



The Redwoods Log

February 2017 - Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, CA 415-924-4832 www.redwoodspres.org

From Rev. Stephanie Ryder

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

February 2017 marks the second half of the season of Epiphany in the church, when we celebrate God's appearance to the world in Jesus Christ. The word "epiphany" from the Greek *epiphaneia* means "appearance" and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn.

Epiphany begins on January 6 in commemoration of the Magi (Three Kings) bringing gifts to the Christ child, and, in light of the Nativity, looks ahead to the mission of the church. The symbolism of light is important during Epiphany. There is the light of the star that guided the Magi, and the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ, the Savior of the world who is revealed as a light to the nations. As Christ's followers, we are called to be witnesses to God's true Light. This theme of Light in the darkness is especially welcome during these cold, dark and rainy days and nights of winter.

Epiphany concludes with Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 1. The last Sunday of Epiphany is February 26, when we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ. This is when the light of Jesus in his glory shines as brightly as the sun's rays to Peter, James and John on the mountaintop. Recently, I was hiking on Mt. Tam on a foggy and overcast day, and the sun began to burst through the trees with rays of light that reminded me of the light of Christ, of Jesus on the mountaintop, revealing himself to the disciples.

How is God's light being manifested in your life? Where do you perceive light in darkness? When and how can you share this light with others? May we, through our faith, find new ways of experiencing the appearance of God's love so that it may be a light of revelation for all people.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Matthew 5:14-15
Blessings, **Stephanie**

Music Notes

From Denise Wharmby, Music Director

These early months of the New Year are a time to wake up and shake up, to meet and greet life with renewed energy and to make and follow a few well-intentioned resolutions.

Despite the torrential weather in January, we have managed to keep to our bell and choir rehearsal schedule and to contribute to Sunday services. The spirit of music is alive and well thanks to all the dedicated players and friends who make up these choirs!

In February, we look forward to continued growth and pleasure in sharing music. Recently we were blessed with a new bell player. Please know that we are extremely welcoming and would love more people to join us. Bells rehearse 9-10 am on Tuesdays and the choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm on Thursdays, with a 9:15 am rehearsal before church on Sunday morning. Here's a great New Year's resolution: join us to sing and/or chime! Musically, **Denise**

P.S. See me in a solo cabaret show at the Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael at 5:30 pm on Saturday, February 18. Info: www.fpcsr.org.

Sunday Services/Events

(All services at 10 am)

- February 5: Communion, Congregational Meeting
- February 12: Worship Service, Theater Outing
- February 19: Birthday Blessings
- February 26: Compassionate Kids

Deacons Corner

From Polly Gorder

The Deacons Board welcomed newcomer Ginger Gmahling and returning deacons Diane Forster and Gabriele Putzi at their first meeting in 2017. New responsibilities were assigned, including an updated parish care list. Greeters and ushers were set for several weeks but more volunteers are needed. Greeting at the door each Sunday is a form of hospitality and the first impression given new visitors. Clay Wiens will hold a training session in February—please contact him if you are interested. We are so thankful for our friendly and welcoming Redwood’s family and want to reflect that for all who join us in worship on Sundays. We deacons are here to serve you and are privileged to help all the “ministers” to our community. **Polly**

Membership/Fellowship

From Chair Nancy Rademacher

Please join us for a potluck salad luncheon after the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5. Please bring a salad to share if you are able. We will provide the setup, drinks and dessert. We hope you can make it to this festive event where we celebrate Redwoods’ 2016 accomplishments.

The outing to Marin Theater Company’s performance of *Native Son* will be 2 pm on Sunday, February 12, with a reception following at the Mill Valley home of Stephanie and Bill Ryder. The play is based on the best selling book of the same name by Richard Wright. More information is with the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$25. We will carpool to the theater in Mill Valley.

Our monthly breakfast on Saturday, February 25 will feature a short DVD on Alexander Graham Bell with Joyce Wells sharing highlights of her recent trip to the east coast, including Bell’s home in Nova Scotia. We look forward to seeing you at 9:30 am. **Nancy**

Mission Outreach

From Co-Chairs Debbie Lundberg

A thank you to all the members and friends who have so graciously, generously and faithfully contributed to the Two Cents A Meal (aka Cents-ability) Program. We will share the 2016 report from the Presbytery as soon as it is available. Blessings, **Debbie**

Church Mouse



2017 began with a joyful worship service on New Year’s Day led by Rev. Stephanie Ryder. It was a blessing for those who attended and so nice to see Helen Morita with daughters Laura and Pam and grandchildren Audrey, Jack, Michi and Sam.

We are very sorry Maisie Campbell had recent surgery for a second time to repair her broken wrist after a unfortunate fall last year. Husband Jim is taking excellent care of her as she anxiously but patiently awaits to get back to church activities, especially singing in the choir. We miss her presence very much. Former member Virginia McGuire fell last year and dislocated both her shoulders. Husband Dennis has been taking good care of her as she slowly recovers. A few years ago Virginia and Dennis moved from Larkspur to Reno, Nevada. We miss them too. Our special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with Maisie and Virginia for their healing.

We welcome our new Sunday School teacher, Ana Garcia. Ana is happy to be working with the children. She has worked in the church school program at First Pres, San Rafael. Daughter Jenny is helping Ana by sharing what she did as a student at Redwoods Sunday school under Molly’s leadership. What a blessing to have Ana here at Redwoods!

Debbie Lundberg recently attended a baby shower for daughter-in-law, Gina. The special event was given by the deacons at First Pres, San Anselmo. Debbie and Richard’s first grandchild, a boy, is due in March. Debbie was very happy to see Suellen and Cornel Barnett at the church service.

Bonnie Kaiser has exciting plans for the summer. She will travel south for her annual cattle drive and then off to Ireland for a special vacation. Sounds like fun!

That’s all until next month!

The Mouse

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>January</i> 29 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Mission Outreach	30	31 9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal	<i>February</i> 1 3:30 Compassionate Kids	2 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Children's Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Annual Mtg./ Potluck Lunch Souper Bowl of Caring	6	7 9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Bible Study	8 3:30 Compassionate Kids	9 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Deacons 11:30 Session 12:00 Mill Street 2:00 Theater Outing	13	14 9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Bible Study	15 3:30 Compassionate Kids LOG Deadline	16 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Membership Fellowship	20	21 9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Bible Study	22	23 LOG Mailing 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	24	25 9:30 Saturday Breakfast
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Helping Hands in January – Thank you!

Mill Street Meal

June Bellen, Karen Carmody, Deacons, Diane Forster, Polly & Jim Gorder, James Holmes, Bonnie Kaiser, Debbie Lundberg, Gabriele & Robert Putzi, Nancy Rademacher, Joan Robinson, Stephanie Ryder, Joyce Wells

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

Jan 1 Café Style Service
Jan 8 Ani Lelea (L)
Tani Girton (U)
Gabriele Putzi (G)
Jan 15 Ginger Gmahling (L)
Clay Wiens
Jan 22 Compassionate Kids (L)
Tani Girton (U/G)
Jan 29 Nancy Rademacher (L)
Bonnie Kaiser (G/U)

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

Happy Birthday!

From Deacons Moderator Tani Girton
Join the Deacons in wishing the following members and friends a happy birthday this month:
5 – Anna Barnett, 6 – Marjorie Egger, 6 – Andrea Little ('97), 9 – Ben Girton ('96), 12 – Hunter Newton ('12), 14 – Jim Gorder, 15 – Dick Kohler.

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

Tani