



THE SEER

May 2014

From David

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A Pilgrimage Home: Incarnating Life

As you probably know, I will be on sabbatical from June 9 to September

21. After ten years as your pastor, I look forward to this time away as an opportunity to spend some unambiguous time with God. This, then, will be an open hearted time spent in pilgrimage, meditation and prayer.

The spiritual life finds maturity as spirit finds its expression in one's whole life: family, friendships, work, play, spiritual community, concerns and prayers. The question for our lives: How do you welcome Spirit into your whole life, leaving nothing out? This is the question that I will carry with me on Sabbatical.

Pilgrimage

I will be travelling to Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado on pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is more than vacation. In vacation you "vacate," in a way of speaking, leave your life behind to experience new things. On pilgrimage you take your whole life, the beautiful and heart-warming, the doubts and disturbing bits. On pilgrimage you move through the world -- travel to sacred spots, places on earth that have carried spiritual energies for humans over the millennia. But, more importantly this journey is simultane-

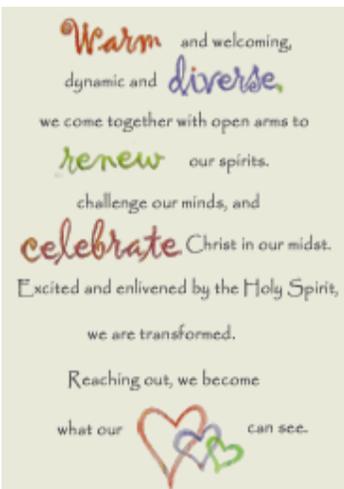
ously an inner journey -- a return to one's spiritual center, from which one incarnates Spirit. This inside/outside journey of transformation is the focus of my pilgrimage. You might be interested in some of my stops along the way:

1. **Salvation Mountain:** This is a monumental and important piece of outsider art near the Salton Sea. It is the vision and the work of one man, Leonard Knight. He spent over 25 years building a mountain from adobe and painting it with images and verses from scripture. He incarnated his vision, gave it a place on earth. This is interesting to me.

2. In addition, I will be spending time visiting the sacred land of Arizona, specifically **Oak Creek Canyon** in Sedona, Arizona and, of course, the **Grand Canyon**. These are spots on earth that the native peoples of the area have recognized as charged with the energy of Spirit, spirit brought to earth, if you will. The earth incarnates Spirit.

I will also be visiting the three mesas of the **Hopi people**. There is a way of life that recognizes the spirits (katsina) that live among them, animating and sustaining the earth. During their various ceremonies the katsina visit with the people. To those outside the culture of the Hopi we might say

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that the people enter their ceremonies dressed as the various katsina of their particular clan. This would be incorrect: the spirits, themselves, gain flesh and come to visit. Incarnation. The good news of the Christian faith is that God's Holy Spirit found flesh in Jesus Christ. The transformation that is our life in God is that we, too, might embody God's Holy Spirit in our lives. I will be visiting places of Holy Incarnation.

Meditation and Prayer

Prayer and Meditation is our way of noticing the Holy Spirit as she enters our lives. We notice her presence as we become present to ourselves. Her comfort and concerns are apparent to us as we seek comfort and voice concern for ourselves and others. Meditation and prayer is essential to the embodied life, otherwise we might never notice our place in things. I will spend 7 weeks in a hermitage at the **Spiritual Life Institute** in Crestone, Colorado. In this time, I will seek an open heart, allowing God to guide my time in prayer. It will be a time for noticing Spirit in my life. I view this as a wonderful opportunity and am grateful to be provided this

in my life and ministry.

Other activities

I will have many stops along life's way while I am away. I am interested in how God's Spirit finds life in churches. I will be visiting UCC and other churches along the way, speaking with their pastors. Also, I will be visiting with artists in New Mexico, asking questions about the work of Spirit in their own work. Christy will be joining me for part of this pilgrimage, exploring together the connections that bring us life.

