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We're the Congregational Church of the Peninsula!

By Micki Carter

The Congregational Churches in Redwood City and Belmont officially merged our congregations the last day of June, and by the end of July, we had a new name as well.

We are the Congregational Church of the Peninsula!

Early in July, we submitted our ideas for names — 27 different suggestions — and then we used a process of ranked-choice voting to choose our first, second, third, fourth and fifth favorites. Sixty of us voted online, by paper ballot or even email submission to make our choices known,

The top contenders were:

1. Congregational Church of the Peninsula
2. Peninsula United Congregational Church
3. Peninsula Congregational Church
4. Redwoods Congregational Church of Belmont

5. Congregational Church of the Mid-Peninsula

So we can fully understand how we arrived at this result, I asked Steve Chamberlin, who ran the computations, to explain.

“Ranked choice balloting with instant runoff voting (IRV) is a type of preferential voting, designed to identify the group consensus choice,” he said. “In contrast to traditional voting, IRV finds a choice that nearly everyone can be happy with, even if it’s not their first choice.

“It’s especially useful when an election is heavily polarized or there are many choices, and no choice is likely to win a simple majority. IRV in particular avoids some problems that can arise with other forms of ranked choice voting, and it’s used for local elections in San Francisco as well as in many other cities around the U.S.

“Instant runoff voting works by performing a series of traditional votes, one after another, eliminating the last place

candidate after each round of voting.

“The first round is a traditional vote where only the most favorite candidate from each ballot is considered, and the other ranked candidates on the ballot are not used. After the votes from the current round are tallied, the candidate with the fewest total votes is eliminated.

“For any ballots where that candidate was the most favorite, the ballot is updated and the second favorite becomes the new most favorite, third favorite becomes the new second favorite, and so on. A new round of voting is then conducted, using the updated ballots with the same tallying process.

“The voting continues for as many rounds as needed, eliminating the last place candidate each time, until one of the remaining candidates gains more than 50 percent of the votes.”

And that’s how we became the Congregational Church of the Peninsula.



The Congregational Church of the Peninsula, created from the merger of the Congregational Church of Belmont and First Congregational Church of Redwood City, came together for worship on July 30 as one beloved community. The Rev. Dr. Davena Jones, Northern California Nevada Conference Minister, received the new church into membership of the United Church of Christ and the conference and Yolanda Austin welcomed it into the Golden Gate Conference. After worship, members gathered in the Dining Room to share a cake with “Congregational Church of the Peninsula” written out in icing and get to know each other in fellowship.

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

Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren will be alternating months with their columns. Look for Pastor Jim's article in the September Messenger!

Pastor Warren's Wonderings

By Rev. Warren Dale

Previously appearing in First Church of Redwood City's monthly newsletter, Rev. Warren Dale's monthly column will continue in in The Messenger, the newsletter of the newly merged Congregational Church of the Peninsula.



Rev. Warren Dale

It is called The Good Hope Luncheon. The event always occurs on the first Tuesday of each month (except for rare occasions like holidays). It is "hosted" by one of the members who calls the featured restaurant and alerts them to how many might be coming, prepares her own home, or helps a friend to help host the luncheon.

Mostly, we go to a "designated" restaurant. Each person orders their own meal, pays for their own meal, and contributes \$2 to the growing kitty that will be given out to some local food helper at Christmas time. at 12:30 p.m. and usually lasts until 1:30 or 2 p.m.

So, what is so special about the Good Hope Luncheon? Well, currently there are 23 on the mailing list. Each month, each person on the list receives a personal phone call. (Sometimes a message is left.) During that phone call, a little visiting may take place, good news or troubling news shared, an offer to activate the prayer chain made. And, of course, the invitation to the luncheon is

also extended. That phone call by a church friend is such an important aspect of the Good Hope Luncheon connection and the ministry of of the Congregational Church of the Peninsula..

What is also special about the Luncheon list is about one third are not members of our church but are members of other churches, friends of those on the list, or other people that we know. Of the eight to fourteen people who attend the actual Good Hope Luncheon, about the same ratio applies (one third are non-members). And there are both men and women who attend.

