



# *The Redwoods LOG*

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September 2017

## **From Rev. Stephanie Ryder**

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

My heart is full and my soul ignited as I reflect on my first year as Pastor here. This is such a special, warm place and as the new church year begins, we can look forward to another year of living as part of God's good creation, nurturing, giving and sharing with one another in our community and world beyond.

Former pastor, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Cornel Barnett, has honored the "year-away" policy of the PC(USA), and he and Suellen plan to attend worship on Sunday, September 3. It will be wonderful to have them both with us on this day.

The following Sunday, September 10, is Homecoming Sunday, which officially marks the end of the summer break. We thus begin our year-long programs of choir, bell choir, Bible study and Compassionate Kids (CK). We welcome back long-time members of these groups and invite anyone new who may be interested to join us in these enriching programs. There are already new children signed up for our Fall session of CK. We plan to continue the tradition of having the CKs join us on the last Sunday of the month in worship for leadership in liturgy and music, and so you will have a chance to meet and greet them on September 24 if not before.

Nick Morris, an SFTS graduate, is launching a Faith Forum here at Redwoods on Saturdays, September 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 5-6pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to gather and share stories of our faith and how God is working in our lives, in a worshipful and informal structure. We hope that the Faith Forum will be a great success and I encourage all to attend and bring friends! Please see me for more details.

Redwoods has joined the Baltimore Park Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) which is prepared to provide assistance to neighbors in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. There will be a meeting in Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 11 from 7:15-8:30pm with a neighborhood awareness presentation.

This month we will honor the Redwoods Sewing Group, which created and contributed handmade items to local organizations in need for over a century! Please join us on Sunday, September 17 at 10am for this special dedication during worship. On the last Sunday of the month, September 24, we will have an inquirers class at 11:30am for those who want to learn more about the church and its membership.

I am humbled by and grateful for the many ways that Redwoods Church has and continues to serve a world in need. Thank you for your faithfulness and support of Redwoods Presbyterian Church.

Blessings, Stephanie

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end,  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

~Lamentations 3:22-23

## Music Notes Denise Wharmby

It's exactly a year now since I began serving as your new Music Director and as we start this next church year, I'm looking forward to continuing to select more new music for worship, working with both choirs, and developing new ideas for sustaining and growing the music program. I have loved helping the Compassionate Kids with their musical contribution this year as well.

This church continues to support and provide funding for my attendance at the annual church choir director's conference in Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, led by Allan Petker. There were 10 reading sessions, workshops in conducting technique, voice training for choirs with guest clinicians, meditation and worship, and a wonderful concert on the final evening.

On September 23, I will be sharing about the conference for the Saturday breakfast. If you're interested to hear about it, and listen to some amazing music from the concert, please come.

Musically,

Denise

## Deacons Corner

At our last Deacons meeting opening devotions concerned praying with hope. An offering in the book "With Open Hands" by Henri Nouwen gave us food for thought.

Hope means to keep living  
amid desperation  
and to keep humming  
in the darkness.  
Hope is knowing that there is love  
it is trust in tomorrow  
it is falling asleep  
and waking again  
when the sun rises.  
In the midst of a gale at sea,  
it is to discover land.  
In the eyes of another  
it is to see that you are understood...  
As long as there is still hope  
There will also be prayer...  
And you will be held  
in God's hands.

We continue to pray with hope for all our dear Redwoods family and we look forward to our upcoming church year. It's a blessing to be able to serve as your Deacons.

Polly Gorder

## The Sewing Group at RPC (1896 to 2017)

Originally called the Thimble Club, the women of Redwoods came together to create handmade items for charitable organizations. In past years, the Sewing Group made layette items for Cameron House in San Francisco. The mission of Cameron House: "To empower generations of Chinese-American individuals and their families to fully participate in and contribute positively toward a healthy society. We put our Christian faith into action to help people learn, heal, and thrive." Most recently, items were donated to Canal Alliance, to provide comfort and care for infants and their families locally.

Join us in worship on September 17 as we celebrate 121 years of service by the Sewing Group. We will remember the work of our members throughout our history as we honor their contribution to our mission.

Jan Salas



## September Mouse

Fall season is approaching and it's been a joyful and lively summer with many activities occurring at Redwoods.

A large group of members and friends enjoyed the rollicking theater play "The 39 Steps" at the Ross Valley Players Barn. A delicious pre-theater lunch was served in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Nancy Rademacher for arranging the event. On July 23, we celebrated worship in Fellowship Hall with an Aloha service. Ginger Gmahling came up with the idea while she and Mom Georgene, under Stephanie's leadership, arranged the lovely service with the Redwood's Family Band playing Hawaiian music and hymns. So nice to have the Morita family attending. We hope this will become an annual summer service.

Some members traveled these past few months. Karen Carmody to Montana visiting friends, and the Gorders and family enjoyed Lake Tahoe. Bonnie Kaiser and her husband traveled to northern Oregon to view the solar eclipse and soon after she will travel to beautiful Ireland. Mollie Rademacher spent time in France before returning to her teaching job at the French School. Stephanie Ryder and family traveled to Cape Cod to celebrate Bill's parents 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, along with Bill's six siblings and extended family. Stephanie saw friends from high school and college. Denise Wharmby enjoyed her week at the choir directors' conference where she sang for six hours a day!

