



Happy Birthday!



March Birthdays

5 Clint Freeman	5 Ruth Dunn	8 Marcia Douglas	8 Vanessa Cabral
10 William Scott	12 Loretta Agee	12 Sammie Rickon	13 Ed O'Brien
14 Brandt Stickel	19 Gail Diamond	24 Becky Walker	30 Sylvia Cummings

COMING UP:

Weekly Meetings:

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Ronn Garton Library, Preston Hall
 Sundays 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Sundays 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Childcare during Worship Service.
 Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Fun, Conversation, Study, Alma Mendosa Room
 Tuesdays 9-12 a.m. Deacon's Outreach Program, including food and showers
 Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 Wednesdays 3:00 Christian Spirituality Group, Library
 Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Alma Mendosa Room, Eidsath House
 Thursdays and Fridays, Counseling appointments with Kathy Mooney, Fireside Room
 Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Alma Mendosa Room
 Fridays 5:00 p.m. Ringing of our bell, honoring the week's war casualties
 First Sundays Communion 10:00 a.m.
 First and Third Mondays 6-8 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group, Preston Hall
 Second and Fourth Mondays 608 Jr. High Youth Group, Fort Bragg
 First Mondays 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting,
 Third Mondays 4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, in the Ronn Garton Library
 Second Mondays 6:30 p.m. Session Meets Alma Mendosa Room
 Last Wednesday Evenings of Month, 5:00 p.m. Soul Food outreach dinner, Preston Hall

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LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 21

Church Sanctuary

7:30 p.m.

A Taize service is a meditative one, including the singing of several simple chants, instrumental music, Scripture readings, opportunity for candle lighting, and time for silent reflection.

Started in France after World War II by Protestant Brother Roger, the service is ecumenical, an open door for all to enter and experience the presence and peace of God's Spirit. The service is unique in that there are no announcements, no sermon, and few spoken words. It is a simple and personal time of worship.

All are welcome.

Westminster Woods is offering Park Days for children and parents to learn more about summer camp. Bring a friend and win a prize!

March 10 – McKinley Park in Sacramento

March 24 – Cannery Park in Hayward

March 31 – Dominican University in San Rafael

May 12 – Westminster Woods in Sonoma County

All park days will be held from 2-4pm. Visit www.westminsterwoods.org for more information.

LYNN BELL is still recuperating in Livermore and awaiting more results after her recent surgery. If you would like to send her a card please send it to:

1841 Spruce Street, Livermore CA 94551

February 27, 2012 To our dear friends,

When our grandson Michael started having seizures at 3 years old our family started a journey that was terrifying for us as well as Michael's parents and sister. We have known the joy of having Michael in our lives and the terror that he might hurt himself or worse, that we might lose him to this terrible disorder. Our blessing has been that we did not go through this alone. So many of you have prayed with us, forwarded articles and information regarding epilepsy, offered your support when we needed it that most and many times just listen when our hearts were breaking.

Below is a letter from our daughter Cindy explaining where we are at this point.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

LaDonna and Rick McDonald

February 22, 2012

As most of you know, our son Michael has suffered from seizures since he was three years old. He has been diagnosed with Lennox Gasteau Syndrome. This is a very severe form of epilepsy that he will never outgrow. Michael has endured two surgeries, multiple hospital stays and has tried over 15 medications in countless combinations. The side effects are awful and interfere with every aspect of his life. He is often left behind by friends on the playground when he cannot follow because he might have a seizure.

Recently, we discovered a company in the San Diego area who trains service dogs to alert before a seizure occurs. Little Angels dog Training has approved Michael to receive one of these very special dogs. The dogs are typically Labradors who have been bred for this work. They are trained in foster homes from the moment they are weaned. The foster families do a fantastic job of getting these pups used to some very unusual circumstances at an early age. Once the dogs are mature enough, they are brought back to the dog training facility for specialized training to assist the individual with whom they will be placed. In Michael's case, the dog will be trained to alert us when the dog senses a seizure is eminent. The dog will take action to keep Michael safe until the seizure has passed. The dog will then retrieve a phone so that Michael or we can call for help if necessary.

Just knowing when there is a possibility of a seizure happening will be a huge benefit. Right now, we use our own instincts to predict when to restrict his activities. Sometimes we can tell by a look in his eyes, or a change in the way he holds his body. Seizure alert dogs can sense

so many other indicators. It will be such a relief to have this type of support for Michael at home and at school.

Little Angels Dog Training is a non-profit agency and every dog they provide is paid for by donations. The training is very expensive and we have agreed to collect donations toward the cost of Michael's dog. The faster we meet our fundraising goal, the faster Michael can bring home his service dog.

This is where we ask for your help. We need to raise \$10,000. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to Little Angels Dog Training.

Donations made through the following link go directly to the fund for Michael's dog.
<http://www.littleangelsdogtraining.net/pediatricseizureassistance.html>

Donations can also be mailed to **Little Angels Dog Training** at 239 Lilac Drive, El Cajon,, CA 92021.
Please ask them to apply your donation to the **Seizure Assistance Dogs for Children Fund**.

Thank you for helping our little boy!

Paul and Cindy Ainger

2012 MPC Congregational Directory available as you leave church this morning.

Please let the office know of typos or misinformation.

CORRECTIONS SO FAR: *Please make note in your copy*

Mary Scott's house number is # 194

Carol Loomis' email address is loomisc01@gmail.com

Vanessa Cabral phone: 671-4495

18700 Porterfield Lane, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Jason Biggie's cell 357-0874 & Kat's cell 357-0889

Biggie's Home Phone is 397-1027

Additional directories will be available in the next few weeks.



2012 Offering Envelopes

Per capita apportionment is \$29.11.

