



# The Redwoods LOG

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January/February  
2018

## From Rev. Stephanie Ryder

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

Happy New Year! This is our first edition of the Redwoods LOG for 2018, as we opted for a joint January/February publication. The 2017 Annual Reports from church committee chairs are rolling in and show a successful and abundant ministry life here at Redwoods. Please join us for the congregational meeting after the Sunday service on February 11 to review the Annual Reports and hear about the many ways our church continues to be a positive influence in the world, living out the Good News of God's Kingdom. The highly-acclaimed potluck salad luncheon will follow.

This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day, February 14. We will again this year share a service with our neighbors at First Presbyterian Church San Rafael, located at 1510 Fifth Avenue (at E. Street). The Marin Interfaith Council is planning this gathering, with meditative readings and distribution of ashes to commemorate the forty days and nights that Jesus was tempted by Satan and fasted in the desert. The service is at 6pm.

Lent is a time when we, too, consider our temptations and how we can strengthen ourselves and our relationship with God through abstaining from unhealthy behaviors or adding healthy ones. The Ash Wednesday service is an opportune time to make a commitment to a Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charitable giving).

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.

Last year, we held a time in each Sunday service during Lent for a Lenten Reflection, where we heard from individuals in our congregation about their experiences of the power of God in their lives. We will be continuing this practice again this year. If you feel called to be of service in this way, or have someone to recommend, please let me know.

In closing, I want to highlight one new way that Redwoods is demonstrating the spiritual practice of hospitality. It has been a cold winter. There are thirty children and six staff members at North Bridge Academy (NBA), the school for children with dyslexia that is housed on our campus. NBA has been using Fellowship Hall to eat lunch on particularly cold or wet days. The church library is offered to the children for their music classes on Tuesdays from 12:45-3:15pm and Fridays from 1:15-2pm.

Please feel free to extend a welcome to our friends at North Bridge Academy if you should see them in the upstairs areas of our church building. So far, it has been a mutually beneficial experience. Thank you for this one way of many that the church shows hospitality to a world in need.

Blessings,

Stephanie

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ~Hebrews 13:2*

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## Helping Hands in December/January – Thank you!

### Mill Street Meals

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

### Coffee Hour

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Open  
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 – Open

### Happy January/February Birthdays!

From Deacons Moderator Polly Gorder  
Join the Deacons in wishing the following  
members and friends a happy birthday:

January	February
1 – Bill Ryder	5 – Anna Barnett
8 – Zach Paulson	6 – Marjorie Egger
11 – Rory Little	6 – Andrea Little
19 – Clay Wiens	9 – Ben Girton
23 – Elein Phipps	12 – Hunter Newton
25 Molly Rademacher	14 – Jim Gorder
	15 – Dick Kohler



Add your name and birth date to our list by emailing Kay Louisson  
office@redwoodspres.org or by phoning 415-924-4832. **Polly**

*A special  
thank you and  
blessings to all of  
the Liturgists,  
Greeters and  
Ushers who  
serve on  
Sundays*

### Liturgists

#### January

7 – Ginger Gmahling  
14 – Jan Salas  
21 – Debbie Lundberg  
28 – Compassionate Kids

#### February

4 – Ani Lelea  
11 – Nancy Rademacher  
18 – Compassionate Kids  
25 – Polly Gorder

## Music Notes Denise Wharmby

The year is in full swing and so is the music program. Our choir is singing each week and the bell choir is in rehearsal preparing for their next special service of bell music. Compassionate Kids continue to sing once a month.

A big thank you to all who participate so consistently and share their talents with us all. If you are interested to find out more about singing with the choir occasionally or would like to try your hand at bell ringing, please see me after church or leave a note with the office.

All levels welcome!

As it's February, and Valentine's is just 'round the corner, let's quote Shakespeare: "If music be the food of love, play on!" - We will.

Musically,

Denise

## Change the Game February 4, 2018

More than 28 years ago a youth group at a South Carolina church launched the Souper Bowl of Caring with this prayer – “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Each year since, churches around the country have joined together to donate a can of soup, or \$1.00 to local food banks to help alleviate hunger. On February 4, Redwoods will again join together to raise awareness and funds for the SF/Marin Food Bank. Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship and share a bowl of soup as we remember those who do not have enough to eat.

## Sanctuary Enhancements

Dear Members,

There has been some discussion about the color that was used in the Sanctuary when it was recently painted. Also, there was a question about rehangng the mosaics. Now that the cement has been water proofed, repainting a different color is not that expensive.

We need volunteers to serve on a small committee to address these two issues. Call me at 415.820.2212, or email cwien@pennbrookins.com if you wish to serve on the committee.

In the spirit of energy conservation, please leave thermostats at 55 degrees except for Sundays and during the week for students and staff at North Bridge Academy.

