

Everything Under the Sun....



Dear Friends,

This summer begins with Pentecost on June 4. On Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the church and remember the day when the disciples finally emerged from their upper room where they had been hiding since Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. The story of Pentecost is about many things: tongues of flame, the movements of the Holy Spirit, Peter's first sermon, a monumental baptism of 3,000 people!

But most importantly, Pentecost is about connection. Prior to Pentecost, the people were disconnected. The twelve disciples were disconnected from society. The people in the streets were disconnected by language, nationality, and geography. The disciples and people were disconnected from God. Since the ascension, the disciples felt disconnected from Jesus.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit changed all that. It came through like a mighty wind, blasted through the upper room, propelled the disciples out into the streets, and moved through all the thousands of people who were there that day. It helped them to be physically near each other. It helped people to see

each other, hear each other, share with one another, understand each other, and connect to one another.

In a heartbeat, it turned strangers into companions on a life-long journey. People who may have passed each other in the street a hundred times without saying a word were suddenly talking with one another and understanding one another. Disciples who would have very easily (and happily!) stayed locked away from the world in hiding were suddenly conversing with the whole town and sharing their deepest selves with people. When Peter preaches he insists that the promise of Jesus is open to everyone there, and their children, and their grandchildren. All of a sudden the circle of connection grows wider and wider to the point that the first Christian community is formed, and they become the Body of Christ.



The second chapter of Acts paints a beautiful picture of a community in which everyone shares, everyone breaks bread together, worships together, teaches and learns together, gets along with their neighbors who are not part of the Christian community, and welcomes new people every day. What is most remarkable about this community is not so much how well they get along – though this gold standard of communal harmony cannot be discounted – but how only days before they were all strangers from different countries, languages, and religions! The day of Pentecost tells us that where people are deeply divided, God can bring hearts together and build connection and community. During the season of Pentecost, which lasts all the way up until Advent, we will hear about how the Disciples and Jesus built communities and fostered connections everywhere they went. This is a powerful lesson for a deeply disconnected and divided world today.

I ask that you pray with me that the Holy Spirit continue to move in our lives and communities to bind us together in heart and harmony. Amen.

Pastor Tracy



VACATION FOR PASTOR TRACY

Pastor Tracy will be on vacation for several weeks in June and July this summer. She will be representing our church on June 11 at the Northern California Nevada annual meeting. Then she will be on vacation June 18, 25 and July 2 and July 30. During those weeks, we will host guest preachers.

If pastoral care needs arise in Pastor Tracy's absence, please contact David Knopf.

PRAYER CHAIN RETREAT



WHEN: Saturday, July 22, 2017

TIME: 10 AM to 12:00 noon

WHERE: Mary Dowling's home

273 Mountain View Ave, San Rafael

Please bring finger food to share.

RSVP would be much appreciated: MARY (415) 456-7251

Enjoy another gathering of prayer, meditation, and bonding.

Hope to see you there!

PRAYER PARTNERS

Please remember the following members of our church family in prayer. Pray for their welfare and growth in faith and discipleship.

May 28 - June 3

Alan and Barbara Miller

June 4 - 10

Jean Nadell

June 11 - 17

Ray and Jean O'Leary

June 18 -24

Jeffrey and Trista Paul

June 25 - July 1

Milagro Ramirez

July 2 - 8

Lucinda Ray and Charles Little

July 9 - 15

Greg and Sher Ripley, Blair

July 16 - 22

Melanie Sakskul and David

July 23 - 29

Marie Saldana

July 30 - August 5

Val and Ralph Sherer





Come and Worship

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June 4

Acts 2

Pentecost

June 11

Guest Preacher (Pastor Tracy at UCC Annual Gathering)

Father's Day

June 18

Guest Preacher

June 25

Guest Preacher

July 2

Guest Preacher

July 9

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Heavy Burdens

July 16

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Good Soil

July 23

Psalm 98

God Has Done Marvelous Things

July 30

Guest Preacher: Lauren Renee Hotchkiss

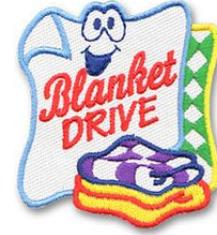


BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



BLANKET SUNDAY - JUNE 11

Homeward Bound has requested twin bed blankets, to be used in their supportive housing program. There are seven supportive housing locations altogether. Some provide emergency housing, but most are permanent facilities. They are located in several spots around the county: Mill Valley, Corte Madera, San Rafael, and Novato. That makes a lot of bedding!



