

IN THE INTERIM.....

Dear Members and Friends,

As we begin the search for a new minister, we as a congregation get a chance to be thankful for the past with Pastor Tracy, and look forward in new directions. We currently have an interim search committee who has been conducting interviews and has a goal of choosing an interim minister by the end of September. We will be establishing a search committee for our future minister within the next two weeks.

Over the last several weeks we have taken this opportunity to explore new directions in worship which included a Sunday hymn sing, and a reflective Taize service. Many of you have expressed interest in having more of these interactive serv-



es. Your church council would like to hear from you with ideas for more interactive services.

We currently have Pulpit supply lined up for September 3, 10 and 17, and are looking at another interactive service for September 24th. If there is something you would like to suggest for that service, please contact the Board of Ministry or your Church Council. Make sure you put on your calendar the Neighbor in Need offering on October 1st, and the Blessing of the Animals service October 8th.

Your continued support and participation will be of great service throughout this time of transition.

Blessings.

Louis Frost, Church Moderator

HERE ARE THE NEXT STEPS:

- ☒ We appoint an Interim Search Committee to locate and recommend an interim pastor
- ☐ We hire an Interim Pastor
- ☐ 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

WANT THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE?JOIN THE CHOIR

Choir practice resumes on Thursday nights, beginning on September 7. The choir rehearses from 7:40-9:00 PM on Thursdays and gathers at 9:20 AM on Sundays before worship. New singers are MOST WELCOME.



INTERIM SEARCH UPDATE

The interim search committee of Lynn Grant, Louis Frost, and David Knopf is working with Rev. Davena Jone, Associate Conference Minister of the Northern California and Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, to locate an interim pastor who will serve while the church goes through the settled pastor selection process. The committee hopes to be able to make an announcement in the next few weeks.



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. . .

The Board of Trustees Meeting will consider the 2018 budget in the next meeting on Tuesday, September 19. All Boards and Committees which have budget requests for 2018 will need to let the Board know by September 14. Contact David Knopf (chair), Louis Frost (Moderator), or Caryl Hodges (Treasurer) to make a request.

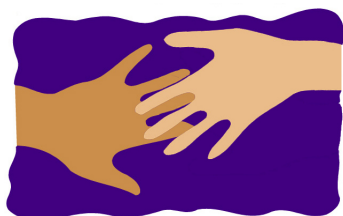
If everybody, every day
Would say the nicest they could say,
And wear a happy smiling face,
The world would surely be a lovely place.

author: unknown

submitted by Denise Walker

PRAYER PARTNERS

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



August 22 - September 2

Hilary Spaulding and Bruce Weir

September 3 - 9

Bob and Sue Spofford

September 10 - 16

Tessa and Colin Templeman

September 17 - 23

Dorothy Trotter

September 24 - 30

Colleen Trudeau

Come and Worship with us!

September 3

Guest Preacher: Rev. Gene Nelson

September 10 - Welcome Back Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Sonny Graves

September 17

Guest Preacher: Jean Jeffress, MDiv.

September 24

Guest Preacher To Be Announced

September 30

Guest Preacher To Be Announced

NEWS ABOUT KIDS



Living in God's light is the theme of this Fall's Sunday School morning activities with young people. We will explore how God's light shines through scripture and our daily life beginning with a curriculum developed by the United Brethren Church and adopted by the UCC.

Part of this light shining is also developing a service project. Our young people are currently considering an animal welfare project (perhaps not quite as ambitious as last year's refugee hygiene kit project....but never underestimate our young people!).



BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



BACKPACK SUNDAY - THANK YOU!

The Board of Mission is very grateful to all of you who so generously donated backpacks and school supplies. Also a big thank you to Megan Fuller, who delivered them all to Ritter Center. Ritter Center was thrilled with the backpacks and was in dire need of more school supplies and we had much to donate in that department! We donated:



30 backpacks	8 sets of crayons	6 sets subject dividers
1 lunch box	156 pencils	1 portfolio
4 binders	2 sets mechanical pencils	1 planner
8 notebooks	10 scissors	2 sets pencil topper erasers
13 pkgs. binder paper	8 rulers	2 pkgs. Index cards
8 pencil cases	89 ballpoint pens	2 sets highlighters
13 sets markers	33 erasers	
42 glue sticks		

Your donations have helped many local area low income students begin the school year with the materials they need. Thank you!

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.

10 Ways to Fight Hate

from the Southern Poverty Law Center

The complete 34-page guide is available at: <https://www.splcenter.org>



THE GOOD NEWS IS ...

All over the country people are fighting hate, standing up to promote tolerance and inclusion. More often than not, when hate flares up, good people rise up against it — often in greater numbers and with stronger voices. This guide sets out 10 principles for fighting hate in your community.

1. ACT

Do something. In the face of hatred, apathy will be interpreted as acceptance by the perpetrators, the public, and — worse — the victims. Community members must take action; if we don't, hate persists.

2. JOIN FORCES

Reach out to allies from churches, schools, clubs, and other civic groups. Create a diverse coalition. Include children, police, and the media. Gather ideas from everyone, and get everyone involved.

3. SUPPORT THE VICTIMS

Hate crime victims are especially vulnerable. If you're a victim, report every incident — in detail — and ask for help. If you learn about a hate crime victim in your community, show support. Let victims know you care. Surround them with comfort and protection.

