



October 2020 THE MESSENGER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BELMONT

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Get ready for an October launch of FutureCARE

By Pastor Liz Clement

CCB is about to launch its effort to find that Main Thing that drives our passion and our energy as we look forward to calling a new pastor.

We're calling it CCB FutureCARE 2020 and we're going to need your help. Here's a Q&A that I hope will make clear where we're going, what we hope to find and how we'll know when we've found it:



Pastor Liz Clement

Q: WHAT is CCB FutureCARE 2020: A Social and Spiritual Exploration of the Future?

A congregation-wide, learning journey to help CCB make wise, realistic and sustainable decisions about the future of CCB, and to accomplish these outcomes:

- Complete the UCC local church profile equipped with a comprehensive sense of the strengths and challenges faced, as well as a realistic picture of possible future directions as CCB seeks to refresh its mission/ministry in the future.

- Describe clearly the leadership required to serve that future story and begin the search for appropriate candidates.

- Practice communal discernment to follow God's leading in choosing future direction and ministry opportunities in this community.

- Learn, discuss, explore and move to action in healthy, generative and highly collaborative ways in which the collective good takes priority over the sum of any parts.

- "...the whole congregation journeyed



Presenting Her Serene Highness Heather Feather Stella Plucky Flossie Phoebe Truly Abisanria. Lynne Benson-Colbert asked the youth of CCB to name her new, supremely "resilient" Silkie hen during Time With the Children. The hen had been bullied in her previous home and need time to recover. Lynne took her in. However, Lynne decided she was sufficiently regal to have an appropriately royal line of names. "Her friends call her To-futti," Lynne says.

by stages...as the Lord commanded." (Exodus 17:1a)

Q: WHY is CCB doing this?

To explore and clarify who we are and are becoming, what we care most about, and what we/CCB intend to give ourselves and resources to in the future as a congregation of God's people.

This approach involves every member who will take part in discerning what mission and ministry God calls this congregation to going forward. When that is clear, we/CCB will know what pastoral leader to seek to serve among us.

One big assumption: Historically, See FutureCARE, Page 7

What's up in October

Oct. 4 — World Communion Sunday: Pastor Liz and the Board of Deacons are decorating the altar and setting out breads from all over the world.

Oct. 11 — Blessing of the Animals: Send in photos and very short videos of your pets to Lea (Office@ccbmont.org) so they can be included in the live-streaming. Drive-by blessings are in the works.

Oct. 18 — Children's Sabbath: The youth of CCB again lead worship with their vision of a world that truly serves the need of the world's children.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation valuing everyone's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, class, physical and mental abilities.



Making fudge from the Chocolate Fest cookbook was a Zoom project from a recent youth group meeting.

