



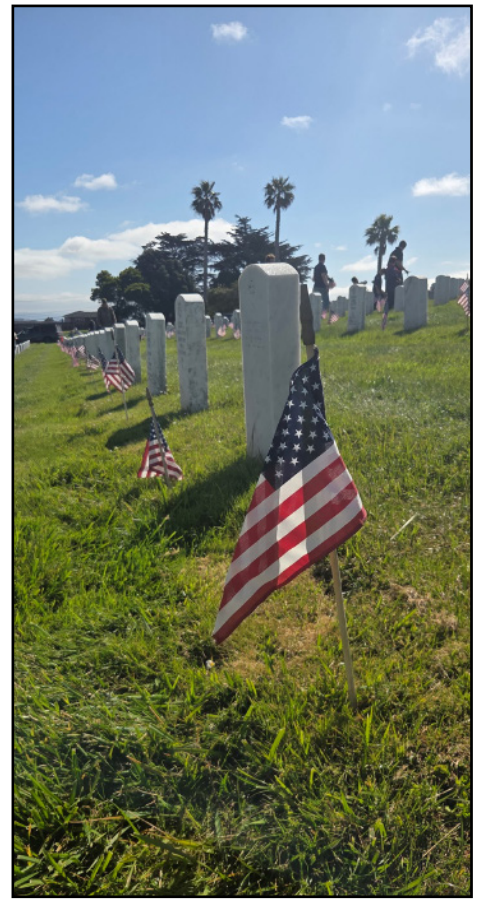
# June/July 2026

# THE MESSENGER

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**Cub Scouts of Troop 27, which is sponsored by CCPeninsula, spent the morning of Memorial Day, placing American flags at the graves of the fallen at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Our Troop and Crew went to Skylawn Memorial Park and sought out veteran graves so they could plant a flag.**



## Handing over the reins of Chocolate Fest

By Jill Visor

For 42 years, Chocolate Fest has been more than just a beloved community celebration — it has been a heartfelt gathering built on generosity, connection and the simple joy of bringing people together.

Now, this cherished fundraiser is entering an exciting new chapter as ownership of the event transitions from the Congregational Church of the Peninsula to the San Mateo County Health Foundation (SMCHF).

The decision follows thoughtful conversations and a shared vision for the future of the event. Recently, organizers Micki Carter and I met with representatives from SMCHF to discuss formally the transition and the future possibilities for Chocolate Fest.

During the meeting, Foundation leaders

asked an important question: Why choose SMCHF from among so many possible nonprofit organizations?

The answer came easily.

“We were impressed by their event planning skills and their warm, interactive, and professional style during last year’s Chocolate Fest,” I said.

“But even more importantly, our focus is very much aligned with their mission of strengthening our community by striving to ensure everyone has access to quality health care and essential resources, regardless of financial circumstance.”

That shared commitment to community care and inclusiveness made the San Mateo County Health Foundation a natural choice to carry Chocolate Fest forward.

The next Chocolate Fest is already scheduled for Feb. 6, 2027, and will be hosted at the Congregational Church of the Peninsula, preserving the welcoming atmosphere and traditions that attendees have come to love over the years.

Looking beyond 2027, SMCHF has ambitious dreams for the event’s future. Foundation leaders envision expanding Chocolate Fest into a much larger regional celebration that spans multiple communities throughout San Mateo County and beyond.

Their long-term vision is for Chocolate Fest to some day become a signature county-wide tradition — a hallmark event recognized for both its joyful spirit and its impact on community health and wellness.

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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.**

From Pastor Jim

# No summer slump at CCPeninsula!

By Rev. Jim Mitulski

Dear friends: Summer is coming and we are still going strong, with worship and programs that continue. We may have fewer meetings, but Sunday worship and our online programs continue robustly, and I hope you'll stay in touch and come when you are able.

In June, we are observing Pride Month. In July our emphasis will align with America at 250, and we'll be having some Sunday morning gatherings before church organized, around a [special resource](#) from Sojourner's Magazine that keys to this theme. I'll be distributing copies at church in late June and providing more details.

