



# The Bridge

February 2015 Community Congregational Church UCC

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

Rev. Renie's  
Office Hours

Tues & Thurs. by appointment

## Happenings

- 1**  
10:00 AM Communion Sunday  
Worship  
12:00 PM Middle and High School  
Youth Group
- 3**  
10:00 AM Women's Coffee  
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal
- 5**  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 8**  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning  
Worship  
12:00 PM Middle and High School  
Youth Group
- 10**  
10:00 AM Women's Coffee  
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal
- 12**  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 14**  
8:30 AM Second Saturday —  
Feeding our friends on the street
- 15**  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning  
Worship  
11:30 Ground Breaking Ceremony

- 17**  
10:00 AM Women's Coffee  
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

- 18**  
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

- 19**  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

- 20**  
7:00 PM 

- 22**  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning  
Worship  
12:00 PM Middle and High School  
Youth Group

- 24**  
10:00 AM Women's Coffee  
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

- 26**  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

- 27**  
6:00 pm **CRAB FEED**

- 28**  
9:00 AM **Building and Grounds  
Work Day**

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## IMPORTANT DATES!!



**Friday, February 27, 2015**  
at Vallejo Veterans Memorial  
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo

## Campus Enhancement

Jim Lessenger

On 1/18/15 the Campus Enhancement committee decided the following:

Accepted the bid of Westgate Construction for \$305,738.00.

Accepted the bid of Greenshine New Energy for \$37,296.08.

Reiterated that the repairs to the sewer system are a separate program under a separate budget, but to be constructed by Mr. Ham during the lot reconstruction. The exact costs will depend upon what is found when we excavate the sewer lines.

We will purchase the lighting fixtures directly from the manufacturer (Greenshine) and install them ourselves with hired labor. An electrician is not needed as no power lines will be installed. We will accept delivery of the materials in about 10 weeks at a site to be announced. That way we will eliminate the “middle men” in the process and apply “sweat equity” i.e. our own labor, to lower the costs. This plan should save us about \$30,000 in lighting alone. So, far by applying our own labor, we have already saved \$22,000 in site destruction and will save at least \$20,000 in landscaping. That makes the total estimate of “sweat equity” at \$72,000—not counting planning, etc.

Mr. Ham will construct the ten light bases as part of his bid. We will be actively searching for a location to store and assemble the lighting components.

The officers of the church signed the contract with Mr. Ham of Westgate Construction and the proforma invoice with Greenshine New Energy. (photo below)

Construction will commence on February 16.

There will be a ground breaking ceremony on February 15 (Sunday) at 11:30 AM.

The construction is expected to be finished by mid-April depending upon weather, the extent of sewer work, alien invasions, etc.

The work will be done in phases:

Phase 1: Concrete, retaining walls, and sewer repairs. The concrete will be brushed.

Phase 2: Bases for the lights.

Phase 3: Resurface the lot (in sections).

Mr. Ham will require 10% up front for a retainer and a final 10% retention held back by us (Cornerstone) until we get all lien releases, etc. from Mr. Ham. Payment will go directly from Cornerstone to the contractor.

We will need a night guard to protect the concrete from vandalism as it cures the first night.

Mr. Ham insists that only one person have change order authority (Jim Lessenger with Greg Cox as backup).

Further, Jim Lessenger will try to be on the campus as much as possible.



## Music Matters

Barbara Hamm



The Epiphany Season with its emphasis on the light, is mirrored in the world of nature as we see the days lengthening. The ancient world anxiously awaited the return of the light/relief from winter as a sign that the gods would once again look with favor upon human beings. In the gospel of John, chapter one, Jesus is described as the true light that God sent into the world to overcome the darkness. Jesus shows the path to life and lights our path as we try to follow in the way of justice and peace.

### Music Ministry for the month of February:

Feb. 1 – “Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast” – Sanctuary Choir

Feb. 8 – “Panis Angelicus” with new text composed by soloist Mary Susan Gast

Feb. 15 – “Be Thou My Vision” – Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by The Rolling Tones

Feb. 22 – “The Deer’s Cry” – Sanctuary Choir with Deborah Shanks, soloist, and Leslie Lessenger, flute

## Welcome and Growth

Dale and Debi Stanley

### ““Bring Your Own Welcome” (BYOW)!

The Welcome and Growth is planning an activity to begin this month. Please join us!

Purpose: To extend our welcome activities beyond Sunday worship and fellowship times

When: Every Friday evening of every month to be “BYOW Night” (“Bring your own Welcome”) which will be a very informal game night (board games, etc.) for everyone and anyone.

