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# **February 2018**

**Presbyterian Church of Novato, 710 Wilson Ave. Box 631, Novato, CA 94948**

## **KENT'S COMMENTS**

### **“What About Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent?”**

For many of us who were raised in the Reformed or Presbyterian tradition, we are not very familiar with the increasing ecumenical emphasis on the Seasons of the Christian Year that our Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran friends (and others!) have emphasized for many centuries. Those key seasons of the Christian Year are Advent, which helps us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Day; the Season of Lent, which helps us prepare for Holy Week, which culminates in our celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death on Easter Sunday; and finally the Day of Pentecost, just seven weeks after Easter, commemorating the day when the Holy Spirit birthed the Christian Church.

We travel during the Season of Lent from the ashes of death on Ash Wednesday to resurrection life on Easter Sunday. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 14, Valentine's Day. The word Lent means “spring.” That forty-day period (not counting Sundays) begins with Ash Wednesday. It reminds us that before we can be raised with Christ to new life, we must die to our sinful selves. Why ashes? They are a sign of our human condition and a reminder of our mortality. They remind us of God's words in Genesis 3:19 to Adam after his act of disobedience when God told him, “. . . you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Worship scholar Harold Daniels writes, “The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.” We are reminded that our possessions, rulers, projects, families, and even our own lives do not last forever. It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon that draws us in repentance and active discipleship toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus.

This year I encourage you to attend our penitential Ash Wednesday Service before you celebrate Valentine's Day perhaps later that evening! We'll gather in the Sanctuary at

6:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, hear a brief homily, and have the opportunity receive the imposition of ashes, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin the Season of Lent and journey towards Easter together -

Your Companion on the Lenten Journey,

Kent

## MESSAGE FROM ARIEL

### Shining A Light

I hate watching commercials on television. I DVR everything. Even if I just want to veg out, I'll deliberately wait 20 minutes into a show before watching "live" TV so I still can fast-forward through the advertising. But, in a weird twist, I do enjoy watching the commercials on Super Bowl Sunday. (If David wasn't in the room, I'd just fast forward through the game.) Companies spend millions on creating and producing their ads, and hope that the viewers who watch will ultimately be influenced by them. We'll buy Pepsi instead of Coke. We'll eat a Snicker's bar instead of a Hershey's bar. They want us to identify iconic Clydesdale horses and adorable puppies with Budweiser beer. It's all about their brands and differentiating themselves, so that people take notice.

We are also called to differentiate ourselves so that people take notice, not to show off and be celebrated, but to reflect God's blessings. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ***In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.***" (Matthew 5: 13 – 16)

My prayer is that when people see the "commercial" of our congregation's life, they see the light of Christ shining through and take notice; not just on Super Bowl Sunday, but on every day!

## MISSION

### MISSION INFO

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS....at our December meeting, members gave considered thought and discussion to the dispersal of money left unspent in the "discretionary funds" account for 2017. The charitable organizations and amounts for each are as follows:

Redwoods Presbytery Fire Relief: \$5,000.00

Marin Young Life: \$300.00

Gilead House Christmas Party: \$220.47

Senior Access: \$300.00

Alchemia: \$200.00

Mobile Shower Units: \$2,000.00

Shipping for pajamas: \$250.00

CA Re-Entry Program: \$500.00

Sta. Clara U immersion program: \$200.00

Lord's Gym: \$250.00

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship: \$200.00

## **MERGER OF NOVATO HUMAN NEEDS CENTER AND NOVATO YOUTH CENTER: CREATES NORTH MARIN COMMUNITY SERVICES (NMCS)**

After a year of discussion and thoughtful analysis, and with the goals of best service to clients, improved efficiency, and ensured sustainability, the two above local organizations have merged into one. NMCS will serve 6,000 individuals annually with multi-generational services from infants to seniors, focusing on overall well-being,

Programs will be available at both locations, with 680 Wilson Av. (NYC) remaining the core location for childcare and family counseling. The 1907 Novato Blvd. building (NHNC) will continue to focus on adults, seniors and case management services, including the food pantry, and rental assistance, among its many programs.

