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THE

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Sending Calyx Liu off with a blessing!



Calyx Liu, who joined us just three years ago, was sent off to the next chapter in her life in Houston, Texas, with a congregational blessing. Pastor Jim invited members of the congregation to come forward during the June 14 worship service to put their hand on Calyx (or on someone who had their hand on her) and allow her to feel the love that we are sending with her. On the Thursday before, the Sanctuary Choir shared cake (thank you, Linda Howard!) and a card full of good wishes. Calyx had become a valuable member of the choir who could sing soprano, alto and tenor! She was happy to solo and brought many interesting pieces of music for the choir to tackle. But her coding contract had come to a close, and partner Josh had finished his degree so the time had come to return to her Texas roots. Bye, Calyx!

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

From Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim has been in the Carolinas

By Rev. Jim Mitulski

Dear friends:

As I write this, I am just returning from my study time at the Conference for the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) in Charlotte, N.C., and then preaching at the historic Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S.C., last weekend.

The conference was a strategic gathering of leaders from the UCC, who also belong to TFAM, which is a largely Black, Pentecostal and LGBTQ affirming organization.

I am proud to be credentialed in it as well as in the United Church of Christ and the Metropolitan Community Church.

I was spiritually renewed and intellectually stimulated by the conference and felt a new sense of excitement about the United Church of Christ's engagement with issues of racial justice. I can't wait to tell you about what I learned and experienced.

Then I was in Charleston to preach at one of the oldest Congregational churches in the world. The building was beautiful, and their current ministry is so inspiring.

They are a progressive church in a conservative city, and they are growing in every way. There were 50 people in Bible Study before church!

I hope you'll join us this month and be part of the growth we are experiencing as a progressive church at this moment in history.

Start the month with a joint service with San Carlos Community Church in our building, just before our church picnic with the other UCCs in the Mid-Peninsula.

We'll end the summer on Labor Day weekend by worshipping with the San Carlos church in their building on Sept. 6.

Every Sunday is special in August and I hope to see you.

Yours in faith, Pastor Jim

P.S. You can watch the recent worship service at Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, where I preached [here](#).

I also was a recent guest on KALW on a [panel](#) about public health called Lessons From the AIDS Crisis. (Warning: Some adult language.)

August – Prayers for Peace

Aug. 2: Coffee and conversation before



Pastor Jim preached at the historic Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S.C., last weekend.

church at 9:30 a.m., Holy Communion, joint service with San Carlos Community Church at CC Peninsula, Rev. Jim Mitulski preaching, church picnic with local UCC churches at College Heights Church, 1150 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo, noon.

Aug. 3 (Monday): Peninsula Multifaith Coalition summer potluck, 6 p.m. in the Dining Room. Join us! And speak to Pastor Jim if you'd like to help!

Aug. 9: Installation of Rev. Dr. Sheryl Johnson through the Golden Gate Association; Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration, Rev. Jim Mitulski; Death Cafe, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Aug. 16: Special Guest Rev. Dr. Wil-

liam Stell, professor of religion at NYU and author of the new book *Born Again Queer*. Book event at noon in the Dining Room.

Aug. 23: Emmett Till Commemoration.

Aug. 30: Remembering the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; Handbell Choir; New Member/Inquirers Class, 12-1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

September – Homecoming

Sept. 6 (Labor Day weekend): Joint service with San Carlos Community Church, 1336 Arroyo Ave, San Carlos.

Sept. 13: Homecoming Sunday; reception of new members and kick-off fall programming; Holy Communion.

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Warren's Wonderings



Pastor Warren loves birthdays

By Rev. Warren Dale

I love birthdays. And this last week, Bob Donovan and I celebrated special birthdays.

Yes, all birthdays are special. I was in church on July 5 to cut the cake for Bob's and my birthday.

As is our customs with my cycling friends, Senior Spokes, I treated everybody to coffee and pastries for all the riders. (That day we had more than ever — 17 riders).

It sure is good to have friends, even if you have to treat them occasionally. And yes, I was spirited away this last Sunday, to God knows where...

I was taken to Stern Grove for the concert featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a special artist. Together, they played, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. The artist was Bela Fleck who did the piano part, using a banjo.

Here is what my "AI" friend said about Bela:

"The famous banjo player Béla Fleck, is widely considered one of the most innovative and technically proficient banjo players in the world. He is known for pushing the five-string banjo far beyond its traditional bluegrass roots to explore jazz, classical and world music."

