



The Redwoods Log

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From Rev. Stephanie Ryder

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

Please enjoy this copy of the July/August LOG, which combines the latter summer months to allow a month's Sabbath during July. There will be no church committee meetings during July, as all committees will be on sabbatical.

Sabbath observance originally was instituted as a covenant for the Israelites to respect the day during which God rested after having completed Creation in six days. We all need a time of rest. Thus, we at Redwoods take the month of July to rest from our committee work that happens the other 11 months of the year.

Sabbath is a designated time to break from our regular routine in order to put God first. Let us consider the month of July as a time to center on God, opening ourselves to hearing God's voice and direction. Sabbath is a time to slow down our bodies and our minds. Let us consider what things bring us spiritual joy, and do those things to connect with others and with God.

What is it that brings you joy and closeness to others and to God? Some ideas may be prayer, meditation, gardening, travel, reading, walking, hiking, napping, journaling. Once identified, let us each take some time in July to set aside as Sabbath, a time to deepen our personal relationship with God.

Summer blessings, **Stephanie**

"A being is free only when it can determine and limit its activity." -Karl Barth

Music Notes

From Denise Wharmby, Music Director

We have had a great year of music this year, with our Bell Choir playing in the service so beautifully the last Sunday in June to ring us into the summer months. Both choirs are taking their summer break now and will return to play and sing in September. New singers and ringers always welcome!

Special music in July features the St. Patrick's Guitar Group on Sunday, July 9th, and the Redwoods Family Band on Sunday, July 23rd for an Aloha service. We look forward to welcoming back these beloved musicians.

In August, I am fortunate to be attending the Church Choir Director's Conference, 'Tuning at Tahoe', which is held annually at Zephyr Point Conference Center, and which is led by Allan Petker, someone who is well known to Redwoods and just a wonderful musician and composer. I am grateful to the church for providing funding for this opportunity.

I will be with many other choir directors, singing for 5 days, and researching new repertoire for the next church year, as well as participating in conducting and vocal pedagogy workshops, all of which will complement our music program next year.

Hoping all have a happy Summer.

Musically, **Denise**

Membership/Fellowship

From Chair Nancy Rademacher

Greetings!

The 4th of July is fast approaching and we hope you can help us continue our well-loved and fun tradition of serving lemonade to the community during the Twin Cities' parade. Many of us have been a part of this joyous outreach to the community in the past and we encourage anyone who would like to join in the fun to participate. We have a great spot to view the parade and enjoy fellowship with others in the congregation. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to arrive at the church at 10am to help set up. This is one of the best ways for us to be visible in the community and to show what a special place Redwoods Church is. So the more the merrier!

Mark your calendars for a theater outing to Ross Valley Players on Sunday, July 16th at 2:00pm to see *The 39 Steps*. It is a melodrama adapted from a 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock. Per Ross Valley's website: "Four fearless actors play 130 roles in this zany, farcical adventure with mystery, intrigue, and side-splitting comedy that will have you holding onto the edge of your seats." There will be a sign-up sheet towards the end of June. We will plan a light lunch for those interested and we will car pool to the theater.

We are always looking for Saturday breakfast and fellowship suggestions, so please let one of the M/F members know if you have any ideas.

Blessings to all,

Nancy

Mission Outreach Committee

From Co-Chairs Debbie Lundberg & Jan Salas

"What Can Be Done?"

This is a question I think many of us ask with regard to finding a solution for the homeless population. The good news is the success of the Homeward Bound Program. As many of us know once a month Redwoods Presbyterian Church prepares and delivers a meal to the Mill Street Center in San Rafael.

Homeward Bound describes Mill Street as: "The 'front door' of our Adult Services Program, the 55-bed Mill Street Center in San Rafael is the county's only night-to-night emergency shelter for homeless individuals. It serves both men and women in separate dormitory-style rooms. A network of volunteers from three dozen churches and community groups shares a monthly rotation to provide a home-cooked hot meal to Mill Street residents. This significant gift has endured since the center opened more than 25 years ago."

Recently, we received the Homeward Bound of Marin Spring/Summer Newsletter. After reading the newsletter the answer to the above question "What can we do to help solve the homeless problems?" appears to be, at least in part, to support the Homeward Bound Programs. Something can and is being done successfully! The newsletter is posted by the Mill Street food sign-up sheet in Fellowship. For more information visit: www.hbofm.org.

Blessings, peace, hope and justice for all,

Debbie



Church Mouse

Hard to believe it's summer already..

Just last month Jim and Polly Gorder were snowbound for four days in Cheyenne, Wyoming on their return road trip from granddaughter Kayla's graduation in Colorado. Recently Joyce Wells attended granddaughter Lauren's wedding at Black Butte Ranch in Sisters, Oregon where Joyce's daughter Valerie officiated at the marriage. Valerie recently retired as Superintendent of Larkspur Corte Madera School District where she served for 12 years. Diane Forster attended grandson Chris' wedding in Red Bluff. Chris is a firefighter where the wedding ceremony was held in the historic fire station.

It's a blessing to have Ella Clinard and Colton Berger participating as liturgists and Elani Wharmby helping as usher this summer. Our young people make Sunday worship very special.

The Zwarg-Green family is happy to move into their refurbished home. Katie says they are still completing final touches on the home and garden.

A great clean-up day was held Saturday, June 10. Many thanks to Clay Wiens for organizing and for everyone who helped tidy up!

