



The Redwoods Log

July/August 2012 Redwoods Presbyterian Church 110 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, CA 415-924-4832

From The Rev. Cornel Barnett

Dear Friends,

I trust your summer has begun well and that you are enjoying these beautiful days. Our special summer worship series begins in July and runs through the end of August. In addition to our usual blended traditional/contemporary services, we will have contemporary/innovative and café-style services, and I'm looking forward as any of us to what they bring. I'm grateful to you all for going along with this new summer worship experiment and experience. The services with texts, sermon titles and themes are printed below.

July

- 1 *Blended Worship with Holy Communion*
Mark 5:24b-34. Sermon title: "Your Faith Has Made You Well." Theme: Healing, health and wholeness
Music by Redwoods Presbyterian Church Family Band
- 8 *Contemporary/Innovative Worship*
Mark 6:1-6a. Sermon title: "Hometown Blues." Theme: Home
- 15 *Blended Worship*
Theme: The Beatitudes with Faith McClellan and the Tuesday Bible Study group
- 22 *Blended Worship*
Mark 6:30-34. Sermon title: "Seesaw Christianity." Theme: Balancing work and prayer
- 29 *Café-style Worship*
Relaxed worship in Fellowship Hall with favorite hymn requests and worship led by Faith McClellan

August

- 5 *Blended Worship with Holy Communion*
Worship lead by the Rev. Judith Slater
- 12 *Contemporary/Innovative Worship*
Ephesians 4:25--5:2. Sermon title: "Imitating God." Theme: Love as kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness...
- 19 *Blended Worship*
Ephesians 5:15-20. Sermon title: "Making Melody to God." Theme: Worship with "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." (Eph. 5:19)
- 26 *Café-style Worship*
Relaxed worship in Fellowship Hall with favorite hymn requests and worship led by the Rev. Cornel Barnett

Peace and blessings, Cornel

July/August Church Mouse



Greetings from Mr. Mouse and Spouse!

Summer is here and things are alive at Redwoods! The spirit was really with us on Pentecost Sunday! We were surprised to have Klara Larsen come with son, Mark, who brought good news of granddaughter, Sophie (Klara's great) and a move for Mark. He has relocated to Boston where both of his daughters live and where he has a new job. It was also good to see Lindsey Merritt on Pentecost Sunday.

Margie and Jim Egger have returned after a cruise from Capetown, South Africa to London, with stops along the west coast of Africa. The stop at LeHavre, France and a visit to Normandy was special, but the biggest surprise was being in London for the Queen's Jubilee—they got to see the celebration on TV from their London hotel room!

Here's to Diane Nelson Forster and her family--both long ago and today! Redwoods had its 115th birthday last October and the Nelson family has been part of the church from its beginnings. Diane's grandmother, Lena Nelson, was one of the ladies who helped get things started way back then. If this were a Bible story it would go thus: Lena begat Frank; Frank begat Diane; Diane begat Lynn; Lynn begat Sal; and Sal begat Hunter. Frank Nelson (Diane's father) was baptized in 1912 and Hunter Newton was baptized June 10, 2012! What a heritage! We're so happy to have Sal, Diana and baby Hunter in the Redwoods family!

It is always good to see Helen Morita who is cancer free now! Her son Mark, a teacher, had a colorful experience lately. As part of his schools' tradition, he agreed to have his hair cut at the end of the school year, but then had an unexpected addition of red, yellow and green hair color. Good-sport Mark was panned by TV cameras at a San Francisco Giant's game the next day. Sorry we missed seeing him!

We are fortunate to be having Seminary interns these past few years. Our first intern was Jan Reynolds, who is now Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian in San Rafael. Recently, her husband, John, was invited to the White House to

be honored by the President for his work with returning veterans—perhaps you saw his picture in the IJ? Christina Jensen, the bubbly one, is back in Michigan working at a health care residence. Our current intern, Faith McLellan, has been a source of inspiration and hope in her own inimitable way. She will be leaving in August and we thank her and wish her well!