Every year the staff welcomes us as we deliver our donations to them. On Monday, June 12, Lynn Grant hopes to be accompanied by some of our eager youth as she delivers this year's supply of love and support, in the form of twin bed blankets.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS - 50+ SENT



On Sunday, May 7, following worship, many members of the congregation took the time to send 50 letters to their U.S. Senators and Representative, urging them to act to help end hunger around the world.

We raised our collective voice to ask Congress to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to end hunger by 2030 and support vital anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs and policies. **Thank You!**

BACKPACK SUNDAY, JULY 30

This is our annual gathering of school supplies for the Ritter Center kids. Please bring your donations to church on July 30, as they will be distributed to the kids at Ritter Center in early August, because the school start dates are early. Here's what is needed:

- New backpacks (boys and girls, high need for elementary school)
- Binders (small/large) and binder paper
- Tabbed dividers and zip pouches
- Pencils (#2/colored), pens, and erasers
- Glue sticks and index cards
- Rulers, staplers, and small scissors
- Markers, crayons, and highlighters
- Pocket folders and spiral one-subject notebooks
- Calculators (especially graphing calculators such as TI-83)
- Geometry drafting sets



There is always a GREAT NEED for department store gift cards and cash donations

→**TIP:** You may want to cut out this list for your purse or pocket.

News For and About Kids



THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM JUNE 19 - JULY 28

The Summer Academic Program, hosted by the First Congregational Church of San Rafael, with a grant from Pilgrim Park, will be in session from June 19 through July 28.

MEET THE SUMMER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR HORACIO CORONA LIRA

Horacio comes to us with a wealth of experience in program coordination and working with youth. He was born in Las Tortugas, Michoacan, Mexico, and immigrated to the US at six years old, growing up in Fresno, California.

He is the first generation of his family to attend college and graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Psychology and minors in Education and Chicano Studies. He has served as a college adviser in multiple Bay Area high schools and middle schools.

Most recently he spent six years working with Upward Bound, coordinating their summer residential programs and Math and Science activities and serving as their field counselor for five Oakland high schools. Horacio will be attending Sacramento State in the fall for a Master's program in Public Policy and Administration with a focus on bridging the achievement gap.

Horacio is fluent in Spanish and was married last October. He and his wife Angelina (Angie) Corona Zepeda will be visiting us during worship on June 4th. We hope that you will join us so that you can welcome Horacio and Angie and get to know them as we bless him in his work this summer!



FCC SAN RAFAEL BUDGET REPORT



A LOOK *at the* BUDGET

The Balance Sheet provided on the next page sets out the financial status of First Congregational Church of San Rafael as of May 22, 2017. At our Congregation Meeting in January we adopted a budget that “pushed” us as a congregation. A \$10,000 Challenge donation and matching funds were given as a way of helping us meet this budget.

The Council and Trustees are keeping a watchful eye on the income and expenses to ensure that we can meet the budget we adopted. You can help! While we may go on vacation, the expenses of the church don’t take a vacation. Please keep up-to-date on your pledge while you are away. Pledges can be completed online at

<http://fccsanrafael.org/online-giving/> mailed (8 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael, CA 94903), or given to another member to bring on Sunday.

Balance Sheet Explanation

Assets represent money the church has in several accounts, including the checking account at Redwood Credit Union, which is the only source of ready cash. In November 1, 2016, we “borrowed” from ourselves (Pilgrim Hill Fund in the UCF Balanced Fund) \$10,000 to complete much needed facilities repairs and paint the church. Individual member pledges to “repay” the cost of this project over the next several years have the goal of returning these funds, with interest, to the Pilgrim Hill Fund.

Dedicated Funds represents money that has been donated or raised for specific purposes (Courtyard Project Fund, Building Fund, Pilgrim Hill Fund, Pastor Sabbatical Accrual, Memorial Funds, etc.). As such, these funds can only be used for the purpose(s) for which they were donated or set aside by the Church membership.

Liabilities represent funds that we owe (Courtyard Mortgage), have collected for specific offerings that needs to be sent (OGHS, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need), and Renters’ security deposits.

