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THE MESSENGER

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Members of the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs of CCB sang to Ella Mae and Bob Donovan after church on Sunday. Ella Mae had requested some of her favorites and the choirs, with Mike Venturino on guitar, came through. At left, Sarah Brown and Kendall House sang *Let It Go* from *Frozen*.



CCB, First Church Redwood City take first steps to merge

By Micki Carter

At Annual Meeting last month, CCB voted to accept a Memorandum of Understanding with First Congregational Church of Redwood City to proceed with a formal merger within the next few months.

The memorandum is not a legally binding document, but it is a clear statement from both congregations on the intent to merge. It passed with all but one vote in favor; there was one abstention.

The discussion featured these points:

- The employees of both churches, which will be covered by the Memorandum. CCB's employees include the Pastor, Music Director, Musician, Office Administrator, Building Assistant and Sunday Morning Worship

Assistants. FCCRW has a part-time Pastor, Office Administrator (shared with CCB) and a Tech Assistant.

- The end result will be one church with members of both former churches serving in the leadership of the new church.

- The new church will have a new name although its legal corporation name may remain the Congregational Church of Belmont. The new name may be reflected in a DBA (Doing Business As) appellation.

- Legal counsel will be hired to oversee the merger, and the experiences of other UCC churches will be sought.

- The CCB building will not be sold, and FCCRC has no building, so property taxes

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

Moderator's Report

CCB has big goals for 2023

By Danielle Chamberlin

Our Annual meeting in February was a wonderful time spent doing “the work of the church” as always. There were a few technical and literal hiccups in our two-hour meeting (including mine because I tried to gobble my lunch too quickly), but I really enjoyed the one time in the year we get the whole membership together to discuss our plans and visions. In this year’s meeting, we

- 1) Approved the 2021 meeting minutes and annual report for 2022
- 2) Approved the Memorandum of Understanding to merge with First Congregational Church of Redwood City in the first part of this year
- 3) Set our goals for 2023
- 4) Approved a budget for 2023, and
- 5) Reaffirmed our covenant with Rev. Thomas Crosby, chaplain at the Menlo Park Veterans’ Administration Hospital

The third item included an interactive discussion to solicit input from the whole membership to set our goals for 2023. This was a lively discussion, and I enjoyed hearing everyone’s perspectives.

The goals discussed fell into a few categories: collaboration, building use, membership growth and social action.

In the area of collaboration, our first and highest priority is to complete our proposed merger with First Congregational Church of Redwood City. We have identified a few other opportunities to reach out and collaborate with other neighbors as well. First, we would like to increase shared activities with other local churches, like the joint Ash Wednesday service held at Island United last week.

We would also like to revive our relationship with CPNS (Carlmont Parents Nursery School), which shares our building and is our largest tenant.

And we would also like to build our relationship with BSA Pack 27 whom we have recently adopted as their charter organization. In exchange for offering our space to them for meetings, they have offered for us to think of them as “an extension of our mission” and to call on them for service opportunities and building maintenance needs. These activities will be owned by



Council, the Board of Christian Education and Trustees.

Beyond collaboration with other organizations, there is also a strong desire for church “organic” growth. The word organic has many meanings, but the way I’m using it here is a business “buzzword” which means to grow your own core business, not to grow through mergers and partnerships.

We adopted a goal to “Find and execute three actions to grow membership and youth, for example through shared youth events.” This will be a shared goal between the Board of Christian Education and Deacons.

Finally, our congregation had strong goals around our outreach into the community. We set goals to be an active part of local disaster recovery and also to engage in social justice activities in our community, not just acting to disburse funds to needy organizations. These activities will primarily be owned by our Board of Social Action and through our work with the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition.

We also discussed the future of Chocolate Fest and had a show of hands for who was interested in CCB hosting a Chocolate Fest this fall. Eleven people were interested in CCB maintaining our history of hosting this fun community event. Jill Visor has stepped up to work with me, Micki Carter and Greg Thornhill to learn what we have done in the past and see if there is an easy path to work with the Health Department and our chocolatier partners to host this event again in the post-Covid world.

