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Servants growing in unity and love

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Sunday Schedule:

AdultChurch School:	9:30 am
Children's Gathering	10:00 am
Morning Worship:	10:30 am
Fellowship Time:	12:00 pm
Choir Practice:	12:30 pm

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OUR STATEMENT OF CALLING

Using the gifts of our members, we seek to expand the reach of this congregation to bring the blessings of a life of faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ to an ever widening circle within our community, and – joining with other churches – to share the Church's Mission to the ends of the earth.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

- Bible Study (taught by Wanda) will be on Wednesday evenings with a light supper before (except for first Wednesdays when Taizé Services are held).
- Vacation Bible Camp plans are well underway!
- There will be a cake walk fundraiser for VBC at the first Sunday supper on February 6.
- The children will have Lenten Activity booklets.
- Rich Prioste was approved for the PRC.
- The Fellowship Potluck will have a baked potato bar this month. Bring salads and desserts. We will play BINGO afterwards.
- We celebrated the mission we had with Friends Outside. We served seven families this year!
- Lenten plans are being made.
- The new projection system for the sanctuary was discussed. A special board meeting will be held February 13th following worship.
- The plans for motion sensors for our lights were approved.
- Many wonderful plans and programs and ministries were heard and celebrated.
- Sinapi was given approval to do a Ping Pong ministry two Saturdays a month through March.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's Sunday School will now meet at 10 a.m. in the Children's Center. Jordan will have activities and the children may bring snacks if they wish. Call Jordan for more information.

Book Chat February 14, 7 pm
"In the Company of Others"
A Father Tim Novel by Jan Karon

Loaves and Fishes

The Disciples Men invite all men, women, and youth to join our "Loaves and Fishes Group".

What is it?
- A Brown Bag fellowship group
- A Study Group: "Missional Church"
- A mission group

What will happen at the Group?
- Bring a sandwich and drink and join us for lunch on Saturday
- Jon will lead a table talk about a Bible story or issue
- We will plan a mission project for the month
- We will work toward that project together.

When does it start?
- Saturday, January 22nd
- Noon to 1:30 pm
- In the Children's Center.

Valentine Dance

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PAFCC Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 22, 7 pm

Velvet Sound Big Band

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

January 30th

Message:
"For What do You Hunger and Thirst" .....Jon Smith
Text .....Psalm 63, Matthew 5:6
Acolytes ..... Rena Okamoto & Micaela Leong
Children's Moment..... Kelley Rainwater
Communion Preparation .....R & I Okamoto
Deacons .....Rex Garr & Susan Wood
Elder .....Margaret Pepple
Fellowship Time ..... Margaret & Wayne Pepple
Flowers .....Wanda Smith
Usher/Greeter ..... Wayne Pepple

February 6th

Message: "The Quality of Mercy".....Jon Smith
Text .....Matthew 18:21-35
Acolytes ..... Micaela & Angela Leong
Children's Moment.....Jim Marso
Communion Preparation ..... Janie & Harry Casler
Deacons .....Janet Tuttle & Wayne Pepple
Elder ..... Cindy Prioste
Fellowship Time .....Membership Department
Flowers ..... Kelley Rainwater
Usher/Greeter .....Greg Gage

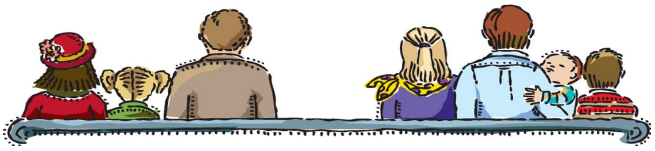
Coming Events

Friday, 1/28 .....Fellowship Potluck
Saturday, 1/29 .....Loaves & Fishes
Saturday, 1/29 ..... Senior Lunch
Sunday, 1/30 ... Chinese New Year Dumpling Party
Wednesday, 2/2 .....Taizé Service
Wednesday, 2/2 ..... Kidz Klub
Thursday, 2/3 .....Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, 2/5 .....Disciple Women
Saturday, 2/5.....Loaves & Fishes
Sunday, 2/6 ..... Newsletter Articles Due
Wednesday, 2/9 .....Volunteer Day
Thursday, 2/10 .....Evening Knitting Group
Friday, 2/11 .....Valentine Dance, Velvet Swing
Saturday, 2/12 .....Loaves & Fishes
Monday, 2/14 .....Book Chat
Wednesday, 2/16.....Lenten Study and Supper
Saturday, 2/19 ..... Disciple Men's Breakfast
Monday, 2/21 .. Office Closed, Washington's Birthday
Monday, 2/21 .....Prayer Group
Wednesday, 2/23.....Lenten Study and Supper

February 10th Newsletter
In by Sunday, February 6th
February 24th Newsletter
In by Sunday, February 20th

Bulletin Inserts or announcements –
In by the preceding Wednesday morning at 11 a.m.