What takes place at the Good Hope Luncheon, you ask? Well, first of all, fellowship. We may hear of quilting stories by Connie, teaching stories from Carol and Gabriela, news from the senior center by De, new stretching exercises by our 102-year-old Millie, pie cooking from Naomi, and church events to enjoy from the Rev. Warren. Yes, I do start the meal with a thought for the day and a graceful prayer. But spiritual support mostly comes from the joy that each person present shares with other.

And yes, fellowship also includes news of friends (both challenging and joyful news), birthdays to celebrate when the birthday cards are passed around, and get-well cards that remind us of friends who are ailing.

If you would like that touch of fellowship, please join us by contacting myself or our helpful caller, Gabriela (contact information is available through the church office).

Blessings to you all,
Warren



The newly merged congregation shared a chocolate cake during coffee hour to celebrate.



Pastor Warren helped cut the first slice.

New! Thursday evening opportunity to Talk, Pray, Connect

Beginning Thursday, July 13, at 6 p.m., you are invited to join us on Zoom for a brief time of conversation, check-in and prayer. For the summer it will be Zoom only, coordinated by Pastor Jim. It's a great way to stay connected when so many are traveling on the weekends. Here is the [link](#) to join us. (Meeting ID: 896 7965 9144; Passcode: 751ccb).



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Chocolate Fest planning on track for Oct. 20 and 21 event

By Micki Carter

Fourteen chocolatiers have signed up to participate in the 40th edition of Chocolate Fest Oct. 20 and 21. They include a couple who have been around since the first Chocolate Fest (Kathy's Kreative Kakes and Guitard's Chocolate); others are long-timers like CocoTutti and many more are brand new to this premiere Belmont benefit. Take a look at the logos on our website (ChocolateFestofBelmont.org) to see who's coming!

Chocolate Fest will be presented in its familiar three sessions — Friday and Saturday, 7:30-10 p.m. and Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m., but this year we will not be having a Chocolate Boutique. Vendors will be invited to sell their product from their booths where they will be offering their samples.

Michael Medwid's Jazz Quartet will be playing on the veranda as they have for many of the pre-Covid Chocolate Fests.

Chocolate Fest Chair Jill Visor has taken on the task of wrangling vendors herself after she toured the Chocolate Salon in San Francisco last winter. But now that we're a little less than three months out from the event itself, she's turning to the rest of us for help putting on this very special event. Already signed up to help are:

- Operations — Greg Thornhill
- Staffing — Steve Chamberlin
- Decorations — Maura Whitmore
- Kitchen — Marcia Hilo
- Finance — Mike Venturino
- Publicity — Micki Carter
- Ticketing — Danielle Chamberlin and Lea Mavroudis
- Silent Auction — Jane Fernald
- Music — Elizabeth Mye
- Child care — Garrett and Kendall House

Jill still needs someone (or two or three) who will take on door prizes and someone who will be responsible for ordering champagne and wine.

Then, of course, we will need all hands on deck for the days of the event: Chocolate servers, parking attendants, child care helpers, go-fers, kitchen help, wine and coffee servers and ticket sales. Steve will fill all those slots with the help of the SignUp-



Genius he's designing. Please be ready to commit your time that weekend.

We especially invite the participation of Redwood City folks who may be new to Chocolate Fest. Half of the money we raise goes to community organizations like Samaritan House and Second Harvest, and it's a great opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

And, finally, we'd really like to find an ice cream or gelato maker to replace A-Lot-A Gelato, which was the Chocolate Fest anchor in the southeast corner of the Dining Room for every previous Chocolate Fest. If you know of a commercial ice cream maker whom we should invite, please let Jill know.

And free up your calendar for Oct. 20 and 21!



Henry and Garrett perform the classic 'Who's on First?' skit at Family Camp

Book your favorite volunteer spot now for Chocolate Fest

The 40th Annual Chocolate Fest of Belmont is returning on Oct. 20 and 21, and now's your chance to claim your favorite volunteering position. Whether you love to work in the kitchen, greet guests at the door, or help anywhere else, we're giving church members and friends the first opportunity to sign up for their most coveted volunteering roles and time slots.