Joyce Wells has a new great granddaughter named Addyson Suzanne Maser who was born in Yuba City on May 4. This makes two greats for Joyce!

Bill and Peggy Thomas celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16! Congratulation to Bill and Peggy and all the others with June anniversaries.

It is really good to see Maisie Campbell back on her feet after she fell down some stairs. When family visited during her recuperation, she made good use of her wheelchair giving rides to her grandson!

Have a good summer and enjoy the SF Giants and the Little League games. We are pleased to report that Matthew Phipps made it into the Little League majors! See you in September!

Mr. Mouse and Spouse

July/August Happy Birthdays

From Deacons Moderator Polly Gorder

Join the Deacons in wishing the following members and friends a happy birthday this month: 1 – Suellen Barnett, 4 – Kitty Prosser, 10 – Ani Lelea, 12 – Helen Caldwell and 15 – Dan Phipps.

Add your name to our birthday list by contacting office @redwoodspres.org or at 924-4832. **Polly**

June Choir News

**From Music Director
Barbara Bacon-Shaw**

Sundays in July and August are quite eventful on the musical calendar. We kick-off our new summer schedule with the Redwoods Family Band and Choir on July 1. Our first contemporary/innovative worship service is Sunday, July 8 with guest percussionist, Mr. Jose Rios, who you may remember from Boy Scout Sunday. July 15 and 22 are two "blended" traditional/contemporary Sundays, featuring the dulcet tones of the choir. (If you would like to sing along with the choir, come join us at 9 am on any Sunday morning as we learn our new piece for the 10 am service.)

Sunday, July 29 is our first Café style Sunday. I will take requests for all music during the service, either in advance (which is necessary if the music is not in the regular church hymnal so we can make the appropriate number of copies)... otherwise, you'll have a hard time stumping me on the white grand piano. My musical archive is huge. You could call out almost any song and I can play it. Faith will do the homily that Sunday, as Cornel will be out of town.

That's the low down for July. August will be a similar mix of eclectic styles as Cornel describes in his letter. The Bell Choir meets on Tuesday mornings at 9 am in July and August. We will play music for fun and for a mini-bell Sunday in August and a full bell Sunday in September. The Choir will not meet on Thursday evenings in July or August.

The two summer months are our great experimental months. If you hear something you like, be it a small portion or the big service, jot it down, because in September we'll be sending our anonymous surveys and asking everybody what they liked about the summer "salad" mix. So, kicking off with the Family Band in service on July 1, through the final Cafe Sunday on August 26, we will have a lot to talk about come September.

Thanks, **Barbara**

A Word from your Intern

**From SFTS Intern
Faith McClellan**

Dear Redwoods Family:

It seems like there is a lot of truth to the saying that *all good things come to an end*. August 12 will be my last day as your intern. I have enjoyed my time with you immensely. I am not the same person who came to you last August. Because of your support, I now have the skills and confidence that I need to accept my first call when I graduate from San Francisco Theological Seminary next May. I will never forget your acts of kindnesses toward me throughout the year, and I look forward to a continuing relationship with Redwoods Presbyterian Church.

I realize that I have two church families now—Redwoods Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church San Anselmo. I realized this when I became a Candidate for ordination last month. Members from both Redwoods Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church San Anselmo laid hands on me and prayed for me. It was a moment I will never forget.

As summer continues, I hope you will join me in worship on July 15 as the Horizons Bible Study group presents the Beatitudes in a blended worship service. And I hope you join me again on July 29 for a café-style service as I preach my last sermon. The entire congregation will be included in this last service.

I'd like to end by saying thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be your intern. I look forward to building an even deeper relationship with you in the future.

Many Blessings, **Faith**

Per Capita
A 2012 per capita of \$29.11 is due to the Presbytery from Redwoods Church for each of our 80 members. We appreciate your contributions as soon as possible.

Membership/Fellowship Committee News

From Chair Nancy Rademacher

The Corte Madera-Larkspur 4th of July parade is a long time tradition in our community and always well attended. Be sure to wave to the pillars in our community, Kitty Prosser and Barbara Slusher, who will both be riding in the parade. We hope many of you will be able to stop by the front of the church during (or before) the parade. A group of us will be offering complimentary lemonade to the community. The Sunday School class is making a festive sign.