In August, we'll focus on Praying for Peace, which seems timely. We will have special music each Sunday. If you're traveling, or even if not, remember the weekly online offerings (we have four!)

Remember, no summer slump at CCPeninsula.

Faithfully yours, Jim

P.S. Celebrate with me that the [podcast](#) I worked on last year, "When We All Get to Heaven" is being awarded a prestigious [Peabody Award](#) in Los Angeles on May 31 for Best Podcast of 2025. I'll be going to House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minn., First Church, Berkeley, Circular Congregational Church in Charleston S.C. and First Congregational Church in Brunswick, Maine, in the coming months to talk about it.

## June – LGBTQ, Allies Pride Month

**June 7:** Welcome our newly graduated seminarian, Garrett House, M.Div., preaching

**June 13:** (Saturday): San Mateo Pride in Central Park 11 a.m. -5 p.m. and Community Fair in San Mateo Central Park. (Want to volunteer for an hour or two at our booth? See me.)

**June 14:** Solemn Commemorations for Pride Month. Honoring our graduates, Rev. Jim Mitulski; Death Cafe after worship.

**June 20** (Saturday): San Mateo Pride Month Service with other Open and Affirming Churches, 5 p.m., Rev. Derek Terry, executive director of UCC Affirming



## June is Pride Month!

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. Sundays  
to learn what it means to us at the  
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Coalition, 4 p.m. Meet and Greet reception with Rev. Terry, 6 p.m., Coffee Hour after the service

**June 21:** Juneteenth and Father's Day, Rev. Jim Mitulski

June 28: Stonewall Commemoration Day, Rev. Warren Dale

## July — Faith and Freedom.

**July 5:** America at 250, Rev. Jim Mitulski, Holy Communion. Joint service with San Carlos at our church. Join us for coffee and conversation before church at 9:30 a.m.

**July 12:** John Lewis Remembrance, embodying Faith and Freedom. Rev. Jim Mitulski; Death Cafe after church.

**July 18:** Concert at 7 p.m with the San Mateo UCCs at CCSM with [Bobby Jo Valentine](#).

**July 19:** Building the City of God, Rev. Jim Mitulski; special [film presentation](#) after church, Walking the Journey with You about the UCC Cornerstone Fund and Imani Village in Chicago.

**July 26:** Rev. Sheryl Johnson

## August — Prayers for Peace

**Aug. 2:** Rev. Jim Mitulski, Holy Communion; joint service with San Carlos at our church. After church we all go to College Heights UCC for the annual Church Picnic there with the other UCCs. Join us at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation

**Aug. 3:** At 6 p.m. we are hosting the summer potluck for the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition in the Dining Room. Join us! Want to help? See me.

**Aug. 9:** Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration, Rev. Jim Mitulski; Death Cafe after church.

**Aug.16:** Special Guest Rev. Dr. William Stell, professor of Religion at NYU and author new book *Born Again Queer*. Book event after church.

**Aug. 23:** Emmett Till Commemoration  
**Aug. 30:** Remembering the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

**Sept. 7:** Joint service at San Carlos (Labor Day weekend)

**Sept. 14:** Homecoming Sunday — kick off Fall Programming. Holy Communion.

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## Warren's Wonderings

# Representing the work of CCPeninsula

Well, my friends, this has been quite a month for me.

On April 30, Georgi, the past executive director of the San Mateo County Community College Foundation, and I attended the Chancellor Circle reception.

There, I spoke with the executive director of Upward Scholars and the president of the College of San Mateo about the Congregational Church of the Peninsula's support of Upward Scholars and the Project Change program.

I also had the opportunity to share a conversation with the liaison to the San Mateo Community College Foundation office through which we give our annual Rev. Kristi Denham Project Change Scholarship.

On May 5, Pastor Jim and I attended the Good Hope Luncheon. We got to sign all the birthday cards brought to us by the Card

Envoy, Carol Chivers. It really is a special treat to sign all those cards and know that Carol will be posting them in time for us.

On May 8, I attended the San Mateo County Service League luncheon. They provide so many connecting services to families, clergy and supporters of those incarcerated, hoping to help them use that time to transition to a better future.

