



Good News

Letter from the Pastor

I had a teacher once offer us a challenge: he wanted us to change our routine for one day. For example, if we brushed our teeth with our right hand we were to use our left hand. If there was a certain way we went to school; go a different way. For dinner that night we'd eat something we'd never tried before. The point of this exercise was to show us that in our routines we miss a lot of details. When we have to think about what we're doing we are more intentional about it. We need routine, but occasionally it's good to step out it and experience something for the first time.

Does worship ever feel like routine to you or that there are no surprises? By now I know everyone's assigned seat in the sanctuary (which is good because

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Letter from the Pastor

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I know where to find you). However, the summer is a nice time to try different things. For instance, some of the songs will be ones that you've know since childhood and other ones might be brand new to you or we might try something different during the service. Not for the sake of novelty, but to help us think about what it means to worship. My hope is that every Sunday is a very joyful Sunday because we are always learning about how God loves us.

Peace,



"Hope can be ignited by a spark of encouragement"

Youth Ministry Update...



We would like to thank our Church family and friends for all your support. We had a wonderful Youth Immersion Trip last week, and we want to share with you the happenings during our Mission! We will be sharing our stories on **Sunday, July 17th** during worship service. We hope that you can join us to celebrate the success of this trip and to continue to pray for our Youth and their spiritual journeys!

THANK YOU!

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming this July 20-22, 2016 from 6pm- 8:30pm.

This year we will have VBS for ages pre-K – 9 years old and a middle school program for 5th-8th graders.

If you are interested in enrolling your children for this wonderful program, please download the registration here and return to church by July 16th. [*Registration form*](#)



Women's Breakfast

There will not be a 3rd Saturday Women's Breakfast on July 16th. Many are vacationing and we will take that month off. The next Women's Breakfast will be August 20th at 9AM. The group will also not be meeting in September because it is the same weekend as the all church retreat at St. Dorothy's Retreat in Northern California.

Have a wonderful Summer and see you in October!

Older Adult Ministries News...

The Older Adult Ministry will be taking a field trip on **Thursday, July 28th** to Chabot Space and Science Center. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 10:30AM and carpool to the Center in Oakland. The charge for entry is \$15.00 for seniors.

There will be an opportunity to view a film at noon in the planetarium called Astronaut that lets the viewer experience a blast off to the International Space Station and floating in space. There is also a mini-exhibit of the Bay Bridge lights. We can bag lunch or visit the Cafe that offers soups, salads and sandwiches. Sign up at coffee hour or contact Deb Saltzman with questions at (415) 602-5698.

Visit the website for more information: [Chabot Space & Science Center](#)



2016 All Church Retreat

Sept 16-18, 2016 at St. Dorothy's Rest, Camp Meeker, Sonoma County. The setting at St. Dorothy's allows us to step back from the day-to-day "busy-ness" of life, or even dramatic world events, to find the sacred center of our truly "real" world. We find new ways to experience God and each other. One-on-one conversations, group discussions, singing and board games often last until the wee hours of the morning.

If you have any questions or would like some info, contact Bruce Johnson
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Click here to register:
[Registration Form](#)



House and Grounds Committee...

The upkeep and maintenance of the church and it's grounds is very hard work. We try to make time 4 times a year to do the necessary work in maintaining our beautiful church...and we need your help to do this. The House and Grounds Committee's next work day date will be on **Saturday, July 30, 2016** between 9am-noon. If you can find sometime, whether it be an hour or the whole work day, we would love to have you! Please contact Greg Klein if you are available Saturday, July 30th. *There will be snacks!*

Church Retreat Fundraiser

When: **Saturday, July 23**

Time: **9am-4pm**

Where: **Church parking lot**



We will be collecting electronic waste to raise funds for our All-Church retreat. We ask that you save your e-waste until that day, and please encourage your friends and family to do the same. There is a small fee for most items.

If you have any questions about this wonderful fundraising event, please contact Angie Klein or Bruce Johnson.



Music Ministry

We would like to see ways as to how the congregation could participate in the service through music. One such way is to find out what the congregation may want to hear, so we've created a music request form. We would like to know what Christian songs, including hymns, gospel, old/contemporary sacred songs the congregation would like to sing during the service. The form will be available at the door, so please write down the songs you like. Please note that not every song you put down will be guaranteed to be perform, but it will be still exciting and wonderful to know what your favorite Christian songs are.

Memorial Service for Lily Abraham

*The family invites you to share in the life of Lily Abraham.
Please join us for the service on
Saturday, July 16th at 1pm.*

Boy Scout Troop 2 News

The Alameda Boy Scout Council has an annual competition among the troops where they are judged on camping skills such as cooking and first aid as well as leadership, and teamwork. Boy Scout Troops compete in units which are called Patrols each led by a boy. Three patrols from Troop 2 competed with two being awarded the Blue Ribbon signifying

Proficiency. One – the Lightning Piranhas – won the Presidential Ribbon as the top patrol in the council. Over the next month, Troop will be canoeing and kayaking on Lake Del Valle, backpacking the Marin headlands, supporting the 4th of July RACE, and then heading off to summer camp in the Sierras at Camp Winton.

Follow us on Facebook at Alameda Troop 2.



Mark Your Calendars

Church Retreat
Fundraiser
Saturday, July 23rd

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, August 14th

All-Church Retreat
Sept 16-18, 2016



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

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| July 1 | Cindy Hovermale
Mark Hovermale | July 21 | Kathy Kennedy
Shirley Lustig |
| July 5 | James Burke
Raymond Cortes
Alisa Peterson | July 22 | Leonard Malanche |
| July 6 | Jackie Barker | July 23 | Kristen Erway
Rev. Dr. George Fitzgerald |
| July 7 | Ruth Wagner | July 24 | Evelyn Zaches
Samantha Zaches
Torrey Zaches |
| July 11 | Anna Erway | July 25 | Marguerite Lacy |
| July 14 | James Lewis | July 28 | Sally Ward |
| July 17 | Megan Stiling
Rebecca Stiling | July 30 | Andy Eggett |
| July 18 | Victor Hernandez | July 31 | Jayne Peterson |
| July 20 | Glenn Gramstad | | |

Happy Anniversary

- July 2 Stacey & Damon Rodrigues
July 10 Sharon & Victor Hernandez
July 15 Kathy & Matt Smith
July 21 James & Tina Shum
July 25 Lorene & Andy Eggett
July 26 Eugene & Angie Hemy

July Schedule

Sound Schedule

- July 10 Raymond Cortes
July 17 Andy Eggett
July 24 Joab Muchiri
July 31 Rob Ade

Readers for July

- July 10 Maddie Smith
July 17 Mark Carter
July 24 Stacey Rodrigues
July 31 Jackie Barker

Greeters for July

- July 10 Barbara Curtis &
Del Cook
July 17 The Eggetts
July 24 The Smiths
July 31 The Hovermales



Our Annual "Worship and Picnic in the Park" is **Sunday, August 14th.**

The lively worship service will begin at 11:00am in [LINCOLN PARK](#) followed by lunch and games.

Burgers and hot dogs provided and grilled. Bring your family and your appetite!

We hope to see you there!



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