Our CCB youth find a way to get together

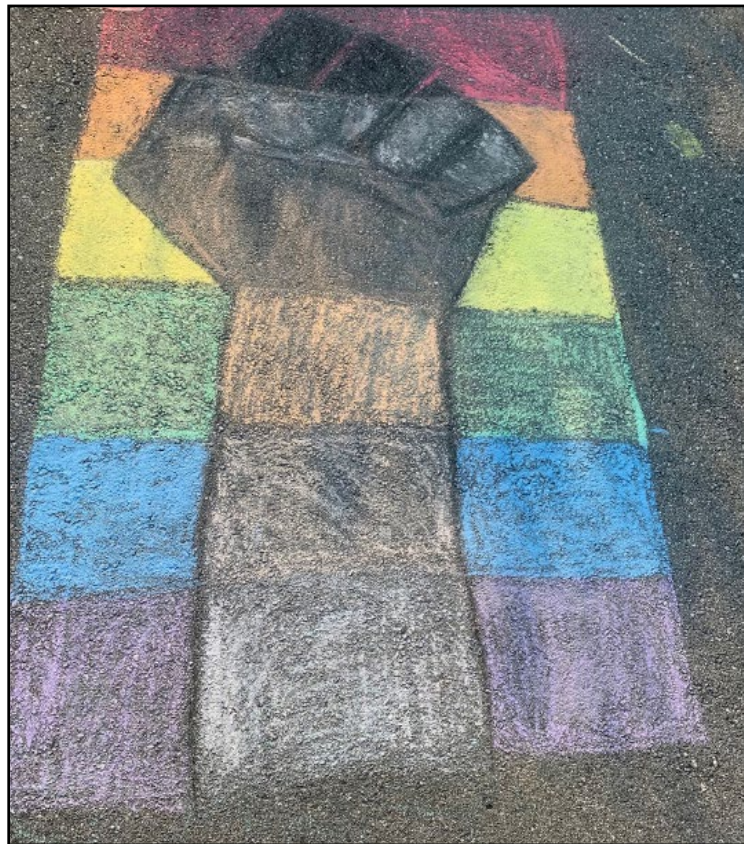
By Robin Linares

As CCB has been able to adapt their services online due to COVID, we youth have also found a way to connect again.

Every week on Saturday afternoons we get together via Zoom and have discussions about church, make a recipe together or even play some online games. Danielle Chamberlain and Linda Howard are typically the ones to help facilitate the get together, and although connecting on the Zoom space isn't ideal, it has brought some new opportunities.

First off, people who aren't local have been able to join in on the fun. Kaitlyn and Michael White, Barbara White's grandchildren in Visalia, were able to join a Zoom session, as well as Linda's grandchildren Faith, Eva, and Mitchell who Zoomed in from Colorado. That day we made gluten-free oatmeal chocolate chip cookies together over Zoom, which was fun, and delicious! Since they contained no eggs, we all enjoyed eating our batter while the cookies were baking.

Other fun meetings that we have had over the past couple weeks included having us playing some online games like Scribble.io, an online interactive Pictionary game, as well as a game called Psych which is similar to Apples to Apples. These games allow us to collaborate, which we haven't been able to do much since quarantine started.



A bin of sidewalk chalk is always on the front porch of CCB. Recently Becky Chamberlin and friends used the chalk to create this Black Lives Matter art on the driveway of CCB.

Something exciting that is happening in the next meeting is that the youth are going to make some fudge from some old Chocolate Fest cookbooks. We are going to be able to choose from three classic recipes

and will be able to make the fudge together over Zoom. Unfortunately we aren't going to be able to share with one another, but it still is going to be a fun time, and in the end we will all have some delicious fudge!

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**CALIFORNIA STATE
NOVEMBER ELECTIONS 2020**

**FAITH
VOTES**
FOR LOVE AND JUSTICE



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CROP Hunger Ride (instead of walk) Oct. 18

By Georgi LaBerge

The CROP Hunger Walk, which CCB has supported for years, will be different this year due to the M19 Virus pandemic. The Social Action Committee will host a car parade to raise funds and awareness of the need for support as poverty and hunger loom larger than ever in our country and around the world.

Funds raised through the Eighth Annual CROP Hunger Walk will provide food, clean water and information on nutrition, sanitation and sustainable farming practices to people in need. This effort is sponsored by Church World Service.

Churches from throughout the Peninsula will participate in new and creative ways to raise funds. Twenty-five percent of what is raised will go to the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto.

After the success that CCB has had in organizing car parades to celebrate special events during the pandemic, it was felt that a car parade would support a critical need

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



and provide a pleasant outing on a Sunday afternoon.

The parade, on Sunday, Oct. 18, will begin at 1 p.m. in the church parking lot, proceed to the Ecumenical Hunger Program Office in East Palo Alto, and loop back. We hope that some church youth will be on hand to help place Hunger Walk posters on cars.

Parade participants are encouraged to drop CROP Walk financial donations in a marked receptacle in the CCB parking lot. Organizers also suggest that some supporters may wish to make donations of food and

cleaning supplies when the parade arrives at EHP. The EHP director has provided this list of items often requested by clients: Canned vegetables, rice, beans, toilet paper, hand soap and detergent.

If you are unable to participate in the parade, you are encouraged to send a donation to the church office. Make your check out to CCB and write on the memo line: CROP Hunger Walk.

Please join this worthy effort. Together, we can reduce hunger in our community and around the world.

38th Chocolate Fest to wait 'til next October

By Micki Carter

The 38th edition of Chocolate Fest, set for Oct. 16 and 17 this year, is on hold while we ride out the pandemic. Look for our highly celebrated community fundraiser, in person, again Oct. 15 and 16, 2021.

