



May 2023
THE MESSENGER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BELMONT

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CCB welcomed Holy Week with a palm processional on Palm Sunday. The service began outside the front stairs with readings and a song. The singing continued as the palms were brought into the Sanctuary and placed in front of the altar. For more Holy Week and Easter photos, see Pages 5 and 6.

Pastor Jim reflects on his recent experiences in the South

By Rev. Jim Mitulski

Just a month ago I attended the dedication of the Harriet Tubman memorial sculpture at the Millbrae BART station. In anticipation of the event and the sermon I preached at church that weekend, I had just read the latest book about Tubman, *The Spirit of Harriet Tubman: Awakening from the Underground* by Bay Area author Spring Washam, so I was primed to be attentive to the leading of Spirit.

Afterwards, the progressive clergy who were present at the one-of-a-kind ceremony (Peninsula Solidarity Cohort) gathered for a luncheon at Peninsula Temple Shalom. There Rev. Ben McBride of the Empower initiative in Oakland described an opportunity to join an upcoming Civil Rights pilgrimage for clergy that would take place in Alabama the next week. They hoped that five of us from San Mateo County would join with the 30 already committed from Oakland, San Francisco, Richmond, Sacramento and beyond.

Almost all of the churches and pastors would be Black, so it would be a rare learn-



Rev. Jim Mitulski

once worked as an openly gay minister and swore would never return to. This all came together so quickly and easily that I am certain that the timing was just what God intended. All of our expenses were covered. All I had to do was show up and give myself to the experience and the people.

We were promised it would be a life changing experience by Rev. McBride, and he was right. Rev. Penny Nixon had gone on a similar trip a few years ago and she also strongly urged me to make the time, because she predicted it would inspire and replenish simultaneously.

You have heard enough of my sermons

ing opportunity for everyone involved. This may seem like a lot of detail to account for how, with very little notice or planning on my part, I found myself with colleagues and friends in the Deep South, a place I had

to know that the history of the Civil Rights movement has long been an academic interest as well as an activist commitment. After I completed my M.Div. at Pacific School of Religion, I did the coursework for an M.A. at San Francisco State University in African American studies. In the early 2000's, I was a Conference Minister for the MCC denomination, living in Atlanta and working with LGBT congregations in several southern states including Alabama.

Even though I was still a little worn down from Easter, and I wasn't used to all the walking we did, it was the best thing I could have done for myself and for the work we are beginning to find our rhythm on together at CCB. My other clergy companions from San Mateo County were Rev. Michael Cronin from Island United Church UCC in Foster City, United Methodist Deacon Sina Vinu, UCC Minister Jorge Bautista and Tavis Page from the Unitarian Universalist Church in Redwood City.

We were busy every waking moment, visiting Birmingham, Selma and Montgom-
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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.



Family Fun Day is slated for May 13!

By Danielle Chamberlin

We are getting very excited for the return of CCB's Family Fun Day on Saturday May 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Per request from our youth, we will have carnival games, our bouncy house, a petting zoo, cotton candy, popcorn, a face painting station, and a bake sale.

We are inviting all our building tenants to come and participate, so we will have Scouts from BSA Troop 27, CPNS, Bay Area Art Therapy, NA, and OT4Kids as well as CCB and all our friends in the neighborhood from local churches and the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition. If you would like to help out, a Signup Genius link is available [here](#).

The petting zoo has been reserved. We will have cotton candy and popcorn machines delivered along with a Giant Connect 4 game. Our friends at Bay Area Art Therapy will help with face painting. We will have giant bubbles and sidewalk chalk, and Scouts and church members will be leading carnival games.

Maura Whitmore has volunteered to lead a "dime toss" game where kids can win a vase by tossing a coin in it. She is collecting vases! If you have an excess of vases and you would like to donate some, please them in to church by Sunday May 7.

Cassie Gray-Spight has volunteered to lead the bake sale, so if you are a baker, please dust off your cookie sheets or muffin tins and bring your favorite baked goods in to the CCB kitchen on the morning of Saturday May 13. Family Fun Day is gearing up to be a really fun event. Tell all your friends and neighbors to come!

Chocolate Fest to return for 40th year Oct. 20, 21

By Micki Carter

Just when you thought Chocolate Fest was dead and buried, we have a resurrection!

Thanks to the interest and hard work of Jill Visor, Chocolate Fest 2023 will be reborn for its 40th year in its usual three-session format on Oct. 20 and 21.

