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CCP will host a Palestinian/ Jewish dialogue Sunday, Nov. 3

By Micki Carter

The phone call came from a friend, asking for a favor.

Dr. Miriam Zimmerman, who was dean of my department at Notre Dame de Namur University and the person who hired me to teach journalism there 25 years ago, knows the Congregational Church of the Peninsula well. She was one of the eulogists for Pastor Kristi at her memorial.

But the request, from her perspective as a member of Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City, was a big one:

CBJ had been planning to host a Palestinian/Jewish Dialogue on Oct. 20 for several months and had enlisted the support of the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition. However, they had received a directive from a national Jewish organization: Please avoid any public gatherings out of recognition that the current situation in Israel, Gaza and Lebanon had significantly heightened tensions for Jews across the country.

The ask: Would CCP host the dialogue instead of Congregation Beth Jacob?

I told Miriam that Oct. 20 (Chocolate Sunday!) wouldn't work, but if they could consider another Sunday, I would carry her request to Pastor Jim Mitulski.

She conferred with her committee at CBJ about dates, and we settled on Nov. 3 as a possibility. Pastor Jim was enthusiastic, and PMC was pleased to see that the program would go forward.

The program was arranged by the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue

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One of our volunteers poses under the Chocolate Fest sign on Oct. 19.



Chocolate Fest offered a completely new format this year — everything in one day — and it seems to have worked just fine. Check out more photos, a preliminary look at our financials and a huge thank you from LifeMoves, which will receive half of our profits, on Page 4.

Set your clocks back on Sunday!

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

Pastor Jim's Reflections

Can we be peacemakers in time of war?

Dear friends and fellow Peacemakers,

I hope you will join us in the months of November and December for some of our most sacred observances as a community leading up to Christmas Eve.

We will celebrate our loved ones whom we no longer see yet who live still in our hearts on All Saints and All Souls Sunday Nov. 3. Bring pictures and small mementos for the altar.

We'll welcome back Garrett House for his first sermon since formally entering the ordination process of the United Church of Christ Nov. 17. We'll have several opportunities to offer thanks to God for all of the blessings we have received and continue to receive.

December will bring special services for Advent as we wait together for the Coming of the Light. Be sure to invite your friends

and family members for Christmas Eve!

I especially want to invite you to the Jewish/Palestinian Dialogue that we are hosting for Congregation Beth Jacob on Nov. 3. For a variety of reasons it was deemed safer for this dialogue to take place in the peace-making sanctuary of our church.

For the past year, voices from Israel, Palestine, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Iran and throughout the Middle East and around the world have combined to pray for an immediate multilateral ceasefire.

We have prayed for a safe return and accounting of the 60-100 remaining hostages. And we have mourned the 1,200 Israelis and the 40,000 Palestinians who have been killed, the majority of whom are children, in Gaza.

The United States has sent weapons and now soldiers to aid Israel. Whatever your politics, I hope you will join us to listen

and learn, and let us be ceaseless in prayer for peace.

Our hospitality in hosting this and other events that promote relationship and reconciliation, while not without risk, is our way of saying we need to talk with each other.

As we enter a second season of singing and praying about the land of the birth of Jesus, may we swell the angel chorus proclaiming peace.

Please register [here](#) for the Dialogue on Nov. 3.

Hope to see you in this Holy Season of Hope.

Pastor Jim

P.S. Here is a [link](#) to a beautiful message from the president of the UCC explaining why our denomination is committed to ceasefire and to peacemaking.

P.P.S. For upcoming worship themes and preachers, see the article on Page 7.

Warren's Wonderings

Images of Gaza bring back memories

By Rev. Warren Dale

Warren is a Fellow of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress.

The images of Gaza remind me of traveling in Bosnia and Hercegovina from Split over the dirt road of Diamond Route into Gornji Vakuf. It was shocking to see the devastation. It was memorable to meet the security leader of that village who invited me to speak to the youth attending the sports camp for mixed ethnic children living in the Central Bosnian area.

Yes, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel as places of war remind me of the experience the children of all ages had during those years. As I prepared to speak to the youth, I remembered the concepts that we had learned through the war experience of World War II to the present.

In WWII, they called traumatic stress battle fatigue "shell shock." They weren't quite sure how to deal with it. But the body, mind and spirit is an amazingly resilient organism.

