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Still Speaking...

A newsletter from the Community Church of Atascadero



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Of Atascadero**

United Church of Christ

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**Fellowship on Zoom
3 pm Wednesday**

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As I Ponder...

I just returned home from family leave. I had planned to visit my mom, something I hadn't done since last August. She was needing to see me and get my help with some things to help her better manage her independent living. But before I left on my trip, she was unexpectedly in the hospital. All of a sudden my trip changed, including the need to lengthen my stay from what I had originally planned.

While visiting my mom I had a lot to do and keep track of, including schedules for public transportation. Even sitting in the hospital was filled with conversations with nurses, doctors, and my mom; taking my mom for walks in the hallway; ordering lunch or dinner for her (which would take quite a while for her to decide); texting with Jeanne, calling my aunts; making notes about my mom's health, medications, and things to do or obtain.

All of these things were extremely important. But probably the most important expenditure of time was talking and listening to my mom, being fully attentive, offering compassion, doing my best to be present to all that she needed to say or express. I'm proud of all that I did and accomplished during my visit. But I'm prouder that I could be her daughter, listening and supporting her.

Also, as I rode the bus and walked everywhere, I was reminded of the opportunities to notice the small beauties around me: the bumblebee buzzing on a flower, a fresh scent in the air, patient listening by doctors and nurses. I had the opportunity to reflect on our need to notice beauty and to wonder at the human capacity to laugh or interact with kindness even in the midst of difficult times.

My mom is doing much better. I'm sure she will still have some confusion and still struggle with some things. She, like all of us, is mortal. With mortality come aches and pains, struggles and grief. But they are intermixed with joy and laughter, love and kindness. I am grateful for the beauty and wonder of this life and Sacred Presence that accompanies us along the way.

Gratefully yours... heather

Building Our Community

SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic August 21 at 4:00 pm

Come one, come all to a great lot of fun! It has been a long time since we have had an all-church social event. So mark your calendars and plan to attend a picnic in Atascadero Lake Park. This will be a chance to visit outdoors, play some games, eat BBQ along with some potluck side dishes! More information will follow in the August newsletter. If you would like to help in planning, please contact Brenda May, 805-466-8610 or dbmjmay@aol.com.

Opportunities at Community Church

Have you been wondering what you can do, how you can help out at church? Here are a couple of needs for you to use your skills and help us be more informed and connected as a church community.

Newsletter editor. Perhaps you've thought it would be nice to know about new (and old) members. Perhaps you think we need a little more humor. Or perhaps you'd like a different layout. You don't have to write it all yourself, but you can play a big role in helping us be informed about what's happening at Community Church.

SCNC communications. Sometimes it feels like we are an island (or an oasis). But we are actually part of a much larger body, the United Church of Christ. And we engage with other UCC congregations in the Southern California and Southern Nevada regions. How would you like to be a conduit of communication with our Conference? You would receive a bimonthly email and glean what is important for us at Community Church to know about. You could also share what we are doing with others in our conference.

United Church of Christ Connections

Justice & Local Church Ministries: *Working Toward a Just World For All*

A just world begins with justice — we commit to supporting and living practices that are grounded in justice within our congregations, communities, governing bodies, networked partnerships, relationships and beyond. When love becomes the lens through which we see the world, justice is possible.

Justice & Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ supports congregations and other settings of the church in doing justice, seeking peace, and building vibrant faith communities that are welcoming to all. From the National Setting in Cleveland, Ohio, and also from its policy advocacy office in Washington DC, Justice & Local Church Ministries is responsible for supporting local churches with worship and faith forming publications, resources, and education. The ministries and services of Justice and Local Church Ministries are central to the identity of the United Church of Christ. Our Associate General Minister is the Rev. Traci Blackmon.

JLCM includes:

- Economic Justice Ministries
- Environmental Justice Ministries
- Racial Justice Ministries
- Understanding the Issues
- Disabilities and Mental Health Ministries

Learn more at <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/>

Bible Study

Each week we gather on Zoom to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture. We delve into background and what meaning it has for us today (or not). Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30.

UCC Webinars

Creation Justice webinar Wednesday, July 6, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Wartime Threat: Increased Fossil Fuel Production at Home

The fossil fuel industry is using the war in Ukraine to push for ramping up production in the United States. As a result, communities on the frontlines of the industry face the wartime threat of more pollution and more harm to their health. In this webinar, we will learn about the history that shapes the threats faced, and we will hear directly from those fighting at the grassroots to protect their families and communities. Featured speakers will include Roishetta Ozane from Healthy Gulf, Lois Bower-Bjornson from the Clean Air Council, and David J.X. González from the University of California-Berkeley. <https://www.ucc.org/event/wartime-threat-increased-fossil-fuel-production-at-home/>

Thursdays for the Soul webinar Thursday, July 7, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Blessed Youth

Join Rev. Dr. Chris Davies as she interviews Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Minister for Disabilities & Mental Health Justice, Health & Wholeness Advocacy at the United Church of Christ and author of the newly released book, *Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence about mental Health with Children and Teens*. They will discuss challenges, hope, and practical resources. <https://www.ucc.org/event/blessed-youth/>

Wednesdays with the World webinar Wednesday, July 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Witnesses with the World's Workers

Join us as we hear the testimonies of Union Workers and workers in the “informal” economies of the world. We will be joined by leaders representing informal economy workers in Zimbabwe, migrant workers, union workers, and more. Learn key ways you and your church can help support and educate about worker Justice rooted in the UN Sustainable Development Goals, to include participation in this year's Labor in the Pulpit. <https://www.ucc.org/event/witnesses-with-the-worlds-workers/>

