



The Bridge

November 2014 | Community Congregational Church UCC

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Church Office Hours Tue—Wed 10:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. Renie's
Office Hours

by appointment

Happenings

2
10:00 AM Communion Sunday
Worship
12:00 PM Middle and High
School Youth Group

4
10:00 AM Women's Coffee

6
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

8 8:30 AM Feeding
Our Friends of the
Street



9
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship
12:00 PM Middle and High
School Youth Group

11
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

13
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

16
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship Service

18
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
6:45 PM Church Council
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

19 6:00 PM **THANKSGIVING
FEAST**

20 7:00 PM Choir
Rehearsal



22
Building &
Grounds
Fellowship Day!

23
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship

25
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

27 **Thanksgiving
DAY**

30
10:00 AM Communion Sunday
Worship
12:00 PM Middle and High
School Youth Group

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**Save the date!!!
CCCUC Annual Crab Feed
Friday February 27, 2015**



Treasurer's Report

Shelby Riddle

We have had a very stable first quarter. Overall, we are doing pretty well. We passed a deficit budget in July, and we are close to the numbers for that deficit. We're behind a little on pledging (statements will be coming out soon from Nancy Gilman), but are ahead a little in parishioner contributions (loose offerings). We have not received the August payment from Happy Hearts, which has also affected us on the income side. We raised approximately \$2550 from the Stewardship auction.



If you want to see the specific numbers, or be involved in the budget and finance side of the church, we have a Budget and Finance Committee which is a sub-committee of Stewardship. You can contact Nancy Aldritt or Carla Goad for more information on when we meet. I also present the financial report monthly to Council, and we review it there. In January the mid-term budget review will occur at our Congregational meeting.

Music Matters



Barbara Hamm

A few raindrops, a few leaves changing color, and the early-morning sounding of the foghorn signal the changing season. They remind us of the dynamic energy of our planet and of the myriad ways in which the Creator attends to our needs. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let us be grateful for the blessings of home, family, friends, and a church. Let us be willing to share our blessings so that others may see our love for God in the love that we show for each other and for those whose lives we touch.

Upcoming Special Music by the Sanctuary Choir

- Oct. 26 – Psalm 95
- Nov. 2 – The Gift of Love
- Nov. 9 – Come to Us
- Nov. 16 – Unclouded Day
- Nov. 23 – All Creatures of Our God and King
- Nov. 30 – Emmanuel, God with Us

Upcoming Rehearsals:

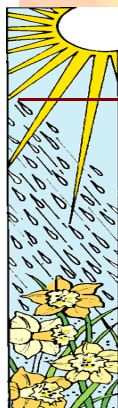
Women and Girls' Chorus – Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Dec. 7 after fellowship time

Save the Date:

CCC Christmas Concert – Friday, Dec. 12, 7 pm

Let them praise his name
with dancing,
making melody to him
with tambourine and lyre.

Psalm 149:3, NRSV



Prayer Concerns

- Peg Stone
- Alice Burgess
- Barbara Hamm
- Carla Goad & Nancy Aldritt
- Allison Stamm-Kirk & Family
- Edward Olm (Dale's father)
- Jennifer Otero, her daughters Elizabeth, Victoria and Isabella

- Prayers for our leaders
- Prayers for all families struggling with pain and separation
- Prayers for all our military personnel
- Prayers for our planet
- We pray for all those affected by war, and we pray for peace

Campus Enhancement

Jim Lessenger

The planning department approved the plan for the parking lot rebuild. The problem is that they required lower light standards to minimize light impact on our neighbors. Thus, we needed more light standards and that put us about \$17,000 over budget.

Before we can go over budget, we will need the approval of the Congregation. But, Jim Goring, our architect, thinks that he and Mr. Ham can get the budget and bid under the authorized amount of \$350,000. So, the problem may have been solved. Stay tuned.

Jackie from Happy Hearts filed an appeal to the approval of the planning department. She said that the fumes from the asphalt paving and dust from construction would harm the children. We had already sent her a letter stating that we would delay construction until the first week of January when she would be gone. But she appealed anyway. Moderator Keith Read will present our case on November 20 before the Historic Preservation Review Commission.

After the HPRC appeal, then a construction permit can be issued by the city, Mr. Ham can finalize the bid, we can sign the construction contracts, and we can start construction. **We hope to begin construction in January.**



Pastor's Ponderings

Rev. Renie Stamm-Kirk



Greetings,

I think I'm like many people, I sorta dread October. Or at least I use to. This year the Giants made the difference for me, how about for you? It's always great to have a "Home Team" win the World Series!!!! The games were well played and they made the month FLY by... I didn't mind the usual fact that School is well under way so there's lots of transportation issues and new clothes to be bought and in California it usually meant the rains were coming. And it was always the Trifecta of Holidays combine in the store, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas all at the same time, confusing at best, frightening at worse! Don't get me wrong I like those Holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, but when you see them all displayed at the same time in the stores it's like some ad company threw up on us.... I just want to take them one at a time. Now that Halloween is behind us, let us focus ourselves on Thanksgiving. Each year we celebrate as a church with a HUGE feast the Wednesday the

week before(11/19)! Yummy food and NONE of the family feuding, what more could you want? And then just as we're putting away the leftovers it's time to hang the greens in our sanctuary on **November 29, Greening the Sanctuary** as we get ready for Advent & the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child (as oppose to the coming of the bearded one). This year we will be doing a Biblo-Drama in worship throughout Advent leading us the **Christmas Pageant on December 21st**. So you are not going to want to miss worship on any Sunday in November.

This year the Christmas Pageant will center around a drama about this mysterious birth of the Christ Child thru the eyes of the Three Wise Ones. The Series will be "Got a Clue?"

My Prayer for each of you is that you have an amazing Fall Season and may the Christmas season bring you all the magic and wonder you sincerely long for a need.

*Blessings,
Pastor Renie*

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**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

If you know of someone in our church family who needs a visit, please let Pastor Renie or the Pastoral Care Team (Jennifer Otero) know. We don't always hear about a need right away. Thanks!



- Nov 1 Ruel, Eileen*
- Nov 1 Gilman, Nancy*
- Nov 1 Martin, Pam*
- Nov 1 Martinez, Lynn*
- Nov 6 Lawrence, Lynn*
- Nov 10 Scott, Mickey*
- Nov 19 Ensminger, Veronica*
- Nov 19 Wingert, Charles
- Nov 28 Stanley, Dale*

ENJOY THE BRIDGE *ONLINE!*

We hope you enjoy the Bridge Newsletter! Would you like to read the newsletter by e-mail? If so, send your e-mail address to us at bridge@cccucc.org and save a tree!

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Written contributions for future editions can be sent to revrenie@cccucc.org (deadline is the 20th of each month) or placed in the church secretary's in-box and marked "Bridge". All material submitted is subject to editing for space and content.



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