At the end of one's tour of duty in WWII,

combat units of the Armed Forces often returned home via ships — ships that took days to travel, days that enabled the group to decompress, share hope, recalibrate, and they returned to a predominately adoring community.

The experience of Vietnam was much different. While the military had learned that one, on average, could face only so many days of stress, they flew people back and forth in a way that resulted in less unit bonding. And when they returned home, they did so to a confused community.

We learned that traumatic stress was defined as a life-threatening experience to oneself, family, community. And two factors that affected the impact included the type of event(s) and the support system.

The conflicts of Ukraine and Russia and that of Israel, Palestine and Lebanon carry much mixed meaning.

In all of this we pray for peace. As a caring community we are called by Paul in Galatians, 6:2, "Bear one another's burden."

We know that there are many different

perspectives regarding the areas of conflict. I invite us to be available to listen to our differences and embrace our brothers and sisters who walk in different communities.

Paul adds, "Be kindly in tribulation."

So, one way in which we can help another who is experiencing traumatic stress, is to be supportive of his or her journey, listen and suggest he/she talk with one who is experienced in working with trauma.

A way of taking care of ourselves in watching the war scenes is to scribble! And to offer the paper to Jesus and ask that he take it.

Oh, yes, in conclusion, while presenting to the youth in Bosnia, I asked the security chief, can you live with the other groups. He said, "We know specifically who harmed us; they are not welcome. Our other neighbors with differences are welcome back to rebuild our peace."

Unresolved trauma often results in violence towards oneself or towards others. A supportive community can help traumatized folk move toward healing.

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Chocolate Fest shines in new format

By Micki Carter

Everything old is new again, as the saying goes, and Chocolate Fest — after 41 years — took on a whole new look in 2024.

For this new, all-in-one day version, guests were asked to choose a two-hour tasting time slot that helped us manage the crowds that were a factor last year.

We also moved about half the 22 vendors into the Sanctuary where pews were removed and drapes hung from the rafter to define the space. The Silent Auction table held a prominent spot in the middle.

This year the prize drawings took place on the half-hour each hour, and the improved sound system allowed winners to hear their numbers called.

That break every hour was especially welcome for the jazz trio. Michael Medwid played the drums for the whole eight hours, but he rotated in other musicians to join him throughout the day.

And vendors, instead of paying a flat fee, were asked to donate 10 percent of their sales.

For most of these innovations, Chocolate Fest chair Jill Visor listened to the comments of the vendors and volunteers from last year and adapted this traditional benefit to fit.

This was also the first year that Chocolate Fest designated a single charity to receive half the proceeds instead of spreading the funds over several different groups. This year the benefit goes to LifeMoves, the organization that houses the unhoused on the Peninsula. LifeMoves had an information table set up in the Sanctuary.

How did we do financially? Chocolate Fest netted more than \$23,000 and should clear more than \$17,000.

“Thank you so much to everyone in our incredible community who made Chocolate Fest 2024 a huge success!” Jill said.

“Your hard work and dedication created an amazing and fun event that everyone enjoyed.

“To me, there is nothing better than working with a dedicated team to accomplish something together that can’t be done individually — and for a good cause!”

And our thanks to Jill! Even a well-loved event can benefit from a facelift now and then (not to mention the donation of her gorgeous handmade quilt!).



Remember to say ‘thank you!’

Every year, Chocolate Fest benefits from the generous donations of gifts from local businesses. We couldn’t put on nearly as great an event without their generosity.

Please think about these businesses when you are going out for a meal or shopping and take your business to them. And when you do, please thank them for being a Chocolate Fest donor and let them know that you are there because of their participation in Chocolate Fest.

That makes it that much easier when we go back to them next year to ask for a donation.

Belmont: Divino Ristorante Italiano, Vivace Ristorante, Village Host Pizza, Cafe Bliss, Godfather’s Burger

Lounge, Bella Nails, Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt, California Sports, Ladera Garden Center, Victoria’s Kitchen and Capo Restaurant.

San Mateo: Looking Good@Visible Changes, La Lanterna Ristorante, Ragazzi Boys Chorus, Maverick Jack’s Restaurant and Fernando’s Mexican Restaurant.

San Carlos: Hiller Aviation Museum, Fly Bay Area and SusieCakes.