There had been some consideration of changing to a one-day format, but Jill has fond memories of the three-session event she has attended. (Yes, Jill is one CF fan who came back for church — and stayed!)

Once again, community organizations such as Samaritan House and Second Harvest will benefit from a portion of the proceeds.

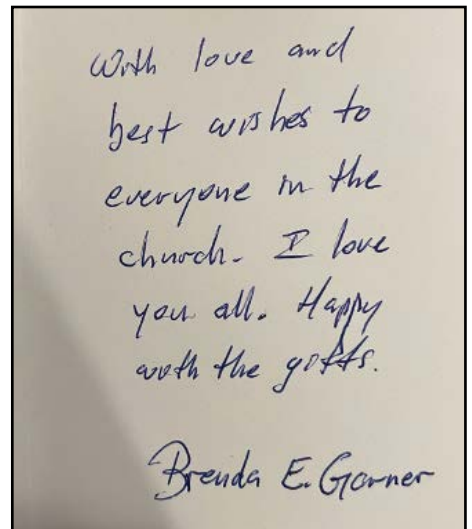
But some things will be different for this post-Covid Chocolate Fest. The vendors will be invited to sell product from their tables, and the boutique will be eliminated. However, all the vendors who are accepted will need to commit to offering samples as always. Jill already has commitments from several vendors, and she made contact with a bunch more when she visited the Chocolate Salon in San Francisco a few weeks ago.

We are planning a Silent Auction, door prizes, live jazz, champagne and coffee and the banner over Ralston Avenue. We are expecting to have staffing help from our Scout Troop as well as volunteers from First Church Redwood City, College Heights UCC and Island United.

But now we need some volunteers to chair committees. Who is willing to take responsibility for these tasks?

- Decorating
- Staffing
- Door prizes
- Silent Auction
- Finances
- Ticketing
- Child care
- Publicity
- Programs
- Banner re-lettering
- Kitchen
- Set-up
- Clean-up

We have lots of experienced direction (40 years' worth!) for anyone who takes on a task? If you're willing to give it a try, talk to Jill Visor or email Office@CCBelmont.org.



Henry Altorfer visited Brenda Garner at Carlmont Gardens on her birthday in April and brought her chocolates from CCB. Brenda wrote a thank you note for the chocolates and the support she receives from CCB. She may be able to join us again on Sundays after Carlmont Gardens lifts its Covid restrictions. Brenda loves to get cards. You can find her address in the CCB directory.

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Excitement is building for Family Camp 2023

By Danielle Chamberlin

Every summer, CCB family and friends spend a weekend of fun, fellowship, and faith at Monte Toyon in the Santa Cruz Mountains near Aptos. We are extending the invitation to our friends at local churches this year, and we would love you to come and invite your friends as well. Since we hope to have completed our merger with First Church of Redwood City by the end of June, we hope this will be one of the first big events of our newly merged congregation!

We stay in the comfortable Cary Lodge dormitory, which houses 19 individual rooms with bunk beds. Since we usually have about 30 people come, it is highly likely that you will be able to have a private room if you prefer. We arrive after dinner on Friday evening (there are good takeout places in town if you want to pick something up on your way) and have a fun evening of s'mores, games, and fellowship. The Monte Toyon staff serve us breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday. Vegetarian options are available.

Please note that even though we call this "Family Camp," it refers to our church family, and not just parents and youth. It really is fun for all ages.

On Saturday morning, we have a climb-



ing wall available for strong, adventurous souls, but there is plenty of hiking and just general hanging out and socializing as well. Saturday afternoon time is also flexible, but we organize some field games and often a water balloon toss/fight. After dinner on Saturday is our annual talent/no-talent show – start preparing your routines and skits now!

Sunday morning after breakfast we have a worship service in the outdoor amphitheater surrounded by a redwood grove. No human-built cathedral can match the majesty of the trees!

The price (lodging and meals inclusive) is \$206 for adults 12+, \$127 for youth 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. You can send a check to CCB or pay by following the link on our [website](#). If you would like to attend but finances are a barrier, please contact Rev. Jim Mitulski at pastor@ccbmont.org to arrange a scholarship.

Where we stand on the First Church of RC merger

By Steve Chamberlin

Work continues on the planned merger of the Congregational Church of Belmont and the First Congregational Church of Redwood City, with the goal of completing the legal combination of the two church corporations before June 30. We're being assisted in this process by attorney Steve Sommers of the Non-Profit Law Group in southern California.