Next month, in this spot, I will write about some of the arrangements that have been made here at the church so that we can manage our mutual ministry in my absence. You will hear about our Lead Sabbatical Pastor, Gayle Madison, and some of the other folks who have agreed to help us along the way. Also, I will make mention of the Pastoral Care Team that has been set up under the guidance of Rev. Sandy Rosen.

Again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity. I will carry you in prayer as I make this pilgrimage journey.

Blessings, David

Wednesdays at First Congregational UCC

Wednesday is a day for spiritual practice and formation at First Congregational U.C.C. There are two opportunities to "Encounter New Life" here at First Congregational U.C.C.

1. Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues till 11 a.m.
2. Meditation begins at 6:30 p.m. concluding by 8:00 p.m.

Moderator Musing:

Preparations are well underway for Pastor David Parks-Ramage's upcoming Sabbatical. Many of our members have helped to plan and prepare. Bill Gibson did lots of research into the history of Sabbatical, and its place in churches and in ministry. He also investigated how it's been done in other churches, then provided his findings as the framework for our plans and led the Sabbatical planning committee. The Worship Team determined standards for substitute pastors over the three-month period, with Bill's help created a job description, and contacted some of our community who are ordained ministers. The result is that Reverend Gayle Madison will serve us as our Lead Sabbatical Pastor, preaching half the Sundays and sharing with us her skills in ministry, counseling, and administration. Reverends Dale Webb and Charlotte Asher will each be with us for one week; and Reverend Lizann Bassham and Rebecca Schroeder will complete the schedule. A very warm and grateful welcome to them! What a remarkable gift to have all

these wise and talented people willing and able to step in while David gets a long-overdue break for rest, reflection, and personal spiritual development.

There's still room in many of the Pick-a-Parties—but not much! If you missed the opportunity to sign up, check out the schedule or have Rebecca Weaver email it to you. Then contact Rebecca, Jeanne Thomas, or Kathy Johnson to sign up. The first of the season—lunch and a sing-along with Jan MacDonald and Nancy Turner, was great fun. Please remember that your reservation is confirmed when you pay, with one check or several as long as payment is dated before the date of the event you wish to attend.

The new Meals for Friends program is humming along. Led by Martha Stefanoni, a gathering of caring members can be heard and seen in the church kitchen most Wednesday mornings. Later that day or sometime on Thursday, the Delivery Fairies begin to disperse the results to some of our friends who have been ill or otherwise struggling. If you are

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interested in helping cook or deliver, please contact Martha. We're not limited to cooking on Wednesdays, if some other time works better. If you or a member we have missed would welcome having a meal delivered, please let Martha know. Every meal comes imbued with the love and prayers of our church family; we DO care about and for each other!

The Sanctuary Art for Easter season was installed in the joyful spirit of resurrection and new life. Hannah Wallstrum inspired the design for the cross, and a scrappy group of Judy Cramer and several self-proclaimed Not-Artistic types set to work and brought the vision forth. An important lesson for all of us has been that it's not necessary to have a lot of talent; working together to create is a reward all its own. And the results can be pretty amazing. If you miss kindergarten, want to try your hand at a little liturgical expression, or just want an opportunity to share a creative project with a non-judgmental group of friends, let the Worship Team know.

Our official Delegate Ruth Bogart, Pastor David Parks-Ramage, and newly elected Moderator Kathy Johnson will be attending the NCNCCC Annual Meeting in Redwood City from May 1-4. Watch next month's SEER for highlights.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on April 27, we thanked outgoing Treasurer Bob Orr for his service over a challenging couple of years. Thanks again, Bob! And thank you for all the ways you have served and continue to serve our church and community. Thanks and fond farewells were expressed for Jona Matevish. She led Stewardship for three years, and has been such a dear and committed member of our church family, serving us Gracefully in countless ways. We also recognized outgoing Team members and volunteers, and elected the new Council and Teams for the coming year as listed in the Annual Report plus Andrew Conley-Holcom who will continue on Worship Team. For more details of who-does-what, please see the Annual Report. Thank you all for the opportunity to continue to serve.