It was magnificent, crazy and creative! Think of David, "Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe."

What a day? People praising Bob at church, our jazz musicians raising the roof, while I am seeing Bela Fleck plunk the banjo.

God just loves it when we celebrate.

Tim Hansel once read to us a telegram that he had received,

"Until further notice, celebrate everything." Signed, Jesus.

Blessings, the Rev. Warren

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From Pastor Sheryl

Exploring a new approach to pageant with the help of SC Children's Theater

By Rev. Sheryl Johnson

Summer has been going well for our children, youth and family programs. Our monthly book group has continued over the summer, using Molly Baskette's *Bless this Mess* as our focus. Most sessions have about five to seven participants and discussions have been warm, supportive and rich!

We have also launched some children's church/Sunday School classes, held about twice a month during part of the weekly Sunday morning worship service.

Kids start in the service with their families and then leave at the start of the contemporary reading.

We then go to the Dining Room to explore the Scripture reading for the day in our own way, have a time of check-in and group prayer, and then engage with the story through drama, games, arts and crafts.

We have been loosely basing our approach on Godly Play.

Kids then return to the service for the last part (communion/song) so that there is intergenerational time of connection as well. This has been a wonderful offering, and we are grateful for many willing adult volunteers and for our wonderful kids!

Summer youth and young adult programming included a great celebration of our graduates, a lunch and bowling outing to Pinstripes, and a lunch/board game gathering at church in July.

We're grateful to have several of our college students home to reconnect with them!

We are already planning ahead for our Christmas pageant and exploring a possible collaboration with the San Carlos Children's Theater.

They will offer a few weeks of drama classes for kids leading up to the pageant, help to work with kids to write a script, and then help to direct the pageant.

If you're interested in participating (or know any kids under age 10 who might be!), please be in touch with me.

This new initiative fits well with the theme of our Sunday School programming which is focused on exploring Scripture



Andie gets a lesson in candlelighting from Pastor Sheryl.

through drama (this chosen by the kids themselves).

We also plan to offer a session to share about Our Whole Lives this fall. This is a spirituality and sexuality education program with curriculum designed for all ages from

kindergarten to senior citizens!

We are exploring whether there might be interest in offering this program in the future for any of the age groups.

Thank you all for your support!

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From the Board President

Removing organ annex recommended

By Maura Whitmore

Happy summer to all. I like this meme: "Late July is when the garden stops being a charming hobby and becomes a humid crime scene where everything is either dying, overgrown or actively trying to bite you."

Not to be a gardening downer! The 4-year-old granddaughters are still harvesting tomatoes and blueberries. I'm happy that they think it's fantastic. Next year it'll be lush!

On the "Work of the Church" front: As mentioned at Annual Meeting, the Facilities Committee continues to assess the organ annex room while addressing multi-year water leak issues in the ceiling and windows of OT4Kids. The committee has discussed



The south wall of the church in 1925
this at length and factored in the input of a structural engineer.

The primary objective of the analysis is to address both the water leakage issues and the compromised structural issues in

the window framing below the annex. The committee has reviewed an engineer's perspective and still can't see any way other than to remove the annex.

There are issues regarding re-sealing the deck to mitigate the water leakage into OT4Kids and weight issues onto the existing roof deck, not to mention the unsightliness of the addition.

We understand that there are some folks who are interested in retaining the annex as a storage solution, but we believe that can be achieved with other options/configurations.

The committee has determined that the risks, concerns and costs associated with the annex significantly outweigh the benefits of keeping it intact.

With the removal of the annex, we can consider the possibility of restoring the building to its 1925 glory. (A lovely southern window?)

We can effectively seal the roof so that the OT4Kids rooms are not leaking debacles every winter. I have been up there with tarps and sandbags (with two husbands!) every winter for many years.

We will bring this issue to our next Board of Directors meeting Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m. via Zoom. If you are so inclined, you're welcome to attend and weigh in.

Inquirers Class for those exploring CCPen membership

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Congregational Church of the Peninsula?

Do you have questions about the United Church of Christ?

Would you like more information on the mission and history of CCPeninsula?

An Inquirers Class for new members is planned from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, in the Parlor.

Bring your questions and prepare yourself for membership in this vibrant community of people who care — about you, about the world we live in and about the people we who share it with us.