We're currently reviewing the by-laws and articles of incorporation of both churches for any clauses that might affect the terms of a merger or a distribution of assets. We're also checking with the Northern California and Nevada conference and with the national UCC organization for any past agreements that relate to potential mergers. We don't expect any problems in these areas, but it's important to cover all the bases.

The next major step will be writing a merger agreement document. This document will be similar to the memorandum of understanding that both churches previously approved, but with a more detailed treatment of nuts-and-bolts merger items and the resolution of outstanding TBD items.

After the council and the membership of each church votes to approve the merger agreement, we will officially have a single church corporation with one combined membership and combined assets, and the legal work will be complete.

The first order of business of the new congregation will be voting on the membership of the new church council and boards. The goal is to fill the new church's leadership council, committees, and boards with members coming from both CCB and FCCRC. We'll discuss this beforehand, and have a nominating slate ready for reviewing and voting at the meeting.

Even after the legal merger is finalized, the practical work will continue for several months after. Bank and financial accounts will need to be updated, employee payroll systems consolidated, physical worship supplies combined, mailing lists updated, new signage created, and more.

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Kira hunts for Easter eggs.



Tracey Brown and Bob Donovan join the bagel breakfast on Easter Sunday.



Victoria fills her Easter basket.

Busy Holy Week for CCB!



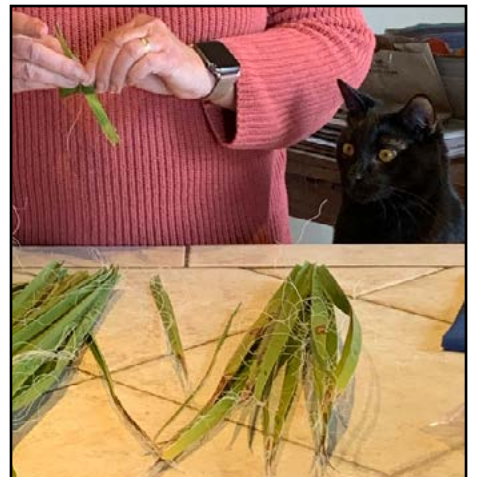
Rev. Warren Dale speaks at First Church Redwood City's Easter Sunrise Service with CCBers joining in.



Jane Dolan's granddaughter Addison shows off her Easter eggs.



The CCB Sanctuary and Youth Choirs perform together on Easter Sunday.



Mike and Micki's cat Pepper oversees the folding of Palm crosses.

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CCB choir members join with the Congregational Church of San Mateo choir at the Maundy Thursday service at College Heights UCC.



Mike Venturino leads the palm processional into the Sanctuary.



CCB churchgoers and friends gather outside the church for the palm processional on Palm Sunday.



Worshippers sing Hosannas before the palm processional.



Jane Dolan's granddaughter Addison looks for Easter eggs.



A curious pup looks on during the Easter Sunrise Service.

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My Life Mattered: Jayland Walker speaks

By Rev. Dr. Velda Love, Lead for the UCC Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice Campaign and Minister for Racial Justice in Cleveland, OH

We wrestle with the news that a grand jury declined to indict eight police officers who fired 94 shots at Jayland Walker, a 25-year-old Black man killed after what started as a traffic stop. We rage at the news that Ralph Yarl, a 16-year-old African American teenager, was shot and wounded after ringing the doorbell to the wrong house in Kansas City, MO. We despair at how familiar these stories are, even as we affirm #BlackLivesMatter. In this response, Rev. Dr. Velda Love imagines what Jayland Walker might say to us in this moment.

Content Notice: Police violence, racialized and gun violence, lynching, depictions of murder and physical violence

As I was leaving my physical body from the violent invasion of manmade bullets meant to do internal and external damage to every major organ in the human body, my spirit lingered over what was me in human flesh. I looked over every gaping hole where 60 bullets tore through my skin, ripped my organs apart, and shattered my muscles, blood vessels, and bones. I heard my flesh violently burst open and felt the blood rush out and saturate the ground.

I then peered down the street and saw eight police officers, all white men with guns drawn and now empty because all 90 bullets were meant to kill another black body presumed guilty before a word was exchanged or an explanation was possible to explain my plan to escape being violated or worse—my life over, no breath, dreams shattered, and my future hopes and aspirations destroyed because I was perceived as a threat to white people and their racist and stereotypical views of people like me—black, male, dangerous, and expendable.

