

## *Everything Under the Sun....*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the month of November, we are bombarded with holidays that center around gratitude. All Saint's Day. Dia de los Muertos. Veteran's Day. Thanksgiving. All honor the hard work and sacrifices that have shaped the world that we live in and made us the people that we are. In ancient cultures, this was harvest time, and people would gather together to reap after toiling all year. There would be hard work but also feasting and celebration. It was a time to reflect on how much was accomplished together, close out the old year, and give thanks to God for the abundance that would sustain the community for another season.

Over the past two months, I have been astounded at how much work this congregation does. You have been sowing seeds of love and compassion, charity and hope, into this community and around the world for years.

The people in this church have been tending and nurturing many ministries and they bear

real fruits. Pilgrim Park, EDFK, the Canal Alliance, the food bank, REST, Sunday hospitality, the list goes on so long I haven't yet found the end of it.

As we go through the next month, I am aware of how much this church has accomplished, though I am not sure how often we take time acknowledge it.

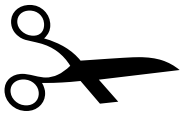
As we come to the end of this year, let us take time to give thanks to God for the abundance that we enjoy and that we share.



As we reflect on all of the saints and veterans and pilgrims and Native Americans who toiled and tended during their season that we might enjoy an abundance, I pray that God will nourish our spirits and so that future generations may enjoy the fruits of our labors during this season.

Blessings,

*Pastor Tracy*



## SERMON / BIBLE STUDY REQUEST FORM

Do you have a request for a sermon? Is there a question you have always wanted answered? Is there a passage you have always wanted to hear about? Is there a topic you would like to hear preached on?

Write your thoughts down here and drop this into the offering plate or into Pastor Tracy's mailbox in the office. As Pastor Tracy plans her upcoming sermons and Bible Study classes, she will do her best to incorporate your questions into the curriculum. Thank you!

Care to share your name in case Pastor Tracy has questions? \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAYER PARTNERS

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



### October 26-November 1

Louis and Khamla Frost and  
Melanie Sakskul

### November 2-8

Megan Fuller and Elizabeth and  
William

### November 9-15

Elizabeth Ganz

### November 16-22

Jim and Judy Girard

### November 23-29

Jon and Martha Girard, and  
Inham and Gaia

# Worship with us!



**November 2, 2014 - All Soul's Day** - This is a day for remembrance of those loved ones we have lost. You are invited to bring photos or small mementos of your loved ones to place on the altar, and to light a candle in their memory. Children will be working on a similar craft to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in Sunday School.

**November 9, 2014 - Veterans Blessing** - During this special worship service we will be blessing and honoring all veterans. Is there a veteran in your life? We encourage you to bring them to worship for a special gift and prayer. Children will be preparing special bags for gathering non-perishables for the Thanksgiving food collection. If your veteran is not able to be with you please bring a **PHOTO OF YOUR VETERAN(S)** framed or unframed. The photo will sit on the communion table for the blessing.



**November 23, 2014 - Blessing of the Harvest** - We invite you to come as we celebrate God's abundance and share it with those who are less fortunate during this Thanksgiving Season. We invite you to bring non-perishables for the Food Bank. Watch for special collection bags in the preceding weeks! Children will be collecting, blessing, and sending the food off to the Food Bank.

**November 30, 2014 - 1st Sunday of Advent** - Watch for more details in upcoming weeks about Advent Season at FCC San Rafael.



# News About Kids



## OUR KIDS FOCUS ON FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

**November 2:** We begin the month joining the church in celebrating All Soul's Day with stories and crafts inspired by the related holiday in the Hispanic world--Dia de los Muertos.

**November 9, 16, 23:** Later this month we will be preparing food bags to help the congregation make this Thanksgiving food offering the biggest ever.

Our church school children will be thinking about the many hungry people in our world and community. They will be preparing special collection bags for food, to distribute to the rest of the congregation. Children will be collecting, blessing, and sending the food off to the Food Bank on Sunday, November 23.

Please support them by filling the bag they present to you and bringing it back on November 23.



## BIRTHDAYS RECOGNIZED ON SECOND SUNDAYS

“BIRTHDAY SUNDAY” will be celebrated during the worship service on the second Sunday of each month. Blessings will be given by Pastor Tracy for birthdays, anniversaries, and any special occasions. Please let her know if you have a special day you would like recognized!



## BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



for the food bank

Tuna  
Chili  
Macaroni n Cheese  
Pasta  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Cereal  
Pork and Beans  
Canned Meat  
Peanut Butter  
Rice and Dry Beans  
Canned Veggies n Fruits

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS THIS MONTH

Please support our children, who will be encouraging all of us to bring non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank Barrel.



### FAMILY TO FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIVING

Please read the article on **page 7** of this copy of the TIE for details about how you can participate in the annual Board of Mission-sponsored project to provide Christmas gifts to needy families in Marin County.

### R.E.S.T. DINNERS TO RESUME — NOVEMBER 24

The Mission Board will once again offering you an opportunity to provide meals for homeless women in Marin County at the Women's Winter Shelter Program in San Rafael. Officially called Marin REST, which stands for Rotating Emergency Shelter Team, this is a program of the St. Vincent dePaul Society,



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, you did  
it for me.*

Our congregation has been a faithful and important participant in this program for five or six winters. We have agreed again this year to provide the evening meal for a group of about 20 homeless women who are sheltered at the Wellness Center in San Rafael for one Monday night each month during the winter season. Our first dinner will be November 24. Contact Sher Ripley or Sue Spofford to participate.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT IN NOVATO



**Habitat  
for Humanity®**

The Board of Mission is excited to share the news that Habitat for Humanity of Greater San Francisco has started a new development in Novato. Habitat will be building ten single-family homes at Mt. Burdell Place, 1112 4th St., in Novato. This construction will create homeownership opportunities for deserving families.

The Mission Board will be organizing opportunities for you to volunteer your skills at the construction site in the upcoming months. No experience is necessary. Habitat provides all the tools and safety equipment. Or, you can just go on your own. Just sign up at [www.habitatgsf.org/volunteer](http://www.habitatgsf.org/volunteer).



## PILGRIM PARK NEWS



Here's a quick look at some of the activities at Pilgrim Park:

### **Food Bank Cooking**

**Demonstrations** – Three, one-hour demos on how to best cook food provided weekly to residents.

**Dominican University Nursing Students** visited in October to present, “Controlling Your Blood Sugar.”

**SMART** – Bob De Haan is meeting with SMART engineers to understand how the new track, roadbed, etc., will impact the drainage system from the tracks and from up-hill locations that runs water through Pilgrim Park.

**Sewers** – During October Pilgrim Park will rebuild the under slab sewer pipes in one studio unit.

Bob De Haan

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Church Council will meet Wednesday, November 5 at 7 P.M.

Items on the agenda include reviewing the financial status of the church (mostly good), considering the reports of the boards and committees of the church, and planning for the Congregational Meeting in January. Stewardship ideas, Nominating Committee, and longer range planning may also be discussed.



The Church Council this year includes Louis Frost, Jim Girard, Lynn Grant, Caryl Hodges, David Knopf, Hilary Spaulding, Bob Spofford, Sue Spofford, Val Sherer, and Pastor Tracy Barnowe (ex officio).

## Adopt a Family for Christmas



The Board of Mission invites you to help provide Christmas gifts for two small families in our county. Each year members of our congregation contribute gifts for this important project organized by Ritter Center in San Rafael.

Ritter Center interviews needy families throughout the county and finds out what special wishes the children and adults have for the holiday. Then they provide us with that information for two small families, so that we can provide items they really long for.

On Sunday, November 9, Cindy Ray will have a sign up sheet available in the Community Room after worship, so that you can choose what gift you wish to contribute.

On Sunday, November 30, we collect all those gifts after worship, and members of the Board of Mission deliver them to Ritter Center for distribution to the families.

More information about the specific gifts will be available on November 9, 16 and 23, and the Board of Mission hopes many of you will want to participate.

If you want to participate but shopping is difficult for you, please let Cindy Ray know, and someone on the board of mission will do the actual shopping for you.

## Candy Making Party November 30

Doesn't this look yummy? Come to the Candy-making party on Sunday afternoon, November 30, enjoy a free lunch, and join with lots of other folks as we make this delicious candy.



There will be a sign up list available after worship in mid November, where you can indicate what you can bring (stuff like chocolate chips, or sugar, or butter, or cookie sheets).

We gather at Cindy Ray's home in Petaluma (754 Bantam Way) about 12:30 for lunch and then make candy together until about 2:30 or 3 PM.

The candy will be sold at a holiday events that are still in the planning process!

*Please join us!*

## MOVIE NIGHT NOVEMBER 21 – IN A BETTER WORLD

This film from Danish director Susanne Bier (*After the Wedding*, *Brothers*) won both the Oscar and the Golden Globe for Best Foreign-Language picture of 2010.

