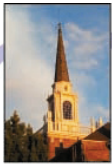


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**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/  
JAZZ/GOSPEL SUNDAY/  
VALENTINE'S DAY**

**10:00**

**Worship**, Bob Russell, preaching;  
Peter Meredith, Music Director

**Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 139:1–18; Matthew 5:1–12

**Musical Highlights:**

Spirit Band and vocalists

**11:30**

**Second Hour, Religion and  
Evolution, Small Assembly**

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## Lenten Events

### Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Services

The season of Lent begins with two wonderful events in February. On



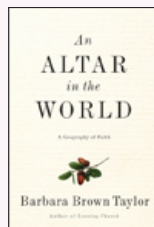
**February 16, Shrove Tuesday** we celebrate with a festive pancake supper and family event from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Come for fun and fellowship for all ages!

**Ash Wednesday, February 17**, will be marked with a powerful service in the newly remodeled **Loper Chapel**. The service, beginning at **7:30 pm**, will be led by **Rev. Julie Stokstad**. The **labyrinth** will be laid out in the **Hall of Entrance** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**.

### FCCB Lenten Theme

This year FCCB borrows its theme for Lent from a new book, *An Altar in the World*, by noted preacher, author and theologian **Barbara Brown Taylor**. In the book, Taylor shares how she learned to encounter God beyond the walls of any church. From simple practices such as walking, working, and getting lost to deep meditations on topics like prayer and pronouncing blessings, Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see.

Sermons during Lent, by **Patricia de Jong**, **Adam Blons** and **Phil Porter**, will be based on some of the practices in Taylor's book.



## Second Hour on Religion and Evolution

During Second Hour on **Sunday, February 14**, **Dr. Oliver Putz** will address whether Christian faith in creation can be reconciled with the theory of evolution. Employing philosophical hermeneutics, a philosophical approach to the nature of interpretation and understanding, he will propose a way of integrating insights from both theology and evolutionary biology into a worldview that is “both-and” rather than “either-or”. In particular, Oliver will suggest how weighing a theological account of what it means to be human (theological anthropology) against a biological one (biological anthropology) can lead to a new understanding of humanity's relationship with the divine that integrates both (new theological anthropology).

Oliver is a doctoral student in theology and science at the GTU working closely with **Bob Russell**. He holds a PhD in biology and is Roman Catholic.

## Upcoming “Second Hours”

**FEBRUARY 14**  
**Evolution and Religion.**  
Dr. Oliver Putz

**FEBRUARY 21**  
**Wills, Living Trusts and FCCB.**  
Bruce Copeland and Margie Allen

**FEBRUARY 28**  
**Finding the Words: Candid Conversations with Loved Ones.**  
Susan Halpern



Prayers for **Dan Apra**, **Helen Ott** (Karyn Smith's mother), **Patricia Campbell** (David Marin's mother) and **Roxie Tyson**.

Prayers for family and friends of former FCCB member, **Elsie Brummerstedt**, who died on January 29. Charlotte Russell will conduct her memorial service on **Saturday, March 20**, at **2 pm**, at the Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland.

Prayers for **Hanneke Jansen's** mother-in-law, **Kay**.

Prayers for **Pat de Jong** who will be having shoulder surgery on Thursday and will be out for a week.

Prayers for family and friends of **Vera Crosby** who died Monday, February 1.

Prayers for **Bruce Copeland** as he undergoes melanoma treatment.

## Embracing Loss

Do you feel for others who mourn deaths of family, friends or pets, but you "don't know what to say?" "Embracing Loss" is a four-week series beginning **Thursday, February 25, 6:30–8:30 pm** in the **Small Assembly**. **Rev. Roy Gesley**, a UCC minister and grief counselor with Kaiser Hospital, offers this series to help you develop presence, compassion and effective companionship on their journey. The cost is \$20 to cover materials. For further information and to enroll, please call **Charlotte Russell** at 510/848-3696, ext. 21, or **Roy Gesley** by **February 21**.

## Celebrating Troop 5's 90th Birthday

Save the Date! At coffee hour following worship on **Sunday, February 21**, we will celebrate Boy Scout Troop 5's **90th birthday!** We are so appreciative of its members and leaders and for Troop 5's 90 years of service to our church and our community.

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## The View from Here

**Becky Smith**  
*Moderator*



Years ago, when my daughter, Susan, was a beginning reader, she took a trip with her dad to Santa Cruz. As they were looking for a place to eat dinner the first night, Susan suddenly exclaimed, "Look, Daddy, they're eating crocodile tails!" and gestured back toward a restaurant they had passed.