It takes a group to organize an event of this size though, and she will need lots of help. If you would like to help make Chocolate Fest 2023 a reality (which would be our 40th event!), please reach out to Jill.

Keep your eyes peeled for changes to CCB grounds

By Elizabeth Nordt

February brought two significant updates to our grounds, at no cost to CCB.

A tidy patch of green now decorates the back yard. CPNS proposed a new artificial turf yard and covered all expenses. This allows the kids a steady place to play without requiring precious water.

Additionally, our Scouts bought and installed a new storage shed for us at the south end of the parking lot. We will be moving the tools and supplies currently in the shipping container into the new shed. Our rusty, old, reliable container will be retired.

This spring, our Buildings and Grounds Committee will carefully tour the building and prioritize needed repairs. Scouts are standing by to roll up their sleeves for a work day.

As we cover the necessary work, we lay a foundation for updates and new projects for the next chapter of CCB.

Looking for a book group? Try this one

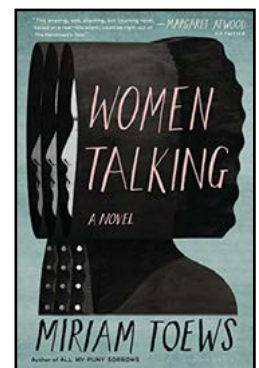
CCB’ers have been invited to participate in the weekly online Book Discussion, hosted by Island United Church in Foster City, which has participants from around the Bay Area and the country.

The March selection will be *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews.

The group meets on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and will begin discussing *Women Talking* on Tuesday, March 7. Participants are invited to read through Page 46.

There is also a current film directed by Sarah Polley which the group will watch and discuss. Pastor Jim has read the book and seen the film and recommends both.

This group is open to everyone.



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Climate Magazine profiles Georgi and Warren

By Jill Singleton
Climate Magazine/Online

What Colorado coal miner's daughter launched Redwood City's Pride and Beautification Committee and City Trees program? Who was key to bringing the San Mateo County History Museum to the city's iconic 1910 courthouse, kickstarting not just the renovation of this neoclassical beauty, but the revitalization of Redwood City's downtown?

What local pastor (and former merchant mariner) served 20 years on Redwood City's Arts Commission, co-founded a countywide mediation service and became an internationally recognized expert on traumatic stress recovery, making more than 40 missions overseas to help survivors of war, earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorism and other disasters?

Bonus question: What Redwood City couple (now both in their 80s) remain competitive athletes, having each won gold medals at the World Senior Games in their respective events: power walking and volleyball?

A few hints: One volunteered with the Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls and her kids' schools before being asked to serve on the city's Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission and then to run for the city council, to which she was elected three times and served two years as mayor.

The other, after graduating from the California Maritime Academy and serving a year-and-a-half at sea, returned to college at San Francisco State, where he got involved in campus ministry (the highlight—a trip to Nebraska where he heard Martin Luther King Jr. speak). As a newly ordained Methodist minister with master's degrees in both counseling and divinity (he now holds a doctorate in the latter), he discovered his calling when he began helping Vietnam veterans recover from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Last chance: Together, this couple in 2006 received "Citizens of the Year" honors from Redwood City's Sequoia Awards, which recognize exceptional contributions to the community.

Those who have not yet guessed "Georgi LaBerge and Warren Dale" can be forgiven. For these are two people who, for all their impressive accomplishments, have habitu-



Georgi LaBerge and Warren Dale

ally focused on others and kept their own lives decidedly low-key.

As a first-generation American, LaBerge grew up in small-town southern Colorado, with a Czech mother and a Croatian father.

Of his own blue-collar upbringing in San Francisco and around the Bay, Dale says, "I was very fortunate in that I had a mother who was intellectually challenged but knew how to care for others ... and a stepfather who loved me and supported my life detours. He was a mechanic ... in and out of work ... and we moved around a lot: Bay View-Hunters Point, Vallejo, Napa. ... We were on welfare for a time...."

