

The TIE

THE INTERIM PROCESS -- HERE ARE THE NEXT STEPS:

- ☒ We appoint an Interim Search Committee to locate and recommend an interim pastor
The Interim Search Committee is Louis Frost, Megan Fuller, and David Santschi.
- ☐ 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



INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Interim Search Committee continues to meet to review and discuss profiles and interview pastoral candidates. To date, we have reviewed four profiles and have interviewed two candidates. We are making steady progress in finding an Intentional Interim Pastor to serve our congregation and hope to be able to make an announcement soon.

Louis Frost, David Santschi, and Megan Fuller, Interim Search Committee



GARDENING HELP NEEDED SAT., MARCH 23, 11-12 NOON

Come and help do a little light weeding, to beautify the grounds around our church on Saturday, March 23, from 11 AM to noon.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Don't forget to change your clocks (set them ahead one hour) on Saturday night, March 9!

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

Make a joyful noise! Sing with a great group of people! We rehearse from 9:30-9:50 on Sunday before worship and from 11:15-12:00 or 12:15 after worship.

Singing makes you feel better. ...Singing enhances lung function...
...Singing helps you beat stress and relax. ...Singing helps improve memory. ...Singing builds a sense of community. ...



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

If you wish to purchase an Easter lily or spring bulb in memory or celebration of a loved one, please fill out the order form that will be in the Sunday bulletins in March. Lilies are \$10 and flowering plants are \$5.



PRAYER PARTNERS

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



February 25 - March 2
James "Trip" True

March 3 - 9
Denise Walker

March 10 - 16
Bruce Weir

March 17 - 23
Barabara Alexander

March 24 - 30
Kelly Anderson

Come and **Worship** **w i t h u s !**



***We will be worshipping at 10 AM.
The service will also be available streaming on YouTube (see next page).***

March 3 Communion Sunday
Guest Minister: Rev. Elisabeth Middelberg



**March 10 Guest Minister: Rev. Barry Cammer will
join us again.**



March 17 Guest Minister: TBA



March 23 Palm Sunday
Guest Minister: TBA



March 28 Maundy Thursday
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Soup Supper and Taize service

March 29 Good Friday
12 - 3 PM
Meditation Walk, Meditation, and Music

March 31 Easter Sunday Celebration
Guest Minister: Rev. Janie Spahr





ZOOM MEETINGS LET US GATHER TOGETHER SAFELY

We are also providing our Sunday worship service streaming on YouTube at 10 a.m. You can use either your computer, your cell phone, or your tablet. See below.

Link to join all church Zoom meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2011092691?pwd=c2V0RXEvWXF4STNNSTlxbWFFTENuZz09>

Meeting ID: ID: 201 109 2691

Password: FCCSR!

Call in number 1-669-900-6833

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS NOW LIVE ON YOU TUBE

We broadcast live Sunday mornings on YouTube. Our channel address is:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqlXLjsBEmjdGuoOKnOykA>
- Then click on videos->live
- Subscribe and each week you will get a direct link.

We will also post a direct link each week in the What's Happening? email.

The whole service unedited will be available for a few days; then an edited version to include just the sermon will be posted.

If you are having trouble getting connected, email Knopf.david@gmail.com

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS -- VIA ZOOM

March 12: The Board of Ministry will meet on **Tuesday**, March 12, at 11:45 AM.

March 20: The Board of Mission will meet on **Wednesday**, March 20, at 1 PM.

March 21: The Board of Trustees will meet on **Thursday**, March 21, at 7 PM.

March 27: The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday**, March 27, at 5 PM.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Pulpit Supply

David continues to make sure we have great preachers every Sunday!

Facilities

David reported that the roof leak is repaired after two visits by the roofer.

Landscaping Help Needed

Saturday, March 23 volunteers are needed for light gardening chores.

Use of our Building

AARP is offering tax service at church on Tuesdays. We charge no rent to them.



BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



STREET CHAPLAINCY DINNER A SUCCESS

On Tuesday, February 6 a group from our congregation volunteered at the Street Chaplaincy dinner at the First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael, for people who are homeless or in need. We shopped for groceries, helped Chef Michael and his staff prepare the meal, helped to serve it, and sat and ate with those who came. We will be doing this again on May 21st, so if you missed an opportunity to help this month, you will have another chance!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING - MARCH 10

One Great Hour of Sharing is the refugee, relief and development special mission offering of the UCC. OGHS is at work all around the year, all around the world—sharing resources and changing lives. The UCC works with domestic and international partners, to provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives. This year's special offering for OGHS is set for March 10, 2024.

Your gifts help organizations confront food insecurity and hunger. OGHS partners with others to provide immediate aid to those affected by disasters, poverty, or fleeing conflict—providing food, water, shelter, and companionship during times of distress. Your dollars support soup kitchens and food pantries. OGHS shows up when people are in crisis.

In addition, your financial gifts enable the building (and rebuilding) of structures and processes that make a difference for the future, providing education and helping hands for long-term improvements. OGHS is YOUR reach into the world, working in partnership with people we will never meet to transform lives for generations to come.

We hope you will consider making this special offering during the month of March, by including a check made payable to FCC San Rafael, with OGHS 2024 on the memo line.

REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK

Please help us continue to stock the pantry at the Marin Food Bank for neighbors in Marin who continue to struggle with food insecurity. Bring in non-perishable food items - peanut butter, canned goods, rice, cereal, canned meat. Deposit them in our Food Bank barrel. Thank you for your generous support.



BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

In February, we were graced with guest preachers Rev. Blythe Osner, Rev. Bill Eichhorn, and Rev. Annie Steinberg-Behrman.

Lent started on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Some thoughts about Lent and a challenge for discipleship from UCC.org:

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me....”

Mark 8:34

During the season of Lent, Christians have historically focused on repentance, reflection, and humility. That intention has encouraged practices, such as fasting, giving up something and other spiritual disciplines ...in the way of sacrificial living modeled by Jesus.

In that spirit, Christians may also elect to take on a new practice rather than letting go ... The question is not whether we will give something up or take something on. Rather, the imperative of the moment is to say no to what needs to be discarded to make space (“to say yes”) for what we will gain. In this season of Lent, we will commit to say “no”... (so we can say yes!).

Upcoming Worship in March

March 3– The Reverend Elisabeth Middelberg will preach and offer Communion.

March 10- The Reverend Barry Cammer will join us again. Remember to bring your OGHS envelope for the offering. See page 5 for more details.

March 17- St Patrick’s Day

Holy Week

March 24 10 AM Palm Sunda: We will celebrate with palms and “Hosannas!”

March 28 5:30-7PM Maundy Thursday Ritual simple hand-washing, and soup and bread supper in the Community Room will be followed by a Taize-style service in the Sanctuary.

March 29 12-3 PM Good Friday A self-led meditation walk will be provided in the courtyard (weather permitting). The Sanctuary will be open for individual prayer and to enjoy inspirational, meditative recorded music. Drop by anytime during 12-3 PM.

March 31 8:30 - 9 AM Easter Sunday

Come early if you want to share flowers from your garden and/or you wish to help with decorate our cross. You can also drop off cut flowers in the church office (in water) on Friday or Saturday if you cannot come early on Sunday but wish to contribute flowers.

March 31 10 AM Easter Sunday

Come celebrate our Christ’s Resurrection with Alleluias! The Reverend Janie Spahr will be leading worship and preaching. We will continue our tradition of filling the Sanctuary with memorial lilies and flowering bulbs. We will fill the cross with flowers from our spring gardens. Plan to join for a Community Time of fellowship following joyful worship.



Next Board of Ministry meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 11:45 AM on Zoom.

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For Urgent Pastoral Care The Reverends Ann and Bill Eichhorn (most recently they served as bridge pastors at Tiburon Community Church) have agreed to serve as our Emergency “Chaplains” during our interim period. Should you need a visit or call, please contact them at: revbilleichhorn@gmail.com or 415.383-6590.



Prayer Chain

E-mail either Julie Dowling isabella1472@comcast.net or Annie Song-Hill asonghill@gmail.com if you have a prayer request you would like included in the prayer chain.

Lent 1966

by Madeleine L'Engle

It is my Lent to break my Lent,
To eat when I would fast,
To know when slender strength is spent,
Take shelter from the blast
When I would run with wind and rain,
To sleep when I would watch.
It is my lent to smile at pain
But not ignore its touch.

It is my Lent to listen well
When I would be alone,
To talk when I would rather dwell
In silence, turn from none
Who call on me, to try to see
That what is truly meant
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 8 — Sue Spofford
- 11 — Jackie Dema
- 19 — Charles Little
- 24 — Blair Ripley
- 25 — Milagro Ramirez



TIE DEADLINE for APRIL 2024 issue - Mon., March 25

The deadline for articles and news for the April 2024 issue of The TIE is Monday, March 25. Please email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com by Monday, March 25.



Emergency Pastoral Support

Rev. Bill Eichhorn

Rev. Ann Eichhorn

Phone: 415-383-6590

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Amy Powers – Office Manager

Monday 11 AM- 2 PM
















Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

You can contact Amy by phone or email any time.

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FCC Calendar MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM	26	27 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE	28 5 am - 6 pm  Church Council Meeting via ZOOM	29 7:30 am - 8:30 pm  BOOK CLUB Reading ROUGH SLEEPERS	March 1	2
3  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM	4	5 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving (Start)  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM	11	12 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 11:45 am  Board of Ministry Meeting 12 noon via ZOOM	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day  10 am Worship, Church School & Child Care 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM	18	19 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE	20 10 am - 2 pm  BOARD of MISSION Meeting on ZOOM	21 7 am - 8 am  BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING via ZOOM	22	23 11 am - 12 pm  Gardenia and Wedding
24 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM 10 am  PALM SUNDAY	25	26 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE	27 5 pm - 6 pm  Church Council Meeting via ZOOM	28 5 pm - 6:30 pm  MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER and TAIZE	29 12 pm - 3 pm  GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION AND MUSIC	30
31 Easter 10 am - 11 am Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM 10 am  EASTER SUNDAY	1 April Fool's Day	2 10 am - 2 pm AARP TAX ASSISTANCE	3	4	5	6

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.