I sat with the governmental relations rep for the Job Train, which provides training to folks who are developing new skills to use in today's job market.

On that same day, I attended the evening awarding of scholarships for the College of San Mateo and celebrated with our Project Change team the awarding of the Rev. Kristi Denham scholarship. It was very special to hear how appreciative foundation is of our church's support.

On May 14, after our Prayer time with the Island United Church, I presented on Building and Maintaining Resiliency in Traumatic Situations to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team.

Each one of these special events mean so much to us as a church and to those involved with each organization — scholarships helping people in challenging situations to emerge into a worthwhile future; prayers and financial support to teams of people who are in life's transitional moments; and skill building for those who help rescue others from those circumstances.

And like the old television series with Jim McKay, "You are there!"

Blessings,

The Rev... Warren

## Facilities team plans its summer work

By Philip Broadus

The Facilities Team made steady progress in May on several projects connected to campus safety, building stewardship, summer programming and longer-term capital planning.

Many of these efforts are part of the ongoing work to maintain the church campus as a safe, functional and welcoming space for worship, tenants, community partners and visitors.

One of the most visible projects completed in May was the replacement of the fence at the entrance to OT4Kids. This work helps improve both the appearance and security of the property, while also supporting safer use of the outdoor areas.

The new fence is part of a broader effort to address exterior maintenance needs in a thoughtful and practical sequence, rather than simply waiting for small issues to become larger and more expensive ones, as buildings are mysteriously fond of doing.

The Facilities Team is also preparing for the upcoming installation of a new stairwell. This will serve as the first stage of completing The Walk project.

The stairwell installation is an important

step toward improving access, safety and circulation through that area of the campus. More updates will be shared as the work moves forward and the schedule is finalized.

Another major area of focus has been the organ annex behind the altar. With the pipe organ now fully removed, the annex room is empty and ready for evaluation. There have been different perspectives about the future of this space, including whether it should remain for possible storage, be repaired or repurposed, or eventually be removed.

To help guide that decision responsibly, the Facilities Team is meeting with a structural engineer, who will inspect the annex and prepare a report with findings and recommendations.

In June, the church campus will also host PowerSkilz for summer programming. PowerSkilz will use the facility from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to serve approximately 20–30 students.

During PowerSkilz operating hours, congregation members are asked to coordinate with administration staff before visiting the building. This is not meant to discourage access to the campus, but rather to ensure proper coordination while children are present.

For compliance and safety reasons, it is important to avoid unplanned mixing between program participants and church members or other visitors. Clear communication will help protect the students, the program and the church.

The Facilities Team is also continuing work related to Sanctuary window replacement planning. As part of that process, a QR code will be posted with sample textures and colors under consideration for the final selection of replacement windows. This will allow congregation members to review options and provide informed feedback. The goal is to choose windows that are durable, appropriate for the Sanctuary, and respectful of the character of the building.

Facilities work often happens quietly in the background, but each step contributes to the long-term care and usability of the campus.

The Facilities Team appreciates the congregation's patience and cooperation as these projects move forward. Maintaining an active church campus requires ongoing attention, coordination and investment, and the work completed in May has helped set the stage for a productive summer.

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## From Pastor Sheryl

# Sending bundles of love to our '26 grads

By Rev. Sheryl Johnson

This year we are lucky to have many wonderful accomplishments to celebrate in our community!

**Keith and Linda Cox Howard** have two grandsons graduating this spring. **Ashton Sai Cox**, son of **Christopher and Linda Cox**, will be promoted from pre-school to kindergarten in the fall. He will be attending kindergarten at Jefferson Academy Charter School in Westminster, Colo.

**Mitchell Cox**, son of **Jennifer and Christopher Cox**, will graduate with honors from Standley Lake High School in Westminster, Colo., this spring. He will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder where he has been accepted into the Leeds School of Business. They are the grandsons of **Linda and Keith Howard**.

Two of the grandchildren of our late Pastor Emerita **Rev. Kristi Denham** are graduating this spring. **Audrey Denham** is graduating from the Branson School in Ross and will attend the International People's College in Helsinger, Denmark, in the fall.

