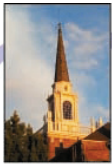


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00

Worship, Phil Porter, preaching; Larry Marietta, Music Director

Musical Highlights:

Celebrating Black Composers, featuring Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Rev. Dr. Calvin Jackson, Doris Akers, Roberta Martin, Hall Johnson, Rev. Dr. Willis Barnett, and Richard Billingham; and traditional spirituals. **Angela Arnold**, soprano soloist.

11:30

Second Hour, Wills, Living Trusts and FCCB, Bruce Copeland and Margie Allen, *Small Assembly*

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Second Hour: Wills, Trusts and Planned Giving

On **Sunday, February 21**, **Bruce Copeland**, financial planner, and **Margie Allen**, attorney, will speak about "Wills, Living Trusts & FCCB" during **Second Hour**. They will be discussing the value of estate planning for all ages and life situations. Suggestions for parents with minor children, caregivers of special needs children or parents and seniors, with or without children and/or grandchildren will be explored. They will also include the most efficient ways of making a bequest to FCCB. Bring your questions!

"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 Sunday in the **Large Assembly**.

Mantoux Organ Recital

Christophe Mantoux, the Titular Organist of Saint-Séverin in Paris and Professor of Organ at Paris' Conservatoire



National de Région, will give an organ recital in the Sanctuary on **Friday, February 19, at 8 pm**.

Mantoux has an active recording, writing and teaching career throughout the world. **Admission is free.**

Celebrating Troop Five's 90th Birthday

On **Sunday, February 21**, we will celebrate **Boy Scout Troop Five's** 90th birthday, in the **Large Assembly** during coffee hour. FCCB has sponsored Troop Five since 1919 and many long-time members of our church have served as its Scoutmaster, including **Herb Blasdale**, **Ted Broyer**, and **Ed White**. For many decades, Troop Five was one of the largest and most active troops in this area with its own four-week summer camp in the High Sierra near Ebbett's Pass and a continual program of overnight hikes, snow trips and various community service events. During World War II, Troop Five collected many thousands of tons of scrap paper for the war effort. Over its distinguished 90-year history, the troop awarded over 100 Eagle Awards, with the recipients now serving as judges, high-tech entrepreneurs and as leaders in many Northern California businesses and civic enterprises.

Although the troop is no longer active, its alumni continue to meet annually at its old summer camp site. We celebrate and thank it, its members and its leaders, for 90 years of service to our church and community.

Upcoming "Second Hours"

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**, **Patricia Campbell** (David **Marin's** mother), **Hanneke Jansen's** mother-in-law, **Kay**, **Bruce Copeland** and **Roxie Tyson**.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Pat de Jong's** successful shoulder surgery last week.

Prayers for **Gustavo Hernandez's** voice teacher, who is ill.

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 by **February 21**.

Save the Date for March's Community Sunday!

March's **Community Sunday, March 7**, will feature a series of small group opportunities that invites connecting across ages and interests, and gives everyone — first-time guest or long-time member — the opportunity to meet someone new. Groups will include a first-aid workshop led by Diana Graham, a sermon talk-back with Pat and a special discussion called “Why Have a Will?” Children and youth are encouraged to participate and there will be an activity especially for children this time. Mark your calendars!

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The View from Here

Adam Blons
 Minister of Community Life



One of my all time favorite children's books is *Stone Soup*. Recently, we bought a new copy by Jon J. Muth for Satya. It is a reworking of the famous story. Three Buddhist monks approach a village that has been through hard times. As they approach, the villagers disappear into their homes, fearing the strangers. Realizing the town was an unhappy place, the monks decide to make stone soup in the center of the village. They begin with stones and a pot of water. As word spreads of their soup, villagers begin to appear with other ingredients, vegetables, spices, and even a bigger pot. In the end, there is a feast and all of the villagers attend.

Our theme for Lent, “An Altar in the World” comes from the title of a book by Barbara Brown Taylor. I am looking forward to reading it with you all this Lent. I love the idea of creating altars in the world — finding the sacred in the ordinary and inviting grace to burst forth in unexpected places. When I read *Stone Soup* to Satya last week, I realized that the monks were making an altar in the world. The soup pot became a point of connection for the whole village and it transformed the despair and difficulty that had filled the village into something sustaining and renewing.