Celebrating the 250th Fourth of July at church on July 5 were Donna Daulton, Carol Chivers and Micki Carter. All three women were decked out in red, white and blue for the occasion.

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Updating CCPen's facilities projects

By Philip Broadus

June was a busy month for the Facilities Team, with several projects moving forward across the campus and additional work scheduled for July.

Some of this work is already visible, while other pieces involve planning, reports, vendor coordination and preparation for larger improvements later in the summer.

One exciting update is that the stair portion of The Walk project is now partially complete. The new stairs are in place, and while the project is not finished, it is encouraging to see this phase coming together.

Remaining work includes finishing the handrail, painting and determining the best transition point between the stairs and the path, either through a landing or an additional step.

This work is part of a larger ongoing effort to improve access and usability in that area of the property.

In addition, Scout Miranda has drafted her project proposal for the Venturing Summit Award, which would continue work in the back lot area with a path and platform. Her proposal describes a path using decomposed granite with yard fabric underneath, with the majority of the work focused on leveling and preparing the path.

She chose the project because of the troop's connection to the church as its charter organization and because she sees it as a meaningful way to give back. The Facilities Team is continuing to ask clarifying questions about the design details before the project moves forward.

Peninsula Multifaith will hold its annual picnic at CCPen on Monday, Aug. 3

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition will gather for its annual picnic at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, in the Dining Room of CCPeninsula.

Church members are invited to come and bring a dish for the potluck, and Pastor Jim is looking for people willing to set up tables, decorate and clean up after.

Let him know if you can help.

Philip Broadus offers a goodbye message

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve CCPeninsula and help support the church's operations, facilities and administrative work during my time here. Though my departure has come more quickly than expected, it is due to a new opportunity in Cincinnati connected to workforce development, apprenticeship and hospitality education, work that is closely aligned with my long-term nonprofit goals.

I have deeply appreciated the warmth and welcome I received from the congregation, as well as the passionate care this community shows for the church, its ministries and the wider community. It has been inspiring to see how much people value CCPeninsula, not only as a place of worship, but as a place known for its character, kindness, dedication to youth of all ages, and commitment to meaningful outreach.

The spirit of generosity and care within this congregation is something I will carry with me. I am grateful for the relationships, the collaboration, and the opportunity to contribute to the life and work of this community.

With appreciation, Philip

Window replacement planning also continued in June. The Facilities Team is now dividing the window replacement project into two phases. In Phase One, the Parlor and bathroom windows will be replaced first.

The team is currently narrowing down vendors for this work and hopes to have the project scheduled for late July or early August.

The Sanctuary windows will be handled separately so the Facilities Team and Sanctuary Design Team have more time to collaborate before any final decisions are made about appearance, color, texture or design changes. The QR code survey for Sanctuary window options has already gone out, and about 13 responses have been received so far.

Thank you to everyone who has already participated. The feedback has been very helpful. Additional responses are still welcome. Anyone who would like a link to the survey may contact Rebecca Perry or look for the QR code on Sundays.

Several exterior maintenance items are also planned for July. Tree removal is cur-

rently slated due to neighbor complaints and declining tree health. This work is intended to address safety, property impact and ongoing concerns before the condition of the trees creates additional problems.

PENINSULA MULTIFAITH COALITION

PEACE DAY

2026

Join us for a day of unity, reflection and community.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2026 | **TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** | **LOCATION: TWIN PINES PARK, BELMONT**

Join us for an interfaith prayer service for peace including music and art.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace | Music & Artistic Expressions | All Ages Welcome

COMMUNITY POTLUCK LUNCH

Bring a dish to share | Bring your water bottle

Coming together across traditions to celebrate peace, understanding, and harmony.

QUESTIONS? Contact Diane Fahrner | fahrner2@c.mcast.net

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Celebrating Pride Month

Meggie Hoffman and Audrey Boyd joined Pastor Jim Mitulski at the San Mateo Pride Festival on June 13 at Central Park in San Mateo. All four Open & Affirming UCC churches in the mid-Peninsula helped staff the table. Meggie showed off her rainbow comma “tattoo” which recalled the UCC slogan: “Never put a period where God has put a comma!”



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Born Again Queer author to speak

By Micki Carter

Author William Stell, who teaches at New York University, will be in Belmont on Sunday, Aug. 16, to talk about his book, *Born Again Queer: The History of Evangelical Gay Activism and the Making of Antigay Christianity* (Princeton University Press).