Council meetings are generally held the third Monday of each month at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend, watch, and listen as this group of caring and capable members manage the business of the church. Some of the decisions are hard. Still, somehow we manage to keep the spirit of Love, commitment to our church, concern for all our members, and Grace in what we do. A former Moderator remarked recently that she always felt the presence of Jesus in the room with us. Amen."

Community News

Scholarships Anyone?

Are you planning to attend college or a trade school during the academic year 2014-2015? Do you have a child or grandchild who is planning for 2014-2015?

If so, you will be interested in The First Congregational UCC of Santa Rosa Scholarship Program. These scholarship grants arise from the Endowed Giving Fund established by Fred and Mable Hall, former members of this church. They support any active member, child or grandchild of an active member who meets the criteria of this Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications are available in the church office or ask for one to be emailed to you.

Applicants must complete and return these forms to the church office by July 1, 2014. While that may seem a long time away future educational goals must be identified, recommendations must be sought and previous school transcripts must be collected. It is not too early to begin now! Applicants must be high school graduates (or equivalent) and have applied for a specific degree program as a full-time student (12 units) in good standing at an accredited school of higher learning.

Awards will be announced in August, 2014.

Rose Parade

Make Plans to Join Us at the 119th Annual Luther Burbank Rose Parade & Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Downtown Santa Rosa.

It's lotsa fun!



The theme this year is "Superheroes and Helpers." We are presenting the idea that alone we are all Clark Kents; together we can become Superheroes. On the side of our float it will read, "UCC-Mild-mannered Superhero!"

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED:

This next 2 weeks is the real push! We need folks to help paper mache a giant Clark Kent for the float. There will also be a huge sign with cartoon-style talk balloons saying things like "Take that, injustice!", and that will need to be painted. And we will need smaller, sandwich board style signs painted, if you are good with lettering.

We have just 6 marchers signed up so far. We need at least 10 to pass out gifts to the kids. The parade is very short, about half an hour of walking. And you should see the kids' faces when they get the adorable clay medallions or other gifts (with our church's name and phone number on back, of course). It is an experience you won't forget!

We will also need decorators on Friday, May 16.

We will need live flowers that day, too.

Let Judy Cramer (542-7819) know if you are interested!

email at judithcramer@rocketmail.com

Wanted: Your Best Recipes!



Do you have a signature recipe? A family favorite? A newly-discovered dish you'd like to share? Judy Adams and Gwen Birkedal are put-

ting together an all-new church cookbook which will hopefully be ready by Christmas. Send your recipes by mail or email or drop them off at the church office!

Help the Church by Grocery Shopping?

You bet! Thanks to eScrip, shopping at OLIVER'S is a WIN for us! [Register your OLIVER'S card](#) and use it every time you shop. If you don't have a card, go to the

store and get one today. It's free!

Email [Judy Adams](mailto:judyalean@aol.com) (judyalean@aol.com) with questions.

Do you have news for the SEER or Newsletter?

If you have any information for the SEER, Newsletter, the bulletin, or any other publication of the church, please send it to: louise_penna@yahoo.com. The deadline for the SEER is typically the third Wednesday of every month.

In Harmony - Our Church Music Ministry



FAMILY CHOIR- Save the Date!

Sunday May 4 at 9:30am

Sunday June 1 at 9:30am

Folks of all ages and musical backgrounds are welcome to sing in Family Choir, especially children! Come to the sanctuary at 9:30am and learn a simple song that we'll offer in worship. No preparation or special attire needed!

CHANCEL CHOIR

We have openings in our Chancel Choir and always welcome new singers! The chancel choir performs an anthem weekly during services. Repertoire ranges from gospel music to contemporary arrangements to traditional anthems. Rehearsals

are in the sanctuary Thursdays 6:45-8:15pm and Sundays 9:30-10:10am. New and drop-in singers encouraged; an ongoing commitment is not required. Join us!