You have until Aug. 6 to reserve your favorite volunteering spots, after which we'll open the sign-ups to the Scouts and other community members who will round out the staffing schedule. View the volunteering signup list and register for slots [here](#). In addition to being a great cause, Chocolate Fest is just plain old fun to be a part of! Guests and volunteers enjoy a spectacular time filled with an indulgence of chocolate, live jazz, and champagne.

Please send questions about Chocolate Fest staffing to Steve Chamberlin at chocolate_festival_staffing@ccbelmont.org.

And if you're wondering when you can order your Chocolate Fest tickets — very soon! Lea is setting up the ticketing process on Eventbrite, and it should be ready [here](#) in a week or so. Save the Date cards will then go out to our entire Chocolate Fest mailing list.

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Rainbow banner destroyed in act of vandalism; police investigate it as a potential hate crime

By Micki Carter

CCB's rainbow banner celebrating the Congregational Church of Belmont's commitment to LGBTQ rights — and its extravagant welcome to members of that community — was slashed in two on the porch of the church overnight Tuesday, July 18.

The vandalism was discovered by Lea Mavroudis, our office admin, when she arrived at work on Wednesday morning, July 19. The Belmont Police Department responded to her call and opened a hate crime investigation, according to Belmont police Lt. Pete Lotti.

"The vandalism at CCB is disappointing but not surprising," said Pastor Jim Mitulski. "As a gay pastor in the United Church of Christ, I've noticed a marked increase in hostility toward the LGBTQ community of late. At CCB, we remain deeply committed to LGBTQ inclusion and equality in church and society.

"Rather than engaging in violence, I invite whoever did this to engage in a sincere conversation with us about why our church proudly welcomes LGBTQ people. Our church stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ community as part of our faith."

The rainbow banner, along with another with the words Black Lives Matter printed in white on a black background, were installed in March 2022 between pillars of the porch of the church. The Black Lives Matter ban-



ner was not vandalized.

News stories on the vandalism appeared in the San Mateo Daily Journal, the Palo Alto Post and the Bay Area Reporter.

We also posted the news on Nextdoor and lots of heartwarming comments encouraged us in our welcome to the LGBTQ

community. More than 7,500 Nextdoor viewers read the posting, which, according to the Nextdoor monitor, is quite amazing. Only one person had a decidedly different take: "It's wonderful that you welcome gay people, but they won't be welcome in Heaven unless they change their lifestyle."

Bobby Jo Valentine in concert and worship Aug. 6

Bay area folk singer/songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine will be our guest artist during worship on Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. and then will perform a concert at 1:30 p.m. Bobby Jo has been a featured musician in the past at UCC General Synod. Check out his Youtube page, Facebook page and [website](#). From the website:

Bobby Jo Valentine's music exists outside the lines of any genre, but the music's thoughtful, spirit focused lyrics and catchy melodies reach listeners across all walks of life. The poetic nature and spiritual focus of his stories and songs has resulted in

notable awards and a growing, loyal following around the country. He's found a voice with original, hopeful songs about the gentle everyday spiritual awakenings of an openhearted life.

His music has won Song of the Year three times at the West Coast Songwriter's Association, and his songs have appeared on radio, TV, and feature films. He has performed artist residencies, hosted songwriting workshops, and been involved in helping communities of all types use their spaces and voice in more creative and powerful ways.



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Fun and fellowship shared at Monte Toyon Family Camp 2023

Nearly 30 of us gathered at Monte Toyon in mid-July for Family Camp in perfect weather in the redwoods as the rest of the Bay Area sweltered. We welcomed a large contingent from College Heights, including at least three couples who had joined CCB at Camp Cazadero in the '90s for Family Camp. We sang, roasted S'mores around a campfire, hiked, tackled the Climbing Wall, juggled, acted silly in skits, ate together and sang some more. Then after breakfast on Sunday, we hurried back to CCB for worship in the Sanctuary! Keep an eye out for next summer's date and register early!



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This news story about our own Bob Donovan recently appeared on KTVU.

Bay Area man celebrates 102nd birthday at Fish Market before it closes for good

By Dave Detling and Sara Sedillo

SAN MATEO, Calif. - Robert Donovan turned 102 years old Friday and couldn't think of a better place to celebrate than the Fish Market in San Mateo, before it closes for good.

Donovan says he has been coming to the landmark restaurant for decades and was sad to hear it's not going to be around anymore. This week the owners announced the closure

of all Bay Area locations.

