



The Redwoods Log

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From Rev. Stephanie Ryder

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

The season of Lent is upon us, a time when we draw nearer to God through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On March 1, Ash Wednesday, our church will be taking a field trip to First Presbyterian Church San Rafael for a joint service there with meditative readings and imposition of ashes. The service begins at 7 pm at 1510 Fifth Ave. (at 'E' St.), San Rafael, CA 94901. Please park on the street and enter through the front doors of the church. I will be co-leading the service with the pastor, Rev. Jan Reynolds, and spiritual director Kay Colette. Everyone is invited to attend. For those interested in carpooling, please contact me.

Each Sunday in Lent we will be featuring Lenten Reflections during the 10 am worship service. This will be a time when individuals will share their experiences of the power of God in their lives. If you feel called to be of service in this way, or have someone to recommend, please let me know.

Debbie Lundberg from the Mission Outreach Committee is offering Bread for the World Lenten devotionals for individual study, prayer and meditation. These are available in the narthex, the area between the doors to the church and the sanctuary. Please take one and use it to deepen your spiritual practice and Lenten devotional time this season.

Our church will be hosting a Maundy Thursday dinner with St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Marin City on Thursday, April 13 at 6 pm. This is a tradition that formed many years ago with each church taking turns hosting the other for this special occasion of commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his crucifixion on Good Friday. We look forward to reestablishing this service with our Marin City neighbors.

Lenten Blessings, **Stephanie**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
Matthew 4:1-4

Music Notes

From Denise Wharmby, Music Director

The music program is in a flourishing place! Every week, the feedback is wonderful, I am so enjoying choosing music which resonates so well with everyone at the Redwoods, and both bell and vocal choirs are sounding great and feeling a great sense of community together. Such that, any single member who is away is missed! There are two choir members who are in recovery right now, and we continually think of them, with wishes and prayers for their return to good health soon.

Look forward to more bells and a return of the family band soon too. Let's sing together with much gusto (spirit)!

Musically, **Denise**

Membership/Fellowship

From Chair Nancy Rademacher

Greetings! Many thanks to those who participated in our Annual Meeting potluck luncheon, February breakfast and the *Native Son* theater outing with reception at the Ryder home. We thank them for generous and warm hospitality.

Jerry and Sara Laureyns recently reactivated their Redwoods membership so I'd like to reintroduce them to you. Jerry, from New Jersey, and Sara, from Nebraska, met as next door neighbors in San Francisco. Sara taught at Neil Cummins for 30 years, retired 17 years ago, and now substitute teaches. Jerry has a masters in counseling, worked as an education specialist, and since retirement has delved into photography and computer technology. They have two children and five grandchildren, all in San Francisco and Novato. They have lived on Elm Avenue near the Gorders for 49 years and have enjoyed travel to Europe, China, Thailand, Cambodia, Miramar, Viet Nam, etc. We are delighted to have them as active members. If you have not yet met them, please introduce yourselves.

At 10 am on Saturday, March 18, our church has been invited to the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate's annual Swedish Pancake Breakfast at the Port of Oakland. You may recall Chaplain Jamison Prevoznak's preaching and presentations to us about the Seafarers Ministry work. Our support to them will be recognized at this breakfast. We will also experience firsthand the ministry of this wonderful organization. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. There will be car pools for all who would like to attend. The cost is \$10/ person. Please join us! **Nancy**

Mission Outreach Committee

From Co-Chairs Debbie Lundberg & Jan Salas

We thank everyone who participated in our Souper Bowl of Caring. During the potluck luncheon after the annual meeting, we received \$124 for the Marin/San Francisco Food Bank. As part of a nationwide effort, 4515 US groups contributed \$7 million to local charities working to end hunger. Thank you again and always for your support.

We recently received the Mill Street Center's Annual Report and wanted to share some highlights. In 2016, Mill St. served 337 men, 169 women and 2 transgender (508 total) including 60 seniors and 56 veterans. Eighty-five percent had a physical, mental or emotional disability. Also, 72% have health insurance and 48% have non-cash benefits. Of these, 30% moved from Mill St. to the New Beginnings Center, the next step toward independent housing. Redwoods has long supported Mill St. which is Marin's only year round overnight single adult shelter. **Debbie & Jan**

Church Mouse

Redwoods members and friends are anxiously awaiting spring after long (but needed) winter rains.