LaBerge arrived in the land of "Climate Best by Government Test" in 1958. Her husband, Bob LaBerge, was a local man with whom she raised four children until their divorce 30 years later.

Dale, also recently divorced and a father of three, came to Redwood City in 1986. He and LaBerge met in a church singles group. A five-year courtship ensued. Then, Dale says, "in 1992, Georgi said to me, 'I think I'd like to be married while I am still mayor.' I responded with, 'Are you asking me? My answer is yes!'" On Oct. 3 of that year, they were married.

Mayor LaBerge had just created the city's (and county's) first childcare policies, which continue today. For their wedding, the couple asked for no gifts. Instead, would their friends please make donations to Redwood City's newly formed LaBerge-Dale Child Care Fund?

LaBerge's official enthusiasm also helped Postel raise private gifts for the museum. He says, "It was a real contribution for us to be able to tell our donors that Redwood City was behind us."

While LaBerge was working at her job and attending to city business, Dale co-founded the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC), a nonprofit that today has 13 staff and 100 volunteers. I

PCRC Executive Director Malissa Netane-Jones counts herself among Dale's biggest fans. "Warren is an unapologetic mediator," she says. "He's a peace-builder. He's able to help people through really difficult conversations.

As Dale tells it, it was LaBerge's newspaper reading that tipped him to a group of Muslim psychologists who were traveling to Bosnia to work with refugees. ...

Dale sent out an appeal to family and friends. Five weeks later he was on a plane, making the first of 40 trips to Bosnia and Kosovo.

Those early missions eventually led him to help people recover from 9/11 in New York City, the devastating 2001 San Bruno fire, earthquakes in California and El Salvador, an Indonesian tsunami, postwar Angola and hurricane-battered New Orleans, as well as domestic violence and human trafficking both in the U.S. and abroad.

Now pretty much retired, Dale still leads the First Church of Redwood City. Most afternoons, he and LaBerge keep a cappuccino date at a local coffee house. Dale rides a bike twice a week with a group called Senior Spokes, plays volleyball at drop-in gyms and goes for walks with others venturing out from the Redwood City Veterans Memorial Senior Center.

Like her husband, LaBerge considers herself an outdoors person. She enjoys gardening, and when she heard about the sport of race-walking in the senior games, she quickly took it up. Gradually she moved to power walking.

Dale takes delight in Millie Cole, a 102-year-old member of his church. "She's still in the Optimist Club," he says. "She leads a chair-ersizing group, and her motto is, 'Take a walk around the house once an hour and every day do something for someone else.'"

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Merger

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shouldn't be affected in any way.

• It's hoped that this merger can be effected within six months.

The next step is to engage legal counsel to shape the final agreement.

Here is the complete **Memorandum of Understanding**:

This memorandum describes an agreement between the Congregational Church of Belmont (CCB) and First Congregational Church of Redwood City (FCCRC) to combine their churches. It's a broad outline describing the expectations of both churches, without attempting to specify every detail.

The memorandum isn't a legally binding document, but it signals that both churches are prepared to work together in good faith to finalize the detailed terms of the agreement as soon as possible. It's expected that the membership of CCB and FCCRC will individually vote whether to approve this memorandum before more detailed discussions begin.

CCB and FCCRC share similar beliefs and missions, and face similar challenges. Located about five miles apart from each other on the San Francisco Peninsula, both are members of the United Church of Christ, Golden Gate Association of the Northern California and Nevada Conference. Both churches have a progressive and inclusive philosophy, and a focus on social activities, community outreach, and social justice reform. Persons of all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities are welcomed to participate at all levels of church life and leadership.

In recent years, both churches have experienced declining membership numbers, aging membership, financial challenges, and a shortage of human power available to keep church services running. FCCRC is also currently without a physical meeting space, and has operated virtually while keeping its material effects in storage. Recognizing their closeness in both location and spirit, the two churches believe that combining together as one will enable them to better pursue their shared mission.

Like a good marriage, each church will bring a unique history to the union, and the new whole will benefit.