**Esben Denham** is graduating from Valley Vista Public Waldorf Elementary and will attend the Branson School in the fall. Audrey and Esben are the children of **Jesse and Susanna Denham**.

**Mary Beth Gray's** twins are both graduating this spring. **Cassie Gray-Spight** is graduating a year early from high school and will attend Canada College next fall. **Christopher Gray-Spight** is also graduating a year early from high school and will attend the College of San Mateo next fall. Both are looking ahead to four-year universities in the future.

**Sarah Hansen** graduated from James Madison University in Virginia, with a degree in psychology. **Maura Whitmore and Ken Koval** are her grandparents.

**Nathan Rosenthal** is graduating from San Diego State University with a master's degree in data analytics. His parents are



Pastor Sheryl's parents, Shirley and Darcy Johnson, joined her at church on May 17. They were visiting Sheryl, her wife, Rev. Kelly Colwell, and daughter Andie in Berkeley from Winnipeg, Canada.

**Richard and Kris Morgan.** Nathan's thesis explored whether California's change in funding approach to distribute funds based on student need profiles (vs. the previous method based on just the number of students) made a difference in crime rates. Turns out it did. Significant drops in violent and sex crimes were seen when schools had resources to help struggling students!

**Barbara White** has two grandchildren graduating this spring. **Bella Brenner**, who lived with Barbara while attending Carlmont High School where she was co-captain of the cheerleading squad, will head to the University of Utah in the fall. Bella is the daughter of **Kathy and Matt Brenner**.

**Michael White**, the son of **Ben and Frances White**, will graduate from Redwood High School in Visalia this spring.

He will attend the local community college while he heals from some sports injuries and then will head to a four-year college.

Congratulations, all! We will be honoring our graduates in the worship service on Sunday, June 14. We will continue the celebration that day with cake after church and then a lunch/bowling outing at Pinstripes that afternoon to close out the program year.

In other news, the Parenting and Faith book group continues to run smoothly each month with new participants still joining. Please help spread the word!

The Northern California and Nevada Conference is again offering summer camp at Camp Tamarack. Please contact Sheryl for more information.

We are also grateful for the leadership and support of an expanded BCE team.

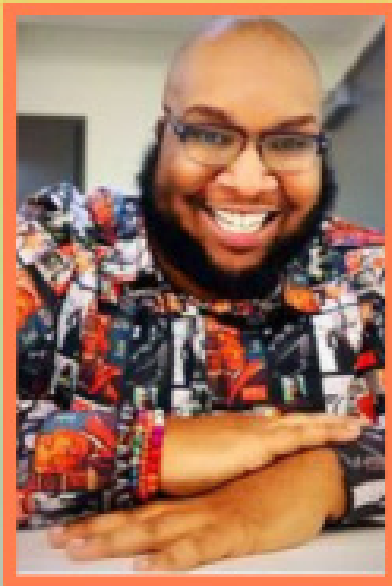
**Are you willing to serve as a liturgist or usher?  
Could you help prepare communion? Worship helpers are  
needed so please sign up [here](#).**

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Saturday, June 20



4:00 Meet + Greet Reception with  
Rev. Derek Terry, director of the Open  
and Affirming coalition of the United  
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5:00 Pride Worship Service

6:00 Coffee Happy Hour



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## Social Action

# May donations support three charities

By Lisa Lucett

The Social Action Committee has been hard at work to identify and support organizations that support CCP's mission of social justice through donations in the name of the church.

The group is also working on ways to more actively involve the congregation on projects related to social justice such as assembling care bags for the homeless and potentially gathering supplies to support other local homeless programs. The small but mighty group meets monthly after church on the fourth Sunday. Any church member is welcome to join the group.

This month's donations went towards the following organizations:

**Ayitando Latinos A Sonar**, also known as ALAS is dedicated to working for social wellness through multicultural practices, mental health care, individualized

and collective support related to education, immigration processes, and work while advocating for the wellbeing of the whole community. CCP has been supporting this organization through donations for a few years now. May's donation was \$2,500.