Nancy Mullane, award-winning journalist will present a talk on her new Pulitzer Prize nominated book, *Life After Murder—Five Men in Search of Redemption* on Sunday, July 22 at 4 pm at Redwoods. Mullane has written the story of five murderers who all served lengthy sentences in San Quentin prison. She questions the possibility of redemption for these ex-cons and others who face not only red tape and penal regulations that work against them, but also an unsympathetic outside world that fears and reviles them and refuses to either forget or forgive transgressions. Light refreshments will be served.

After worship on Sunday, August 12, we are hosting a thank you and farewell reception for our talented and well-loved intern, Faith McClellan. Please plan to attend so that we can give her a fond farewell and blessings for the future.

The Saturday morning breakfasts will not meet in July and August but will resume in September.

Have a wonderful, relaxing, safe and blessed summer doing what makes you happy and fulfilled: traveling, getting together with friends and family, eating home grown veggies, enjoying a creative summer worship schedule, or whatever else your summer brings.

Nancy

Mission Outreach Committee News

From Chair Debbie Lundberg

Our committee, like others, will not meet in August, but outreach continues: shelter meals are provided, food barrel and Ritter Center shower room contributions are ongoing, and prayers for peace, justice, food, hope and joy for all abound. Our committee rejoices in your support! We invite those who might consider helping us to our July 1 & September 2 meetings to be held in the library following worship. We need you! Blessings, **Debbie**

Board of Deacons News

From Mill Street Coordinator Gabriele Putzi

Mill Street Center, a shelter for men in transition from homelessness to a place they'll call "home," is a satellite of New Beginnings in Novato. A few years ago, some of us took a tour of New Beginnings, followed by a luncheon prepared for us by their kitchen staff, who were trained right there. The Mill Street facility houses over 50 people, who call it their temporary home until they can advance to the larger facility in Novato, or if able, move into a place of their own.

Years ago, the Deacons agreed to help the Mill Street Center exist by providing a Sunday meal once a month. Together with other congregations, schools, organizations and the food bank, we help Mill Street save thousands of dollars a year, and thus continue their much needed services.

As a Deacon responsible for the delivery of a full slate of food each month, I am so grateful to everyone in the congregation and members and friends who make that possible. Be assured that this service is a blessing to all, the recipients as well as the donors. We have been told so in letter and by word when we deliver the food. As a result, I offer all of the participants in this much-needed mission a sincere "Thank You!"

Gabriele

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Counseling Corner

From Suellen Barnett, MA, LMFT
“Change”

Last week my agency, ALDEA, had a training on change: “How to change things when change is hard.” Change is not a one-time event—it is on-going. If you don’t like something, change it; if you can’t change it, change the way you think about it.

The speaker said you probably know a lot of things in your life and work that need to be changed, but change won’t happen until you make a move. In moving from the information to the action, we need motivation, and finding motivation can be difficult. We see that our house needs to be cleaned, reports need to be written, the yard needs to be mowed, we need to get going on exercise and diet, and we need to be on time for the meetings. We need motivation!

The speaker suggests finding the bright spots in our projects or work situations, where positive things are happening—and see how they came about. These bright spots can encourage us to move ahead.

She talked about a doctor who solved problems of malnutrition in poor Vietnamese villages by looking at a few kids whose resourceful mothers gave them brine shrimp and sweet potato greens in addition to their usual diet of rice. These were the bright spots. He gathered all the mothers in the village together and encouraged them to do the same. In time, the children became healthy.

What gives us and others the energy to move ahead? Can we see the end product? Do we have clear directions to move from A to B? The speaker suggests we can shrink the change that is required in our minds and hearts. We can make it more manageable. For example, plan a five-minute room rescue and commit to that—and often we’re able to carry on and clean the whole room.