Donovan was joined by loved ones as they enjoyed a view of the Bay. He said he likes to start with clam chowder, and that the restaurant has been a favorite of his since he and his wife moved from Ohio over 50 years ago.

The Fish Market opened in 1976 in Palo Alto and grew to eight restaurants in California and one in Arizona.

During the pandemic, the Santa Clara and San Jose locations shut down.

Now the owners are closing the Palo Alto and San Mateo locations, along with their South San Francisco fishery, in September.

Executives call it a difficult decision, blaming it on the economy and the real estate market.



Upcoming worship services in August and September

Aug. 6: Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and prayers for peace. Pastor Jim will talk about Matthew 14:13-21 and the book Hiroshima by John Hersey (1946), which can be read online in its original form [here](#). Guest musical artist is Bobby Jo Valentine, who will also perform a concert at 1:30 p.m.

Aug. 13: NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION THIS SUNDAY ONLY

We will join with the congregation of Island United Church UCC in Foster City for a joint service at 10 a.m. followed by

a lunch that they will provide. Some may carpool from our church. Let us know if you need a ride! The address is 1130 Balclutha Dr, Foster City, CA 94404.

Aug. 20: Solemn Commemoration of Emmett Till, Martyr, and Mamie Till Mobley, Activist. We are back at Belmont Church at 10:30 a.m., and the congregation from Foster City will join with us. Pastor Jim will preach on Matthew 15:21-28 and the newest book about Emmet Till, *A Few Days Full of Trouble: Revelations on the Journey to Justice for my Cousin and Best*

Friend by Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr.

Aug. 27: Rev. Warren Dale will lead worship.

Sept. 3: Labor Day Sunday. Pastor Jim will preach on Matthew 16:21-28.

Sept. 10: Homecoming Sunday. Invite your friends and family as we re-gather after the summer. Special Guest Choir from Unity of Marin will perform during worship. Potluck Luncheon to follow after church. The Unity Choir will also perform a concert at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 17: Boy Scout Sunday

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Youth serve at Tsaile, Ariz. – ‘The place where the stream flows into the canyon’

By Linda Howard

In June, four adults and six teens sponsored by the Congregational Church of Belmont joined approximately 50 other youths from California at Diné College in Tsaile, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation.

The youths and adult chaperones were part of Sierra Service Project, an organization that has been volunteering in underserved areas for over 40 years. The purpose of the trip was to build connections with a community by volunteering to make home repairs that would enable the residents to safely age in place.

Loud singing, mostly out of tune, woke us up every morning promptly at 6:00 a.m. After a hearty breakfast and clean up, preparations began for the construction jobs.

The youth and adults were divided into groups of 5-6 and assigned tasks such as reconstructing roofs, building fences, pouring concrete, and repairing ramps and bannisters at various residences. A staff member trained each participant on the use of circular saws, chop saws, and drills. The work crews loaded vehicles with extension ladders, hand saws, hammers, screw drivers and all tools necessary for the construction assignments and drove into the country to the residents' homes. By 9 a.m. everyone was at work and thoroughly awake. Being awake was a good thing when you think about a 14- or 15-year-old with a power saw (or for any adult who has had little sleep and not enough coffee).

Even in this remote region near the Four Corners area of the Navajo Nation, our commute to the job site ran into a traffic jam. One morning our vehicles came to an abrupt halt as we waited for a herd of sheep running ahead of us to veer off the road. Once we reached our job site, curious goats, playful puppies, old dogs on the lookout for handouts, ponies and meandering sheep entertained and distracted us from our work at times.

The Belmont work crew replaced a roof on a storage shed, repaired front steps and a balustrade and painted a ramp. The owners of the house, Mary Rose and Joe, welcomed us. Offerings of Navajo Tea and Blue Corn



porridge appeared during the week. Joe pantomimed advice on how to repair the steps. His advice turned out to be spot on. Mary Rose, Joe and their adult children and grandchildren charmed us with their warmth and hospitality.

Each day, the work groups returned to the hogan-shaped dormitory at Diné College. In the Navajo tradition, people entered the east door. Free time was from 3-5 p.m. During this time everyone was expected to shower and be prepared to eat dinner by 5:30. This was no small feat since a bathroom might be shared by 7-10 people.