Upon Deanna Euritt's retirement, Cheryl Paddock has stepped up in the CEO position after 9 years as Executive Director of the NYC. For news and updates, please visit [www/northmarincs.org](http://www/northmarincs.org).

## **Preparation Craft Day for Cambodia Mission Trip**

Saturday, February 10; 10 am – 12 pm in Trevitt Hall

Prepare crafts for Agape Int'l Missions Kids club program

Come and be *crafty*, and bring smiles to victims of sex-trafficking.

Call Phil Dougherty for more information: 415 328-6674 or [phildou@comcast.net](mailto:phildou@comcast.net)

## **SESSION**

### **Session Highlights – January 2018**

Session welcomed new Elders Dan Rice, Traditional Worship Elder, and Mike Robinson, Mission Elder.

Session approved:

- The Mission Committee budget of \$163,057
- To satisfy California non-profit corporation law, Tonya Church will serve as CEO. Doug Paff as CFO, and Kathy Takemoto as Secretary for the 2018 PCN Corporation
- PCN 2018 Presbytery Commissioners: Carol Dacquisto, Ariel Mink; alternates: Robert Coleman, Bill Walker
- Tonya Church and Doug Paff as Elders on the Endowment Committee
- Sylvia Jensvold and Jane Sime as Elders on the Nomination Committee
- Kathy Takemoto to serve as Clerk of Session

Kathy Takemoto  
Clerk of Session



January 16, 2018

Synod of the  
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Presbyterian  
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(U.S.A.)

The Rev. Kent Webber  
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Dear Kent, Session and Members of the Presbyterian Church of Novato,

Thank you for your generous contribution to assist in providing relief to those impacted by the Fires in Napa and Sonoma Counties and the surrounding areas. The entirety of your \$5,000.00 contribution will go directly to those in need. The funds continue to be overseen by our Presbytery Council and will be distributed by our local congregations closest to the situation, which are intimately involved in responding to immediate and long-term needs of those who have been affected.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Conover  
Mission Presbyter/Stated Clerk

*Thank you very  
much for your  
ministry and  
faithfulness!*

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## January 2018

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## To The Powers That Be!!!

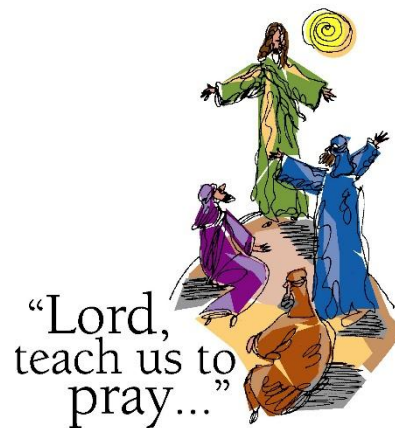
The Deacons wish to express their sincere gratitude to those who have served as an outreach of the Deacons' Visitation Team for their dedication, loyalty, and Christian love. The following are not members of Deacons, but have willingly given of their time to be with those unable to attend worship and other PCN activities: Kay Acosta, Francie Douglass, Ann Glazner, Lori Pax, June McClanahan, Gail Penfield, Nelly Wannemacher, and Mary Winslow.

In addition, the Reception Committee cherishes the gifts of Ron Hune, Donna Pfeiff, and Rick and Priscilla Rudy who have faithfully "shown up" to be the extra hands at nearly every reception.

To the People of PCN, a big THANK YOU for your overwhelming support, whether it be financially or contributing food or "cleaning up." It is YOU that enables the Deacon Ministry to serve.

The Deacons

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on **Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11 AM in the Christensen Room.** You are invited to come and see and join our studies at any time.

We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Chapter 11 continues to follow Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem. We find Luke's summary of The Lord's Prayer followed both by a lesson about prayer itself and what it takes to have prayers answered. The chapter continues with an incident in which Jesus heals a demonized man who is mute including the incredulous responses of the religious leaders to Jesus' act of love. In this



teaching, there is a lesson on spiritual warfare and the nature of demons themselves. This is followed by a teaching on the Jewish leaders' need for a "sign" that Jesus is in fact the Messiah.