Thursdays for the Soul webinar Thursday, July 21, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Our Faith Our Vote 2022: Faithful Engagement in a Time of Increased Voter Suppression

Throughout Scripture and in the teachings of Jesus, we hear the faith call to be in just, compassionate right relation with each other. So discipleship draws us to engagement with our common life, what we call the political process, as the way we order our relationships. Join this webinar and learn how the UCC OUR FAITH OUR VOTE campaign can be integrated into congregational life and shape congregational identity, complementing and amplifying other congregational covenants like ONA and Just Peace. <https://www.ucc.org/event/our-faith-our-vote-2022-faithful-engagement-in-a-time-of-increased-voter-suppression/>

Planned Giving webinar Wednesday, July 27, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Building an Endowment

An endowment can provide support to a congregation and its wider mission. But where do you start? This webinar will provide ideas and policies for creating and growing an endowment for your congregation. <https://www.ucc.org/event/building-an-endowment/>

Thursdays for the Soul webinar Thursday, July 28, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

A Conversation with Franklinton Center at Brick's Rev. Elly Mendez Angulo

The mission of Franklinton Center at Bricks is to provide a nurturing home to local, national, and global programs and organizations seeking liberation. <https://franklintoncenteratbricks.org>. Come join us as for a conversation with Rev Elly Mendez Angulo, Program Manager and Interim Executive Director who will share the history, the UCC connection and current vision of Franklinton Center to manifest a world where systemic oppression does not exist; the whole divinity of a person is realized; the memory, contribution and resilience of our ancestors is embraced; and the environment is healed.

Today, Franklinton Center at Bricks programs continue to focus on living up to the legacy of our ancestors and our predecessor institutions by serving the people of our community, through the following broad program areas:

- Center for Rural Community Development and Education
- Center for African American Historic Preservation
- Center for Land-based Innovation
- Social Justice Conference and Retreat Center.

<https://www.ucc.org/event/a-conversation-with-franklinton-center-at-bricks-rev-elly-mendez-angulo/>

3 Ways to Give Financially

1. Send a check to the Community Church: **5850 Rosario Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422**
2. Online at www.atascaderoucc.org
3. Mobile app Tithe.ly
 - a) Search “**Tithe.ly**” in the app store (Google or Apple). Download and install the Tithe.ly app.
 - b) Click “Give Now” to start and then, in “Find a church”, enter “**Community Church of Atascadero**”
 - c) Enter the amount you would like to give
 - d) Enter a credit card or bank account to link to the app
 - e) You have the option to cover the fees: \$.30 for the transaction plus either 1.0% for a bank transfer or 2.9% for credit card.
 - f) Click “Give” and you have now successfully given to Community Church! (Oh, and you have the option to set up recurring giving.)

Thank you for the many ways you continue to help CCA be financially healthy!

Festival Mozaic Midday Mini-Concert

Assistant Principal Violist of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Ben Ullery presents a mini-recital on viola featuring two different sonatas composed for viola and piano: Franz Schubert's - *Arpeggione Sonata, D. 821* and Rebecca Clarke's *Viola Sonata*. With Susan Grace on piano.

12pm on Thursday, July 28, at Community Church

Free reservations required. Suggested donation: \$10.

For more information and register: www.festivalmozaic.org

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Judi Solari

15 - Bill Duckett

7 - Anniversary - Jim Carlisle & Pat Cairns

21 - Jennifer Thorne

12 - Dick Ramont

31 - Phyllis Cerny

Keep on your hearts & in your prayers...

Althea W, David M, Joseph P, Larry A, Livia K, Stew & Sally T, Virginia C, "Uncle George"
...and all of the caregivers

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
July 3 10 am Hybrid worship with Communion	4 <<<----- Pastor	5 away ----->>>	6 3pm Fellowship online << ----->>>	7 <<----- Pastor	8 away -----	9 ----->>>
10 10 am Hybrid worship << ----- Pastor	11 away ----->>>	12	13 9:30am Bible study 3pm Fellowship online	14	15	16
17 10 am Hybrid worship 12:00 Council meeting	18 Pastor's day off	19	20 9:30am Bible study 3pm Fellowship online	21	22	23
24 10 am Hybrid worship	25 Pastor's day off	26	27 9:30am Bible study 3pm Fellowship online	28 12pm Mozaic Concert	29	30
31 10 am Hybrid worship						

ZOOM LINKS

To join via the internet (computer or smartphone), simply click on the internet link. To join with your telephone (audio only), dial **(1) 669 900 9128**. When asked, enter the Meeting ID and Password.

Sunday Worship and Midweek Fellowship	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/937257009?pwd=UGZVRHdoNVRYs09TWEIGcWIXQkVvdz09	MEETING ID: 937 257 009 PASSCODE: 528041
Church Choir	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81750412891?pwd=K2dt d3lwNm swUmRkOXlwZytiSStCZz09	MEETING ID: 858 1515 0012 PASSCODE: 202869
Wednesday Bible Study	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952931382?pwd=dFcx N2RtQzVoUit4RXZac2RMbXdZZz09	MEETING ID: 829 5293 1382 PASSCODE: 303403



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A business card for Marisol's Cleaning. The top half features a photograph of a modern kitchen and bathroom. The bottom half has a dark background with white text.

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A business card for Jeff Stevens, a piano technician. The background is a close-up of piano keys. The card includes a circular logo for the Piano Technicians Guild of America and contact information.

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