Everyone had the “opportunity to serve” throughout the week. Each group had a daily assignment in order to keep things running smoothly and to maintain reasonable hygiene. (The exception to “reasonable hygiene” was one room with five teenage boys.) The dreaded chore was cleaning bathrooms – truly a character-building experience.

We worked, played and completed our chores, but time for spirituality and reflection was built into each day. It is difficult to put into words how the Tsaile experience affected us. The following are quotes from our teens who took a chance and dived into another culture.

“When looking back at the trip to Tsaile, I can only remember good things. Like having dance parties, doing squats while we brushed our teeth, and being able to help people in need. There may have been a few

flaws like lack of instruction, but the staff did a great job overall. I’m really glad I went on this experience. I was happy to help and I got a cool t-shirt.” – Mitchell Cox

“I had no idea what to expect when I went to Tsaile for the Sierra Service Project, but by the end of the week, I had new friends, closer bonds with people I already knew, and a totally different perspective on how others live. Working on the site was difficult, and I didn’t really know what I was doing, but seeing the end result and the homeowners’ reaction was so rewarding. The staff members welcomed us like we were family. I don’t think I’ll meet anyone like them again.” – Eva Joy Cox

“It was fun doing the work at Mary Rose and Joe’s house. I was the most comfortable person on the roof! And I learned to remove nails properly. My favorite part was all the dogs. It was also great seeing the Grand Canyon on the way, and one night on the reservation we got to see pretty cliffs with ancient Indian dwellings.” – Christopher Gray-Spight

“The Grand Canyon was the best part of sight-seeing...at the reservation, the lodgings were okay but we were crowded five to a room and 10 of us shared one bathroom – that was tough. I liked going out and working on Mary Rose’s front porch and steps. I felt like I was helping. I learned to use a power saw! All the dogs were really cute too.” – Cassie Gray-Spight

“The best part was that we found ways to communicate and work together despite a language barrier. It was especially cool to explore cultures that you are not normally exposed to.” – Rory Chamberlin

The volunteers came with the idea of helping historically underserved people in this remote community on the Navajo reservation. However, our time with the people of Tsaile enriched our lives as well. The five days of service became a unique opportunity for growth and learning. When the time came to say “good-bye,” we learned there is no word for “good-bye” in the Navajo language. Instead, the people say *Hágoónée*, which means, “See you next time.”

More photos on Page 10 and 11.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

Saturday, August 5th
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



This free disaster preparedness event takes place at the San Mateo Convention Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Aug. 5.

Chair of Trustees reports on NCNC Annual Gathering

By Elizabeth Nordt

Annual Gathering June 15-17 2023 brought the Northern California/Nevada Conference of the UCC together to face the "Elephant in the Room" as its theme. The primary elephant adorned with rainbows addressed the legacy of racism in black and white terms.

In addition to the state of the conference and keynote, moving talks included responses to gun violence from a Chinese American Congregation and testimony of a transgender pastor. The business consisted of one resolution, passed almost unanimously, to call congregations to become "Black Wealth Builders" by facilitating homeownership in their communities.

For an afternoon workshop, Pastor Jim, Maura, and I split up to maximize our



experiences. My workshop, Seven Pauses for Well-Being and Peace, was led by Rev. Dr. Curran Reichert currently service the First Congregational Church of Sonoma. It

offered body-focused strategies to care and calm oneself- and sometimes others.

The Vagus runs from our heads down through our bodies, touching major organs and influencing hormones such as adrenaline, cortisol, serotonin, oxytocin, endorphins, and dopamine. Heart, gut, sweat, it's all connected. A memory or trauma can trigger physical reactions out of sync with the present. Breath, movement, humming, touch, many strategies can help the body reset.

Many of these ideas are not new, and I've used various forms of this in my own life for decades. But some research studies are piecing older wisdom together to better explain how and why it works! Reach out to me if you want to talk about it or learn more.