I am the late Jayland Walker, 25 years young, from Akron, Ohio. I was an aspiring wrestler, loved my family, treated everyone I met with kindness, and desired a peaceful existence in a hostile environment when it comes to being Black in America.

As I hover over my body, I know what they'll say about me and the stories the racist media will tell. You'll see video footage and hear versions of what happened on the



evening of June 27, 2022, as I fled the police, driving in fear, trying to escape what I believed would be the end of my life if caught driving while black. It's a familiar story but my murdered body does not allow me to speak about my actions because in the eyes of those men with automatic weapons, I was already a dead man.

I cannot tell you my side of the evening's events. I cannot offer an explanation for my actions because my body was mutilated, I've stopped breathing, and my voice has been silenced.

I didn't get the benefit of the doubt. The color of my skin prevented me from leaving my vehicle so that I could walk toward the police, be escorted, and gingerly put into a squad car, driven to McDonald's for a snack in route to the precinct, and treated kindly while being processed and placed in a jail cell.

Listen to these truths. My short time on the earth was filled with contradictions about black lives mattering. But they matter to those who believe they matter. They matter to families trying to protect and educate their children about black history, culture, and moving from survival mode to thriving. They matter to people who love themselves, their community, and value black life. They matter to activists who put their lives on the line, protest, and demand accountability when we are assaulted, invalidated, and seen as less than human. They matter to

those who are working to restore broken communities, create equity and inclusion in such a fractured and divisive nation. A nation longing for a renewal of racial violence by instituting Jim Crow Laws again, segregation, and a return to lynching black bodies, a heinous and violent means to rid the country of people of African descent—children, women, and men.

Black people, African Americans, and all people of African descent matter! If it weren't for our unearned labor during the enslavement era America would not be the economic, capitalist power it is today.

I mattered! I mattered to my mother, grandmother, sister, cousins, and extended family.

I mattered to my friends, and neighbors.

I mattered to the people who believed in me.

I mattered because I was born.

I mattered because even though I was not perfect, I experienced love and my life had potential and purpose.

Now I gather with my sisters and brothers on the other side. Those innocent children, women, and men assassinated and murdered who knew their lives mattered, and the 229 women and men murdered since Amaud Aubery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd.

As I am laid to rest and my name is written in stone, remember, My Life Mattered!

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Would you like to help plan worship?