What enables *you* to make the changes you need to make in your life? We can encourage each other—that’s what the church family is all about. “*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*” (Philippians 4:13). We can do all things through God who strengthens us. **Suellen**

Earth Prayer

From Helen Morita

Teach your children
What we have taught our children-
That the earth is our mother.
Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
If men spit upon the ground
They spit upon themselves.

This we know.
The earth does not belong to us,
We belong to the earth.
This we know.
All things are connected
Like the blood which unites one family
All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
We did not weave the web of life,
We are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves. **Chief Seattle**

Thank You

From Maisie Campbell

Hello dear wonderful people
(and I mean every one of you),
I don’t know where to begin to thank you. I had a serious accident on May 6—I fell backwards from halfway up my stairs, and slammed my back into the wall at the bottom. It’s been very painful, but I am healing slowly. I miss everyone, but the beautiful cards, calls, notes and messages and also prayers have made the experience seem less painful. Jim has been my rock and is a wonderful caretaker, so I am very blessed. I am also thankful to Cornel for all his concern, calls and prayers. I hope to see all of you in church soon, God willing. Much love to all, **Maisie**

Please consider including
“Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia
Ave., Larkspur, CA 94939,
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among the beneficiaries of your estate plan.

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Family Band 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Education 11:15 Mission Outreach Committee	2	3 9:00 Bell Choir	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 8:30 Walking Group	7
8 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Education 12:00 Mill Street	9	10 9:00 Bell Choir	11	12	13 8:30 Walking Group	14
15 Birthday Sunday 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Education	16	17 9:00 Bell Choir	18	19	20 8:30 Walking Group	21
22 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Education 4:00 Mullane Book Talk	23 *9:00—12:00 Faith McClellan in office	24 *9:00—12:00 Faith McClellan in office 9:00 Bell Choir	25 *9:00—12:00 Faith McClellan in office	26 *9:00—12:00 Faith McClellan in office	27 8:30 Walking Group	28
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August 2012

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Helping Hands in June – Thank you so much!



Mill Street Shelter Meals

Suellen Barnett, June Bellen, Margaret Erwin, Melissa Dawson, Diane Forster, Melissa Gill, Tani & John Girton, Polly & Jim Gorder, Marian & Dick Judd, Jolyne Liberati, Debbie Lundberg, Gabriele & Robert Putzi, Nancy Rademacher, Joyce Wells, Lori Wood

Liturgists

Melissa Gill, John Girton,
Debbie Lundberg, Clay Wiens

Greeters

Debbie Lundberg, Kitty Prosser
Gabriele Putzi, Nancy Rademacher

Ushers

Suellen Barnett, Margie Egger, Iris Giacotto,
Melissa Gill, Ani Lelea,

Coffee Hour

Suellen Barnett, Board of Deacons, Gabriele Putzi

Volunteers: please call Maisie Campbell at 924-9234 to usher on the open days indicated in the next column or call Kitty Prosser at 924-4329 to greet on the indicated open days.

July/August Helping Hands

- July 1** Faith McClellan (L), Lori Wood (G),
Debbie Lundberg (U), Suellen Barnett (U)
- July 8** Ani Lelea (L), Melissa Gill (G),
Melissa Gill (U), volunteer needed (U)*
- July 15** Polly Gorder (L), volunteer needed (G),
Suellen Barnett (U), June Bellen (U)
- July 22** Nancy Rademacher (L), Barbara Slusher (G),
Debbie Lundberg (U), Marian Judd (U)
- July 29** Melissa Gill (L), Iris Giacotto (G),
Iris Giacotto (U), Bonnie Kaiser (U)
- August 5** Faith McClellan (L), volunteer needed (G),
Nancy Rademacher (U), volunteer needed (U)
- August 12** Jim Gorder (L), Debbie Lundberg (G),
Ani Lelea (U), Melissa Gill (U)
- August 19** Joyce Wells (L), June Bellen (G),
Marian Judd (U), volunteer needed (U)
- August 26** Clay Wiens (L), Marian Judd (G),
Iris Giacotto (U), volunteer needed (U)