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# Still Speaking ...

*A newsletter from the Community Church of Atascadero*

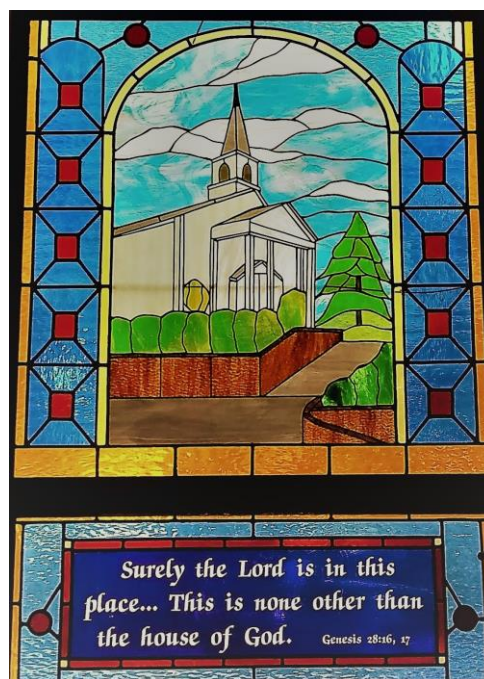


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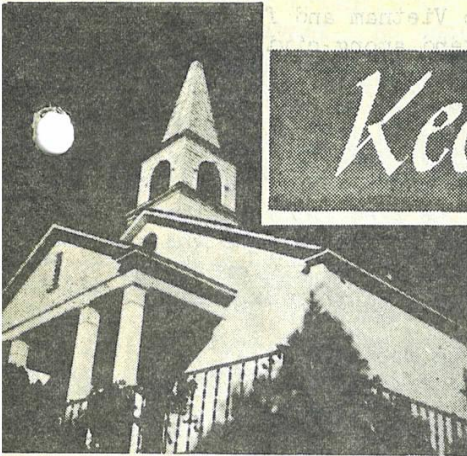
## **July Jump Back to Summer of 1969**

We hope Heather & Jeanne are enjoying their summer vacation! Pastor Heather will be back at the helm on July 11 and will be pondering again for the August Newsletter.

In the meantime, I discovered over 60 years of CCA Newsletter history in your church files. I thought it might be interesting to look back at the Community Church Newsletter from June of 1969, a half century ago! I hope you enjoy these 4 pages of nostalgia. Please see current information on the last few pages. Happy Summertime!

- Marth Thomson (Office Administrator)





# Keeping You Posted

A monthly NEWS LETTER from  
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH of Atascadero

June 1969

(See you in September. Editor.)

## DEACONATE BOARD CALLS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Deaconate Board announces a congregational meeting for Sunday; June 15, at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The membership is directed to attend and encouraged to participate. Written inquiries relating to church activities to include both committee and board functions are requested. Resources for such times of information are now located in the Narthex, and also in Dr. Osibin's office downtown. A panel format will conduct the meeting to consist of Harry Baeker, William Copelan, J. Edward Hughell, Willard Osibin, William Peck, and John Rose.

/s/ Willard S. Osibin, M.D.  
Chairman

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC THIS MONTH

To further community and fellowship, the Seamates and the Board of Christian Education are sponsoring a picnic, Sunday, June 22, at Santa Margarita Lake (large picnic area next to pool).

Fun and games: 1:30 to 4 p.m.  
Picnic : 4:30 - ?

Swimming Pool will be open @25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults.

Co-hosts: Wally and Barbara Gostlin  
Maury and Irene Lane  
Don and Carolyn Luenser  
Rocky and Bama Wooldridge

## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER PROGRAM

As usual, Pilgrim Fellowship will be meeting at the Hughell Home, 5555 Portola, during the summer months.

