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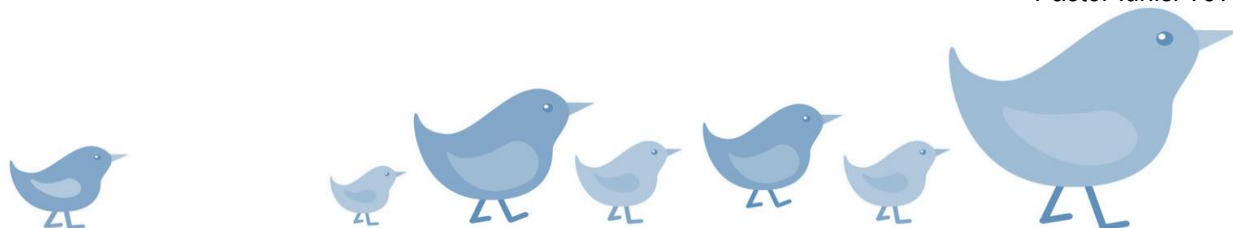
A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS!

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. John 19:26-27

Month of May, is known for the special recognition of Mothers. I noticed a framed picture in a house during visitation says, A mother's actions shape a family. Suddenly my mother's actions and her great sacrifice for her children was on my mind. I forget that I am a mother too. Being a single mother for the most part of my adult life, has been a struggle, yet a fulfilling blessed journey. I presume that everyone has a mother. Apparently not all mothers have children. People label mothers differently. Biological, adopted, stepmother, part-time mother, single mother and so forth. However, the relationship between children and female nannies or caregivers is presumably a mothering task. Grandmothers, great grandmothers are sometimes highly regarded as the second-mothers. The super ability of women with caring and loving instincts beyond themselves towards any other human being can be classified as motherhood. And it is true, mothers shape the family. Widowers can also be good mothers.

When Jesus was on the cross, he also defined mother differently. . He connected his mother with a son, and to that son a mother. Blood connection does not define mothers and children relationship as women have the power and ability to love and nurture everyone needs love. It is known to many that mother is a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. A mother's arm are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly on them. God could not find anywhere, therefore he made mothers. Towards the end of Jesus earthly life, he called his mother, dear woman, and it may sound inappropriate to many in our society, but during Jesus culture, it was the proper and perfect way of addressing woman by man, "Dear Woman!" A son name Jesus has a duty entrusting his mother to a special person knowing that the task shall perform successfully. The connection of intergenerational culture deep loving relationship has capitulated into the generations to come. Whether children and family are blood related or not, faith and with mothers' love engulfing them all. "Sebastopol Dear Woman", the task is still continuing in shaping our family and to pray for one another. Happy Mother's Day to all Women, and May the grace of God be falling continuously in the midst of all families.

Grace, Peace and Justice
Pastor Iunisi Tovo





The next meeting of the Worship Team will be
Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Chapel
(Old Fireside Room).

Adopt A Highway



The next scheduled date for litter pickup on Highway 12 is **Saturday, May 6,, at 9:15 a.m.** We meet at the Chevron Station just east of downtown Sebastopol. Anyone 16 years and older are welcome to help; but you must view the safety DVD online at adopt-a-highway.dot.gov/ and click on "Safety DVD for all participants". For more information call the Pat and Paul Schoch at 823 3889.

Golden Rule

Golden Rule normally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
Next Meetings are
May 11th & 25th

The Spring Fundraising Luncheon

has been canceled. The next Fundraising Luncheon will be in July.

May 2017

Church Door Donations

Our church door donations have not been covering the sleeping bag purchases and the church door bags entirely. To continue with our mission efforts we are also accepting sponsorships for the month. To assemble the bags and have toiletries available as needed we usually spend about \$100 per month. We have started offering our congregation the opportunity to sponsor these monthly purchases. If you are interested in sponsoring for our church door bags, please send a check to the office for the amount you would like to sponsor and add CHURCH DOOR on the memo part of your check and let Michelle Olson know so we can make sure you are acknowledged in the Appleseed Newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to call Michelle Olson at 707-528-3831.



HAVE YOU VISITED OUR CHURCH LIBRARY?

Did you know that we have our own church library? Thanks to group of book-lovers, you can check out and enjoy any of the resources available - from a book to a CD - all to be found on the shelves of our collection, **now located in the Fireside room.**

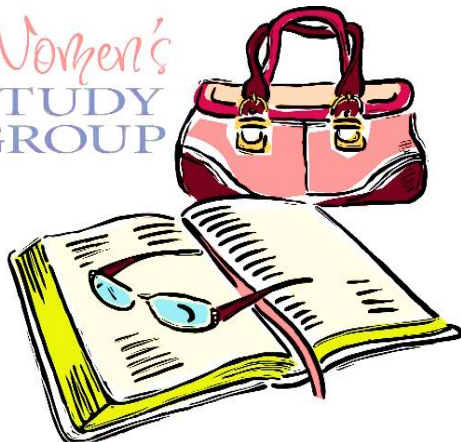
Share the wealth: Want to contribute a book, tape or CD? You can drop off your gently used reading and listening material in the same room for others to borrow.

THE CARING SUPPORT GROUP

The Caring Support Group will meet on the 3rd Thursday, May 18, in the Fireside Room, next to the sanctuary, at 1 - 2 PM. All are welcome. Let your friends and family know about this group. We all sign a confidentiality agreement. We share our life experiences and encourage each other.