Place: Fellowship Hall

BYOF: “Bring Your Own Friends” (please invite your church and non-church friends; assure them they will be warmly welcomed and not proselytized, etc.)

Time: 7-9pm last Friday of every month except when other church events supersede

Format:

- BYOG “Bring Your Own Games”
- BYOS “Bring Your Own Snacks” (Welcome and Growth Committee will supply cold drink refreshments)

Note: Please contact Welcome and Growth chairs, Debi or Dale Stanley with questions, suggestions, or if you need a ride.





## Stewardship

## Carla Goad and Nancy Aldritt

Happy New Year! 2015 is getting off to an amazing start with much going on in the life our Congregation and church campus. January is the month that we have our mid-year Congregational meeting, a time when we examine our budget that covers the fiscal year of July 2014-June 2015.



We are pleased by the Congregational community's continued commitment to support the church as our outlook is a better picture than we had last July. As you may recall our congregation passed a deficit budget which was \$12,140 short because we knew there were changes ahead which would move us towards balance. We call it faith and abundance.

At the January 25th mid-year Congregational meeting we presented a revised budget that still has a deficit, but only by \$5,947. While the goal is to have a balanced budget, we are grateful for the improvement our congregation has made in the past 6 months. One of the significant changes is our joint ministry with Playing to Learn pre-school. In addition to being a wonderful resource for families in our community, Playing to Learn is contributing more in rent improving our congregational income. Renovation has begun in the preschool and soon it will be bustling with children in safe, affordable, quality daycare.

The revised budget also included a staffing plan recommended by the Church Council that will allow us to hire a much needed Office Manager and to continue our search for an Associate Pastor. We are delighted that the Congregation passed the mid-year revised budget.

Wondering how you can help bring abundant financial resources to Community Congregational Church? Our annual Crab Feed and Auction is the next big opportunity to move us forward. The more tickets we sell, the more funds we raise for our beloved church and its programs. The annual Crab Feed and Auction is on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial beginning at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased on line ([www.cccucc.org](http://www.cccucc.org)) or from Nancy Gilman, Nancy Aldritt or Carla Goad. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, eat delicious crab and support the missions of our church. You can also support the event by donating big ticket raffle items, e.g. autographed sports memorabilia, a weekend away in the mountains, specially prepared dinners, concerts, etc. We are also soliciting donations from local business owners, so any connections you have are most appreciated, just give us a call or drop us a note at 925-586-8021 or [sstop16@att.net](mailto:sstop16@att.net).

Thank you again for your generosity and commitment in so many ways. CCC UCC is abundant and abuzz with much activity. See you at the Crab Feed!!!!



## Parking Lot Closure, But NOT the Church

This is an exciting time in the life of the church, in a few weeks our parking lot will have had a much needed face lift. Meanwhile it will be necessary to park elsewhere as construction goes on. (That Does Not Mean Staying Home.)

We will need to park on the street. The entrance to the church will only be from the street. Walking down the sidewalk between the CE building and the sanctuary and then through the choir room.

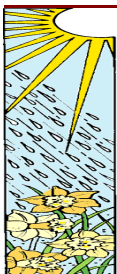
Plans for assistance have been made for Sunday mornings. At curb side in front of the church will be a drop off point for those who would have difficulty walking. A Greeter will be waiting to assist you on your way to service. Drivers who have dropped off passengers, will then park along West M, West 2nd St. and Raymond Street. Those who cannot make the walk from their car, a ride will be provided. Others are encouraged to walk the short distance. After service and or fellowship a ride to your car for those who need assistance will be provided. And drop off passengers will be waiting for you to pick them up.

Thank you for understanding the need for alternate parking. If you can help with these plans or have your own thoughts about parking, please email them to [sendmail2jackie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sendmail2jackie@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks.

Campus Improvement Parking Committee

## Prayer Concerns



Jan Wong (for the passing of her father)  
 Dale Olm (for the passing of his father)  
 Alice Burgess  
 Barbara Hamm  
 Peg Stone  
 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

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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!



- Feb 2 Hartzell, Valerie\*
- Feb 5 Olm, Dale\*
- Feb 7 Kravets, Kathleen\*
- Feb 14 Mason, Carl\*
- Feb 15 Stanley, Kevin
- Feb 19 Osada, Carolyn\*
- Feb 19 Schaffer, Nancy\*
- Feb 21 Hill, Ivy
- Feb 22 Goad, Carla\*
- Feb 24 Stephens, Carol\*

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