Of course, he laughed, and told her she was being silly. But she insisted that's what she'd seen. To prove her wrong, Gene drove the car around the block. "See? That's what the sign says!" Susan exclaimed.

Well, the neon sign actually said "Cocktails" which she somehow interpreted as "Crocktails." (I should add that her brother had just gotten a book on Florida reptiles and the two had spent hours pouring over grisly pictures of snakes eating frogs and crocodiles eating everything in their path.)

One of the things we love about kids is they're new enough to the world that they're still innocent. They aren't clear about what isn't done or what can't be done.

New moderators are a bit like that. They are typically excited about the new role and inclined to think that all sorts of grand things can happen during their term. (The reality of countless meetings hasn't set in yet.)

In our annual leadership retreat next month – it's Saturday, March 13, and all are invited – we will look at some research by the Alban Institute identifying characteristics of growing congregations.

We need to grow and we need to understand what nourishes growth. Just as a healthy forest needs different plants, we need a broad mix of people for a healthy eco-system. Currently, we rely on the generosity and faithfulness of our older, long-time members for a large portion of our pledges.

So we will spend some time thinking as far ahead as we can. None of us is naïve. As a reporter, I'm often reminded that people think journalists are cynical. When I hear it, I usually say something to the effect that the bad ones indulge in cynicism, but the good ones never are cynical. Skeptical, yes, but cynicism is a withering disease that blocks growth.

So let's continue this year with hopefulness and openness to new possibilities and new ways of seeing things. Crocktails, anyone?

*Becky*

### “Connecting” During Lent

The **Call to Connection Campaign** invites you to *connect* during Lent. A wide variety of experiences will be offered including special worship services, Bible study, a new movement



centered worship experience called “Embodying the Journey,” a series of sermons based on *An Altar*

*in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor,

walking the labyrinth, the Journey Home series, events designed specially for the campus community and more! Check out the various upcoming events at the church: [www.fccb.org/programs/listing.php](http://www.fccb.org/programs/listing.php).

In these tough financial times, one of the ways we can respond is to “show up” bringing our spirit and energy to the life of the church. We hope you will find some exciting ways to get involved during this important liturgical season.

Over 100 people have signed the Call to Connection pledge. You can sign the pledge online here: <http://tiny.cc/vfxaP>. A form will also be included in this Sunday’s order of worship.

If have stories about the ways you are connecting and how you or others have been affected, please email them to: [Call2connection@gmail.com](mailto:Call2connection@gmail.com).

### “Embodying the Journey” Worship Series

**Rev. Katharine Harts**, a UCC minister with expertise in worship and the arts, will lead a five-week series of embodied worship on Sunday evenings during Lent (**February 21–March 21, 5:00–6:30 pm** in the **Large Assembly**). Come



gather each week through the season of Lent to practice listening and responding to the Spirit through our body wisdom. This series is informed by “The Practice of Wearing Skin,” from the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. A free-will offering will be taken. This is a “drop-in” group, so come even if you can’t attend all the sessions.

Wear loose, comfortable clothes, bring a willingness to move and be moved and remember what the mystic Meister Eckhart said: “The soul loves the body!”

For over 30 years, Katharine has had a specialized ministry in worship and the arts and has served at Scottsdale Congregational and as campus minister at the University of Arizona. Rev. Harts attended Pacific School of Religion and also holds an MFA in Dance/Theatre arts from the University of Arizona and an MA in Creation-Centered Spirituality from Holy Names College in Oakland.

### French Organist to Give Concert at FCCB

**Christophe Mantoux**, the Titular Organist of Saint-Séverin in Paris and Professor of Organ at Paris’ Conservatoire National de Région, will, as a part of his 2010



American Tour, give an organ recital in the Sanctuary on **Friday, February 19, at 8 pm**. Mantoux has received numerous awards, including the **Grand Prix du Chartres** at the Chartres International Organ Competition, one of the most prestigious organ competitions in the world. He served as the Titular Organist at **Chartres Cathedral** from 1986 to 1992 before assuming his responsibilities at Saint-Séverin. He has an active recording, writing and teaching career throughout Europe, North and South America and the Far East. You can hear and see him perform in this video online: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jLHZk1sDc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jLHZk1sDc).

## Did You Know...?

... that in light of our upcoming Second Hour “Religion and Science,” there’s a great online resource from the National Science Foundation for the general public on evolution: [www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/darwin/](http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/darwin/)

... that **Dorothy Streutker** is a member of the **SF Symphony Chorus**, and that the Chorus and the **F Girls Chorus** (who are singing in worship on **Sunday, March 21**) recently won two Emmys for “Best Choral Performance” and “Best Classical Album” with the 2009 SF Symphony recording of Gustav Mahler’s 8th Symphony?