Clay

## From the Deacons Corner!

Some time ago an article appeared in the “Presbyterian Today” magazine titled “The Disappearing Deacon.” A response letter to that article from a Presbyterian church in our Presbytery claimed that their Deacons are very alive and well, and cannot agree with the author. Our Deacons at Redwood’s can certainly claim the same.

God has called us to be members of this body, Christ’s church. Our Deacons are a vital organ of this living body, an indispensable, interconnected part of our church. It is a body, not a building; it is an organism, not an organization.

As Deacons, we fulfill our calling by being totally connected to the other parts of this body, we do not function on our own. We are called to belong and serve, not just believe. We aim to serve our members faithfully.

The Deacons

## Many Thanks to Our First Responders

After the devastating North Bay fires in October, Windsor Presbyterian Church initiated a program to thank the many agencies who came to the aid of people in the line of fire. Firefighters came from as far away as New Zealand to join local firefighters and in the process left home and family risking their lives for others. The congregation at Windsor gathered information and materials necessary to contact over 1,000 agencies and members and friends of Redwoods helped in this effort by sending a personal note to 100 agencies on individual postcards. Many thanks to all who helped in this effort – a moment of thanks to the brave responders has deep meaning and shares our Christian values.

## Thank You From The Staff

Dear Members of Redwoods Presbyterian Church, Please accept our sincerest gratitude for the generous end-of-year bonuses received by church staff. It is a blessing to be a part of this wonderful church community.

As we look forward to 2018, we all welcome the new year with excitement and energy.

Blessings,

Rev. Stephanie Ryder, Pastor  
Denise Wharmby, Music Director  
Kay Louisson, Office Administrator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>				1 7:30pm - Choir	2	3
4 COMMUNION 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Fellowship Souper Bowl of Caring 11:15am – Deacons Meeting 11:15am – Mission Outreach Cmte.	5	6 9:30am – Bible Study 10:30am – Bell Choir	7 3:30-4:30pm – Compassionate Kids	8 7:30pm - Choir	9 10:00am Presbytery Meeting – First Presbyterian Church, Santa Rosa	10
11 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Congregational Meeting 11:30am – Potluck Salad Luncheon 12:00pm – Mill Street Meal Delivery	13	14* 9:30am – Bible Study 10:30am – Bell Choir  *Ash Wednesday	15 3:30-4:30pm – Compassionate Kids March LOG Deadline	16 7:30pm - Choir	17	18
18 COMPASSIONATE KIDS/ BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Fellowship 11:15am – Membership/Fellowship Cmte.	19	20 9:30am – Bible Study 10:30am – Bell Choir	21	22 March LOG Mailing 7:30pm - Choir	23 6:00pm - Dinner and movie “Hidden Figures”	24
25 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Fellowship	26	27 9:30am – Bible Study 10:30am – Bell Choir	28	1 <b>MARCH</b> 7:30pm - Choir	2	3

\*We will be sharing the service again this year at First Presbyterian Church (1510 Fifth Avenue (at E St.) San Rafael) at 6pm for a meaningful and solemn candlelight service. Please call 415.456.6760 for more information.

## It Takes A Village...

In this case it took the village of members and friends of Redwoods Presbyterian Church to present the 18<sup>th</sup> Alternative Christmas Faire held on November 26, 2017.

A thank you to all who so generously and energetically provided support for the Faire. From preparing supplies, guides on How to Shop for Joy, writing Bulletin Inserts telling of the mission of each group sponsored, organizing sponsor tables, and decorating Fellowship Hall.

The Christmas tree wreaths, Christmas ornaments, brightly colored swags, Christmas tablecloths, Alternative Christmas Banner hung in front of the church, Christmas music, wonderful holiday treats to cashier and gift card duty, the energy of all contributed to making the place to shop for joy.

The faire successfully raised the following funds to support the sponsors: EcoVia - \$140.00, Faith in Practice - \$473.00, Heifer - \$588.00, Habitat for Humanity - \$789, Presbytery Hunger Task Force - \$334.00 and Global Crafts - \$268.00. The total raised: \$2,592!

With joy and blessings to all,

Mission Outreach Committee

## Membership/Fellowship Committee

Spontaneity was the word of the day for 16 of us during our trip to Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park. A government shut-down closed the museum. Instead we enjoyed a fun-filled brunch at Assemble Restaurant nearby. Thanks to all who participated! We will reschedule the museum visit in the near future.

Please join us for a potluck salad lunch following our Annual Meeting on February 11. The M/F committee will provide the set-up, drinks and dessert. Please bring a favorite salad to share if able. There is always plenty of food as well as fellowship! Hope you can make it.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 23 at 6pm when the Putzi’s will treat us to a delicious spaghetti dinner followed by the movie honoring Black History Month, “Hidden Figures.”

Please let us know if you have any ideas or favorite activities you would like to suggest for 2018. We welcome your feedback.

Nancy