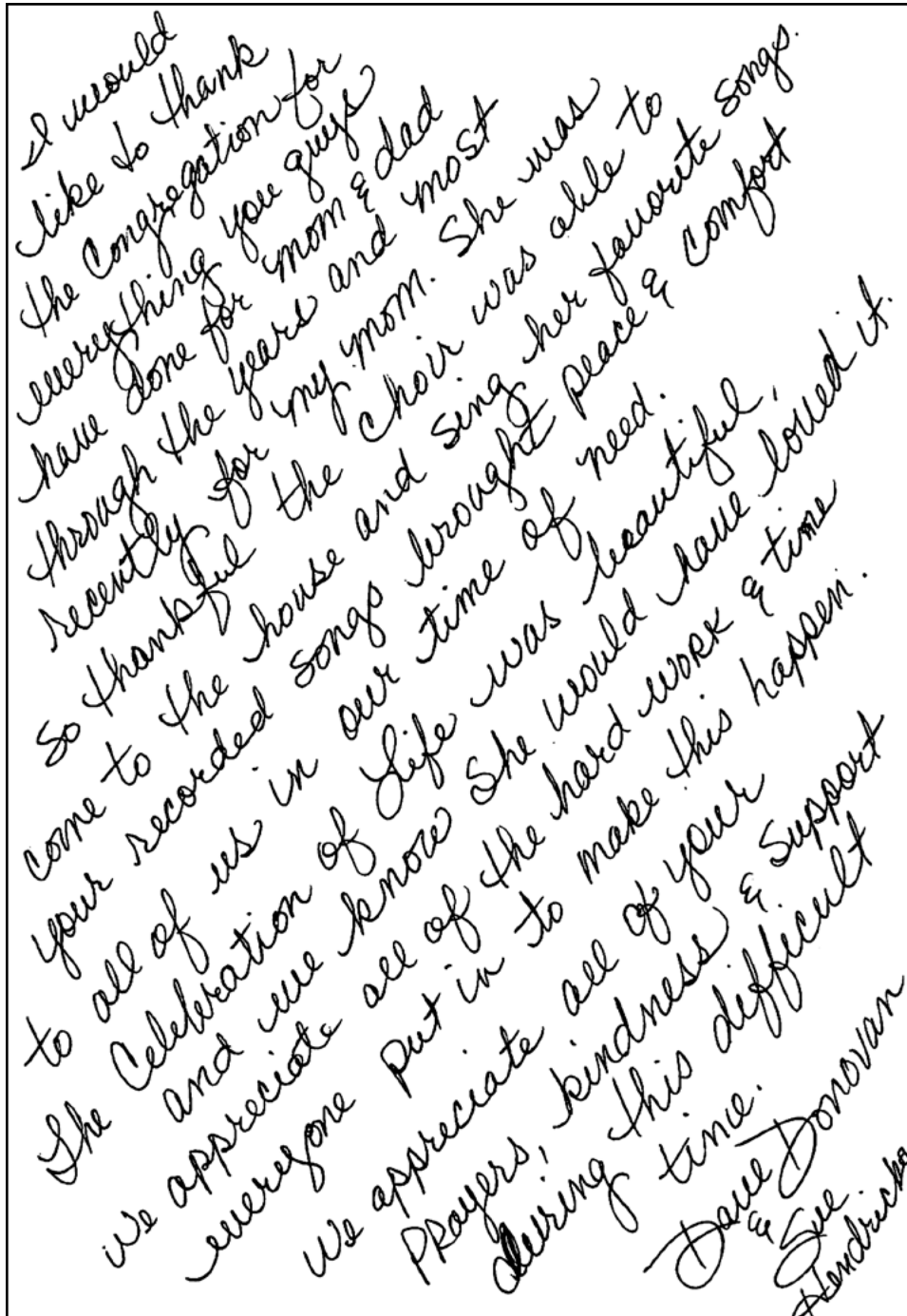
By Micki Carter

Pastor Jim has asked Church Council to reactivate the Worship Committee as a sounding board for ideas for each Sunday's worship service.

A committee of the Board of Deacons, it will include as many Deacons as choose to participate and anyone else who would like to be included.

The group will work mostly via email using the Worship@CCBelmont.org distribution list.

If you would like to be part of the Worship Committee, contact Henry Altorfer, chair of the Board of Deacons, or send an email to Office@CCBelmont.org and Lea will forward it to Henry.



David Donovan and his partner Sue Hendricks sent this thank you card in appreciation for CCB's efforts in putting together Ella Mae's memorial.



NCNC Queer & Trans Solidarity Action Day set Join online May 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

From *Upwellings*, the Northern California and Nevada Conference Newsletter

As we have seen in Loomis and across the country, queer and trans folks are experiencing hate-filled violence, discrimination and legislative attacks at unprecedented levels. As a Conference, we are calling each other to respond by joining together for a conference-wide convening to build our capacity for solidarity and action in support of our queer and trans kin.

Our QT Solidarity Action Day will include worship celebrations, a State-of-the-Movement plenary, workshops on political advocacy, community safety and rural organizing, and tools for expanding your church's welcome. In order to provide the greatest amount of access across the NCNC, all sessions will take place on Zoom.

Stay tuned for more information about our amazing speakers and facilitators and how to register.

If you are interested in helping plan the day, lead worship or offer other kinds of support, contact Rev. Lacey Hunter, NCNC Justice and Witness Team Lead at revlacey@fccalameda.org

When our trans kin are under attack, what do we do?

RISE UP, FIGHT BACK!

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Eagle response, memories and a bright future

By Tana Hutchison and Elizabeth Nordt

An Eagle Court of Honor is a very special event, celebrating years of growth, dedication, and achievement by a young person in BSA. For a brand-new charter organization such as CCB to have Scouts reaching the rank of Eagle means that another organization did most of the work supporting them first. Hillsdale United Methodist Church blazed the trail to Eagle for many Scouts. This spring, CCB is lucky to share the final steps on this path with several Troop 27 Scouts.

On March 26, Troop 27 had what was likely the last Eagle Court of Honor at Hillsdale United Methodist Church to celebrate the advancement of Lukas Wiggers and Kheo Kober. Following the troop tradition, the Eagles each gave a short speech as their Eagle Response. They agreed to share excerpts here.