The Congregational Church of Belmont and First Congregational Church of Redwood City agree:

- CCB and FCCRC intend to combine into a single legal entity — a new church.
- The new church will have a new business name, to be determined.
- The two churches intend to complete their official combination quickly, by mid-2023.
- The church leadership will exercise due diligence and seek professional advice for the best way to construct the combined legal entity, considering possible property tax implications and similar issues.
- All physical assets and financial assets and liabilities of the two churches will be combined as one.
- All current employees of CCB and FCCRC will continue as employees of the new church for the foreseeable future.
- The new church will serve the specific needs and interests of residents in Belmont, Redwood City, and surrounding areas.
- All existing internal programs, external commitments, and obligations of CCB and FCCRC will be maintained by the new church for the foreseeable future.
- The new church's leadership council,

committees, and boards will be filled with members coming from both CCB and FCCRC.

- The address of the new church will be 751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont.
- Warren Dale will continue to lead virtual Sunday afternoon church services and Wednesday Bible studies.
- Jim Mitulski will lead Sunday morning church services in person at 751 Alameda de las Pulgas.
- Other church activities may be led by Jim, Warren, or both.

The new church will regularly use significant sentimental items from the collections of both CCB and FCCRC. These may include items like crosses, hymnals, Bibles, bells, candlesticks, collection plates, nativity scenes, baptismal fonts, or historic seasonal decorations.

• The format and style of new church services will reflect the traditions and practices of both CCB and FCCRC.

• The leadership of CCB and FCCRC both agree to provide all necessary legal and financial information, documentation, and document review in order to conclude the final agreement in a timely manner.



Garrett House had to crawl out through the office window onto the roof of the porch on a very windy day to remove the tattered Ukrainian flag and replace it with a new one donated by Diane Fahrner of Peninsula Multifaith Coalition. It was in place to honor the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the resiliency of the Ukrainian people.

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Love shines through the darkness

Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing is slated for Sunday, March 19

By Linda Howard

Sharing love and helping others does not have a season. Humanitarian help can be and should be offered throughout the year, and throughout our lives. The United Church of Christ's One Great Hour of Sharing, Sunday, March 19, will emphasize the importance of sharing our love.

This Special Offering enables the average citizen the opportunity to offer humanitarian support within the U.S. and the far corners of the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or poverty, contributions to OGHS is part of the immediate response and long-term recovery effort.

Funds collected through OGHS Special Offering on March 19 will be used by the Wider Church Ministries to fulfill the UCC's commitment to provide resources for a variety of international and domestic concerns such as disaster response, refugee support and sustainable development. Sustainable development includes agriculture, clean water and wells.

The money donated to UCC through OGHS assists families as they rebuild their



lives. The power of this support is multiplied as UCC works in collaboration with organizations such as World Church Service, Action by Churches Together, and Alliance and World Council of Churches.

If you would like more information on the "work of the church," supplemented by

money collected through OGHS, click [here](#). The data/numbers people will find colorful graphs. The people who want more personal anecdotes, will find heart-warming stories.

Envelopes are in the pews for this special offering. You can also donate online [here](#). Note the gift is for OGHS in the memo line.

CCB ministry teams offer comfort and support

By Micki Carter

At Annual Meeting last month, more than 30 members and friends of CCB chose to join one or more of the six Ministries of Care teams. That's a huge boost from previous years, and the Deacons (who manage the teams) thought you might like to know just who is doing much of the work of caring for this blessed community of faith.

The Prayer Chain alone has more than 20 members. These are CCB's Prayer Warriors who receive prayer requests from anyone who emails one to Prayer.Chain@CCBelmont.org, and who pray, pray, pray!

I will chair the Altar Guild this year, allowing Maura Whitmore to take a break after up to 17 years with this responsibility to coordinate altar flowers and liturgical decorations for the Sanctuary. We change the paraments (altar, pulpit and Bible markers)

with the church calendar and buy lilies for Easter and poinsettias for Christmas. Joining Maura and me on Altar Guild are Doris Brown, Carol Patterson, Maureen Gallaty and Jane Fernald.