The organization is located on the coast in Half Moon Bay and largely supports the farming community on the South Coast. If you have interest in making a private donation to this organization, you can learn more at their [website](#) or mail a check to ALAS, P.O. Box 961, El Granada CA 94018

The **Homeless Garden Project** is an organization that supports the homeless by providing them with the tools they need to build a home in the world. They believe gardening is essential for helping individuals heal, grow and thrive. It provides a sense of purpose and control over one's life, which is often missing for those who experience

homelessness.

While this organization is based outside of our county in Santa Cruz, they offer a hands-on and self-help style that is inspiring. If you'd like to learn more about this organization, here is their [website](#). If you'd like to make a private donation, their address is Homeless Garden Project PO Box 617, Santa Cruz CA 95061. We gave \$500.

Our last organization, for a donation of \$2,500, was **Project Change**. A scholarship program was established in honor of our late Pastor Emerita Rev. Kristi Denham who regularly met with youth at the Hillcrest Juvenile facility while she served our church.

Next month, we plan to highlight details about Project Change, but if you would like to learn more on your own, the website can be found [here](#). Donations can be mailed to San Mateo Community College Foundation, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo CA 94402.

## Author to share insights with online book group

The online book group with Island United UCC meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45 p.m.

The June book is *Enormous Wings* by Laurie Frankel. This is the funny, timely and also serious story of what happens when Pepper Mills, a 77-year-old woman living in Texas becomes pregnant, and how the current political climate affects her choices.

Last year we read her previous novel, *Family Family*, and it was a reader favorite.

The suggested reading schedule is: For June 2, pps 1 – 167; for June 9, pps 168 – 173 (author Laurie Frankel will be our guest on Zoom this day!); for June 6, pps 174 – 245; for June 23, pps 246 – end.

The July selection is *A Founding Moth-*

*er*; a historical novel based on Abigail Adams, by Stephanie Dray. The author will join us on July 28. We loved her last book, *Becoming Madame Secretary: the story of Frances Perkins*.

The August book is *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney.



This schedule is subject to revision.

It's always okay to come if you aren't caught up with the reading and newcomers are always welcome.

Many non-church goers also participate, and people come from all around the country.

Books are generally available at the rear of the Sanctuary, supplied by our partners at Reach and Teach Book Store in San Carlos. The books are free, but you are welcome to make a donation to cover the cost for yourself or others. Just note "Book Group" on your donation.

Books are also available in e-book format, and/or from the public library.

**The Good Hope Luncheon will be at noon Tuesday, June 2, at the West Park Bistro, 788 Laurel St., San Carlos. RSVP to Gabriela Simon or [Office@CCPeninsula.org](mailto:Office@CCPeninsula.org).**

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# Deck railings are brought up to code

By Henry Altorfer

Please take a moment to notice that our rusty and wobbly old railings around the veranda and the entire rear and side decks have been replaced.

We kept the centerpieces from the 100-year-old railings to provide some continuity with the past.

We also kept the same general design, but they had to be brought up to code, making them taller and narrowing the gaps. We still need some touch-up work where the rails were/are anchored to the deck.

This was necessary work to do before re-sealing the south deck to make it more waterproof.

Efforts are under way to determine the extent of deck-adjacent repairs that are needed before the deck waterproofing can be done effectively.

This includes fixing the dry rot along the Sanctuary doors and windows.