Happy news as Marilyn Sutherland and Marjorie Egger are back in their apartments. Our continued prayers for June Bellen and Maisie Campbell for strength and healing.

See you in the Fall,

The Mouse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>					1	2
Holy Communion 3 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 7:30pm Choir	8	9 5-6:00pm Faith Forum Fellowship Hall
Homecoming Sunday 10 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 12:00 Mill Street Meal Delivery	11 7:15-8:30pm Neighborhood Response Group(NRG)*	12 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study	13 3:30-4:30pm Compassionate Kids	14 7:30pm Choir	15	16 10:00 Presbytery Meeting, St. Luke, San Rafael 5-6:00pm Faith Forum Fellowship Hall
Sewing Group/ Birthday Sunday 17 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Membership/ Fellowship Mtg.	18	19 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study	20 3:30-4:30pm Compassionate Kids	21 7:30pm Choir	22	23 9:30 Saturday Breakfast 5-6:00pm Faith Forum Fellowship Hall
Compassionate Kids 24 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Inquirers Class	25	26 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study	27 3:30-4:30pm Compassionate Kids	28 7:30pm Choir	29	30 5-6:00pm Faith Forum Fellowship Hall

\*NRG Join your neighbors for a presentation by Lee and John Howard, Directors of the Neighborhood Disaster Response Program for Corte Madera and Larkspur. Contact Lee or John at [leejohn7@gmail.com](mailto:leejohn7@gmail.com) or call 415-891-8406 for more info.

## Membership/Fellowship Committee

Fall greetings from the Membership/Fellowship Committee. Hard to believe fall is around the corner as we are fortunate to have it feel like summer through September.

Saturday breakfasts begin again after a summer hiatus. Denise Wharmby, our talented and dedicated music director, will speak on Saturday, September 23. This is a week later than our usual time due to a Presbytery meeting at St. Luke in San Rafael on Saturday, September 16. Denise will inform us about the program she attended at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, for church music directors, as well as personal information about herself. We meet at 9:30am for a light potluck breakfast with the program from 10-11:00am. I hope many of you will be able to make this special program.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming Sunday on September 10. Our favorite potluck salad luncheon will start the new church year following worship. Bring a salad to share and our committee will provide the set-up, drinks, and dessert. Family and friends are most welcome.

**Hot off the Press!** We plan to see the musical, *Cabaret*, at Ross Valley Players on October 8. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Due to the show's popularity, we need to secure tickets early so please sign up as soon as possible.

Blessings to all, especially to the teachers and students as the new school year begins.

*Nancy Rademacher*

## Peace and Global Witness Offering

"You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

On World Communion Sunday, October 1, members and friends of Redwoods Presbyterian Church will participate in one of four annual Special Offerings, the Peace and Global Witness Offering. The proceeds of the Offering go toward the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and Global Mission and 25% is retained for Local Mission. The Mission Outreach Committee will meet in September to determine the local agency to benefit from our Offering. The theme of this year's Offering – "A Persistent Dream of Peace."

The following is a brief description of the Offering's history:

1980 - The 192<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly established the Peacemaking Offering to 'celebrate our common life in the global bonds of Christ's peace-giving body...to support initiatives on peacemaking and peace education throughout the church.

1988 - The Peacemaking Offering became one of the four Special Offerings of the church.

2014 - The 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly approved the transition of the Peacemaking Offering to Peace and Global Witness. (source-[pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org))

Please join us to share our gifts and work toward peace in our world.

*Mission Outreach Committee*

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## Helping Hands in July/August – Thank you!

### Mill Street Meals

Karen Carmody, Joan Emerson, Diane Forster,  
Polly & Jim Gorder, James Holmes, Bonnie Kaiser,  
Ani Lelea, Jolyne Liberati, Debbie Lundberg,  
Gabriele & Robert Putzi, Nancy Rademacher,  
Joan Robinson, Stephanie Ryder, Joyce Wells.

### Coffee Hour

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – TBA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Mission Outreach Committee  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Deacons  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Membership/Fellowship Committee  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – TBA

*A special  
thank you and  
blessings to all  
of the Liturgists,  
Greeters and  
Ushers during  
July and August.*

### Liturgists, Greeters & Ushers

- Sept. 3** Ginger Gmahling (L)  
TBA (G/U)
- Sept. 10** Clay Wiens (L)  
Tani Girton (U/G)
- Sept. 17** Debbie Lundberg (L)  
TBA (U/G)
- Sept. 24** Compassionate Kids (L)  
Nancy Rademacher (U/G)

### Happy September Birthdays!

#### From Deacons Moderator Polly Gorder

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

- 7 – Bill Mills  
8 – Alan Edmonson  
16 – Betty Hamilton  
19 – Blaise Salas  
24 – Melissa Gill

Add your name and birth date to our list by con-  
tacting [office@redwoodspres.org](mailto:office@redwoodspres.org) or 415-924-4832.

**Polly**