*NOTE the different between Total Asserts and Liabilities is \$17,99912. This is the amount of cash we have at our disposal to cover expenses.

Income represents the money we have received since January 1, 2017 in pledges, loose offerings (non-pledge cash collected in Sunday offerings), rents, and some interest/miscellaneous income. **Note** that this total includes the \$10,000 Challenge donation as well as some, but not all, of the increased pledges by members to match this donation.

Expenditures represents the money spent since January 1, 2017 on 2017 budgeted items approved at the January Congregational Meeting, including Salaries & Benefits (pastor, musician, office manager, and cleaning), General Operating Expenses (Utilities, Supplies, Taxes, Insurance, Courtyard Mortgage, and Benevolences).

*NOTE, based on Income and Expenditures, as of May 22, 2017; we have a budget surplus of \$5,132.09. However, if the \$10,000 challenge money was subtracted from this total, we would be behind the expected budget balance for this time of year by -\$4,867.91.

FCC SAN RAFAEL BUDGET - BALANCE SHEET



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAN RAFAEL			
Balance Sheet as of 5/22/17			
Acct Num	Assets	5/22/17	
1110	Redwood CU Checking	28,026.82	
1210	Redwood CU Money Mkt	3,579.80	
1220	Redwood CU Shares	101.43	
	UCF Balanced Fund	48,818.34	\$10,000 "borrowed" 11/1/16 for facilities project
1350	Cornerstone Fund Demand Deposits	1,077.46	
1450	Morgan Stanley Account	0.00	
	Cornerstone Fund CD #1	17,391.54	
	Total Assets	98,995.39	
Acct Num	Dedicated Funds	<i>(i.e. money we've earmarked for specific purposes of our own)</i>	
	Subtotal Dedicated Funds	40,573.15	
	Liabilities	<i>(i.e. money we legally owe to other people)</i>	
<i>(no #)</i>	2010 Courtyard Project Mortgage	36,445.12	Scheduled payoff Oct 2019
3207	OGHS campaign contributions	825.00	
3209	Strengthen the Church contributions	93.00	After Xmas Collection. To be sent to UCC
3208	Neighbors in Need contributions	10.00	\$365 sent to N-I-N 10/4/16
<i>(no #)</i>	Renters' security deposits	3,050.00	
	Total Ded. Fund & Liabilities	80,996.27	
Acct Num	Expenditures 1.1.2017-5.22.2017		
	Salaries & Benefits	45,276.85	Pastor, Music, Office, Cleaning
	General Operating Expenses	27,677.32	
	To 2110 Courtyard Mortgage	3,899.43	
	Total Expenditures	76,853.60	
Acct Num	Income 1.1.2017-5.22.2017		
4100	Pledges	49,459.00	Includes \$10,000 challenge
4200	Loose Offerings	1,083.00	
4400	Rents	31,183.97	
4500	Interest & Misc.	259.72	
	Total Income	81,985.69	
	Current Surplus/Shortfall	5,132.09	Without \$10,000 challenge would be -\$4,867.91



MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY JUNE 27 AND JULY 25: The Board of Trustees meetings will be at 7 PM, Plum Room.

CHURCH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAYS JUNE 21 AND AUGUST 30: The Church Council meetings are at 7 PM in the Plum Room.

BOARD OF MISSION

SUNDAY JULY 16: The Board of Mission will meet in the Oak Room immediately after worship.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