Lastly, Luke records an event in which Jesus is invited to a Pharisee's home for a meal. During the meal, Jesus severely reproves the Pharisees and scribes at the dinner for their hatred and persecution of those who witness against their wickedness. His words are not well received by His hosts who strengthen their evil cabal against Jesus.

We'd love to include you as we explore and discuss these teachings. We believe you will find it to be a life-changing experience. Please join us soon.

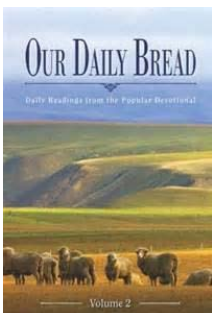
Carol Dacquisto, Elaine Harris and Melodie Baird

Study Leaders

**PCN CONNECT: OSCAR SEASON MOVIES** Join us between now and March 4<sup>th</sup> (Oscar night) to see some of the 'contenders' at local movie theatres. We'll shoot for late afternoon/early evening movie times so that we can go on to a food venue and enjoy talking about the movie we've just seen. (For instance: Rowland Cinema & Moylan's or Smith Ranch Road & Mulberry Street.) Get in the loop for two months of fun by contacting Carolyn Gerrans at [grace624@comcast.net](mailto:grace624@comcast.net) or 415-897-1504.

**MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>** Come join the fun! ALL families with children newborn through elementary school age are invited to a *mask-making!! Worshipful!! Pancake and scrambled eggs supper!!* On the 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. (regular SEEKers hours) It is a joyful night that young families look forward to each year, and helps us all start off the important season of Lent, as we look toward the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. ***Please RSVP*** (so we have enough pancakes!!) to Carolyn Gerrans at [grace624@comcast.net](mailto:grace624@comcast.net) or 415-897-1504.

**VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!** If you don't have children at home in the above age range, but would like to participate, please contact Carolyn (above) to volunteer your time. Set up starts at 4:30 and clean-up is over at 7:30. Most volunteer positions are for a portion of that timeframe, + you get to enjoy the families enjoying the party. It's easy and fun. Most volunteers return the following year but this year we have some who have moved or are on vacation. Contact Carolyn at above email or phone.



## **OUR DAILY BREAD**

Pick up your copy of on the hall table in the office. Helping you connect with God every day.

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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir rehearsal	2	3
4 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 12:00 Membership & Outreach 6:00 Youth Group	5 9:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Kent's Class 7:00 Kent's Class	6 7:30 Stephen Leaders 8:30 BSF 1:30 PW Coordinators 2:30 wired club 5:30 SEEkers!	7 7:30am Men's Group 9:30 BSF 4:00 Bells 5:00 Mission Cmte. 6:00 PNC 6:30 Deacons 6:30 Worship Cmte. 7:00 CE Committee	8 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir	9	10 10:00 Craft Day for Cambodia mission trip
11 SCOUT SUNDAY 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 6:00 Youth Group	12 9:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Kent's Class 7:00 Kent's Class	13 8:30 BSF 11:30 BSF 2:30 wired club 5:30 SEEkers! 7:00 Personnel Cmte.	14  <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> 7:30am Men's Group 9:30 BSF 4:00 Bells 6:00 PNC 6:30 Ash Wednesday service	15 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir	16 5:00 Mingling Singles Pizza Night 	17
18 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 SEEker Sunday 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 1:30 Creekwood 2:15 Atria 6:00 Youth Group	19  <i>President's Day office closed</i> 2:00 Mill St. meal p/u	20 8:30 BSF 11:30 BSF meetings 2:30 wired club 5:30 SEEkers! 7:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision	21 7:30am Men's Group 9:30 BSF 4:00 Bells 6:00 PNC 6:00 Session dinner 6:30 Session meeting	22 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 6:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 Choir	23	24 5:00 LOG team overnight
25 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 6:00 Youth Group	26 9:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Kent's Class 7:00 Kent's Class	27 8:30 BSF 2:00 Ruth Circle 2:30 wired club 5:30 SEEkers!	28 7:30am Men's Group 9:30 BSF 4:00 Bells 6:00 PNC 7:00 PCN Campus Development			