You all benefit from the work of the Writing Team although you may not know who is doing the writing. They send out the cards from CCB to mark your birthdays and other special events as well as send get well wishes and other words of encouragement, joy and sympathy. Handling this task will be Steve Chamberlin, Carol Patterson, Ella Mae Donovan, Barbara White and Sally Stewart.

When CCB families are going through a difficult time, sometimes a home-cooked meal is the perfect expression of love. Jane Fernald is organizing the basic Food Team of Linda Howard, Danielle Chamberlin and me, but we will announce in church if we

need more help in providing meals for an extended period. We hope you will jump in to volunteer as needed. If you could use a warm meal, cooked with love, let Jane know.

Providing transportation to church and medical appointments is the Transportation Team of Henry Altorfer, Jill Visor and Mike Venturino. If you need a ride, call Mike; if you can provide a ride, call Mike.

Hospitals and care homes are opening up (a little) to allow visits, so the Visitors' Team of Barbara White, Jane Fernald, Carol Patterson, Elizabeth Nordt and Rev. Thomas Crosby will take the lead in seeing that no CCB'er is alone at the hospital, in rehab or at home. Tell me if you know of someone who could use a visit.

These are the teams that provide the comfort and support of this blessed community.

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A special theme for the Lenten season in 2023

By Micki Carter

“Seeking: Honest Questions for a Deeper Faith” will serve as the broad theme for our observation of Lent and Holy Week this year.

Pastor Jim has tapped a bundle of resources from A Sanctified Art

The series, the authors tell us, focuses on the “many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night; he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well; he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration.”

So, the weekly themes are a series of questions:

- How do we begin again?
- Will you give me a drink?
- Who sinned?
- Can these bones live?
- Who will you listen to?
- Where are you headed?

We began with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22, celebrated at Island United Church in Foster City by Pastor Jim and the Rev. Michael Cronin. Elizabeth and Emma Naomi Mye sang a beautiful duet that we hope to reprise at CCB in the next few weeks.



Elizabeth and Emma Naomi Mye sang a moving duet at the joint Ash Wednesday service at Island United Church in Foster City. Jeffrey Jones provided the piano accompaniment.

We will conclude with a Maundy Thursday service at College Heights UCC, that will include participation by CCB’s Sanctuary Choir, and a Good Friday service at the Congregational Church of San Mateo.

All the Sunday services in between will be at CCB.

The logo for Lent is particularly appealing.

“An eye feels like a recognizable and even predictable image for the general theme of Seeking.

However, there is nothing all that simple or straightforward about this Lenten theme,” the Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman, the designer, said.

“As I studied the texts, I found there was repetition in visual imagery that held the texts together. As I sketched, the logo became layered with imagery that formed more shapes and meaning, sometimes obscuring and revealing more as I went. ... I wanted the logo at first glance to be somewhat obvious, but at closer inspection, I wanted it to expand, confuse, and surprise. The viewing of the logo itself is a process of



seeking meaning.”

If you would like to dig deeper into this Lenten collection, send an email to Office@CCBelmont.org and ask for the link and password.



Pastor Jim joined Rev. Michael Cronin in leading the Ash Wednesday Service with several CCB members in attendance.

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On the first Sunday in February, CCB youth and adult volunteers created Valentines to send to some of the congregation. They had some help from Jane Dolan's 2-year-old granddaughter Addison and her dad who were visiting that day. After realizing that there weren't quite enough cards to send to everyone that we wished to, Admin Lea Mavroudis took it upon herself to make a few more cards as well. We hope the cards brought some cheer to all who received them.

Troop 27 has a winter adventure

By Andrew Altorfer

The first weekend of February, Venture Crew and Troop 27 drove up to the Dodge Ridge area for this year's Klondike. It was certainly a unique experience.

Saturday started as usual with everyone building their shelters. Overnight, three feet of snow fell, causing several shelters to cave in. Backup tents were brought out, and many Scouts learned a lesson in snow-shelter design.