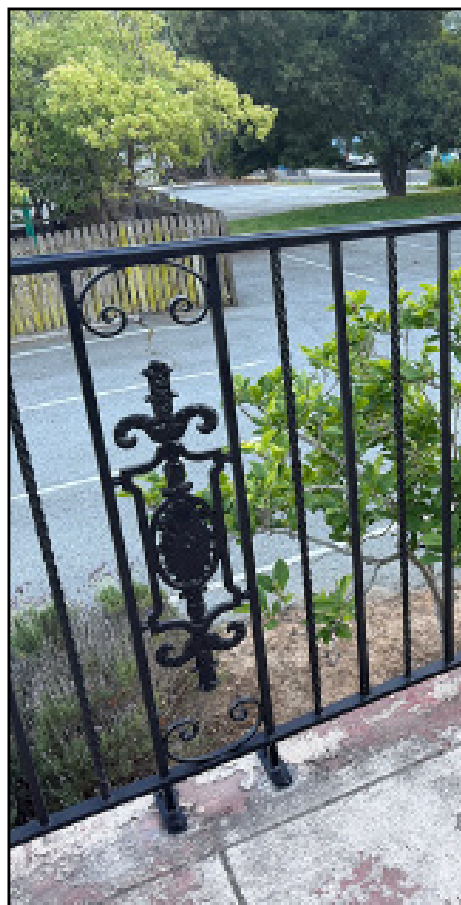
And before we embark on the critical waterproofing project, we need to fully assess the organ annex room.

As discussed at Annual Meeting, for a variety of reasons including feedback from the contractors, we've been of the opinion that the annex needs to be removed.

We are, however, getting additional input from other professionals to assess if there are viable alternatives to consider.

Asphalt work will be coming up this summer. Sidewalk repairs that the city demanded will be happening along with some needed patching of potholes and eroded areas in the parking lot.

There will also be some water redirecting berms and drainage installed to mitigate future erosion.



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# Scouts replace the playground fence



**By Elizabeth Nordt**

Spring brings new Eagle projects to the Congregational Church of the Peninsula, with more scheduled in the summer ahead.

We thank Tyler R. for leading work to replace the portico awning over the entry to the Fireplace Room.

Dominic W. led a complete fence replacement between the front parking lot and the playground.

Next Andrew A. will build stairs from the back parking lot down to meet The Walk in the Back 40 in early June. Miranda W. is planning to build The Walk as a Venture Crew Summit Project later this summer.

When the troop finished a major clean-up on May 9, they headed to Sky Park in Pollock Pines for a weekend of Family Camp. This is a once-a-year opportunity for parents and siblings not in troop leadership to see how Scout outings work and join in the fun.



**This year's summer picnic will be on Sunday, Aug. 2, after church. Mark your calendars!**

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**Scouts tackle some big clean up efforts around CCPeninsula**



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# CCP's June Calendar

<b>2</b> Tue	12:00PM - 1:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Good Hope Luncheon
	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
<b>3</b> Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
<b>4</b> Thu	6PM - 7PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Rev. Jim Mitulski and Rev. Michael Cronin
	7:00PM - 9:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
<b>7</b> Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Coffee Hour
<b>9</b> Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Book Group
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<b>25</b> Thu	6PM - 7PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Rev. Jim Mitulski and Rev. Michael Cronin
<b>28</b> Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Youth Group
	12PM - 1PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Events	Social Action Meeting/Fireplace Room
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You can access the entire CCPen June calendar [here](#).

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You can access the entire CCPen July calendar [here](#).

Camp Tamarack in the Sierra is the setting for four different youth camps run by the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. CCPeninsula offers confidential scholarships for youth who could use an assist with the registration fees. And don't let transportation keep you away. Last year Danielle Chamberlin drove one of our campers half way, and Mike Venturino flew her home in his airplane! Talk to Pastor Sheryl if you're interested!

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# CAMP TAM

**JR HIGH CAMP GRADES 7-9** JULY 12-18

**SR HIGH CAMP GRADES 9-12** JULY 19-25

**JUNIOR CAMP GRADES 4-6** JULY 26 TO AUGUST 1

**COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING CAMP AGES 16-18** JULY 26 TO AUG 1

## Chocolate Fest

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At the same time, foundation leaders have emphasized that growth will never come at the expense of the event's character.

They are deeply committed to preserving the same warm, friendly and personal feeling that has always defined Chocolate Fest.

The transition marks not an ending, but an evolution — one that honors the event's roots while opening the door to even greater community impact in the years ahead.

As Chocolate Fest moves into this exciting future, organizers, volunteers, sponsors and guests alike can look forward to continuing a tradition built on compassion, celebration and the power of community coming together for a meaningful cause.

**August Messenger deadline will be July 27.**



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