Stell will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and then, at 12:15 p.m. he will sign books at a reception in the Dining Room.

A groundbreaking history of evangelicalism and homosexuality in the United States, *Born Again Queer* argues that the antigay majority of evangelicalism has been much less dominant and much more vulnerable than previously thought. The book describes a network of evangelical gay activists in the 1970s and 1980s, covers the surprising successes of this network, and analyzes the tactics of its opponents.

Pastor Jim said, "Our church was one of the first mainline Protestant churches in the country to affirm the full inclusion of



William Stell

gay and lesbian people.

"During the rise of the religious right that Dr. Stell chronicles in *Born Again Queer*, the churches in San Mateo County were making history of another sort. We not only welcomed gay

members, but we also installed the first gay and lesbian pastors in mainline Protestantism. It's coming full circle to bring this scholarship to the Peninsula.

"Right now, we're especially concerned about the plight of transgender people, so we are eager to host this event to state clearly that all LGBT, their families and friends are welcome here."

In narrating the rise and fall of evangelical gay activism, *Born Again Queer* transforms how we think about evangelicalism, how we talk about the culture wars, and how we approach both religion in queer movements and queer activism in religious movements.

Stell teaches courses on American religions. His areas of expertise include gender and sexuality studies, in particular queer studies, histories of race and racism, and histories of disability. His scholarship has been published in *American Religion*, *Church History*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Theology & Sexuality*, and *The Immanent Frame*, with a forthcoming piece in *Syndicate*.

In recent years, he has organized panels that bridge religious studies, queer studies, disability studies and Black studies for the American Academy of Religion, the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the American Society of Church History.

Give our new 'singing' handbells a try

By Danielle Chamberlin

Do you enjoy music? Singing may or may not be your cup of tea, so try handbells!

CCPeninsula has a set of handbells which we were generously gifted from the Antioch UCC church a few years ago. (They had two sets!) We would like to try to learn a song or two during the summer.

We are looking for a group of people (at least five and up to 11) who would be available to rehearse at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, and then play *I Wonder As I Wander* on Aug. 30 during our 10:30 a.m. service.

No previous handbell experience is required.

We would also LOVE to have anyone who would like to play the solo on a C-instrument (cello, violin, flute, basically anything except clarinet or horns) with us as well. If all goes well, we may be asked to reprise the performance in December.

As an added bonus, we have just acquired a new set of sticks to add the "singing bell" technique to our repertoire. These sticks turn an ordinary handbell into



A few years back, the Youth Choir (Emma Naomi, Alice, Kendall and Robin) played our beautiful handbells on Pageant Sunday.

something akin to a Tibetan singing bowl (or running your finger around the lip of your wine glass) and will fill our Sanctuary with beautiful meditative sounds.

Please let Pastor Jim or me know if you would like to join the Handbell Choir for our August performance.

Thank you!

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Circle of Care

Words of thanks in many languages

By Micki Carter

June was “busting out all over” for CCPeninsula’s Circle of Care team.

We started the month delivering the abundance of diapers, baby food and other great gifts that the congregation provided for Mother’s Day to our families with infants. We also used the \$240 donated to buy baby clothes and other needed items for the little girl who is 10 months (and walking!) and the baby boy, now six months, who spent the first six weeks of his life in the Stanford Hospital NICU.

The mother ends every text message (in Turkish) to us with, “We are so grateful that you are in our lives.”

The fathers of both these children were arrested by ICE and held in detention but are now released and working to support their families. And, interestingly enough, both families are Turkish immigrants.

Circle of Care had been working for several weeks with another family whose husband/father was deported. The family (mother and three children) had moved in with the mother’s brother and were doing well until the brother died suddenly and the mother could not manage the rent on the apartment alone. She had been served eviction papers when CofC got involved.

The team was able to work out a budget with the mother to show how much income she needed to pay the rent while she waited for low-income housing to become available. The mother was able to take on a second job, and her college-age daughter found a campus job so she could contribute. The team helped the mother with the rent backlog and negotiated with the landlord to agree to withdraw the eviction with evidence of her greater income.

Another family presented itself when



Home after six weeks in NICU.

their car was about to be repossessed for non-payment on an exorbitant lease. The only way to stabilize this family was to get them out of that lease agreement and find a reliable car so the husband (who had just been released from ICE detention) could work.