... that **Jenny Veninga** and **Cordelia Strandkov** passed their Ecclesiastical Council examination? Congratulations!

## Coming Up!

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 16, Large Assembly

### Berkeley Arts & Letters: Chris Cleave

Tuesday, February 16, Loper Chapel

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, Loper Chapel

### Berkeley Arts & Letters: Joel Kotkin

Thursday, February 18, Large Assembly

### Christophe Mantoux, Organ Concert

Friday, February 19, Sanctuary

### “Embodying the Journey”

Sunday, February 21, Large Assembly

### New Members’ Class

Sunday, Feb. 21 & Saturday, Feb. 27

### “Journey Home” Class

Wednesday, Feb. 24, Loper Chapel

### “Embracing Loss” Series

Thursday, Feb. 25, Small Assembly

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## Bits and Pieces

### Stoles for All Seasons

Over the course of her 30 years of ministry, **Patricia de Jong** has acquired a stunning collection of stoles. Stoles are the long pieces of fabric draped around the neck with the two ends hanging down the front, most often worn over a robe. Fifteen of her collection and a lovely chasuble (pictured) will

be on display in the **Sunburst Room** beginning **Sunday, February 14**. Please join us following worship for the opening reception and light refreshments.



This show is a celebration of the variety of colors and forms of ministry and of the liturgical seasons, made manifest in these beautiful stoles. In our

tradition, Patricia says, the stole is worn to denote ordination and to indicate that the person wearing it is yoked to God, to service, and to a call to ministry. She chooses which one she will wear based on the color associated with the liturgical season. The color for Epiphany, between Christmastide and Lent, is green. So for one more week you might catch a glimpse of a green stole. The collection is composed of gifts to her and to the church and ones she purchased on her travels to Palestine and other places.

If you would like to have your work exhibited or know someone whose art needs to be shown, please get in touch with Creative Arts Coordinator, **Katharine Kunst**, at 510/528-8203.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday February 14

**THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP**  
Open before and after worship  
**SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTRY TEAM**  
9:00 am, Balcony Room

**SECOND HOUR: SCIENCE & RELIGION**  
11:30 am, Sunburst Room

**ART EXHIBIT: "STOLES FOR ALL SEASONS"**  
11:30 am, Sunburst Room

### Monday 15

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Tuesday 16

**THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY**  
9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

**STAFF MEETING**  
10:00 am, Durant House Main

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**  
5:30 pm, Large Assembly

**FCCB BOOK GROUP**  
7:00 pm, Library

**BERKELEY ARTS & LETTERS: CHRIS CLEAVE**  
7:30 pm, Loper Chapel

### Wednesday 17

**THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP**  
10:00 am–4:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

**QI GONG**  
6:00 pm, Durant House Main

**LABYRINTH**  
6:30 pm, Hall of Entrance

**PROGRESSIVE BIBLE STUDY**  
7:00 pm, Small Assembly

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
7:30 pm, Loper Chapel

**MENS' GROUP**  
7:30 pm, Library

### Thursday 18

**CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 pm, Sanctuary

**BERKELEY ARTS & LETTERS: JOEL KOTLIN**  
7:30 pm, Large Assembly

### Friday 19

**FRIDAY GROUP**  
10:00 am, Durant House Main

**DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE**  
7:30 pm, Durant House Main

**ORGAN RECITAL: CHRISTOPHE MANTOUX**  
8:00 pm, Sanctuary

### Saturday 20

**THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP**  
10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

### FCCB Book Group

The **FCCB Book Group** meets next on **Tuesday, February 16, 7:30–9 pm** in the **Library**. *Olive Kittredge* (2008) by Elizabeth Strout is our featured book. Come join the discussion which we held over from January! Newcomers are always welcome. The FCCB Book Group meets each 3rd Tuesday evening throughout the year.

### New Members' Class

The next **New Members' Class** will start **Sunday, February 21, 2010** with dinner in a member's home. There will be a class on **Saturday, Feb. 27**, and **Joining Sunday** will be **March 7**. For more information, please contact one of the ministers or **Kathy Helliesen**.

### New "Journey Home" Class

**Journey Home** is a spiritual journey class that helps you explore and deepen your relationship with God, your FCCB community and yourself during the Lenten season. It will take place on six **Wednesday evenings** starting **February 24, 7:30–9:30 pm**. A commitment to attend all classes is required.

Leaders will be **Becky Wright**, **Margie Coates** and **Pat de Jong**. For more information, contact **Becky Wright**. You can sign up on Sundays in the **Large Assembly**.