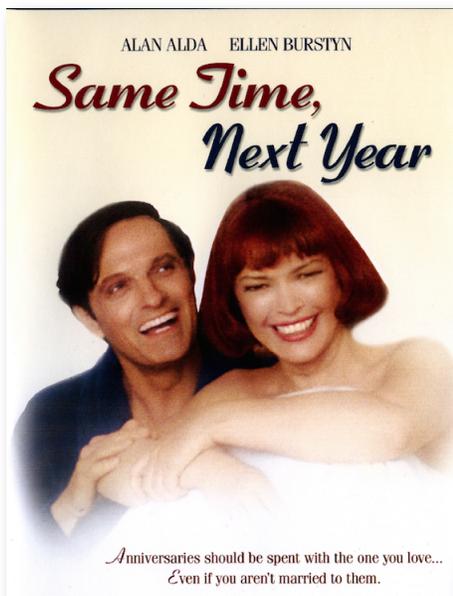
JUNE 23 *HIDDEN FIGURES*

In the early days of the space race, when electronic computers were still in their infancy, large numbers of college-educated women were employed as human “computers.” Day after day, they manually ground through the mountains of calculations necessary to build and fly the first spacecraft. At NASA’s Langley research center, in Jim-Crow Virginia, there were separate “colored” and “white” computer departments. *Hidden Figures* tells the story of three African-American women who rose from this background to become heroes of the space program. To do so, of course, they also had to overcome pervasive racial and gender barriers (which included no public recognition of their contributions until the 1990s.) In years to come, the story if these three tough women may well be seen as a key turning point in opening science and technology careers of all kinds to women.



Friday JUNE 23 in the De Haan Center in Pilgrim Park

JULY 28 *SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR*



Our July movie is an old favorite from almost 40 years ago: a romantic comedy that mixes laughs with serious insights about the nature of love and commitment.

In 1951, at an inn on the Mendocino coast, Doris (Ellen Burstyn), a 24-year-old housewife from Oakland, meets George (Alan Alda) a 27-year-old accountant from New Jersey, at dinner. The attraction is immediate, and they wake up in bed together the next morning. Neither has ever done this before, and both are happily married, with children. Still, they agree to meet for a single day each year as long as the attraction lasts.

We check in with them every five years as they reflect the silly fads and serious issues of those turbulent times, and, as they grow and evolve as people. in the film, as George and Doris deal with middle age and spouses’ illnesses, They confront the line between zipless fantasy and real-world commitment and (in their own special way) respect it.

Friday JULY 28 in the De Haan Center in Pilgrim Park

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 — Nancy Sangster
- 7 — Sean Kaufman
- 14 — Russell Roane
- 18 — Robert Smith
- 28 — Randall MacKenzie
- 28 — Inham Girard
- 30 — Bob De Haan
- 30 — Christine Bandettini



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Dorothy Trotter
- 5 — Saba Dempsey
- 6 — Cyndi Siroky
- 26 — Tristan Cline-Meehan
Michael Cline-Meehan
Jacob Cline-Meehan
Taylor Cline-Meehan
- 27 — Louis Frost

GOLDEN GALS — JUNE 13 AND JULY 11

The Golden Gals will meet on Tuesday, MAY 9, at 10 AM, at the home of Jean Nadell. Bring a bag lunch.



MEN'S GROUP — on summer vacation

The men's group will take some time off this summer and reconvene in the fall. Check the August issue of The TIE for more details!

TIE DEADLINE for the AUGUST Issue - Mon., JULY 24

The deadline for articles and news for the August 2017 issue of The TIE is Monday, July 24. Please have all articles for the August issue at the church office by Sunday, July 23th. Or, email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com by Monday, the 24th.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Tracy Barnowe – *Pastor*

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Available by appointment on other days
Cell Phone (510) 703-0108
revtracybarnowe@gmail.com

Gwendolyn Morgan – *Office Manager*

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Wednesday 9:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Office Phone: 415-479-2747
office@fccsanrafael.org

FCC Calendar JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	29 Memorial Day	30	31	June 1 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	5	6	7	8 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	12 12 am BLANKET SUNDAY - bring twin bed blankets	13 10 am Cald's monthly meeting	14 Flag Day	15 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 Father's Day 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	19 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	20 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	21 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7 pm Church Council Meeting	22 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7 pm Movie Night: HIDDEN FIGURES De Haan Center Pilgrim Park	24
25 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	26 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	27 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	28 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	29 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	30 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	1

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2 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	3 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	4 Independence Day	5 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	6 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	7 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	8
9 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	10 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	11 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 10 am Golden Gals monthly meeting	12 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	13 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	14 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	15
16 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:15 am Board of Mission Meeting	17 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	18 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	19 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	20 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	21 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	22 10 am - 12 pm Prayer Chain Retreat
23 Parents' Day 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	24 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 5 pm TIE Deadline for JUNE Issue	25 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7 am Board of Trustees Meeting	26 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	27 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program	28 9 am - 12 pm Summer Academic Program 7 pm Movie Night: SAME TIME NEXT YEAR! De Haan Center Filmmark	29
30 10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am BACKPACK SUNDAY	31	1	2	3	4	5

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