Our continued prayers for strength and healing for our homebound members June Bellen, Maisie Campbell, Marjorie Egger, Helen Morita and Marilyn Sutherland. Prayers of comfort for the Schmidt family as we mourn the recent passing of LaVerne Schmidt, age 98.

Until September.....**The Mouse**

Deacons Corner

From Moderator Polly Gorder

The Deacons are in the process of updating the Prayer Chain. If you are not on the chain, and wish to be added, call Polly Gorder or Bonnie Kaiser. The Deacons will be praying for you the next couple of months while many of our church community will be travelling. Have a Safe Summer and Safe Travels!

Polly



Friends Who Love Hawaii

Please come, and invite your friends, to our service on July 23. We will be celebrating Hawaii's Aloha love and culture, and will be featuring the Redwoods Family Band with tropical inspirations! Tropical attire welcomed.

Aloha,

Deacons, Ginger & Stephanie

Christmas in July!

From Jan Salas

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day
2 10am – Communion Service 11am coffee hr.	3	4 10am- Lemonade serving for Parade	5	6	7	8
9 10am - St. Patrick's Guitar Group 11am coffee hr. 12- Mill St.	10	11	12	13	14 Bastille Day	15
16 10am – Worship Service 11am coffee hr. 2pm – Ross Valley Players "The 39 Steps"	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10am - ALOHA Service w/Family Band 11am coffee hr.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10am – Worship Service 11am coffee hr.	31	July 1 – International Joke Day July 30 – International Day of Friendship				

Celebrate Giving at the Alternative Christmas Faire. Come one, come all to the annual Christmas Faire this November. So, in case you are wondering why you're reading this in July, it is an opportunity to thank everyone who participated last year. We received donations as follows: Bread for the World - \$100, Church World Services - \$200, EcoViva - \$108, Faith in Practice - \$1,055, Habitat for Humanity - \$207, Heifer International - \$536 and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog - \$170. In addition, \$382 worth of products were purchased from Equal Exchange to promote justice through the delicious gifts.

As we enjoy the 4th of July, the Larkspur/Corte Madera Parade, summer vacations, warm weather, no school and outdoor activities, the Mission/Outreach Committee will begin planning the Christmas Faire for 2017. The Faire will take place on November 26 in Fellowship Hall after worship. This will be our 18th annual Faire and we are grateful for the chance to celebrate Christmas and gift giving in the spirit of peace, love and justice for the world.

Bread for the World

From Jan Salas

On May 28, the members and friends of Redwoods Presbyterian Church blessed and mailed over 30 letters to our elected officials asking for their consideration of legislation to reduce hunger in the coming budget debate. Letters were mailed to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and Representatives Jared Huffman and Jimmy Panetta. Redwoods is a covenant church with Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger. Each year we participate in the Offering of Letters asking our leaders to remember we can end hunger and we will need to work to that end.

Many thanks to all who wrote letters and who pray for an end to hunger. It is part of the mission to work to end hunger. If you were not able to send letters in May you can send them now. A sample letter is copied below. Or you can visit www.bread.org for more information. The website will also direct you to send emails if you prefer. The budget debate is on-going and our legislators appreciate input from their constituents. For further information ask a member of the Mission/Outreach Committee.

"As congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030.

I urge you to invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low income workers, and international development assistance. These programs help millions of people escape from hunger.

We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but the work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge you to make investments that will reduce and end hunger."

August 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 National Clown Day
6 10am – Communion Service 11:15-Deacons, Mission Outreach	7 International Forgiveness Day	8	9 Book Lover's Day	10	11	12
13 10am – Worship Service 11:30- Session 12-Mill Street	14	15	16 LOG deadline	17	18	19
20 10am – Worship Service 11:15- Membership Fellowship Mtg.	21	22	23	24	25 9am-1pm North Bridge Academy First-Aid Training	26 National Dog Day
27 10am – Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	28	29	30	31		

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Helping Hands in June – Thank you!

Mill Street Meal

Joan Emerson, Tani Girton, Polly & Jim Gorder, James Holmes,
Bonnie Kaiser, Sara Laureyns, 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

Jul 2 Ani Lelea (L)
Ginger Gmahling (G/U)
Jul 9 Jim Gorder (L)
Bonnie Kaiser (G/U)
Jul 16 Tani Girton (L)
Gabriele Putzi (G/U)
Jul 23 Ginger Gmahling (L)
John Girton (U/G)
Jul 30 Colton Berger (L)
Nancy Rademacher (U/G)

Aug 6 Bonnie Kaiser (L)
Debbie Lundberg (G/U)
Aug 13 Charlie Ryder (L)
Bonnie Kaiser (G/U)
Aug 20 Joyce Wells (L/G/U)
Aug 27 Ella Clinard (L)
Tani Girton (G/U)

Happy Birthday!

From Deacons Moderator

Polly Gorder Join the Deacons in wishing the following members and friends a happy birthday this month:

Jul 1 – Suellen Barnett
Jul 8 – Ani Lelea
Jul 9 – Ella Clinard
Jul 12 – Helen Caldwell
Jul 15 – Dan Phipps
Jul 24 – Nicole Webb
Aug 8 – Debbie Lundberg
Aug 10 – Cornel Barnett
Aug 17 – Erik Rademacher
Aug 25 – Lawrence Reh

Add your name and birth date to our list by contacting office@redwoodspres.org.