As people of faith, I believe we are called to be altar builders — to testify to the presence of God in the world. As we enter the season of Lent together, a time of spiritual reflection, let us both notice the altars around us in the world and encourage one another to build them. It might be as simple as soup from stones.

Immigration Reform Event

The **Immigration Ministry Team** invites everyone to an important immigration event, *Interfaith Call to Love: Prayerfully Standing for Immigration Reform* at **Grace Cathedral** on **Tuesday, February 23**:

- 5:30 pm Music and performances
- 6:00 pm Interfaith prayer service
- 7:30 pm Refreshments and a cultural celebration

This event is sponsored by a wide consortium of Northern California religious leaders, as part of the national campaign calling for comprehensive immigration reform. More information on this event can be found at www.workingeastbay.org/pray including an invitation to fast on February 23.

Lenten Events

“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, Large Assembly**). Come gather each week through Lent to practice listening and responding to the Spirit through our body wisdom. 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.

Rev. Harts attended Pacific School of Religion and also holds an MFA in dance/theatre arts and an MA in creation-centered spirituality.

“Connecting” During Lent

The **Call to Connection Campaign** invites you to *connect* during Lent. Check out the wide variety of experiences that will be offered at the church: www.fccb.org/programs/listing.php

Over 100 people have signed the Call to Connection pledge. You can sign the pledge here: <http://tiny.cc/vfxaP>.



An Altar in the World — Sermons During Lent

During the Sundays of Lent, the sermons will be based on a new book by noted preacher, theologian and writer Barbara Brown Taylor called *An Altar in the World*. Taylor reflects on the opportunities that present themselves in our day-to-day lives to notice how the Spirit moves. She says, “*What is saving my life now is the conviction that there is no spiritual treasure to be found apart from the bodily experiences of human life on earth. My life depends on engaging the most ordinary physical activities with the most exquisite attention I can give them.*” FCCB’s preachers will draw on one chapter each week, adding their own reflections to these simple spiritual practices. Two copies of Taylor’s book will be available in the FCCB library.

- Sunday, Feb. 21 — Phil Porter, “Carrying Water”
- Sunday, Feb. 28 — Pat de Jong, “Saying No”
- Sunday, Mar. 7 — Pat de Jong, “Feeling Pain”
- Sunday, Mar. 14 — Adam Blons, “Getting Lost”
- Sunday, Mar. 21 — Pat de Jong, “Dying & Rising”

Ambassador Warren Clark to Speak on Mideast Peace

Ambassador Warren Clark, Executive Director of Churches for Middle-East Peace, will speak at FCCB on **Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 pm in Loper Chapel**. The title of his talk is “What You Can Do to Help Bring Peace to the Holy Land” and he will share information about current negotiations for peace in the Middle East.

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), a coalition of US Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches, is dedicated to the pursuit of a just and peaceful resolution of the Arab and Israeli conflict and to other disputes that affect the region, through direct advocacy efforts on US policy.

Ambassador Clark was formerly a career US Foreign Service officer in the Department of State, serving in the Middle East, Europe, Canada, Africa, and at the United Nations. He was Charge d’affaires in Lagos, Nigeria; US Ambassador in Libreville, Gabon; and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa.

FCCB Leadership Retreat

Save the date for the **2010 FCCB Leadership Retreat**, taking place **Saturday, March 13, 9 am–2 pm** in the **Large Assembly**. This year’s theme is “What Is Our Mission?” More details will follow.

Did You Know...?

... that **Chuenkamol Bee Marrone** was highlighted in an interview in the lead article in *The Daily Californian* (Feb. 9) about budget cuts limiting adult school programs? www.dailycal.org/article/108164/cuts_limit_adult_school_programs

... that **Adam Blons’** partner **Megan Voorhees** accepted a proclamation from the City of Berkeley on behalf of the Cal Corps Public Service Center (that she directs) for its summer reading programs in Berkeley?

... that **Pat Sherman**, a faithful Farmers Market supporter for some 10 years, will be relocating to the Santa Rosa area? We will miss her cheerful presence and wish her Godspeed.

