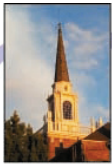


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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

10:00

Worship, Patricia de Jong preaching, Larry Marietta, Music Director

11:00

Congregational Meeting—Vote on the Budget, *Sanctuary*

11:30

Fellowship Hour, *Large Assembly*

11:30

Second Hour, Two Lawyers' Perspectives on Prop 8 & the CA Supreme Court, Margie Allen & Bob Stumpf, *Small Assembly*

4:30 & 6:00

Winthrop & YES youth programs

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Congregational Meeting to Vote on Budget

On **Sunday, January 25**, there will be a short congregational meeting to vote on the 2009 budget. It will happen right after worship in the **Sanctuary**.

Identity Town Hall Meeting, Part 2

On **February 1**, the **Identity Study Team (IST)** will hold a **Town Hall Meeting** on the congregation-wide Church Identity Study Discernment Process that began in the fall. The meeting will be held in the **Large Assembly** at **11:30 a.m.** Child care will be provided so that we can encourage as many people to participate in this discussion as possible. This is "Part 2" of a discussion on church identity that began on January 18th with a lively brainstorming Town Hall Meeting facilitated by the Diversity Ministry Team. The IST will review the findings of the survey that members of the FCCB community recently completed, and then lead a group discussion to consider questions such as: What are the common elements of our church identity? What distinguishes or is unique about FCCB? What is the vision for FCCB in 5 to 10 years? What steps do we need to take to get there? We want to thank the FCCB community for making the survey project so successful (over 140 were returned!). We hope you can continue in this process by attending the February 1st Town Hall Meeting.

COMING SOON!
*Online Donations
to FCCB*

Women's Voices Retreat

Join **Women's Voices** at the Ralston White Retreat Center in Mill Valley, on **Friday, February 6** (dinner time) through **Saturday, February 7** (ending at 4pm). The theme is "*A Woman's Perspective—Common Sense Spirituality*" and it will be co-led by **Pat de Jong** and **Cordelia Strandkov**. Women of *all* ages, come and enjoy a time to contemplate together how to develop one's spirituality by discussing who are models for us (such as the desert women of the Bible), how a contemporary woman prays, and how we'd like our spiritual selves to be. There will also be ample time for walks and quiet time. You can register during **Fellowship Hour**.



Ralston White Retreat Center, Mill Valley

Upcoming "Second Hours"

JANUARY 25
Two Lawyers' Perspectives on Proposition 8 & the California Supreme Court
Margie Allen and Bob Stumpf will preside.

FEBRUARY 1
Identity Town Meeting—Part II
The **Identity Study Team** will share the results of the Study.

FEBRUARY 8
Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 15
Sermon Talk-Back—Ted Peters



Prayers for **Alice Rodriguez**, and **Judy Barker**.

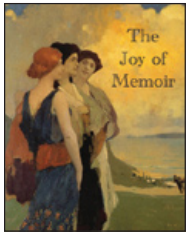
Prayers for **Will Ward** who is in the hospital after a fall.

Jacob Robinson Wilkins, 16-month old son of **John and Kimball Wilkins**, was blessed by Pat de Jong in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 18.

The Immigration Ministry Team wants everyone to know that the **Sebastian Quinones** family, a family facing deportation that we have prayed for and supported in court, has been granted asylum!

The Joy of Memoir

On Sunday, January 11, was a gathering honoring **Joy Apra** for her work as teacher for many women who took her memoir class over the past 5 years. **Holly**



Coates-Bash put together a book of some of the writings that resulted from the class. The attendees of this **Second Hour** were treated to five readings by authors, including Joy Apra, from the book *The Joy of Memoir*. Joy's piece, "A Woman Called 'Wayne'" told of her family's experience of running Farview

Ranch Camp, which has been in the family since before World War II. After Joy and her husband stopped running the camp, her son ran it for 9 years, after which her daughter took it over and has been running it ever since for the past 14 years (www.farviewranch.com). All copies of the book were sold, but the book is being reprinted. If you would like to buy a copy, please get in touch with **Holly Coates-Bash**.

Phil Porter will be in Australia until January 30.

Carmelle Knudsen will be out-of-town until February 23.

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The View from Here

Patricia de Jong

Senior Minister



Our new President is a poetry lover; he loves the poetic word and has even tried his hand at writing poetry himself. I love poetry, as well. It's been one of the sustaining loves of my life. I started with Robert Frost, found out about e. e. cummings in high school, and went on to discover Shakespeare, Dylan Thomas, T. S. Elliot and the poetry of the Bible in college. In recent years, Lucille Clifton, Mary Oliver, Stanley Kunitz and Galway Kinnel have been my guides through the highs and lows of life.