Summer advisors, Dr. and Mrs. Hughell and Dr. and Mrs. Kellerman have a full and thoughtful program planned for the group. It includes swimming, discussion of current social problems, contemporary church music and authentic gospel folk songs, study of world religions (Hinduism-Buddhism and Islam-Christianity) and a panel discussion on the drug problem from a medical point of view.

The program begins June 22 for swimming at 7 p.m., followed by a discussion of The Draft.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP HOLDS LAST MEETING OF YEAR

Thursday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m. a salad luncheon will be served by Circle 5.

President Harriet Poole encourages all women of the church to attend this last meeting of the 1968-69 year. Mrs. Carolyn Bowers of the Bakersfield College Heights Church will be guest speaker. She will talk about the small group study, hospitality, and spiritual growth experiment of her own church Women's Fellowship.

Dear Lord, help me guide with a gentle hand and pause for those who may falter.

Most of all, help me to remember I am always your student.



## ANNUAL MEETING

Marge Hewitt, John Mackey, Dena and Bob Palmer, and Peggy and Ed Hughell attended the Seventh Annual Meeting of Southern California and Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ in Claremont, May 16, 17, and 18.

### "The Local Church in God's Mission"

Highlight of Friday's program was the presentation made by four churches, selected because of the unusual programs which they had developed.

Ventura opened with a film giving us a glimpse of one of their "Home" churches in action. Their congregation has been divided into five groups, grouped according to locality and including a variety of ages. Each group plans its own program. One group was interested in dramatics, another formed a discussion group, and a third was more oriented toward social activities, such as picnics and parties. They all developed friendships and a real spirit of caring for each other. Personally, I would like to see our church try such an experiment.

A dramatic presentation illustrating "The Sign of the Fish" was carried out by the church at La Mesa. They work interdenominationally to carry out an on-call service to anyone who needs help. Volunteer housewives share being "on call" and may be reached by phone in case of an emergency. Emergencies consist of a need for a babysitter or someone to fix meals, chauffeuring, need for sick room equipment, etc. Volunteers for these services are then contacted by phone. The service was started two years ago by distributing cards giving a number to call and also by advertising in the newspaper. They receive an average of two or three calls a day.

The presentation which brought forth the most moving response was the ministry to Marines described by the Brea church. They invited the Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton into their homes before the Marines go overseas. Many of the Marines were withdrawn and suspicious in the beginning but soon became very appreciative of having another family care for them. Many lasting friendships have begun this way, as well as heartaches because of casualties in Vietnam. The families taking these Marines into their homes contact the Marines'

families. Almost all of these Marines are on their way to Vietnam and for many this is their last weekend among civilians in the States. The families correspond with the Marines and also with the Marines' families while overseas, and in case of a combat injury are often the first ones the Marine's family will turn to for consolation. When the Marine returns, he frequently visits his Brea family. One of the Marines who had returned was present at the Conference and spoke very movingly of this experience.

The minister from Woodland Hills described their successful efforts at "Black and White Bridge Building." A black congregation loaned several families to his congregation and his congregation reciprocated. The families attended church as well as all of the usual functions, and friendships developed. The ministers exchanged pulpits; and several picnics and other outings were conducted between the two churches. At the time of Martin Luther King's assassination, the minister felt led to attend the memorial services at the black sister church, despite recommendations that this was not an appropriate time to go. In speaking with the members of the black church, he told them that he wanted to extend his sympathy but if they wanted him to leave, he would. They all insisted that he stay because "you are one of us."

### Business Session

On Saturday, Ed was officially elected to the post of Vice-Moderator of our Southern California Conference. The Rev. Everett Leighton Sorensen of Chula Vista became Moderator for this coming year and Ed will follow him. It is the custom to have a minister serve, followed by a layman. Mr. McKenzie Brown of Rolling Hills, this year's moderator, presided with relaxed charm and humor.