4. SPEAK UP

Hate must be exposed and denounced. Help news organizations achieve balance and depth. Do not debate hate group members in conflict-driven forums. Instead, speak up in ways that draw attention away from hate, toward unity.

5. EDUCATE YOURSELF

An informed campaign improves its effectiveness. Determine if a hate group is involved, and research its symbols and agenda. Understand the difference between a hate crime and a bias incident.

6. CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE

Do not attend a hate rally. Find another outlet for anger and frustration and for people's desire to do something. Hold a unity rally or parade to draw media attention away from hate.

7. PRESSURE LEADERS

Elected officials and other community leaders can be important allies. But some must overcome reluctance — and others, their own biases — before they're able to take a stand.

8. STAY ENGAGED

Promote acceptance and address bias before another hate crime can occur. Expand your comfort zone by reaching out to people outside your own groups.

9. TEACH ACCEPTANCE

Bias is learned early, often at home. Schools can offer lessons of tolerance and acceptance. Host a diversity and inclusion day on campus. Reach out to young people who may be susceptible to hate group propaganda and prejudice.

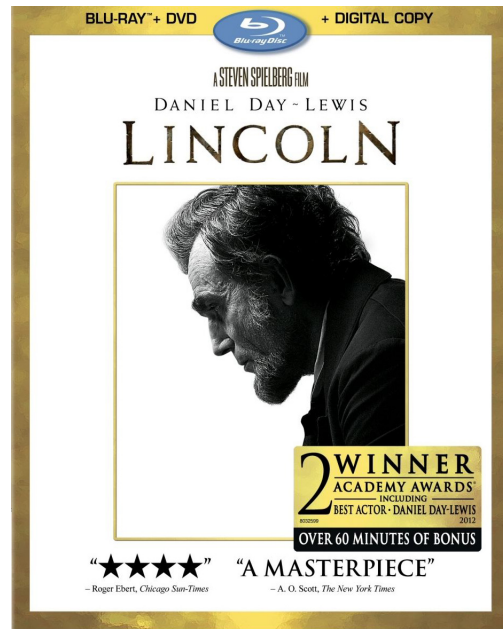
10. DIG DEEPER

Look inside yourself for biases and stereotypes. Commit to disrupting hate and intolerance at home, at school, in the workplace and in faith communities.

MOVIE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 22 - LINCOLN

Just a year ago, the insanity of the 2016 presidential campaign was racing toward its conclusion (and things have only gone downhill since then.) What we need right now is a movie that can help us believe politics doesn't have to be like this.

Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* is such a movie. Drawing Heavily on Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals* it focuses on the last few months of Lincoln's administration: victory in the Civil War and the passage of the 13th amendment ending slavery. In an Oscar-winning performance, Daniel-Day Lewis shows us a multi-dimensional Lincoln: one part self-educated country lawyer who often communicates through jokes and parables; one part troubled statesman, trying to find a way out of our greatest national crisis that can lead to reconciliation and healing.



Lincoln received a total of 13 Academy Award nominations, including “best supporting” for Tommy Lee Jones (Congressman Thaddeus Stevens) and Sally Field (Mary Todd Lincoln.)

7 PM Friday September 22 in the De Haan Center at Pilgrim Park

“This is a film not about an icon of history, but about a president who was scorned by some of his political opponents as just a hayseed from the backwoods. Lincoln is not above political vote buying. He offers jobs, promotions, titles and pork barrel spending. . . . That’s how the game is played, and indeed we may be reminded of the arm-bending used to pass the civil rights legislation by Lyndon B. Johnson.”

Roger Ebert



MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

BOARD OF MISSION

SEPTEMBER 10: The Board of Mission will meet Sunday, at 11:30 in the Plum Room. We will be planning our budget for the upcoming year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 19: The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, September 19. See page 2 for more details.

CHURCH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 27: The Church Council meeting is at 7 PM in the Plum Room.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 — Julie Dowling	10 — Megan Fuller
2 — Barbara Tullis	16 — Will Godbey
4 — Greg Ripley	21 — Josie Hills
6 — Ray O’Leary	23 — Paul Burks
9 — Elaine Farwell	25 — Tim Dempsey
10 — Joan Roane	25 — Caryl Hodges

GOLDEN GALS — SEPTEMBER 12

The Golden Gals will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 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 October issue of The TIE for more details!



TIE DEADLINE for the OCTOBER Issue - Mon., SEPT. 25

The deadline for articles and news for the October 2017 issue of The TIE is Monday, September 25th. Please have all articles for the September issue at the church office by Sunday, September 24th. Or, email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com by Monday, the 25th.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Gwendolyn Morgan — *Office Manager*

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

















Wednesday 9:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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FCC Calendar SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:30 am Board of Ministry meeting	28  5 pm TIE Deadline for SEPTEMBER issue	29	30  7 am Church Council Meeting	31	September 1	2
3  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	4 Labor Day	5	6	7  7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 GrandParents' Day 10 am  Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am WELCOME BACK SUNDAY 11:30 am Board of Mission Meeting	11 Patriot Day	12 10 am  Golden Girls monthly meeting	13	14  7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	18	19 7 am  Board of Trustees Meeting	20	21  7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 7 pm  Movie Night, Lincoln De Haan Center Plaquem Park	23
24  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	25  5 pm TIE Deadline for SEPTEMBER issue	26	27  7 pm Church Council Meeting	28  7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

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.