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Office or storage space available for rent



We recently freed up an upstairs office that is available for rent as our tenant has moved into a space down in the Warrens. The 180 sq ft office is accessed through the interior stairway and sits between our church office and the apartment. Given the uniqueness of the office location and only being accessible from the interior of the building, it's perfect for someone looking for a remote work location or even some storage. This isn't a residential space nor is it appropriate for a business that has clientele or the public coming onsite. We've heard of some interest in the space and right now we're limiting this to church members only. If you are interested in looking at the space, please contact Lea at office@ccbeltmont.org. Then let us know at trustees@ccbeltmont.org if you are interested in being considered. Please let us know if you have interest by 8/11/23.

United Church of Christ elects new president



The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson was elected the 10th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ at the 34th General Synod in Indianapolis on Monday, July 3. This makes her the first woman to lead our denomination.

Online Book Group picks new selection for August

The group meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Here is the [link](#).

The selection for August will be *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1. We have a few copies available for those who would like them. They are also available easily at the library or at local booksellers.

Read at your own pace. Here's a general guide For Aug. 1, pps 1-60; Aug. 8, through p. 123; Aug. 15, through p. 266 "Summer and Fall"; Aug. 22, through p. 323; and Aug. 29, remainder of book, "Several Years Later."

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the card you sent me! Seeing everyone's signatures warmed my heart. I miss you all so much! I was pleasantly surprised to see a letter from the church I loved most growing up. I hope you're all doing well, sending hugs!

Love,
Faith!!

We recently received this thank-you card from Faith Cox, Linda Howard's granddaughter, for the graduation card we sent her in June.

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Scouts Troop 27 reports exciting time at annual DIY camp



The Scouts enjoyed their annual DIY camp week July 15-22nd. Union Valley Reservoir in the Sierra served as this year's location for more than 60 youth and 30 adults to swim, canoe, hike, learn Scout skills, earn merit badges and play. Ham radio reports on activities and the day's gourmet menu came in nightly. Church served as the launching point and rendezvous where gear was scrubbed, organized and put away for the year. Thank you to the Scout leadership for all their hard work and thank you to the congregation for providing space!

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Join Us!



Join Cub Scouts today at pack27.org



Fall Registration & Information Event!
August 27th @ 10am in Beresford Park

2720 Alameda De Las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA (picnic area #2 near the San Mateo Garden Center)
Open to boys and girls in 1st - 5th grades | Questions? Contact sanmateopack27@gmail.com

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2023

Saturday, October 14th
Seal Point Park, San Mateo



NAMIWalks

*San Mateo
County*

Time: 9am
Location:
Seal Point Park
1901 J Hart
Clinton Dr
San Mateo, CA
94404

**Come join the National Alliance on
Mental Illness (NAMI) San Mateo
County as we walk a 1k or 5k
#together4mentalhealth.**

**There will be food, an emcee, music
and resource fair to enjoy with
everyone.**

**Spread the word in your community,
create a team, join a team, come
alone, bring your pets and share a
fun day with NAMI SMC!**



Learn more at
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CCB Calendar for August 2023

1 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
2 Wed	11AM - 12PM	Off-site events	Bible Study (Zoom)
3 Thu	6:00PM - 7:00PM	Off-site events	Talk, Pray, Connect
6 Sun	9AM - 10:30AM	Church Events	Worship Preparation
	10:30AM - 12:00PM	Worship	Sunday worship with Rev. Jim Mitulski
	11:30AM - 1:00PM	Church Events	Coffee Hour
	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Off-site events	Zoom Evening Worship
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	12PM - 1PM ☐	Church Events	Social Action board meeting
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28 Mon	7:00PM - 9:00PM ☐	Off-site events	CCB Council Meeting
29 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Off-site events	Online Book Group
30 Wed	11AM - 12PM	Off-site events	Bible Study (Zoom)
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WHAT DOES OUR WORLD TELL YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT...

Being a "boy" or a "girl"?

Who can be a family?

This free webinar is for parents, caregivers, and anyone who wants a more expansive, welcoming world for young children.

2023 DATES: 2/15, 4/19, 6/21, 9/7

RAINBOW KIDS

Register: bit.ly/Rainbow-Kids

Community Equity Collaborative

SAN MATEO COUNTY PRIDE CENTER

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September Messenger Deadline will be Aug. 28.



A new logo for the Congregational Church of the Peninsula has not been chosen yet. This mock-up serves as a placeholder until then.

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