Lukas talked about how scouting, particularly Troop 27, helped him develop street smarts: How to quickly solve a problem on his feet. He credited scouting with helping him become self-sufficient. "We are given the freedom to choose to make the right decisions, and the freedom to safely fail from our bad ones within a large safety net of support. ... And through this process where we can safely suffer through our mistakes and prosper from our successes, we quickly learn to take care of our stuff, stay on time, and basically take care of all our needs independently."

He acknowledged Troop 27's approach of taking the difficult but rewarding path, including building and sleeping in snow shelters, building a wilderness camp (including digging latrines) from scratch, and learning all the scout skills. He closed with "... What makes Troop 27 so special, and what made my scouting journey so unforgettable is that we always go above and beyond in everything we do. This tradition of going above and beyond has certainly impacted all our lives. For me, it meant the most unique and unforgettable memories that I've ever experienced."

Kheo began his speech by singing a parody of Mr. Roger's opening song:

It's a beautiful day in the Troop today



A beautiful day for a troop mate.

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine?

It's a scouty day in this beautywood,

A beautiful day for a troopmate

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine?

I have always wanted to have a troop mate just like you.

I've always wanted to live in a troop with you.

So let's make the most of this beautiful day.

Since we're together, we might as well say

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine?

Won't you be my troop mate?

Kheo described many memorable activities he experienced in Troop 27 from his first wilderness summer camp in 2016 through super trips with the Venturing Crew.

He said, "But you know what? I think I've done pretty well so far. These were moments where I fell in love not only with Scouts but with my life. People write about these feelings and adventures all the time in movies, books, and games, but Troop 27 gives us the opportunity to live them. That is invaluable."

Kheo closed with, "If you get nothing else from this speech, I'll give my thesis to you in plain English: Stick around in the troop. Be the best scout you can be. Many people run around in life looking for these life-changing moments. The troop has them right in front of you if you put in the effort to wake up and reach for them.

"Run for some cabinet positions, become a Patrol Leader and maybe even the Senior Patrol Leader. Go on these outstanding adventures. What you get out of the troop is what you put into it. I could've played it safe today, and gone for a traditional Eagle Response. But that's just not how I roll anymore because I decided to 'make the most of this beautiful day, Since we're together, I might as well say' ... Thank you all for putting up with my hijinks, and making these years special."

Hillsdale made moments such as these possible for over 70 years. CCB will create new opportunities into the future.

Kheo's advice can apply to CCB as a whole. Opportunities are "right in front of you if you put in the effort."

Run for council, join the choir, get involved with Scouts, start a conversation at coffee hour, or simply "make the most of this beautiful day."

CCB also congratulates Cameron O'Connor and Diego Cintas who will celebrate their Eagle Court of Honor in Twin Pines park on May 7, as well as Corey Alger (also a CPNS alum) will celebrate the first Troop 27 Eagle Court of Honor in our sanctuary on May 26.

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'Grab and Go' in the Blessing Box

The Social Action Board is sponsoring a canned food drive starting Sunday, April 30. All donations will go to the Blessing Box in front of our church.

To make the drive a little more interesting and personal, we are asking that you bundle cans together that can be combined to make a tasty dinner. Place the canned goods in a Ziploc bag along with the recipe for the chosen canned goods. Including spices is a good way to enhance a meal.

Of course, individual canned goods are always welcome throughout the year to replenish the Blessing Box. There will be a collection box in the Narthex throughout the month of May.

This is a [website](#) with ideas for preparing dinners using canned goods.

Upcoming Worship Themes in May and June

Easter: A Season of Resurrections

May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

June is Pride Month

**May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14 Mother's Day
Frances Perkins Commemoration**

May 21 Scouting Sunday and Ascension Day

May 28 Pentecost Sunday (Wear something Red!)

**June 4 Trinity Sunday
Celebrating our Graduates
Choir Appreciation Sunday**

**June 11 Commemoration of Mother Emanuel AME Church shooting
Praying for an end to gun violence**

June 18 Celebrating Juneteenth

**June 25 Pride Sunday
Stonewall Commemoration Service**

Pastor's Column

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ery, each with their unique histories and communities. In Birmingham, we went to Brian Stephenson's Legacy Museum which tells the story of the African American enslavement in Africa and through the middle passage, and then through several hundred years of slavery. It charts the continuum from slavery, to the Jim Crow segregation, to the current state of mass incarceration and the ways in which the death penalty is used as a way of perpetuating the legacy of lynching.