MUSIC SUNDAY is Sunday, June 8th. The choir will perform their favorite anthems from throughout the year, we'll have special guests, and we'll celebrate the ministry of music in our church. This will also be my and Andrew's last day, and Rev. David's last day before he goes on his sabbatical. A day NOT to miss!

Questions? Want to get involved? Contact Leann at leannconleyholcom@gmail.com.

Note from Andrew and Leann

Dear Church Family

Many of you have heard of this by now, but we wanted to write you a special note as a group to share our big news. Andrew will graduate from Pacific School of Religion with his Masters of Divinity at the end of May. As of June 8, 2014 - Music Sunday - we will both be resigning from our positions as Director of Music and Minister In Training. We plan to move to Seattle, which is where we grew up and where our families still live. Leann has been accepted with a graduate assistantship to the University of Washington to pursue doctoral studies in choral conducting. Andrew is in

the process of becoming approved for ordination and will soon be pursuing parish ministry opportunities. We want to thank you all so much for three excellent years at this church. We have both been treated so lovingly, and have had so many opportunities to grow and develop in both our career fields.

We will never forget our time at First Church - it has been a real blessing.

With love and gratitude,
Leann & Andrew Conley-Holcom
Director of Music & Minister In Training

In the News

Our very own **Ed Thompson** was featured in Chris Smith's column last month. Ed (Class of '42) sang Old Bones at the Santa Rosa High School 140th Birthday Celebration.

He may have stumbled over a few of the words, but when he finished, the standing ovation reverberated all across the school! Bravo, Ed! "Go Panthers!"

—Submitted by Linda Duckett

How's Our Attendance?



DATE	8:30	10:30	Total
Mar. 2		76	76
Mar. 9	11	74	85
Mar. 16		86	86
Mar. 23	7	74	81
Mar. 30		84	84

No Count for Blank Boxes

Ruth's Good News!

March 23, 2014

David interpreted John 4:5-42, read with feeling and understanding by Evelyn Smith. The Samaritan woman was one of the wrongdoing people. Jesus talked and was friendly. David said, see how simply talking with each other increases understanding. He described a poem by Ruml "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there." David suggested that we help the Outreach committee by meeting with the people they want to help, for more understanding. "Put ourselves in their way," he suggested.

We once again began with several Taize songs. The chancel choir sang "Beautiful Savior." Charlotte Asher asked the children to pull, pull, pull into the special "well" she made, and out came water, and then a Bible.

No flowers were included during services of Lent. Barbara Nelson wanted to thank the cooks who have prepared *Food for Friends*, so a very beautiful bouquet graced the sanctuary in their honor. Barbara and Grace Mueller, "dined with delight and love, knowing you care." Martha Stefanoni is leader of the new church effort to help a member who is very sick.

March 24, 2014

Women's Fellowship, meeting at Mary's Pizza, welcomed Ruth Hucklebridge after her hospital event. She was a celebrity there, because her operation was very new. We were twelve-strong this month. We wrote greetings to an equal number of members needing love notes and encouragement because of health problems. The Question was "What new thing are you doing?" Ginny Moore has been inviting her friends in the Dolls club for meetings. Betty Scherfee is telling her friends that she no longer wants to be considered as ever-dependable and strong. Diane Morris said she has become willing to let the gardener dig the big hole.

March 30, 2014

The dramatic story about Jesus giving sight in John 9:1-41 was interpreted first by Rebecca Schroeder as she read it. Then, by Andrew he gave the view of a Pharisee. Finally, by David: "Love has no boundaries—but we do. It is the tribe that attaches labels, that tells people how or where they live. Human boundaries do not interfere with God's Love. Love moves through us, nurtures, and is always kind." David mentioned that his daughter said she loves Jesus because he does not conform. Jesus' best friend is a woman.