### "Why Social Involvement?"

Highlight Saturday was the address by Dr. Lewis Maddock, Executive Director for Christian Social Action. He listed three gaps existent in the church: (1) a gap between what we preach and what we practice; (2) a gap between our concerns and the concerns of others, and (3) a gap in economics. After a careful examination of these gaps, Dr. Matticks contended there was a fear of controversy and conflict within the church--the revelant vs friendliness. Greater stress



is placed on being friendly and congenial than on being relevant. He concluded that in everything there must be a mutual respect and a rational approach to all social issues, moving us beyond invested interests, changing attitudes and assumptions, with the final result of helping each other to ACT.

An added dividend on Saturday evening was the opportunity to hear more about one side of the Delano Grape Boycott by asking questions of The Rev. Chris Hartmire. Chris had just returned from the Imperial Valley where he had been a part of the grape strikers' march. The strikers were to meet with representatives of the Mexican farm workers in Mesicali to ask for their support in not breaking the grape strike. Having worked with the Migrant Ministry and the unionization of the farm workers since its inception about five years ago, Chris was well informed on the issues involved.

#### Open Hearings

On Sunday morning, open hearings were held on the following proposed pronouncements. These will be voted on at the National Synod. If passed, they will be publicized, not as the consensus of the entire United Church of Christ, but as the consensus of the delegates of the United Church attending the Synod.

1. The Selective Service System, attended by Ed Hughell.
2. Sharing the Cost of Government Fairly, attended by Dena and Bob Palmer.
3. Amnesty for War Objectors, attended by Marge Hewitt and Peggy Hughell.
4. Gun Control, attended by John Mackey.

If you have questions on these, please contact us.

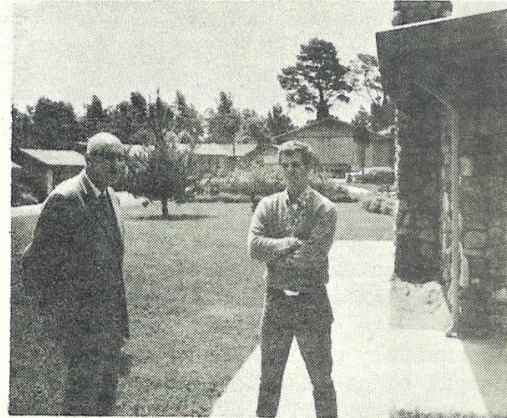
This was followed by an impressive service with the sermon delivered by Dr. Jay R. Calhoun, Minister of the First Christian Church, Orange, California.

#### Summing Up

The Conference was a rewarding experience and we would urge many more of our members to attend next year. It gives an awareness of where the church stands on the issues of

our time and the direction in which it is headed.

Peggy Hughell

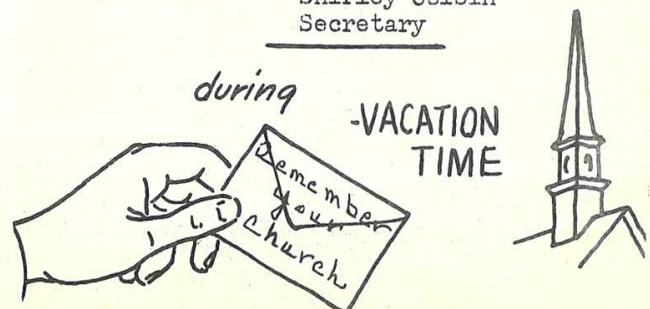


No Generation Gap at Cambria Pines. . . .  
Barrett Armstrong and John Mackey, Jr.

Our own Deaconate Board participated in a first-time-ever retreat, May 23 and 24, at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Many questions regarding church-life were examined in depth to enable the Deaconate Board to better serve the congregation. Each participant invested \$17.50 for the opportunity to further outreach, better define the role of our church in Atascadero, open channels of communication, expand our image in the community, all to enable us to function satisfactorily as board members.

Movies complemented the discussions. All who attended enjoyed the atmosphere of serenity which permitted participation by all present. In addition to Mr. Palmer, other non-members included Mr. and Mrs. Marion Welborn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckes, Mrs. Livia Kellerman, and Mr. Everett Bovee. The membership agreed that in view of the real and potential value of such a gathering, consideration should be given for a followup retreat this fall.