After two false starts (including someone selling a car on Facebook Marketplace that he didn’t own!), we found a well-maintained used car and bought it for the family. Our support for them ended in July, and we just learned that the mother is going to be able to resume her studies in biology at San Francisco State on a scholarship.

The mother delivered hand-embroidered scarves in a traditional Turkish pattern to the Circle members as a thank-you.

We also heard from the Russian Buryat family that we assisted several months ago with rent and food cards after both parents

were arrested and detained. Their two children had been taken into foster care.

Here’s a message from the father who was finally released in April: “I want to say thank you very much for everything you have done for me and my family. For us, it was not just material assistance — it was a real support in a very difficult period of our lives.

“Thank you for your kindness, care and great heart. Thanks to people like you, faith in goodness and in people is restored.

“The whole family is sincerely grateful to you. I wish you good health, happiness, well-being and that all the good you do for other people will definitely come back to you many times over.”

The CofC also paid the appeal fee for a father’s habeas corpus writ after nearly a year in ICE detention in Bakersfield, giving him one final opportunity to fight deportation. His son was overwhelmed with relief and gratitude, saying, “This brings me such joy!”

The Circle of Care has also worked with the CCPeninsula Board to broaden its scope so that we can assist people who aren’t directly affected by immigration enforcement but are still in critical need. If you know of someone who could benefit from consideration by the Circle of Care, you can make a nomination [here](#).

If you would like to assist with the work of the Circle of Care, you can make a donation [here](#). No CCPeninsula funds are used to accomplish the work the team does.

Finally, the Circle of Care team (Jill Visor, Jane Fernald, Steve Chamberlin, Pastor Jim and I) could use one or two more members, especially if you speak Spanish, and are willing to devote time and energy to finding ways to help.

The Good Hope Luncheon will be at noon Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City. All friends and members of CCPeninsula are invited.

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SUMMER PICNIC



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

AND VEGGIE FAJITAS!

TACOS

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FROM 12:30 - 2:30 P.M.

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Social Action

Provide staples for care bag stuffing

By Lisa Lucett

The Social Action Committee has been hard at work this year donating financial gifts to organizations aligned with our mission of social justice.

We have also had many discussions about how we might better engage the congregation in activities that would support that mission. One topic that continually comes up is various versions of the items we have referred to as hygiene kits or care bags.

During the month of August, we hope to collect items that will eventually be placed in bags to be distributed in a few different versions.

On Aug. 23, after church, we will forgo our regular meeting agenda to assemble what has been collected. Anyone is welcome to join us in the assembly of these bags.

A collection box will be placed in the Narthex for donated items. All items should

be new.:

- Socks (unisex adult)
 - Small size toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Combs
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Lip Balm
 - Travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash)
 - Snack bars, individual serving fruit snacks, nuts, etc. (Please avoid things that will melt if stored in a car.)
 - Gift cards in small denominations (\$10-15) for meals and snacks that have multiple locations (like McDonalds, Starbucks, Burger King, etc.)
 - Gallon-size Ziploc bags (for assembling bags)
 - Quart or sandwich Ziploc bags
- Items Specific to SF Guardian Scholar bags

- Zippered fabric or mesh bags at least 6 x 6 inches, preferably with a print or color, to be used to stuff bags for SF Scholar program for foster care college students

- Some suggested items can include: post-it notes, pens, highlighters or chocolate.

All stuffed bags will contain a gift card.

We plan to assemble some bags with toiletry items while others will be smaller with only gift cards and resource lists.

Kits in the zippered bags will be donated to the SF Guardian Scholar college students. Please read more about that organization below in Linda Howard's article about the program.

The remaining bags will be made available to congregants to donate on their own. A small donation of \$10 for each bag will be requested (but not required) to further sustain this project for future bag stuffing!

Assisting college-age foster care kids

By Linda Howard

The saying, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime," is well-known.

San Francisco State University follows this philosophy by providing support for a special group of students through the San Francisco State Guardian Scholar program (GSP).

Young adults raised in foster care face multiple challenges such as gaps in education due to frequent moves, need for remedial classes, financial barriers, little or no family support, trauma, unstable housing and more. Information on how to apply for college and accessing financial aid can be daunting without guidance.