Others: Hillbarn Theater, Cafe Society, Redwood Symphony, P.F. Chang’s Restaurant, Costco, Eats Meets West Bowls and Music at Kohl Mansion.

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Group, which was founded by Libby and the late Len Traubman of San Mateo more than 40 years ago. Libby Traubman is coordinating the Nov. 3 dialogue. (In a quirk of fate, it turns out that I interviewed the Traubmans several times when I was a feature writer for the San Mateo Times.)

The Nov. 3 dialogue will begin in the Sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome by Pastor Jim.

Then four panelists — two Palestinians and two Israeli Jews — will share their personal stories in dialogue with each other. The Living Room Dialogue pairs the sharing of personal experiences with compassionate listening.

Neither a debate nor conflict resolution, the Living Room Dialogue seeks to nurture mutual understanding and to change relationships.

After the dialogue, we will gather in the Dining Room in small groups over coffee and cake to talk with other attendees of different faiths about what we heard and how we have been affected by the dialogue.

CBJ has asked that we not publicize the dialogue beyond our congregation so we aren't mentioning it on our website or social media.

Those who plan to attend (including CCP members) have been asked to register [here](#).

Bring your open heart and mind to

Community Roundtable: A Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue

Sunday, Nov. 3, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
at the
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United Church of Christ
751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont



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Join us for an opportunity to get to know people beyond our usual circle of comfort, to broaden our awareness and deepen our understanding of our neighbors.

Doors will open at 1:10 p.m., and the program will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.





There is no charge but please register using the QR code or by visiting community-roundtable-november-3.eventbrite.com



Co-sponsored by
[Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group](#)
and [Peninsula Multifaith Coalition](#)

The Good Hope Luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the home of Maura Whitmore and Ken Koval, 769 Wellington Drive, San Carlos. Please RSVP to Maura.

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Disaster recovery benefits from CCP

By Linda Howard

Natural disasters from coast to coast have been a constant news item recently. Hurricanes in the southeastern U.S. and fires in northern California were relentless and unforgiving as homes, businesses and infrastructure collapsed.

The Social Action Board chose the following three organizations to receive financial support for the work being done to support the individuals affected by these catastrophic events

The North Valley Community Foundation in Chico, founded in 1989 is an umbrella foundation administering grants to various organizations supporting communities in Northern California. In recent years the numerous fires in Butte County — Camp, Paradise, Dixie and Park fires — have been a special focus. In addition to immediate financial need to replace basic supplies, [NVCF](#) recognizes the need for mental health services for people affected by the fires.

Currently there are 25 organizations on the website that receive grants from NVCF. They include:

Early Childhood Mental Health, Learning & Recovery Fund and First 5 – These two organizations address the needs of families with young children who have been displaced and traumatized by the fires. Suicide prevention, especially among young people, is addressed in these programs.

Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund – This fund raises money to support non-profits and agencies that provide immediate assistance to evacuees and animals impacted by fires in Butte County.

Indigenous Communities Impact Fund – This agency ensures that equitable support is given to support sustainability and prosperity in the indigenous community.

Moms on the Ridge is a non-profit organization in Paradise that supports families with children offering essentials such as diapers, formula, family friendly activities to relieve mental stress caused by the fires.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disasters. With the onslaught of the latest two hurricanes, UCC mobilized to send resources and support. The denomination is communicating with



The Congregational Church of the Peninsula has provided financial support for all these organizations in 2024!

LifeMoves

Housing the unhoused on the Peninsula

San Francisco Night Ministry

Ministry for the unhoused in San Francisco

Coast Pride Community Center

Supporting the LGBTQ community on the Coast

Glide Memorial Church

Social services for the underserved in San Francisco

Undue Medical Debt Relief

Eliminating medical debt in San Mateo County

Brady United Against Gun Violence

Reducing gun violence in the United States

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Providing community garden supplies

Domini Hoskins Black History Museum

Collecting and maintaining Black history

Puente de la Costa Sur

Supporting migrant farm workers on the Coast

Samaritan House

Serving the underserved in San Mateo County

CuriOdyssey

Scholarships for STEM educational activities

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

Support for the undocumented

Project Change

Scholarships for current and formerly incarcerated students

St. James Community Development Corporation

Low-income housing for young adults raised in foster care

Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Providing mediation services for San Mateo County groups

North Valley Community Foundation and Moms on the Ridge

Supporting those affected by Northern California fires

LGBTQ Religious Archives Network

Collecting and preserving LGBTQ religious history

Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse

conferences in the areas affected by the recent hurricanes to determine the needs of the communities.