Shirley Osibin  
Secretary





## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS

At the Council Meeting on May 25, several positive projects were reported on.

Mr. Palmer said he had gathered a lot of helpful information from the Deaconate Board Retreat held at Cambria Pines, May 23 and 24. This Board is responsible for the (1) worship services of the Church, and (2) Christian life of the Church.

Mr. Ross Huth, representing the Chancel Choir, announced that the Choir had, on its own initiative, elected to sing every other Sunday during the months of July and August. (Note: the Chancel Choir usually discontinues its services entirely during these months.) He also brought before the Council a proposal for an organ fund, sponsored by the choir, and started just recently with a \$225.00 gift in memory of Mr. Phil McKellar. The Council unanimously accepted the proposal.

Dr. Willard Osibin, speaking for the Deaconate Board, said the summer worship service schedule and pulpit replacement were confirmed. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE AT THE 11 O'clock HOUR AND THE REV. STANLEY MCGUIRE WILL BE VISITING MINISTER JULY 6 through AUGUST 3, while the Palmers are on vacation.

Since the Council Meeting is for the purpose of gathering information and progress reports from all church departments, it appeared there was a communications breakdown. The following items were re-discussed:

1. Tile flooring had been approved by the Board of Trustees for the Sanctuary, but action has been tabled.

2. The Women's Fellowship reported that the Wedding Service now offered by the Church has been a "beautiful success" and added to the prestige of the Church. The \$35.00 minimal fee covers organist, custodial service, church expense reimbursement, and soloist (if requested). There has been no complaint to the Women's Fellowship about this charge, which was established by a memo requested by Dr. Richards and on file in the Church Office.

3. It was reiterated that the two-year pledge approved by the Board of Trustees was merely a suggested guideline to giving. The over-all response has been positive. At no time was it hinted or meant to be mandatory.

Since the Deaconate Board of nine Deacons and nine Deaconesses are responsible for the worship services and spiritual life of the Church, Dr. Osibin, Chairman, said he would welcome any comments in writing and he would present them to the Council.

If all our members will weigh the improvements that have been made in the past year, a note of thanks should go to our Board of Trustees, the Deaconate Board, the Minister, and all departments (that make up our Church Council) for the steadfast, dedicated groups they have been over the many years since the Atascadero Community Church came into being.

Pearl Armstrong  
Church Clerk

Dear Lord, remind me that change is like a fresh spring rain, bringing the old and tired new life.



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## Summer Music Update from Kristina

Exciting things are happening over the summer in music! While the choir takes a vacation in the hotter months, music at CCA never sleeps. The men's quartet did a smashing rendition of "Stand By Me" last week and is working on something new to open up the month of July. We will be hearing from some soloists, and I am always on the lookout for talent hiding in the congregation to provide our musical offering (email me if you have leads).

Another exciting development is the start of our new "Kids Sunday Music Jam" downstairs after Children's Time. We'll be learning a number of popular "Sunday School" tunes, and hope to share a performance or two (or three!) with you during worship. Spread the word to any musical kids that you know, as this is a great opportunity to play with instruments and vocal harmony, as well as get to know our church community better. We've already had a couple of wonderful sessions, and Music Jam will continue every other week from July 7 through the final performance on September 1st.

## God is Still Speaking at Synod

While Heather was hard at work at 6:30 am meetings and committee discussions, I was able to experience General Synod in a more leisurely way. I had three objectives for Synod: to hear Traci Blackmon preach, to attend a workshop or two and learn something, and to visit the exhibit hall. Well, and the fourth plan – to soak up the atmosphere of being surrounded by UCC folks.

Rev. Traci Blackmon delivered a powerful sermon at the Sunday worship service, where we also joined thousands of other people taking communion. Her most memorable quote for me was "you can't build a wall wide enough or deep enough or tall enough to withstand God's work."