Contact Marlene Felsenfeld for any questions: marfels@sbcglobal.net, cell (808) 255-2343.

Women's
STUDY
GROUP



Our next meeting will be a no-host lunch at Mary's Pizza Shack at 790 Gravenstein Hwy. N. on Saturday May 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Get out your calendars - we've got ourselves booked for the summer!

Our hostesses for the following 3 months will be:
SATURDAY, JUNE 10: Karen Bohn
SATURDAY, JULY 8: Barbara Stranzl
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12: Susan Kinder
Details to come on these meetings later - but circle the dates, you won't want to miss them!

Saturday Table & Parade Water Thank You for April 2017

Everyone came forward and we could do two events at the same time.

- **Thank you** to those who helped with the Saturday Table Lunch, for those in need of a meal, in the month of April 2017:
- **Those supplying food:** Jennie Cheshier, Karen Bohn, Pat and Paul Schoch, Beth Wakelee, and Mark Reed.
- **Those working at Saturday Table** in April were Mark Reed, Beth Wakelee, Jennie Cheshier, and Vi Moir.
- Setup, serving and cleanup for Water during the Apple Blossom Parade were Marlene and Len Felsenfeld, Sally Rose, Linda Coffee and Linda's family.

Thanks for the advance preparations for Church Door Bags, sleeping bags, and socks to Michelle Olson-Brueggemann. Thanks to those who donated money to help with Saturday Table and those who donate food and money to support our church door ministry.

We served 10 meals to our guests and sent 5 meals out with our guests. We supplied each guest with a snack bag.

Next Saturday Table will be on May 27, 2017.



Thanks

to everyone who helped to make our services so special during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday!

Mother's Day Bouquets

Anyone who has flowers or filler for the Mother's Day Bouquets is invited to drop them off at the kitchen door on the afternoon of Friday, May 12 and before 9:30 on Saturday, May 13. If you have flowers and need someone to pick them or pick them up contact Carol at 829-8267. Those who would like to help construct the bouquets should meet in the kitchen at 9:30 on Saturday, May 13.



Worship Leaders in May:

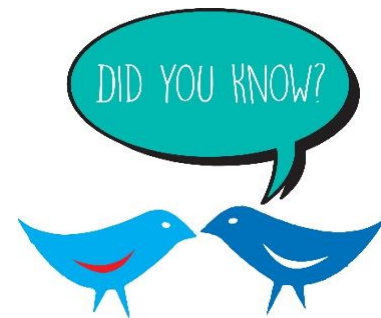
7: Loren Brueggemann
14: Julie Barbic
21: Pat Schoch
28: Beth Wakelee



The Christian Women's Softball season is starting soon.

The games will be played in Santa Rosa on Monday nights. All women over 18 are invited.

For more information, call Pat Schoch at 823-3889



...That Pat and Paul Schoch walked 23 miles in 12 hours on a recent Saturday to support the Sonoma County Historical Society.

...That Emily Munsch was the featured artist all of April at the Viva Mexicana restaurant in Sebastopol. Her art collages are amazing.

...That Emily Munsch, Laura Williams, and our former Pastor Judith Stone each displayed a piece of art at a recent exhibit at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

...That Aline Garrison will celebrate her 100th birthday this coming July 1.

... That Len and Marlene Felsenfeld were sweethearts in college, went onto have separate lives for 42 years, and married in 2007.

...That Mark Wegner is a master photographer and has multiple talents -you can see his art and learn more about him at www.markwegner.com.

...That Dorothy Jennings' nephew was a bodyguard to Reagan when Reagan was Governor of California.

...That Charlie Fisher, Pat Schoch, and Pastor Iunisi have been doing a lot of the trimming around our campus.

We are a church family, and we want to know about our members. Please submit your tidbits to Marlene Felsenfeld: marfels@sbcglobal.net or cell (808) 255-2343.



Daily Readings

Monday, May 1, 2017: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday, May 2, 2017: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday, May 3, 2017: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

Thursday, May 4, 2017: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday, May 5, 2017: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, May 6, 2017: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

Sunday, May 7, 2017: **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Monday, May 8, 2017: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, May 9, 2017: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, May 10, 2017: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, May 11, 2017: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 12, 2017: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 13, 2017: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

Sunday, May 14, 2017: **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Monday, May 15, 2017: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday, May 16, 2017: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday, May 17, 2017: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

Thursday, May 18, 2017: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

Friday, May 19, 2017: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

Saturday, May 20, 2017: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

Sunday, May 21, 2017: **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Monday, May 22, 2017: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 23, 2017: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 24, 2017: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 25, 2017: **Ascension of the Lord**

Friday, May 26, 2017: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, May 27, 2017: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Sunday, May 28, 2017: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Monday, May 29, 2017: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 30, 2017: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 31, 2017: **Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth**

Wednesday, May 31, 2017: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Map 2017



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		Office Hours 1-4 p.m.		Worship Team	OFFICE CLOSED	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
		OFFICE CLOSED		Golden Rule	Office Hours 1-4 p.m.	Womens' Study Group
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MOTHERS DAY		Office Hours 1-4 p.m.			Office Hours 1-4 p.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Newsletter Deadline		Office Hours 1-4 p.m.		Golden Rule	Office Hours 1-4 p.m.	Saturday Table
28	29	30	31			
		OFFICE CLOSED				