The Guardian Scholar Program at San Francisco State University strives to mitigate some of the circumstances that young adults raised in foster care face as they navigate college life.

Recent data supports the work of the Guardian Scholar Program. Currently the program assists 105 undergraduate students and seven graduate students. This year, 23 students graduated with a BS or a BA degree;



two students earned graduate degrees.

Of the 2022-2023 cohort, 97% have persisted or graduated. In the California State University system, a six-year graduation rate is 62%. GSP exceeds that outcome with a graduation rate of 72%, according to the program director of GSP at San Francisco State.

The Social Action Committee of CCP recently chose to support this organization through donations and by providing gift bags containing small toiletry items.

It is a privilege that our church has the resources to donate to an organization that is guiding a generation to become sustainable and self-reliant through education.

If you would like to provide additional financial support for the Guardian Scholar Program, you may write a check to the Congregational Church of the Peninsula or click on this [link](#). Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Guardian Scholar

Program.

If you would rather donate supplies for the gift bags, please bring them to the church by Aug. 23. There will be a box in the Narthex where items can be collected.

Some suggested items can include shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, Chapstick (or something similar), Post-It notes, pens, highlighters or chocolate.

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CCPeninsula's August Calendar

2 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM	☐ Off-site events	Summer Picnic
4 Tue	12:00PM - 1:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Good Hope Luncheon
	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
5 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
6 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Rev. Jim Mitulski and Rev. Michael Cronin
9 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12:30PM - 2PM	☐ Church Events	Death Cafe
11 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
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	11:45AM - 12:30PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
18 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
19 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
	2PM - 3:30PM	☐ Church Events	Facilities Committee Meeting
20 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Rev. Jim Mitulski and Rev. Michael Cronin
23 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1:30PM	☐ Church Events	Youth Group
	12PM - 1PM	☐ Church Events	Social Action Meeting/Fireplace Room
25 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
26 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
	7:00PM - 9:00PM 	☐ Church Events	Church Board Meeting
27 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Rev. Jim Mitulski and Rev. Michael Cronin
30 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:45AM - 12:30PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1:30PM	☐ Church Events	New Member Class

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



The church parking lot was chockful of oars, canoes and camping equipment after church on July 26. The Scouts of Troop 27 were hosing down and washing up all their camping gear after their wilderness camping trip to Camp Lake of the Woods near Sier-raville.

Scouts wash up after wilderness trip



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Online Book Group will read *I See You've Called in Dead*

The Online Book Group, a joint project of Island United Church and CCPeninsula, meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Here's the link for joining the Zoom presentation.

The August book will be *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney. Here is the reading Schedule:

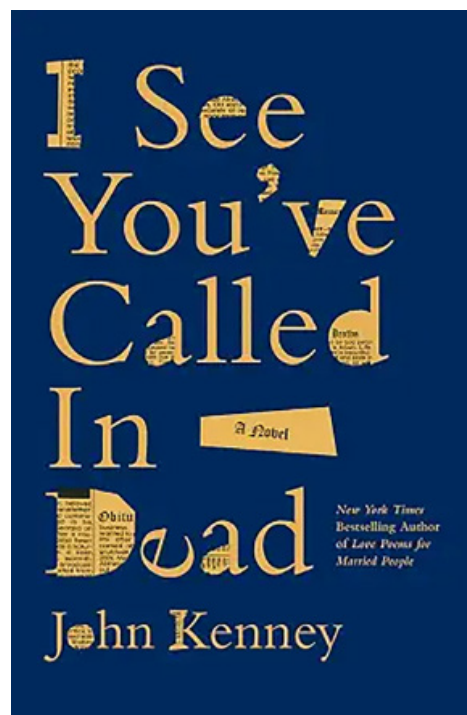
- For Aug. 4, pps 1-15, Chapters Introduction to Tim.
- For Aug. 11, pps 76-151. Chapters: Judy Bennett to We Look Forward.
- For Aug. 18, pps 152 to 227. Chapters: The Hierarchy to Officer.
- For Aug. 25, pps 228-End. Chapters: Block Party to Life after Death. Future selections will include *Yester-*

year by Caro Claire Burke and *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. This schedule is subject to revision.

Books are generally available at the rear of the Sanctuary, supplied by our partners at Reach and Teach Bookstore 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. You can find the link to join on our website at CCPeninsula.org.

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.



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

September Messenger deadline will be Aug. 24.



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