Twelve little ones gathered around Charlotte Asher to see her basket of eggs. She told how in 1973 she was working in Africa and

was so hungry, until she was given a basket of eggs. The villagers were hungry too. Charlotte suggested that the Easter Bunny could bring eggs to hungry people if people put coins in the "Bunkin Jar" for Easter gifts.

Today's music was provided by Jimmy Donaghy, Gina Williams, and Rebecca Kendall. Jimmy played a portable hand organ, guitar, and Gina played a piccolo plus guitar.

Rebecca Schroeder became a member of our church. She will become a minister one day, and wanted to show allegiance here to First Congregational UCC. The latest phase of MS prevents her from easy walking, so she was seated in a front pew, with mike, courtesy of Jeff Wilson.

Linda Duckett, who has prepared the sanctuary and for coffee hour for months, returned today after open-heart surgery. Where did I see her? In the kitchen, of course!

Ed Thompson was a star at the Redwood Barbershop concert this week. Everyone likes his barrel-ly booming bass.

April 31, 2014

Opening Prayer and Communal Prayer were lovely paraphrases of a couple of psalms. Dale Webb was liturgist and Andrew was preacher.

The long scripture reading — John 11: 1-45 — was divided into two parts. At the end of verse 16, Dale stopped reading, there was a moment of silence, then David got up and did a dramatic interpretation as Thomas. "None of us asked for this. . .", referring to what it was to follow Jesus.

Dale read verses 17-45, after which Kathy Johnson and I did a very short interpretation as Martha (Kathy) and Mary (I). Ours was centered on the realization that, because Jesus wept with us, we realized that he held us with the same love in which we held him.

Charlotte's Children's Time was masterful. She talked about how the reality in our world is that sometimes, people die. We can't do what Jesus did for Lazarus, but we can save someone from dying of, for example, malnutrition. She opened up a bag of bunny-shaped crackers and offered one to the three kids there.

Choir Anthem was a 3-part round called "Alleluia." Sopranos stood against the windows, the tenors (none) and basses stood at the back, altos stood against the wall with Bill Shelley's portraits. It worked out pretty well, actually, and the congregation seemed to enjoy the piece's simplicity and Taize-like repetitive quality.

Andrew's sermon topic was "Showing Up." He started speaking from the pulpit (looking somber in a dark shirt and black jacket) and then came down a couple of times. Andrew's point was that he thinks the resurrection passage in the John passage is really that

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Good News Please: Send interesting items to let First Congregational UCC members feel closer to each other. [ruthweb-](mailto:ruthwebber@comcast.net)

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Jesus wept. He took on the sorrows of other people and basically said, "I'm here, you matter to me, put your heart in my hands. You are not alone." He parsed out the difference between empathy and sympathy and referred us to a posting he just put up on the church's web page. He acknowledged how, so many times, we get in our own way in being present for other people and never get around to saying to that person he/she is not alone. At one point he stood beside the communion table and said it always reminds him that we (or anyone) are always welcome and we can show up to the table in whatever state we find ourselves. He left us with something to ponder: What gets in the way of you showing up? Sang "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" and Chris really rocked the accompaniment!

Before the offering, Dale paraphrased a saying he remembered — "Amazement in the midst of despair." He said that's what the scripture illustrated today. He also encouraged everyone to adopt that sort of amazement as they put in their offerings.

David and Dale led communion. David said, echoing Andrew, that everyone is welcome; therefore the table is an infinite plane that reaches out to all.

Last hymn was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." (Hannah Wallstrum)

April 13, 2014

Bob Orr read the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem Matthew 21: 1-11. The children paraded with palms while the congregation sang *Hosanna*. Andrew announced the Easter service at 7am.

The choir sang the beautiful anthem, "Hosanna" by Natalie Sleeth. Bob Orr read Luke 22: 1-6, 14-23 and 39-53. During Children's Time, Charlotte imagined Jesus walking down the aisle. She asked, "What would you say to Jesus?" The children made biscuits for Passover.