Board Packet Reports – (Next meeting: April 14th, 2011)
Due two Wednesdays before the Board Meeting



GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

If you have a special blessing to add to the list of "Good News from the Pews," please jot it down or call the office!

- Thanks to Harry and Janie for packing up the Christmas decorations in the Fireside Room.
- Thanks to Chris for taking leadership of the Children's Church and Kidz Klub activities.
- Thanks to Jordan for taking leadership of the children's Sunday School (beginning at 10 am).
- I am enjoying the sermon series on The Beatitudes.
- Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to do a children's sermon!
- Praise God for the music in my soul!
- Thanks to those acting on their passions for mission, Bible Study and worship and prayer. The new programs for each are great!
- I'm already excited about VBC this summer!

PRAYER GROUP

The Eldership is sponsoring two prayer events each month focused on prayer. The first is the Taizé service on the first Wednesday night at 6:30. The second is a prayer study and group prayer meeting on the third Monday of each month. Please come and pray with us!

GRANT MONEY RECEIVED

First Christian received a Community Grant from IBM in the amount of $1000 to go toward becoming a fueling station for electric cars in the area. Watch for more information!

LENT WORSHIP

The Lenten Task Force will soon be meeting to plan the worship services for the season of Lent which begins on March 9th. The Lenten meditation booklet is a novella about Holy Week as told from the perspective of the Roman Soldiers, Caiaphas, Pilate, and Barabbas. It will be distributed at the end of February but will be available on line and for Kindle readers this week. Let the office know if you are interested in getting an electronic copy.

Remember our homebound family:
Willie A; Evelyn N; Doris S; Marjorie H.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST – IT'S MORE THAN JUST A NAME!

Being a *Disciple of Christ* is more than just taking up space on a pew.
We are called to grow in His Spirit –to embrace and exemplify our name
as Christians who are *disciples* of Jesus Christ
as the very essence of our identity and life!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

02 - Eleanor Stienstra
07 - Christopher Taylor
16 - Joshua Okamoto
23 - Jeanie Stienstra

ANNIVERSARY

18 - David & Elizabeth Garr

Greg and Becky Gage

need help with moving this Saturday, January 29th. For more information call Greg at 408. 934-9346

View the art of Jim Marso in the Fireside Room February—March 2011

Jim, inspired by the paintings of his aunt Catherine, began to study painting in 1987. His colorful oil painting style reflects both his study of and love for the great artists like Vincent Van Gogh.

JESUS: Legend or Lord?

This is the Lenten study chosen by Christian Education

Jesus is one of the most written about and debated figures in the world. In a series of 25 minute DVD's, Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, explores a three-lane highway: history, geography and archaeology. Along this 8-session journey, we will look back to a world that Jesus himself saw as he moved toward the cross and answer definitively questions about who Jesus was. Each of 8 sessions which begin on Wednesday, February 16 with a meal at 6:30 planned by Wanda. Following the DVD, Wanda will lead us in discussion.

Regional News!

Christian Church in Northern California – Nevada

GG2PB ANNUAL AREA MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Golden Gate to Pebble Beach Geographic Area will be held on:

Sunday, February 27, 2011, 4:00 pm
at Raynor Park Christian Church

All who attend are asked to bring a tray of snacks.
The Steering Committee and the Host Church will prepare plans for the event.

This will be the last Area Meeting under the old Regional Bylaws so be prepared some new things!

PRESENTING
MIRACLE DAY 2011
SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2011

Attention:

Knitters and Crocheters

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COORDINATING COUNCIL would like to encourage you to support this project. Hold "Cap Parties" either as a church or geographical area event. Please go to the web-site listed below and print out the Action Kit and get started today. Caps need to be sent into the organization (not CCNC-N offices!!) no later than February 28, 2011. The Caps for Good initiative is part of Save the Children's larger campaign to raise awareness on the issue of newborn and child survival. Making a cap is important - but so is telling your friends, family and co-workers about this project and enlisting their support. So instead of making a bunch of caps by yourself, make one cap and then encourage others to make a cap too. You can learn about other actions you can take to support this initiative at www.GoodGoes.org/caps or contact Wanda. (She has the patterns for knit or crochet.)

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PASTOR'S LIFE – January 27, 2011

Any pastor truly appreciates feedback from the flock! Someone sent me these letters that children sent to their pastor. I thought I would share them to let you see how delightful it is to grow in the Lord!

- Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold Age 8
- Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete Age 9
- Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty Age 10
- Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen Age 8
- Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen Age 9
- Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you. Alexander Age 10
- Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua Age 10
- Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie Age 9
- Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph Age 11.

Jon