On Sept. 26, Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida and traveled north delivering devastating losses of homes, businesses and infrastructure. Electricity did not exist to operate oxygen tanks, refrigerate insulin and other life sustaining operations. So far, the death toll has surpassed 230; many people are still missing. To add to the misery,

Hurricane Milton crashed into Florida two weeks later.

If you would like to contribute further to any of these causes: North Valley Community Foundation, Moms on The Ridge or UCC Disaster Hurricane Relief, you may donate by sending a check or cash to the Congregation Church of the Peninsula or use the QR Code or the [DONATE](#) button on our website. Please indicate what organization you wish your donation to go toward.

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Now we really have merged churches!



These may just like any old empty (or nearly empty) storage units but these are OUR storage units — and they are indeed empty! These units at SafKeep in Redwood City were filled to the brim with items from the First Congregational Church of Redwood City when they sold their building. When we merged to become the Congregational Church of the Peninsula, these came with. “We kept what we could,” said Elizabeth Nordt, chair of Trustees. “Sold some and gave away the rest. Treasures were found, like a flag made to honor members who served in World War I. There is still sorting and filing to do, but rest assured the history of FCRWC remains.” The photo at the right shows some of that history making its way into the storage unit in the warrens of CCP.

CCP holiday plans are taking shape

By Mike Venturino

Christmas and Advent at CCP this year will feature a mix of our traditional events and some new ones.

Several Sundays will feature 5 p.m. services with other Peninsula Open and Affirming congregations. They may join us in caroling on Dec. 22 as well. Carol Chivers is contacting The Elms, Ivy Park, Leslie Terrace and other senior living sites to settle on times, but we usually start at 5 p.m. and end with a pizza party at Bob Donovan’s house.

CCP will sing carols at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Menlo Park again this year. The Deacons and Rev. Thomas Crosby are working on a date and time.

Rev. Warren Dale has arranged for the Madrigal Singers to return to sing in the CCP Sanctuary at 5 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Christmas Eve will feature candlelight, carols and communion as in the past. The service is set for 9 pm.

The theme for Advent, which begins Dec. 1 this year, will be Words for the Beginning, from the Sanctified Art worship resources.



The Madrigal Singers will perform at 5 p.m. Dec. 8 at CCP.

Here are worship dates and themes for November and December:

November

- Nov. 3: Time Change! Feast of All Saints and All Souls with Communion
- Nov. 10: Veterans Day remembrance
- Nov. 17: Stewardship Sunday with Garrett House preaching
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day Service, 10 a.m., St. James AME Zion Church, 825 Monte Diablo Ave., San Mateo

December

- Dec. 1: First Sunday of Advent, Words for the Beginning, and World AIDS Day service, 5 p.m., location to be determined.
- Dec. 8: Second Sunday of Advent and Madrigal Concert, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent, and Caroling, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols, and Communion, 9 p.m.
- Dec. 29, Christmas 1, Kwanzaa, New Years

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Join us for a
DEATH CAFE
to discuss how we think about dying.



We promise it's not as dark as it sounds.

We talk about end-of-life issues (that we may not even care to think about) over coffee or tea and cake.

Sometimes we laugh!

Third Thursdays of the month,
at 1:30-3 p.m.

Nov. 21 & Dec. 19

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Multifaith Light Over Darkness Festival

Nov 9, 2024 (Saturday)

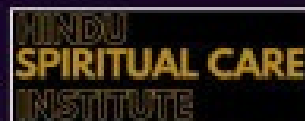
Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: Sanatan Hindu Mandir San Bruno
205 Angus Ave West, San Bruno, CA



Five major faith leaders will present “Light Over Darkness” messages based on their scriptures. There will be an Indian dance performance followed by Indian dinner. This is a FREE event, but we kindly request that you RSVP by scanning the QR code by October 30, 2024. No walk-ins will be permitted. For any questions, feel free to email DilipAmin@yahoo.com.