Meanwhile, we do want to keep Chocolate Fest in the front of the minds of our longtime friends and fans and, at the same time, lend a hand to our loyal partners, some of whom have been with us every one of our 37 years. Many of them have been struggling to stay afloat in this Covid-19 economic crisis.

So we've come up with a plan that we hope you will want to participate in — along with the nearly 1,000 others on our Chocolate Fest database.

We will be contacting those partners who continue to sell product on their websites and asking them to choose up to five items they would like us to promote for holiday sales in one or more mailings to our email list.

Friends of Chocolate Fest will be invited to place orders with us and we, in turn, will



forward those orders to partners like Preston's Candies, Neo Cocoa, Jade Chocolates, Michael's Chocolates, Brehmers Candies, Cocottuti, 3-D Candies, The Cocoa Exchange,

Nothing Bundt Cakes and Charlotte Truffles.

In essence, we're taking our traditional Chocolate Fest Boutique and translating it into an online format. We will ask our partners to remit the same amount to us, with each sale, as they would for boutique sales.

So there may be the potential for a number of positives. We will be jogging the memories of our longtime Chocolate Fest supporters so they don't forget us. We will (we hope) be giving our Chocolate Fest partners a boost in holiday sales and, if it works as planned, bring in some income that would be distributed according to church policy — half to maintain the church building and the rest to the Board of Social Action and community organizations like Samaritan House, Second Harvest and Home & Hope.

Of course, we need the enthusiastic participation of our partners to make this work and we should know by Oct. 15 if there's any interest. If there is, stand by for a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping with our Chocolate Fest partners.

Oh, and mark your calendars for Oct. 15 and 16 next year!

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AN INTERFAITH DISCUSSION STANDING UP TO RACISM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 7 PM

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A Zoom event from the
Peninsula Multifaith Coalition

Speakers: Rev. Kristi Denham- UCC Pastor
April Vargas- Community Organizer
Kelly Yu- Coalition Z
Alex Iliopoulou- Coalition Z

Moderator: Rabbi Corey Helfand

<https://pmc-standupto-racism.eventbrite.com>



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FutureCARE

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Christians believe congregations form in response to a call by God to live fully, authentically in our unique gifts and experience, joining in God’s work for good in the world God so loved, and each of us, too. That is the “future story” we want to know more about.

Q: WHO is responsible for Future-CARE 2020?

We all are; everyone who is willing to participate. FutureCARE uses a “community approach” that grows relationships, spiritual practice, communication and leadership skills as we go along. We use a particular kind of story — our personal stories and our shared stories — as a space to explore while making the shift from what has been to what will be.

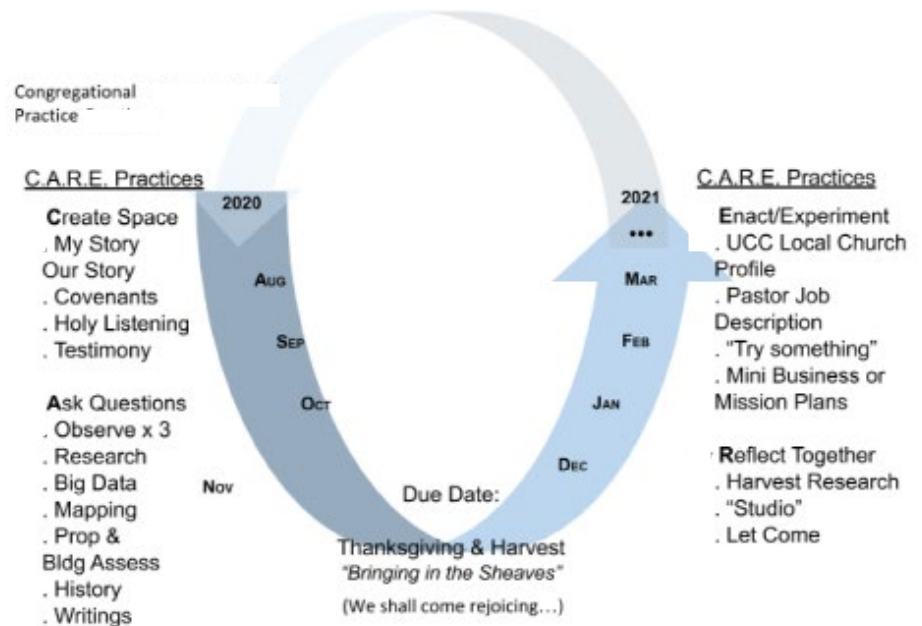
Stories are excellent containers for the truth of our lives and our deepest intentions; they help us become aware of what we care most about and what we desire to give our time, talents, and resources to in the future.

