist Kenny Stahl and his band. Please invite friends.

Kenny’s band has played in many of the top venues on both the east and west coasts and has opened for major acts his passion for music, versatile, and professional presence guarantees a great performance!

May Birthdays

6th Peter Sewald
10th Millie Daniel
“ Elaine DeGeorge
13th Dorothy Wheeler

13th Margarete Knacke
23rd Jean Mackres
29th Joey Parsons



Board of Governors

George Brehmer

The New Beginnings Train – Read, Think Be Challenged and Loving

Our Little Engine is getting up steam. Celebrate 80 worshipers plus riding in our Service Car on several occasions and over 100 on Easter Sunday – WHAT A GRAND FEELING!

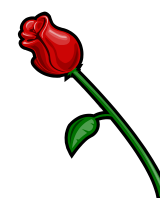
Inspiring stops were made on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (Thank you Pastor Wayne for your living leadership.). We learned deeply about the life and worldly death of our Savior, Jesus. Thursday evening it was as though we were, in fact, with Jesus and his Disciples and friends as they ate together and Jesus went out into the Garden. Friday night we were vividly a part of Judas betrayal, Peter’s denials and Jesus suffering on the way to and on the Cross.

The Pastoral Search Car rolls along under the able leadership of Joanne (Andy) Anderson. It is up-dating our Church Profile and looking to the Board to provide it with the parameters of a ministerial employment agreement which will be based on the fuel in our Little Engine’s tank.

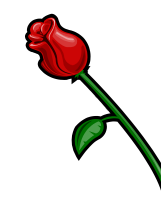
The fuel in our Little Engine’s tank appears to be running lower than our 2009 Budget Projection. So, Members and Friends, your prayers are requested for the Finance Committee and Board as it tackles these concerns for the well being of our Church Family.

As we reflect on the Easter Season and look to the good fortune of challenge and opportunity, let us pray for the rebirthing of our Church. Each of us have the gift of “opportunity to matter” by staying on board and carrying out our rolls as Department Heads, Committee Members, Officers and Members and Friends of our Church Family.

IN MEMORIAM



Kathryn Campbell Susott
George Rhoda
Barbara Berry, Charter Member



They will be missed by their many friends at Community Church.