

February 2018
First Congregational Church of
San Rafael

The TIE

TRAINS OF THOUGHT by REV. SALLY TRAIN



Last Sunday I had a taste of my first FCCSR potluck. Wow!! Delicious! Great food! Great conversations! Great people!

I am already looking forward to the next one. I hope you are too, because we have a very important potluck coming up very soon:

February 11 Church Potluck of Celebration and Exploration!

Right after worship on February 11 we will enjoy food, friends, and fellowship with a purpose! While we eat together, we will engage in a joyful process of naming and celebrating what makes our church so special—what it is that touches our hearts, lifts our spirits, and engages our souls. We will then spend some time dreaming about our future together and where we feel the Spirit is leading us.

The Pastoral Search Committee will use the information they glean from this day to help them in their work of creating a church profile and select-

ing a new settled minister. Your presence and input are essential. Please mark your calendars and plan to come. (And bring something yummy to share!)



I was excited to come serve FCCSR because I believed that it is a special place—a small but mighty church. As the weeks go by, that belief gets stronger. This is a special place! There is a spirit of caring here. And a spirit of conviction. The light of Christ shines brightly here.

As the songs says, “Hide it under a bushel - No!” We do not want to keep this place a secret. It is time to let the light shine all over Marin County.

With that in mind, we ask you to please write a review of the church on Yelp. This will help others who are searching for just such a place to find us and join their lights with ours. (It is my understanding that Yelp may delete your review if it is the only one you have written. So, if you are new to Yelp, please review a couple of other places – restaurants or stores—before reviewing the church.)

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Pastor Sally



CHURCH POTLUCK OF CELEBRATION AND EXPLORATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sunday, February 11, is an important day in the life of this church as we work together for the future. On this day, immediately after church, the congregation will eat together and dream and share our hopes for

our future. Please read Pastor Sally's article on the previous page to learn more about this important and delicious event. Everyone is welcome, and your ideas are needed!



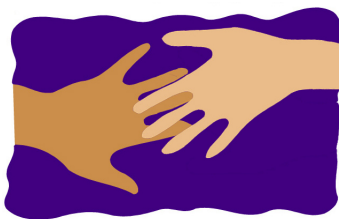
MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

JANUARY 28: The Board of Ministry meeting will be at 11:30 AM

FEBRUARY 13: The Board of Mission meeting will be at 11:30 AM, Oak Room.

PRAYER PARTNERS

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



January 28 - February 3

Megan Fuller, Elisabeth and Will Godby

February 4 - 10

Elizabath Ganz

February 11 - 17

Judy and Jim Girard

February 18 - 24

Lynn Grant

February 25 - March 3

Catherine Hills, Audrey, Josie



Come and **Worship** with us!



February 4 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Gift of Gratitude

February 11 Psalms 32, 51, 103

Prayer of Confession and Acceptance of Forgiveness

February 18 Ephesians 4:31-32 and Matthew 18:21-22

A Day to Forgive

February 25 Romans 8:26-28 and Matthew 7:7-11

Prayer of Petition

THE INTERIM PROCESS -- HERE ARE THE NEXT STEPS:

- ☒ We appoint an Interim Search Committee to locate and recommend an interim pastor
- ☒ We hire an Interim Pastor - **Rev. Sally Train began November 8.**
- ☒ We appoint a Search Committee -
**Megan Fuller, David Knopf, Alana Intrater, Anice Flesh,
Michael Meehan, Helen MacLam, Annie Song-Hill, Oak Dowling**
- ☐ 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



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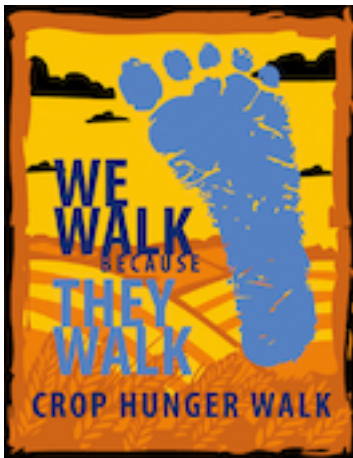
MARIN CROP HUNGER WALK MARCH 11

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events where folks from different faiths, cultures, and school groups work together to help address the horrors of hunger in our world – even for those battling hunger in our own city of San Rafael.

We are hoping for our usual 10-15 walkers who will seek donations from neighbors, family, and friends. Then on the afternoon of Sunday, March 11, all who sign up to walk the 3K route in downtown San Rafael will be carrying banners and hoping to gather additional support from merchants along the way. The steps we take, and the funds we raise, will make a real difference! Step Up! We need you.

Fundraising is easier if you use the Marin CROP Hunger Walk

Website: www.crophungerwalk.org/sanrafaelca See Sue Spofford for more details.



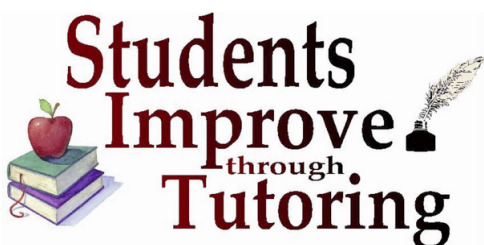
R.E.S.T. DINNERS CONTINUE FEBRUARY 12

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. The dates are **Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9.**



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

We can use your help with table set up, food dishes (we can also pick up any dish/item you make/donate prior to 5:30, if needed), food serving, and clean up. Any donation of food, help or time you can offer is appreciated. If you can help **please contact Sher Ripley at 415-577-6104 or sher.ripley@gmail.com with dates you are available to help** and in what way (set up, main dish, salad or side dish, dessert, or goodie bags etc.). If you have a certain dish you would like to make please include that info in your message. Jackie Dema can also answer any questions and help pick up any donations.



AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING MEETS on WEDNESDAYS 4-5 PM

Sponsored by the Board of Mission, After School Tutoring serves children from Pilgrim Park and provides support and tutoring as they complete their school homework assignments. About 3-4 children are attending on Wednesdays in the Oak Room. We are definitely in need of more tutors to help staff this vital program. If you are able to tutor, please see Lucinda Ray.

LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ICE ON IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD - Jan. 30

Jessica Marker, Director of Partnership, Venetia Valley School

Topics being covered:

- Immigration enforcement updates + Know Your Rights refresher
- Detention and deportation patterns and practices
- Accompaniment and Solidarity
- Case study: Venetia Valley's mobilization in response to Hugo Mejia's detention
- How allies and rapid responders can use this training moving forward



Time: 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Date: Tuesday
January 30th, 2018

Location: Marin County Office of
Education
1111 Las Gallinas Ave
San Rafael, CA 94903

To register for this event, please
visit Canal Alliance's website and
complete the Google sign-up
form:

canalalliance.org/impacttraining

For questions, contact Sarah Emory at sarahe@canalalliance.org or (415) 306-0414

EVERY DOLLAR FEEDS KIDS NEEDS THESE ITEMS CAN YOU HELP DONATE THEM?



One of our EDFK Board members will be traveling to Cuernavaca in February. She will be taking items for the children we support there. Here are the items she is hoping to take with her. If you can donate any of these, **please bring them to worship either Jan. 28, Feb. 4, or Feb. 11. Lucinda Ray will be collecting them.**

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Soap
Multivitamins

Books in Spanish for preschool children
Small toys for preschool children
Games for preschool children (in Spanish)



SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018 2 PM

IRISH MUSIC CONCERT



**Featuring Shannon Warty, vocalist
and Catherine John, violinist**

**Benefiting Every Dollar Feeds Kids -
Feeding, educating and empowering the poorest of
the poor in Morelos, Mexico since 1999**

Suggested donation \$20

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MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 2 - *SPOTLIGHT*

(Note: Due to scheduling problems this is the slightly-delayed “February” Movie Night. Our regular March movie night will be Friday March 30.)

The newsrooms big city newspapers have always provided a stage for great drama, and perhaps the endangered status of newspapers in the age of the internet explains the upsurge of terrific newspaper movies in recent years.

Arguably the best of the recent newsroom dramas is *Spotlight* which won the Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay Oscars for 2015. (It was also recently in the news again, when one of its central characters, Cardinal Bernard Law, disgraced ex-Archbishop of Boston, died in Rome in December.)



Spotlight tells the story of an investigative unit at The Boston Globe that set out to report on what they thought was a single rogue priest whose history of child abuse was being covered-up by the church. They persisted in their investigation despite efforts by most of Boston’s establishment to shut them down. By the time they published, a year later, they had lifted the lid on a self-inflicted wound to the Catholic church that is still not fully resolved.

Interestingly, *Spotlight* was written and directed by Tom McCarthy, who was previously known for small, thoughtful dramas like *The Station Agent* and *The Visitor* (both of which we’ve seen on Movie Night) and who is Catholic and a graduate of Boston College.

“The movie celebrates a specific professional accomplishment and beautifully captures the ethos of journalism. It is also a defense of professionalism in a culture that increasingly holds it in contempt. Everything in this movie works, which is only fitting, since its vision of heroism involves showing up in the morning and — whether inspired by bosses or in spite of them — doing the job.”

A.O. Scott, *The New York Times*

7 PM Friday March 2 in the De Haan Center at Pilgrim Park

You can view the trailer for *Spotlight* on the FCCSR website.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6 — Ralph Sherer
11 — Samuel Dempsey
15 — Richard Walker
18 — Jasmin Morales
25 — Rachael Knopf

GOLDEN GALS — February 13

The Golden Gals will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 10 AM, at the home of Jean Nadell. Bring a bag lunch.



TIE DEADLINE for the March Issue - Tues., FEB. 20

The deadline for articles and news for the March 2018 issue of The TIE is Tuesday, February 20. Please have all articles for the February issue at the church office by Sunday, February 18. Or, email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Wednesday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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FCC Calendar February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Board of Ministry meeting	29	30	31  4 pm - 5 pm After School Tutoring	February 1 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	2 Groundhog Day	3
4  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care	5	6	7  4 pm - 5 pm After School Tutoring	8 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 11 am  Church Potluck of Celebration and Celebration	12  Lincoln's Birthday 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  REST Dinner	13 10 am  Golden Calf monthly meeting	14  4 pm - 5 pm After School Tutoring	15 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Board of Mission Meeting	19  President's Day Washington's Birthday	20 5 pm  TIE Deadline for March issue	21  4 pm - 5 pm After School Tutoring	22 7:40 pm  Choir Rehearsal	23	24
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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.