Anton (Mikael Persbrandt) is a doctor who commutes between an idyllic suburban family life in Denmark and his volunteer work in a refugee camp in Africa. In one world he is trying to help his ten year-old son adjust to a new school. In the other, threats to the camp from a sadistic local “Big Man” make the horrors of civil war a daily reality. In navigating these two worlds, Anton (and we) are forced to re-examine our beliefs about revenge and forgiveness and our comfortable assumptions about what constitutes “civilized” behavior.



*“How do we react to the presence of evil and injustice when, as an adult or a child, it intrudes on our world? It's easy enough to say "you fight it," but the reality is never that simple.*

*“Danish filmmaker Susanne Bier has a potent gift for turning abstract, moral questions like these into edge-of-your-seat compelling dramas that examine, with devastating effect, the complex web of feelings that make us who we are. Bier also knows how to gracefully enhance emotional connection without pushing too hard, how to ramp things up without losing control. The result is the kind of realistic, involving adult scenarios that Hollywood mostly only dreams about these days.”*

Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*

**7 PM Friday, November 21, in the De Haan Center at Pilgrim Park**

*Links to the trailer and complete review are on the FCCSR website.*





## **CHURCH COUNCIL — November 5**

The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, November 5, at 7 PM.

## **BOARD OF MISSION MEETING — November 9**

On November 9, the Mission Board will be meeting to review and organize the many winter events of our board, including R.E.S.T. dinners, Family to Family collection, Pilgrim Park Shopping Spree. We will also be focusing on possible Pilgrim Hill Foundation projects.

## **GOLDEN GALS — November 11**

The Golden Gals will meet on Tuesday, November 11, at 10 AM, at the home of Jean Nadell. Bring a bag lunch.



## **BOARD OF MINISTRY — November 16**

Board of Ministry members — and anyone interested — please join us for the next Board of Ministry Meeting on Sunday, November 16, at 11:30 AM, in the Plum Room.

## **MEN'S GROUP — November 22**



Join us for an hour or so of fellowship and wide-ranging conversation. Our next meeting will be **8:30 AM on Saturday, November 22**, in the De Haan Community Center in Pilgrim Park. Please bring a breakfast pastry for yourself and one other person. We'll take care of the coffee.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 — Phoebe Raade  
8 — Jessica MacKenzie  
8 — Ian MacKenzie  
16 — Eckhard Mahl  
27 — Jean Starkweather



## TIE DEADLINE for the December Issue - Mon., NOV. 24

The deadline for articles and news for the November issue of The TIE is Monday, November 24. Please have all articles for the September issue at the church office by Sunday, November 23rd. Or, email your articles to [lucindaray@aol.com](mailto:lucindaray@aol.com).



Note  
New Office  
Hours

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Rev. Tracy Barnowe** – *Pastor*

Monday 9 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday 9 AM - 1 PM

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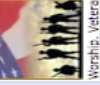












**Eric Rowe** – *Office Manager*

Tuesday 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Friday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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# FCC Calendar November 2014

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>26</b><br><br>10 am<br>Worship: No. women & Higher Education   | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal   | <b>31</b><br><br>Halloween                                     | <b>November 1</b>  |
| <b>2</b><br>Daylight Savings Time Ends<br>10 am<br><br>Worship: All Souls Day.  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>7 am<br><br>Church Council Meeting | <b>6</b><br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>9</b><br>10 am<br><br>Worship: Veterans Blessing.<br>11:30 am<br>Board of Mission Meeting  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Veterans Day<br>10 am<br><br>'Golden Girls' monthly meeting | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal   | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>16</b><br>10 am<br><br>Worship: Church School & Child Care<br>11:30 am<br>Board of Ministry Meeting  | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal   | <b>21</b><br>7 am<br><br>FCC Movie Night - 'In A Better World' | <b>22</b><br>8:30 am<br><br>Men's Group |
| <b>23</b><br>10 am<br><br>Worship: Harvest Blessing  | <b>24</b><br>5 am<br><br>TIE Deadline for December Issue<br>6 am<br>8 E.S.T. Dinner | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br><br>Thanksgiving<br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br>10 am<br><br>Worship: Church School & Child Care<br>11:15 am<br>Family to Family Gift Collection<br>12:30 pm<br>Candy Making Party 12:30-3pm | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>7:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   |

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](http://www.FccSanRafael.org).