We also went to the memorial for the nearly 5,000 Black people who were lynched in the period after the Civil War to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. As our Black clergy friends expressed their shame, outrage and anger, the San Mateo clergy felt their emotions as well as our own sense of shame that white supremacy still exists.

Birmingham was also the site of the infamous 16th Street Baptist church bombing, in which Four Little Girls lost their lives. We also studied about the history and children's activism in Birmingham. In the spring of 1963, thousands of schoolchildren were jailed for protesting segregation. Across the street from the church, the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum also chronicles the story of Jim Crow laws, sit-ins, voter registration drives, and the desegregation of schools, all of which seemed to find their testing place in Birmingham.

Hours away, we went to Montgomery, the site of the bus boycott that was the first visible public widespread protest to desegregate public transportation. We visited the Dexter Avenue Baptist church where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King got his start as a young preacher. We studied the community organizing techniques used by people like Joanne Robinson and Rosa Parks and others trained at the Highlander institute, and we noted with surprise that the Dexter Avenue church was located just across the street from the Alabama State Capitol building that only stopped flying the confederate flag in recent years.

We saw numerous confederate monuments, most of which were erected in last 60 or 70 years. In Selma, we walked across the Edmund Pettus bridge just as protesters had done 60 years before. In each of these

sites, we met and heard the stories of people who participated in the events of the 1950s and 1960s. The more time we spent studying the history of the past, the more clearly we saw how that history is relevant to our current racial justice struggle.

Perhaps the most moving thing for me was to be included as one of just a very few white people in a group that experienced a painful past reality that continues to unfold in the present. We are at a pivotal moment in our country right now in regard to ending racism, preserving the autonomy of women, and respecting the rights of LGBT people.

I got back to Oakland a little worn out in body but really on fire for how we can grow together in the next chapter of our work together and in partnership with the other churches in our area.

I'm asking you to attend every Sunday in May, so that we can experience together the power of shared commitment and prayer, culminating with our Pentecost celebration on May 28. Wear Red for this festive occasion and let's pray for an outpouring of Spirit on that of Revival and Renewal. The world needs us more than ever before, and we need one another.

With love, Jim

Online Book Group to read May selection *The Chinese Groove*

CCB'ers have been invited to participate in the weekly Book Discussion, hosted by Island United Church, which has participants from around the Bay Area and the country. The group meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This group is open to everyone. Here's the [link](#).

For May, which is also Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the group is reading *The Chinese Groove* by Kathryn Ma. You can see a recent talk by her at the San Francisco Public Library from last week at this [link](#).

For June, LGBTQ Pride Month, we are reading *Tell the Rest*, by Lucy Jane Bledsoe. The author will also attend the meeting June 6 for a special Meet the Author session. We will have a few copies available at church next Sunday for those who would like them. They are also available easily at the library or at local or online booksellers.

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MAY 13
11AM-2PM**

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**FAMILY
FUN
DAY**

- Free admission!!!
- Bouncy House
 - Carnival Games
 - Petting Zoo
 - Face Painting
 - Popcorn & Cotton Candy
 - Bake Sale & Coffee Shop

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NCNC ANNUAL GATHERING



June 15-17, 2023

Palo Alto, CA

Northern California Nevada Conference's Annual Gathering is set for June 15-17 at the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto. CCB gets two voting delegates (with registration paid by CCB) and a clergy delegate (Pastor Jim). We also get one youth delegate. In that past the youth delegates have had a really engaging experience. If you would like to be one of CCB's delegates, please contact Danielle or any member of Church Council. It's a great opportunity to learn about the nuts and bolts of the wider church community. More information is available [here](#).

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CCB Calendar for May 2023

1 Mon		Admin Schedule Change	Admin Out of Office
2 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
3 Wed	11AM	Off-site events	First Church of Redwood City Bible Study (Zoom)
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	12PM - 1PM ✉	Church Events	Social Action board meeting
22 Mon	7:00PM - 9:00PM ✉	Off-site events	CCB Council Meeting
23 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
24 Wed	11AM	Off-site events	First Church of Redwood City Bible Study (Zoom)
	6:00PM - 7:00PM ✉	Off-site events	Deacons meeting
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Thank You

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Thank you again for your support and generosity. Thank you for joining our ALAS dream, and thank you for helping us offer much needed services for our families on the coast.

Thank you for inspiring hope, dreams, and community with ALAS!

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