I can almost pinpoint the moment I understood the power of the lyrical word. I was eleven years old and watching the Inauguration of John F. Kennedy. Robert Frost came forward and delivered from memory an eloquent poem called "The Gift Outright." It was a bitter cold morning in the Capital, but the sun was shining on his weathered, but beautiful Vermonter's face as he spoke the words.

Much later I learned that Frost made a mistake that day. He had written a long and eloquent poem called "The Dedication" for the occasion of Kennedy's swearing in, but the sun was simply too bright on that morning and Frost, at 86, could not find the words on the page. He recited a poem he wrote in 1942 from memory and apparently it worked, because I thought it was wonderful. At my young age, I asked my parents for my first book of poetry and received a collection of Frost's poems for my twelfth birthday later that year.

The Yale teacher and poet Elizabeth Alexander will be the fourth poet to read at a swearing in ceremony for the nation's highest office, on January 20. Maya Angelou read "On the Pulse of Morning" at Bill Clinton's in 1993 and Miller Williams read "Of History and Hope" in 1997. It is powerful to mark these important moments in our history with the poetic word as well as the prosaic. The arts are a vital part of our culture and our nation's future. I am encouraged by our next President's love of the arts, and am especially happy that he embraces the poetic as well as the oratorical word.

Maybe a young person will hear the Inaugural poem for Barack Obama and upon listening, have his or her life open up to something new and wonderful, a transformation of sorts. It can happen, and with the hope and excitement that is in the air today, it most likely will.

“Behold...a New Thing” 2009 Earl Lectures and Leadership Conference

The 2009 Earl Lectures, to be held on the Pacific School of Religion campus January 27–29, will provide an opportunity to experience and reflect critically on new forms of spirituality and worship associated with the emerging church.

The 109th Earl Lectures and Leadership Conference, entitled “Behold...a New Thing: Emerging Expressions of Faithfulness,” will be held in the former University Christian Church, at 2401 Scenic Avenue, across the street from Pacific School of Religion. It will mark the first time the lectures have been held on Holy Hill since 1949.

The program includes three days of public lectures and workshops open to people in ministry and the general public. It will be led by three “emerging church” figures, Abbess Karen Ward, Jay Bakker, and Bruce Reyes Chow; and by scholars Gerardo Marti and PSR’s Boyung Lee. They will guide exploration of popular culture, generational change, and religious innovation in North America. There will also be a screening of the new film, *Ordinary Radicals*.

New Name Tag System — Additional Changes

When you come to church, enter the Hall of Entrance and veer right (or left if coming from the parking lot) and grab your name tag. Wear it to coffee hour and when leaving, deposit it in a folder by the door to the kitchen, by the door to the cloister or by the office on the way to Channing St. If you are not going to coffee hour you can either replace the name tag where you found it or put it in the basket with the Orders of Worship.

Thanks. Your feedback is welcomed.
—CFI Committee



Annual Meeting Coming Soon!

Have you signed up for this year’s FCCB **Annual Meeting**? We’ll gather in the **Large Assembly** following worship on **February 8**. We’ll share a meal together, look back at all that’s happened in an eventful 2008, and prepare to move forward into the new year. All are welcome to join us in this time of reflection and celebration. Reserve your place by signing up during coffee hour on January 25 or February 1, or by calling the church office by February 6. Childcare will be provided.

Immigration Immersion Trip to Tijuana in March

The Immigration Ministry Team is sponsoring an Immigration Immersion Trip to San Ysidro, California and Tijuana, Mexico, March 20–26 (UC Berkeley’s spring break). The trip is open to FCCB members and university students. On the trip you will get to volunteer with organizations providing services to families in Tijuana, further your understanding of the migratory realities between Latin America and the US, reflect spiritually on your experiences and discern your role regarding immigration issues. The cost is \$595 and full scholarships are available. For more information, contact Tinley Ireland.

Vox Dilecti Debut Concert

Vox Dilecti, the chamber choir of the San Francisco City Chorus, will present its East Bay debut concert, *In an English Cathedral*, in the **Sanctuary** on **Sunday, January 25 at 3 pm**. The program features anthems by Vaughan Williams, Parry, Bairstow and Sumsion, plus grand organ works by the same composers. Larry Marietta conducts and John Walko plays the organ. FREE tickets for all FCCB members and friends will be available in the **Large Assembly** following worship on **Sunday, January 25**.

Did You Know...?

... that **Dorothy Clemens** will be a featured author at the YWCA’s 15th Annual Festival of Women Authors 2009 on **Saturday, January 31** at His Lordships in the Berkeley Marina?