David's sermon was "Living Beyond Expectation". He held a palm branch as he spoke of the expectations we all have. Jesus told us three times about his death, so it was no surprise. "We are NEVER alone - Jesus is with us - in our lives through all."

Leaving the service, the hallway smelled like baking bread -I knew the children had made yummy roll (Stacey Hamilton).

April 17, 2014

Our observance of Maundy Thursday had the power of simplicity. Friends gathered at 6pm for a soup supper, with plenty of whole wheat bread made by Pastor David. A poem by Mary Oliver, Southern writer about natural life and religion, "The Six Recognitions of the Lord" served as theme for our emotional response. Martha Stefanoni and volunteers for our "Meals for Friends" prepared the meat or vegetarian soup, served at each table from tureens. Taize chants provided the music. Candles and bells noted our progress from a meal in Friendship Hall, to prayer stations in the sanctuary. Gina Williams created the interesting "Stations of the Cross" with meditation suggestions.

After hearing the bell strike once for each of the 33 years of Jesus' life, we moved together for communion in a close circle. David's explanation of "Brokenhearted Intimacy" recreated the moments for early disciples, and Judas' betrayal.

Our daily-burden objects were moved to the foot of the cross to make room for the communion service. We fed each other with bread dipped in grape juice, echoing the supper when Jesus set the pattern.

Jimmy Donaghy and Gina Williams sang "The Wonderful Cross." Leann Conley-Holcom and Chris Alexander presented Samuel Barber's "The Crucifixion."

April 20, 2014 Easter

A "singing bowl" played by David Parks-Ramage created music for Matthew 28:1-10, read by Rebecca Allington. The mysterious sound is made when the outer edge of the Nepalese bowl is rubbed with a gong augmented by chamois.

David said something profound happened two thousand years ago. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did not agree on what it was. Hard evidence is missing, but the heart evidence is eternal, and alive. We gathered today because of the resurrection. Then David asked, What is your resurrection story? Is it your own new life rising, of love that changes you, new opportunities for you?

After earthquake, hopelessness, death, sorrow, the worshippers were told to go back to Galilee, to home. In the poem by Mary Oliver, she writes how her life at home is brighter and simpler because of Jesus. We can testify to our own resurrection, new life, when we make Christ's lessons alive to us. Colossians 3:1-4 was read for the service.

Charlotte Asher told the children that their gifts raised enough to provide 30 chicks for a welfare project. Instead of an Easter egg hunt, they will follow the chickens as they grow in the coming year.

Our choir's anthem included Ray Walker, cornet and clarinet, and Andrew Kerlow-Myers, trumpet. Chancel steps were beautiful with white azaleas, the tall cross high above the altar sparkled with yellow flowers. We brought many flowers for the wood cross in front.

April 27, 2014

David summarized what the eleven disciples were thinking about. They locked themselves in one room, bewildered, frightened. Jesus walked through the door and breathed on them. "Peace be with you!" He told us how Thomas did not believe until he touched the wounds. **John 20: 19-31** says it all.

With Faith and Love we can see a difference. The disciples get what they needed: Peace, reassurance. David said, after you see Love, the universe (God) gives us what we need. We recognize our gifts. His sermon was called WYNIWYG: What you Need is What You Get.

Drew Fagent introduced the art of poetry, and read two poems by Christian Wiman, Guggenheim awardee who writes on faith and

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death. Drew invited us to join in poetry readings on Tuesday evenings.

Charlotte Asher told the tots, all six who were sitting on the altar steps, that their church has raised enough money to provide 100 chickens through the Heifer project abroad.

Leann Conley-Holcom sang *Amazing Grace* as she played the Steinway for her solo. *Hal-le-luja* was the major music for the service. She and Andrew return to Seattle area in just a few more weeks. We'll enjoy the Potluck that is coming soon to honor this outstanding talented couple.

Immediately after the service, David, and Moderator Kathy Johnson led a short and business-like 2014 annual meeting. The **Annual Report 2013-2014**, with photos, has all good information about your church now.

