

IN THE INTERIM.....

FINANCES, FINANCES....Another Hot Potato

Sometimes we think we talk too much about money....and other times we are too embarrassed to talk about it enough. Usually we hope somebody else will take care of this hot potato reality.

Perhaps we should think about money as the most direct measure of our priorities.

The Board of Trustees and the Church Council are in the process of establishing our priorities for the church, represented by the money we plan on spending in next year's budget.

But it all depends on how much we expect to have. During October we will ask all who see the work of this congregation as a priority, to let us know what we can expect.

This should make for some tasty potatoes!



HERE ARE THE NEXT STEPS:

- We appoint an Interim Search Committee to locate and recommend an interim pastor
- We hire an Interim Pastor - **This will be happening very soon!**
- We appoint a Search Committee
- We create our Church Profile, a description of our church to be read by potential pastors
- The Search Committee will consider all potential candidates
- The Search Committee will select possible candidates
- The Search Committee will interview these candidates
- One candidate will be recommended to the congregation
- The congregation will have an opportunity to meet the candidate
- We will vote on the recommended candidate
- We will join in worship to install our new pastor



OCTOBER 22 - Hot Potato Feast

To help kick off our annual Stewardship drive, the refreshments after worship on Sunday, October 22, will be hot baked potatoes with yummy toppings. Don't miss it!

I found a penny today
Just laying on the ground.
But it's not just a penny,
This little coin I've found.

Found pennies come from heaven,
That's what my Grandpa told me.
He says Angels toss them down.
Oh, how I loved that story.

He said when an Angel misses you,
They toss a penny down.
Sometimes just to cheer you up,
To make a smile out of your frown.

So don't pass by that penny,
When you're feeling blue.
It may be a penny from heaven,
That an Angel's tossed to you.

So now pass this on to the people whom
You care about and who you feel are
Angels to you. I just did.
An Angel is now watching over you.

submitted by Denise Walker

SPIFF UP THE CHURCH DAY November 18

Save the date. We will hold a church clean up day on Saturday, November 18, from 10 AM to 1 PM.



PRAYER PARTNERS

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

October 1 - 7
Trip True

October 22 - 28
Richard and Denise Walker

October 8-14
Barbara Tullis

October 29 - November 4
Colleen Beery

October 15 - 21
Jim Turner



Come and Worship with us!

A decorative illustration featuring a large orange pumpkin on the left, with green grapevines and leaves trailing across the top and right sides of the page.

October 1

Guest Preacher: Rev. Julianne Stokstad
Neighbors in Need Offering

October 8 - Blessing of the Animals Sunday

Worship Leader: Caryl Hodges

October 15

Guest Preacher: To Be Announced

October 22

Guest Preacher To Be Announced
Stewardship Sunday

October 29

Guest Preacher To Be Announced



NEWS ABOUT KIDS



EVERY SUNDAY: 10-11:15 AM - Church School



BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING - OCTOBER 1

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering that supports UCC ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Most of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support, through grants, a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM), which represents the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors, and strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of tribes who are members of various UCC congregations, and to strengthen their participation in funding projects of community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

FCC will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, October 1, 2017, as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.



DINNERS FOR HOMELESS WOMEN RESUME IN NOVEMBER (THE R.E.S.T. PROGRAM)

Sponsored by the Board of Mission, members of our congregation will be participating again with the REST program, which feeds and shelters homeless women at the County Wellness Center in San Rafael. This is the same place that has been used in the past. We'll be preparing to serve and share Monday night meals once each month from November through April. Watch for more details about the exact dates in next month's TIE or speak with Sher Ripley if you would like to help.

PILGRIM PARK NEWS

Nancy Smith Returns – The Board is pleased to report that Nancy has returned to work as site manager. Her medical treatments were successful. She looks and feels great. Stop by and visit her.

Margie Rollman – The Board thanks Margie for very ably handling most of of Nancy's responsibilities as well as her own during Nancy's absence.

Francisco Galindo – After a year of volunteering at Novato Habitat For Humanity with his wife, Francisco has been chosen to soon occupy one of the 3 BR, 2 ½ Bath homes. He will continue as our maintenance supervisor.



Financing Changes – About ten years ago, Pilgrim Park borrowed \$4 million to build the community center, to repair some major deferred problems, to bring all 16 buildings up to current building and seismic codes (among other work) and to pay off the \$500,000 of the original government loan.

Thanks to the preliminary work by board member, Eric Caindec, the Board decided to embark on refinancing the outstanding balance of \$3.2 million, 30 year loan. If successful, the new loan at a much lower interest rate will allow us to fully pay off the balance five years early. Because of a lower interest rate and the resulting shorter payoff period, Pilgrim Park will save about \$600,000 in spite of a significant payoff penalty. We expect the new loan will begin at the end of October.

Occupancy Changes – Unfortunately, over the summer one of our residents died unexpectedly. His ground level apartment will be converted to a fully ADA compliant unit, which another resident who has mobility problems will occupy. Thus, as we've planned for some time, we will have three ADA compliant units.