There was so much snow that the Sunday activities were canceled, but it didn't stop Scouts from enjoying hot chocolate and soup.

Klondike was quite an adventure and a very enjoyable experience that we will always remember.



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Bake a pie or buy a pie for Pi(e) Day March 12

By Micki Carter

Pi(e) Sunday is coming on March 12 — which also happens to be Daylight Savings Time Sunday so don't sleep in!

This year, as we did in 2020, the proceeds of Pi(e) Sunday — the closest Sunday to the actual Pi(e) Day on March 14(159265359) — will go to help fund the Youth Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona June 17-25. We have nine youth and three adult chaperones registered with Sierra Service Project, and at the moment we have room for two more campers. Transportation issues are still being worked out.

Here's how Pi(e) Day works: On March 12, bring a pie to sell or buy a pie or both — either Sunday morning or at some promised time in the future, known as Pi(e) Futures. We will have pecan, Key lime, peach and



cherry pies and will accept requests for other choices.

The pies this year, thanks to the high price of eggs, are \$25 each.

We need bakers and we need buyers. Let me (mickicartr@gmail.com) know how you can take part and if you'd like to reserve a pie.

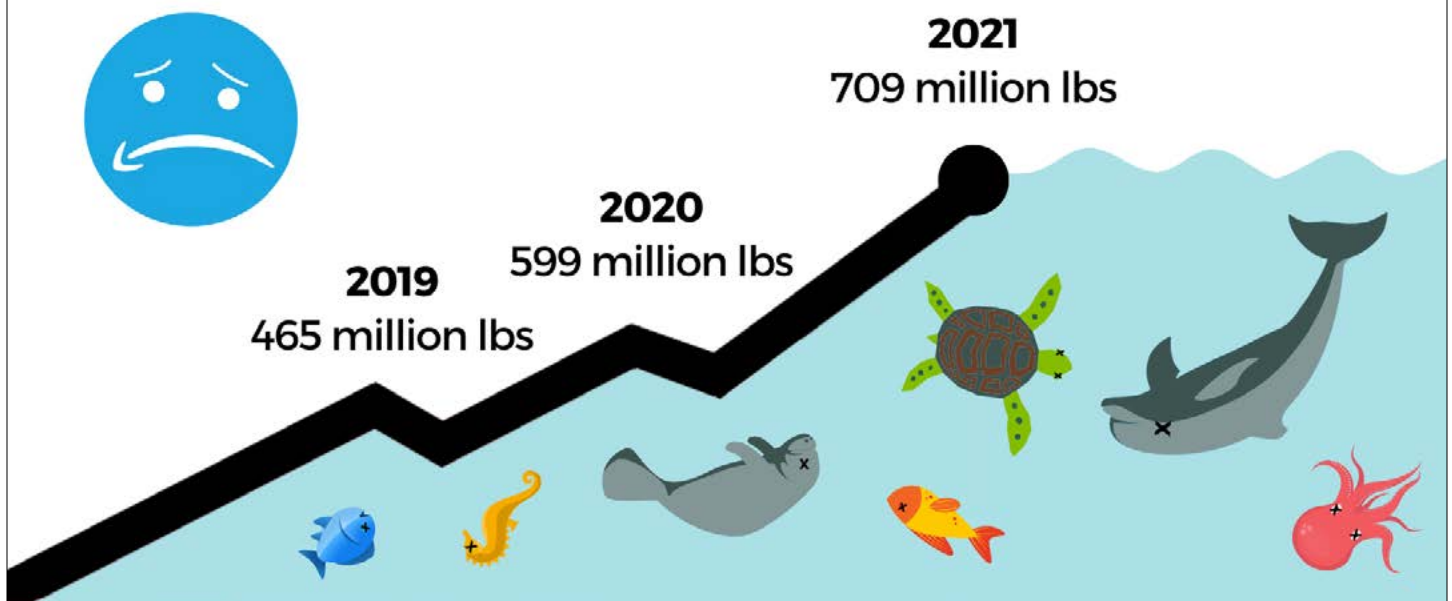
Mark your calendars for festival June 10!