Learning to “Find the Words”

In our **Second Hour** on **Sunday, February 28, Susan Halpern**, social worker and psychotherapist, will be talking about ways to improve communication in families based on her new book, *Finding the Words: Candid Conversations with Loved Ones*.

Coming Up!

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

Brennan's at FCCB

On **Sunday, February 28th** at **12:30 pm** in the **Large Assembly** there will be another **Alden Club** luncheon. You are invited to submit your order form and payment for our second Brennan's at FCCB luncheon. Order forms are available after worship in the Large Assembly this Sunday or in the FCCB office

during business hours. Please return one completed form per person and payment by check, payable to FCCB, no later than Wednesday, February 24th.

Connect with Alden Club

We need a few people to help set up and serve the **Brennan's at FCCB** lunches on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with a very talented and interesting group of FCCB's stalwart supporters. Please indicate your interest at the **Alden Club** sign-up table after worship or contact **Charlotte Russell** at 510/949-3696 x 21 or **Diane Brenum**.

Learn More about South Africa

There are two great offerings in local theatres, concurrent with the 20th anniversary of **Nelson Mandela's** release from prison. The film *Invictus* is still showing in some theatres, while the play *Coming Home*, by South Africa's leading playwright, **Athol Fugard**, is now at the **Berkeley Rep**.

William Sloane Coffin Award

One Cal faculty and one Cal student will receive this year's William Sloane Coffin Award at a ceremony on **Wednesday, February 24** at **7 pm** on campus. The selection is being made by an interfaith committee of Cal students and faculty. The award ceremony is part of Cal's Interfaith Awareness Week. All are encouraged to join this celebration.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 21

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP

Open before and after worship

SECOND HOUR: WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS & FCCB

11:30 am, Small Assembly

ART EXHIBIT: "STOLES FOR ALL SEASONS"

11:30 am, Sunburst Room

"EMBODYING THE JOURNEY"

5:00 pm, Large Assembly

JOYFUL SOUND

5:00 pm, Durant House Main

SONGS OF THE SOUL

6:00 pm, Durant House Main

Monday 22

STAFF MEETING

1:00 pm, Durant House Main

RESTORATIVE YOGA

3:45 pm, Durant House Main

Tuesday 23

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY

9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

CHURCH COUNCIL

7:30 pm, Durant House Main

Wednesday 24

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, Plymouth Assembly

JOURNEY HOME

7:30 pm, Loper Chapel

Thursday 25

LONG RANGE PLANNING

5:30 pm, Sunburst Room

EMBRACING LOSS

6:30 pm, Small Assembly

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Friday 26

FRIDAY GROUP

10:00 am, Durant House Main

BRIDGE GROUP

1:00 pm, Durant House Main

Saturday 27

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

9:00 am, Durant House Main

DECKERS EVENT: ASIAN ART MUSEUM

10:00 am, Offsite

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP

10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

Boomerangs Lunch

The **Boomerangs** (mainly 40s and 50s, but all are welcome!) will be going out to lunch together on **Sunday, February 21**. We will meet by the Garage-Door-Nativity tree in the **Large Assembly** at **11:30 am** and will walk up to **Manny's Tap Room**, 2438 Telegraph Ave, to the back patio dining area.

Lenten Study at FCCB

First Baptist Church of Berkeley's (FBCB) Lenten Study, Sunday, Feb. 21, 11:45 am–1 pm, McLean Lounge, will be devoted to "full-spectrum peacemaking" as explained by **Ched Myers**, non-violent activist, and **Elaine Enns**, conflict mediator, in their two-volume work *Ambassadors of Reconciliation*, focused on "just peace" NT texts illustrated by vivid examples of contemporary Christians engaged in varied fields of just peacemaking from domestic abuse to war and terrorism.

New Members' Class

The next **New Members' class** will be **Sunday, February 21** and **Saturday, Feb. 27**. **Joining Sunday** will be **March 7**. For more information, please contact one of the ministers or **Kathy Helliessen**.

Sellers for the Cellar

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Cellar Thrift Shop. Contact **Mary Loar** or come to the Cellar after church and sign up on the calendar.