Q: HOW will CCB do this? (Method)

CCB will embark on a learning journey together to sense and name emerging future possibilities (rather than reacting to or continuing patterns of the past). The social and spiritual “path” (UPath) of discernment we use adapts approaches taken in FTE’s VocationCARE, Marshall Ganz’s (Harvard) Public Narrative and Otto Scharmer’s Theory U (MIT).

The steps along the UPath are organized

The UPath



into CARE practices:

- Create space for discovery (covenants, holy listening and testimony, stories).
- Ask self-awakening questions (companion coaching, wonder questions).
- Reflect theologically on self and community (asset mapping, observe, more).
- Enact/explore possibilities and faithful future steps (church profile, pastor job description, and “try something”).

Q: When will FutureCARE happen?

With an early October launch, our journey should be drawing to an end in December or early January. Many of the tasks and practices can be done simultaneously. The

energetic participation of everyone in this community is urged and desired.

On this page is a graphic depiction that may help make the what, why, how and when clearer (revised since the September Messenger).

Q: Who’s on CCB’s FutureCARE team?

Here’s the group who has been working on FutureCARE: Danielle Chamberlin, Elizabeth Nordt, Garrett House, Greg Thornhill, Kendall House, Leslie Marx, Andrew Altorfer and Pastor Liz.

And you! Email Pastor Liz at pastor@ccbmont.org to ask questions and sign up!

BELMONT CANDIDATES NIGHT

October 6, 2020
7:30pm-8:45pm via ZOOM
Belmont City Council Candidates

The Belmont Chamber of Commerce invites you to join your fellow Belmont residents in a moderated ZOOM election forum to hear the 2020 Belmont City Council Candidates.

Topic: Belmont Chamber of Commerce Election Forum
Time: Oct 6, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02wcb.zoom.us/j/81044056487?pwd=VThRam9LUUJlNG5tU0RyRUF5YUMrQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 405 6487
Passcode: 529649
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)



Join Guest Moderator Mark Simon as he leads the discussion of what’s on the mind of Belmont Voters and in the minds of our Belmont Candidates. This will help inform your decisions when going to the polls this November. Mark Simon has long represented the voice of Peninsula Politics and can now be followed through the San Mateo Daily Journal.

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Liturgy for the Sundays of October 2020

Proper 22 (27) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Proper 23 (28) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 12, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
Proper 24 (29) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Proper 25 (30) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2020	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46



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**PENINSULA MULTIFAITH
COALITION**

TEEN BEACH CLEAN UP

**Spend your day off at Poplar Beach in
Half Moon Bay!**

MONDAY | OCTOBER 12

4:00PM-6:00 PM

AGES 12+

Do something good and have fun
outdoors while keeping social
distance.

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-beach-clean-up-tickets-121988931177>

Questions: jennjacob@gmail.com





One of the favorite projects of the Martin Luther King Day of Service has been the opportunity to sing to residents in several different retirement homes on the Peninsula. Our own Elizabeth Mye has organized these multifaith choirs for many years. However, this year the pandemic precautions won't allow us to sing to the residents in person. So members of the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition, which sponsors MLK Day of Service, has decided to collect magazines that will be distributed to the retirement homes. So we are asking CCB members to removed the address labels from their magazines and bring them to church. A lidded, plastic bin will be on the front porch to collect them, and we will forward them on to PMC as we get them. Jane Fernald will have the bin in place by next Sunday. Extend the life of your magazine subscriptions and bring lots of reading pleasure to the retirement home residents near us.

As part of our annual MLK Day of Service in January, we are collecting new and used magazines to give to residents living in senior centers who have been sheltered inside because of the COVID pandemic.

November Messenger deadline will be Monday, Oct. 26



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