Creators of our float for the Rose Parade May 17 have been making medallions and a Superman with movable hands. Judy Cramer has recruited marchers to share our message with Santa Rosa. Our church has won First Place for the last four years.

Good News! We are reporting with the goal of helping our members know each other and understand what happens in church.

Making Connections

Women's Fellowship



All women and their friends are invited to gather for lunch with the Women's Fellowship at noon **May 19th** (note the change of date!) at Mary's Pizza Shack on Summerfield Rd. The topic this month will be "Tell about the most courageous thing you've ever done."

Men's Fellowship

The Church Men's Group meets at 8:30 a.m. near the church library in Friendship Hall on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Caring Hands

All knitters, crocheters, needle crafters, etc. are invited to gather together on Monday mornings at 10:00 in the Fireside Room. This small group invites all to come and enjoy the conversation as they knit prayer shawls and small hats

for children. The re-formed Caring Hands group has joined forces with Project Linus (a national program that knits/crochets blankets for children in crisis).

CD's of Sermons

If you have missed a Sunday service or wish you could hear that special sermon/choir anthem again, you can. Jeff Wilson is creating high quality CD's which are available in the church office to borrow.

Caring Corner

For reasons of confidentiality, last names of people on the prayer list are not being listed. If you would like your last name or the last name of an immediate family member to appear on this list, please let Rebecca know. Otherwise, last names will not be announced.

We Pray For ... Gwen Birkedal, D.Jayhne Edwards, Rebecca Schroeder, Dylan Gifford, Meg Scherfee, Ruth Gibson, Jack Lawrence, Bonnie Belisle, Bob Davis, Dana Alexander, Linda Duckett, Grace Mueller, Teri McLanahan, Ruth Hucklebridge, Kenny Chubak, Betty Franco, Kevin Stewart, Charlotte Wyatt's father, Sandy Smith, Cecelia, Sara, Patty Quigley, Debi Stewart, Bob Cramer, Adrien Avis, Anna Webster, Betty Dimmick.



May Birthdays

2 Rebecca Schroeder	16 Maureen Hansen	26 Jeanne Thomas, Ron Trowse
3 Faeona Robinson-Peterson	17 Ray Walker, Marge Maggiora	28 Judy Adams
7 Chris Pack, Evelyn Smith	18 Jessica Kerger, Daniel Garcia	29 Eric Horvat
10 Sylvia Thorne	21 Jona Matevish	30 Ben Horvat, Sandy Smith
12 Tom Gray	24 Colleen Trowse	
15 Ethen Petersen	25 Drew Jackson	



May Volunteers

	<i>Worship Assistants</i>	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Sunday Flowers</i>
May 4	Andrew Conley-Holcom	Lillian and Margaret	Virginia Greenwald
May 11	Rebecca Allington	Open	Betty Dimmick
May 18	Evelyn Smith	Open	Open
May 25	TBD	Open	Gale Corson

Contact Jeanne Thomas if you are willing to sign up for hosting Coffee Hour after worship.

Can You Make a Good Pot of Coffee??



We are looking for someone to make coffee on Sunday mornings before 10:30 service. Please volunteer - making coffee is not difficult, probably

easier than making coffee at home - push 2 buttons (no measuring) and you have a steaming carafe of coffee, either decaf or regular. Please contact me anytime for a demonstration and see how simple it is. Thank you - Jeanne Thomas (707)-544-0751 or (707) 322-1979.

May Calendar

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Santa Rosa, CA

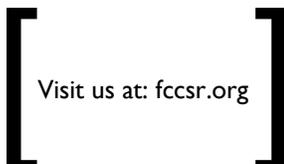
May 2014 (Pacific Time)

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				9am - Toddler Playgroup 6:50pm - Alpha Omega Study 8:46pm - Choir Practice		8am - UCC Men's Group @ 6:30pm - AA Set Up 8pm - AA Meeting
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