A few members had a chance to get away from the rains. Robert and Gabriele Putzi and her sister Angie traveled to Palm Springs. The day before they left, a home on their street was lost due to a huge mudslide but the Putzis saw the largest waterfall across from their own home. Joyce Wells visited Nova Scotia and saw the home of Alexander Graham Bell. Stephanie Ryder attended a retreat at Westminster Woods and spent the rest of the week at Stinson Beach. Jim and Polly Gorder traveled to Cambria and also watched awesome elephant seals on the beach. Jim celebrated a birthday on Valentines Day. His Valentine made his favorite chocolate cake from her grandmother's recipe. It must be delicious because that's the only chocolate cake Jim likes.

In February, seven deacons visited long time member LaVerne Schmidt at her home in Corte Madera. Polly Gorder played the guitar while some favorite old time melodies were sung. It was a delightful visit and LaVerne's special smile made it more so.

In February around a dozen members enjoyed a *Native Son* performance at the Marin Theater Company. Stephanie and Bill Ryder hosted a post theater party at their lovely home in Mill Valley. It was a very enjoyable outing.

Denise Wharmby's son, Liam, participated in a poetry competition and placed second. He will go to Sacramento for the finals. Recently Liam's mom performed a solo cabaret show at the annual crabfeed fundraiser for First Pres Church, San Rafael. So much talent in the Wharmby family. That's all for now. Til next month! **The Mouse**

Deacons Corner

From Moderator Polly Gorder

At a recent Saturday Breakfast, water expert Ginger Gmahling cautioned that even with all the recent rain, drought concern is not eliminated in California. She noted that our toilets are still flushed with drinking water, rather than recycled water. Each person uses an average of 115 gal/day. Commercial water use is very high. The Nestle Corporation extracts 100,000 gal/day. It takes 1,000 gallons to produce one pound of meat. Most public parks and golf courses don't use recycled water. Locally, 20% of our water comes from the Russian River. Ginger and other experts urge continued water conservation efforts. **Polly**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>February 26</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship	27	28	<i>March 1</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 3:30 Compassionate Kids' 7:00 Joint Ash Wednesday Service First Pres, San Rafael	2	3	4
5 <i>1st Sunday Lent, Scout Sunday,</i> 9:15 Choir 10:15 Children's Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Deacons 11:15 Mission Outreach	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>2nd Sunday Lent Communion</i> 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Session 12:00 Mill Street 1:30 CROP Walk	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>3rd Sunday Lent Birthday Sunday</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Membership Fellowship Committee	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>4th Sunday Lent Compassionate Kids</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	<i>April 1</i>

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Helping Hands in February – Thank you!

Mill Street Meal

Karen Carmody, Diane Forster, Tani Girton, Polly & Jim Gorder, Tyler Green, James Holmes, Bonnie Kaiser, Jolyne Liberati, Debbie Lundberg, Gabriele & Robert Putzi, Nancy Rademacher, Joan Robinson, Stephanie Ryder, Joyce Wells, Katie Zwarg

Coffee Hour

1st Sunday – Worship/Christian Education Committee
2nd Sunday – Mission Committee
3rd Sunday – Deacons
4th Sunday – Membership/Fellowship Committee
5th Sunday – TBA

Liturgists, Greeters & Ushers

Feb 5 Clay Wiens (L)
Tani Girton (G/U)
Feb 12 June Bellen (L)
Nancy Rademacher (G/U)
Feb 19 Bonnie Kaiser (L)
Maisie Campbell (G)
Feb 26 Compassionate Kids (L)
Clay Wiens (U/G)

Mar 5 Jan Salas (L)
Tani Girton (G/U)
Mar 12 Polly Gorder (L)
Ani Lelea (U)
Gabriele Putzi (G)
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Happy Birthday!

From Deacons Moderator Tani Girton
Join the Deacons in wishing the following members and friends a happy birthday this month:
3 – LaVerne Schmidt
16 – Marilyn Sutherland

Add your name and birth date to our list by contacting office@redwoodspres.org or 415-924-4832.

Tani