(that quote may not be exact, but is what I heard through the thunderous applause)

I attended two workshops on Saturday – one on activism and one on the mental health network of the UCC. Got lots of ideas there and also in the exhibit hall. The exhibit hall was also the place where I could appreciate the various t-shirts and buttons attendees were wearing. "This is what clergy looks like" (worn primarily by young women), "Justice – it's a Jesus thing" (you'll see me wearing this), "Agitate, Activate, Celebrate" from the ONA Coalition. I also ran into Rev. John Dorhauer, the General Minister and President of the UCC, wearing his suit along with his multicolored sneakers that have "Love is Love" printed along the side.

I was very proud of my church that during a carefully planned and packed agenda, they decided to make it possible for the attendees to march to the local ICE office to protest a proposed round up of immigrants by ICE.

-Jeanne

## BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

### PRIDE IN THE PLAZA

Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:30pm. Please see Brenda May if you would like to come help at our booth. It is a lot of fun and a good chance to see our friends from the SLO UCC. Mark your calendars and join us!!

### BBQ IN THE PARK

BBQ in the Park is Tuesday, August 6th. We are teamed up with Quota International again, which is a great fit. Please get tickets to sell!!

Tickets are available now:

\$14.00 adults

\$12.00 seniors

\$ 9.00 youth 10 and under

We need some folks to work that day and/or make desserts for sale. Your help will be much appreciated!



## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Judi Solari  
5 Valerie Hubbard  
5 Rocky Theil  
7 Jim Carlisle & Pat Cairns Anniversary  
12 Dick Ramont  
21 Jennifer Thorne  
24 Bruce Bevans & Kaye Rasband  
Anniversary  
25 Paul & Carolyn Mitchell Anniversary  
31 Phyllis Cerny

All photos by Dan Rich unless noted.



Bonus flower picture



Celia Bewley



Brenda May



From Easter service – photo by Marth



Choir of men sing!



Guest Rabbi Janice Mehring from  
Congregation Ohr Tzafon  
Thank you Janice!



## CCA Summer Fun!

Photos from 2012 & 2017 BBQ in the Park





Thank you, July Worship volunteers!!

*Please see Marilyn Hamilton to join the lineup.*

	Liturgist	Usher	Greeter	Sound	Kids Music Jam
7/7	Martha Staib	David May	Brenda May	Candice Hubbard	Kristina
7/14	Larry Anderson	Tbd	Judy Anderson	Marilyn Hamilton	N/A
7/21	Brenda May	Tbd	Sharon Wisenhunt	Tbd	Tbd
7/28	Tbd	Carolyn Mitchell	Paul Mitchell	Larry Anderson	

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
June - 30 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Fellowship time	1-July Women Aging w/ Humor 3-5pm	2	3	4 4th of July	5	6
7 10:00 am Worship w/ <b>Kids Sunday Music Jam</b> 11:15 Fellowship time July Birthdays	8	9 11:00am Personnel Meeting	10 4pm ECHO Meal Please contact Celia Bewley to bring food or help serve.	11 4:30pm Band Rehearsal	12	13
14 10 am Worship w/ communion & band 11:15 Fellowship time 12:00-5:30 SLO Pride in the Plaza	15 Women Aging w/ Humor 3-5pm	16	17	18 3:00pm Caregivers meeting	19	20
21 10:00 am Worship w/ <b>Kids Sunday Music Jam</b> 11:15 Fellowship time  11:30am Council mtg	22	23	24 FESTIVAL MOZAIC CONCERT Noon-1pm 6pm Midweek Worship service	25	26 8:00 am Pastor Heather to speak at  "Good Morning Atascadero" at Galaxy Theaters	27
28 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Fellowship time	29	30	31	Aug - 1	2	3

**Thursdays 10-12 @ Bru Coffeehouse – Pastor Heather's drop-in hours**





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