CCB is planning a music and food festival on June 10, with proceeds benefiting the Trevor Project. As you may know, the Trevor Project is an organization dedicated to mental health and crisis support for LG-BTQ+ youth. We are looking for both performers and volunteers for the festival, so if you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Lea at office@ccbmont.org.

Blessings Box

Our Blessings Box— the small cabinet in front of the church that serves as a food pantry— is very well used by those in need within our community. If you're able, please bring shelf stable items (i.e.canned or dry goods) on Sunday that we can add to the box. You're welcome to bring donations by during office hours on weekdays as well. Please do not bring fresh or baked goods as these cannot be left outside.

Amazon's Annual Plastic Packaging Waste



From polystyrene peanuts to non-recyclable bubble wrap to plastic-wrapped pouches of air, almost every Amazon order arrives wrapped in plastic packaging that is then thrown away or littered. A new report by Oceana found that Amazon generated a truly staggering 709 million pounds of plastic packaging waste in 2021 - an 18% increase over 2020's estimate of 599 million pounds of plastic waste. Based on data from a peer-reviewed study on plastic waste pollution published in Science in 2020, they also found that up to 26 million pounds of this plastic waste will end up in the world's waterways and seas. Sign this [petition](#) to join Beyond Plastics in urging Amazon to STOP polluting our planet with single-use plastic packaging.

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General Minister & President Nominee

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson has been recommended as the board's candidate for General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ after a year-long search. She currently is Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries in the UCC. She has served in the National Setting of the UCC since 2009, previously as Minister for Racial Justice and Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. Thompson has also worked on staff of the Florida Conference, as a church planter in Florida, and in family ministries in New York. She holds a Doctor of Ministry from Seattle University, a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and a Master of Public Administration from North Carolina Central University. If elected by the General Synod in June, she would be the first woman to hold the office.



Iftar
Interfaith Program & Dinner

Thursday, March 30
6:15 PM doors open • 6:45 PM program
Presentations by Muslim & Jewish clergy
Followed by dinner with Iftar and Passover treats

Peninsula Temple Sholom
1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame

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RSVP by March 24
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PENINSULA TEMPLE BETH EL
PURIM SHABBAT
AT THE MOVIES
FRIDAY, MARCH 3

HAPPY HOUR 05.15 PM
Pre-Service Happy Hour serving cocktails,
non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks.

SHABBAT AT THE MOVIES 06.30 PM
Join PTBE Clergy Team with Alison Levy & the Band
for an upbeat Purim Shabbat Service with songs
from your favorite movie soundtracks!
Hamantaschen and other sweets
will be served after the service.

**Click here to
RSVP**

Reply by Monday, February 27

QUESTIONS?
Contact asiu@ptbe.org or
dprager@myastound.net

Peninsula Temple Beth El
1700 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo @ Hwy 92



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CCB Calendar for March 2023

Date	Time	Church Function	
March 2023			
2 Thu	7:30PM - 9:00PM ✉	Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
5 Sun	9AM - 10:30AM	Church Events	Worship Preparation
	10:30AM - 12:00PM	Worship	Second Sunday of Lent worship with Rev. Jim Mitulski
	11:30AM - 1:00PM	Church Events	Coffee Hour
6 Mon	7:00PM - 9:00PM ✉	Off-site events	CCB Council Meeting
7 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
9 Thu	7:30PM - 9:00PM ✉	Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
12 Sun	9AM - 10:30AM	Church Events	Worship Preparation
	10:30AM - 12:00PM	Worship	Third Sunday of Lent worship with Rev. Jim Mitulski
	11:30AM - 1:00PM	Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12:00PM - 1:00PM	Church Events	Pi(e) Sunday!
14 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
15 Wed	6:00PM - 7:00PM ✉	Off-site events	Deacons' meeting
16 Thu	7:30PM - 9:00PM ✉	Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
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April Messenger Deadline will be March 27



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