Participating organizations:



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Lots of new faces at CCP these days. At left is Rebecca Perry Bautista, who is the new part-time temporary office administrator. Rebecca is the wife of Rev. Jorge Bautista, pastor of College Heights UCC in San Mateo. Kayvon Abbaszadeh is the new Audio Visual Tech Coordinator who is pictured here with Christopher and Cassie Spight-Gray, two of the Sunday morning teen tech crew. Kayvon has taken on the role of overseeing the teen crew and is working on upgrades of our online presentation of worship and the recordings of our worship services. Remember to stop by and introduce yourselves to Rebecca and Kayvon.

From the Moderator Maura's in recovery mode after Chocolate Fest 2024

By Maura Whitmore

It is with great pleasure that we have wrapped up another Chocolate Fest. There will be others' articles that go into great detail about the financials, improvements and changes for next year, and "flow." But for my part, I am so happy with our community outreach, congregational participation and all the chocolate that I bought.

We are still eating it, sharing it with friends and relatives, and giving it away to lucky recipients.

Looking forward, I will host the Good Hope Luncheon at my house, on Tuesday Nov. 5. I am at 679 Wellington Drive in San Carlos.

We can all gather, eat, visit and hopefully not go crazy with election results. I will cook, no need to potluck.

Please RSVP to let me (moderator@ccp.org) know if you are coming.

After that, we have Harvest Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, in our Church Dining Room. This is a great mixer, I look forward to seeing many of you there. This is a potluck, with signups to follow.

I am hopeful that we are all getting to know each other better through our combined events.

I am hopeful that we are, over time, becoming ONE church.



Is this your suede jacket? It's size medium and fully lined. It's been hanging in the anteroom at the top of the inside stairs in front of the BMOW office for more than a year. To take a look, check with Rebecca in the office. If no one claims it, it's yours for a donation!

Be sure to fill out your Holy Cow survey [here](#). We need to hear your voice!

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CCP's November Calendar

3 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Coffee Hour
	1:30PM - 3:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Jewish/Palestinian Round Table
	5PM - 6PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
5 Tue	12:30PM - 1:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Good Hope Luncheon
	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
7 Thu	6PM - 7PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
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19 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
	6:00PM - 7:00PM 	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Deacons' meeting
20 Wed	6:30PM - 8PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
21 Thu	1:30PM - 3PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Death Cafe
	6PM - 7PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
23 Sat	5:00PM - 9:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Harvest Dinner
24 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	Sunday worship
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26 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
27 Wed	7:00PM - 9:00PM 	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	CCB Council Meeting

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	5PM - 6PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
	5PM - 7PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Madrigals Concert
9 Mon	5:00PM - 9:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Bookies Book Club holiday party
10 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
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	5:00PM - 8:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Caroling?
24 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
	7:00PM - 10:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	Christmas Eve worship at 9 p.m.

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Peninsula Multifaith Coalition's MLK Day of Service will be on Inauguration day! The event will be shifted to the afternoon for the first time. It will be especially meaningful to come together to work as people of faith on that day. Save the date to volunteer! Those who have led projects in the past, should have been contacted. If you are interested in planning or leading a project, or to watch the video from last year's event, click [here](#).

PENINSULA MULTIFAITH COALITION
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
MULTIFAITH
DAY OF SERVICE
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Answer the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s question with action at our 13th Annual MLK Day of Service. Save the date and visit: peninsulamultifaith.org/mlkday

Troop 27 will be Scouting for Food

By Elizabeth Nordt

Scouts sold popcorn and Christmas wreaths this fall to raise money for Scouting and Troop 27 activities. CCP will have a Scout wreath hanging on its front door for the Christmas season.

The Scouts will be "Scouting for food" Nov. 16 by collecting donations door-to-door to give to Samaritan House and/or Second Harvest. The Cubs will collect around Beresford Park in San Mateo, and the Troop and Crew will collect around Redwood Shores.

If you see posts on NextDoor, a positive reaction will help get the word out. You can have shelf-stable food to donate ready to go. If Cubs/ Scouts come by, they'll appreciate the donation. If not, you can bring the food to church for the blessing box!

Chat and Chew member's book will be the selection for month of December

The Chat and Chew Book Group meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Join the Zoom at this [link](#). The November selection is *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. This is also the San Francisco Public Library choice for One City One Book.

The December selection will be *Untethered* by Chat and Chew Book Club member Shelley Thresher of Tyler, Texas.

January Messenger deadline will be Dec. 20.



This lovely photo and frame was left on the altar. If it's yours, it's in the church office.

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