... that the leadership of the **National Religious Campaign Against Torture** met Wednesday with the **Obama** transition team? The *New York Times* featured an article on this meeting, which included a quote from **Rev. Dr. John Thomas**, president and general minister of the UCC: www.nytimes.com/2009/01/15/us/15torture.html

... that on **Wednesday, January 21** **Solar Richmond** was highlighted on the **Dan Rather Report** on HDNet (www.hd.net/danrather.html)?



Coming Up!

Authors & Ideas @ FCCB (all start at 7:30 pm)

- Tues, Jan. 27, Dalton Conley
- Wed., Jan. 28, Luke Bergmann

One-Day New Member Class Saturday, January 31, 10 am–3 pm

Identity Town Meeting — Part 2 Sunday, February 1, 11:30 am

Women’s Voices Retreat Friday and Saturday, February 6–7

FCCB Annual Meeting Sunday, February 8, 11:30 am

More news at www.fccb.org

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New Member Class

There will be a one-day **New Member Class** on **Saturday, January 31, 10–3 pm**, in **Durant Main**. Come meet with our ministers and staff, and learn more about the UCC and FCCB. There will be time for questions, and getting to know one another. **Joining Sunday** will be **February 8**. Lunch will be provided, and childcare upon request.

We would love for you to join us. For more information, contact one of the Ministers, or **Kathy Helliessen**.

2030s Planning Potluck

The **2030@FCCB** (for those in their 20s and 30s) is having a **Mid-Year Planning Potluck** on **February 10 at 6:30 pm** in the **Plymouth Assembly**. Please bring a dish of your choice. Contact **Adelina Canez** for more information.

Authors & Ideas Volunteers

Do you enjoy book readings? Consider volunteering at one of the upcoming **Authors & Ideas @ FCCB** events. This series is a wonderful outreach effort to the community at large and you can get into the events free. If

interested, let **Louise Halsey** know (lhalsey@fccb.org) and she will pass on your

name to Melissa Mytinger, who will be drawing on FCCB volunteers to help set up and collect money at the door.



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 25

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11:00 am, Sanctuary

2ND HOUR: TWO LAWYERS' PERSPECTIVE

11:30 am, Small Assembly

IMMIGRATION/SANCTUARY MINISTRY TEAM

11:30 am, Balcony Room

JIM BLOOM EXHIBIT

11:30 am, Sunburst Room

WINTHROP YOUTH GROUP

4:30 pm, Side Door Room

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00 pm, Durant House Main

SONGS OF THE SOUL

6:00 pm, Durant House Main

YES (YOUTH EVERY SUNDAY)

6:00 pm, YES Room

Monday 26

RESTORATIVE YOGA

3:45 pm, Durant House Main

"START WHERE YOU ARE" BUDDHIST

MEDITATION CLASS

7:00 pm, McLean Lounge

Tuesday 27

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY

9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

STAFF MEETING

10:00 am, Durant House Main

TRANSITIONS CLASS

3:30 pm, Library

AUTHORS & IDEAS @ FCCB: DALTON CONLEY

7:30 pm, Large Assembly

Wednesday 28

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10:00 am–4:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

IMMIGRATION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

5:00 pm, Library

AUTHORS & IDEAS @ FCCB:

LUKE BERGMANN

7:30 pm, Large Assembly

Thursday 29

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

5:30 pm, North Room

ADULT EDUCATION

6:00 pm, Sunburst Room

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Friday 30

FRIDAY GROUP

10:00 am, Durant House Main

Saturday 31

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

NEW MEMBER CLASS

10:00 am, Durant House Main

Alden Club

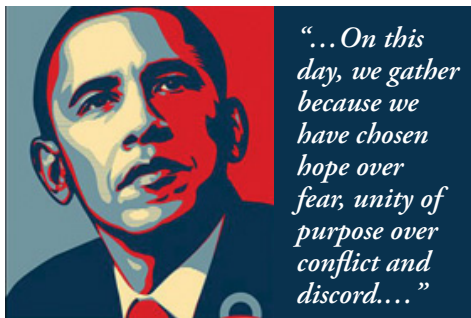
Alden Club will meet at Brennans this **Sunday, January 25** after coffee hour.

Children's Choirs

The **Pilgrim** and **Carol Choirs** will start up again with rehearsals sometime in late February.

Organ Recital

The internationally renowned organist **James Welch** (www.welchorganist.com/pages/artist.html) will present an organ recital of the music of California composer Dale Wood on **Sunday, February 1, at 4:00 pm**. Accompanying Jim will be harpist **Dan Levitan**, and Dale Wood's widow will be present. Dr. Welch has made Wood's music a lifelong project, and he will play several unpublished pieces. Wood's music is full of wonderful, lush harmonies, captivating melodies and utilizes the full resources of our organ. Admission is free. Watch for *Music Notes* in the Order of Worship on January 25 for more information.



"... On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord...."