Repairs and Maintenance are an ongoing process in 46-year-old wood structures. Among other chores, we have recently refinished two landing decks, upgraded landscaping, renovated several apartments and will soon replace the entire sewers under two units. Sewer replacement is very traumatic as we move the tenant and goods into temporary quarters, jack hammer the kitchen and bath floors and generally trash the place. Francisco and several subcontractors make it like new in a total of under three weeks.

Summer Picnic – The biannual picnic was very successful with attendance by tenants, friends and church members. Unfortunately, I was travelling in Colorado.

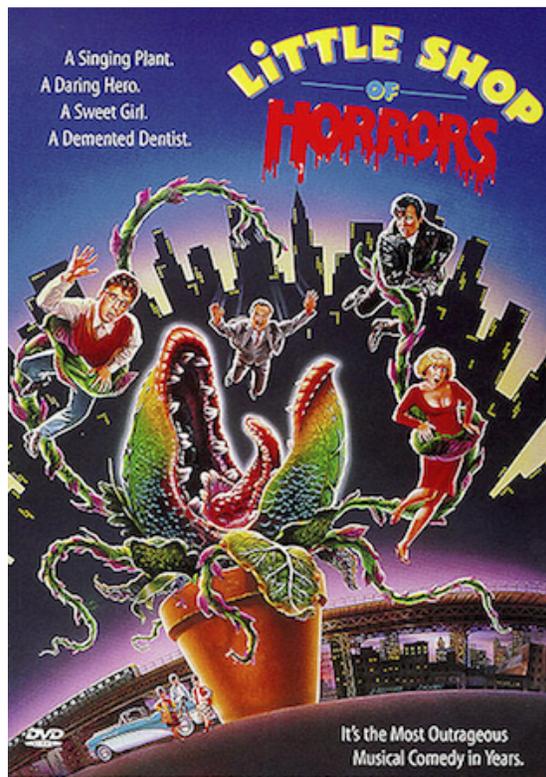
Bob De Haan

MOVIE NIGHT OCTOBER 27 - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Appropriately, for the start of Halloween weekend, this month's movie is a horror movie about a giant man-eating plant from outer space that threatens all of humanity. It's also a stirring musical about young love triumphing over a sadistic dentist. Most important, it's very very funny from beginning to end.

Little Shop of Horrors started life in 1960 as a cheesy black & white horror farce that was shot in only two days by the infamous Roger Corman. In 1982, the story was adapted into an off-Broadway musical that ran for five years. That hit was translated into an Oscar-winning 1986 film by director Frank Oz.

The film stars Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, Vincent Gardenia, Bill Murray and Steve Martin. Even after 30 years, Marin's scenes as the sadistic dentist of all our nightmares remain the funniest 10 minutes ever filmed.



7 PM Friday October 27 in the De Haan Center at Pilgrim Park

All of the wonders of *Little Shop of Horrors* are accomplished with an offhand, casual charm. The movie doesn't labor its jokes or insist on its virtuoso special effects, but devotes its energies to seeming unforced and delightful. This is the kind of movie that cults are made of. I wouldn't be at all surprised to see it develop into a successor to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," as one of those movies that fans want to include in their lives.

- Roger Ebert



MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

BOARD OF MINISTRY

OCTOBER 15: The Board of Ministry will meet Sunday, at 11:30 in the Plum Room.

BOARD OF MISSION

OCTOBER 22: The Board of Mission will meet Sunday, at 11:30 in the Plum Room. We will be organizing for the REST program and the Ritter Center Holiday Family gift project.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 24: The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 24.

CHURCH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25: The Church Council meeting is at 7 PM in the Plum Room.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 — Alan Miller
- 17 — Ann Dannecker
- 19 — Jean O'Leary
- 23 — Sher Ripley
- 25 — Tessa Templeman
- 25 — Deb Smith
- 31 — Bruce Weir

GOLDEN GALS — OCTOBER 10

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



MEN'S GROUP — still on summer vacation

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

TIE DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER Issue - Mon., OCT. 23

The deadline for articles and news for the November 2017 issue of The TIE is Monday, October 23rd. Please have all articles for the November issue at the church office by Sunday, October 22nd. Or, email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com by Monday, the 23rd.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Tuesday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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FCC Calendar OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am Neighbors in Need Offering	2	3	4	5 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am Blessing of the Animals Sunday	9  Columbus Day	10 10 am  Golden Girls monthly meeting	11	12 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:30 am Board of Ministry meeting	16	17	18	19 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Sweetest Day
22 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:15 am Potato Feast after worship 11:30 am Board of Mission Meeting	23 5 pm  TIE Deadline for NOVEMBER issue	24 7 pm  Board of Trustees Meeting	25 7 pm  Church Council Meeting	26 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	27 7 pm  Movie Night: Little Shop of Horrors: De Haan Censor Pilgrim Park	28
29 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care	30	31  Halloween	1	2 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	3	4

This calendar is also available on the church's website in interactive form. There you can click on any event to see more details. Check it out at www.FccSanRafael.org.