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New Wind Screens

On January 18, 2019 wind screens were installed on the patio pavilion. This means the space will be usable even on windy days.

Thank you to all who contributed to this addition.

Call Committee Hard at Work

The call committee wants to express our gratitude for your attendance and honesty at our meeting on January 13. We were so happy to hear from so many of you! It has given us much to process.

We have met every week in January and are busy filling out the Ministry Site Profile form. We have been basing our work on your questionnaires and the summaries from the workshop. This form will need to be blessed by council, and then sent on to the synod, where it will be our "classified ad" for the position of pastor at Mount Cross.

Please keep praying for us in our work. We loved hearing it in the common prayers on Sunday morning. We need the Spirit to move in our candidates' hearts even as it works in our hearts to prepare us for the new!



Call Committee Members: Sonja Demeter, Tabitha Ebright, Melissa Henry, Herb Holler, Henry Moraga, Susan Prosser, Becky Riley, Bill Stoll, Brian Stouch

Chairpersons: Becky Riley and Bill Stoll

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**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

Helping Hands, a Caring Ministry at Mount Cross, supports our church families by arranging and serving receptions at funerals and memorial services. We organize, set-up, prepare, buy and serve the food and drinks at the reception.

Our Ministry is looking for one or two individuals who would like to join us as co-coordinators. We will walk you through the job beforehand so you can see what it entails and feel comfortable in the role. We even have a Helping Hands book available that outlines the job in detail. In addition we have continued to streamline the job by implementing the use of an online signup site at signup.com. At this website, we list the areas of help and number of people needed to assist at an upcoming reception. The website automatically sends out a reminder to the volunteers prior to the reception. This system has been an enormous help in saving many coordination hours especially when we've had a large reception or simultaneous receptions.

Please contact us if you are interested in serving as a co-coordinator or in participating in the Helping Hands Ministry.

In His Service, Helping Hands Co-Coordinators
Marilyn Gardner Gail Baird

Caring



Mount Cross Cares

If you have or know of a need for:

Someone to go on the prayer chain;
 Someone who needs to have communion delivered to them;
 Someone who needs or would appreciate having a visit from the pastor;
 Some other form of support;
 Please call the church office with any needs
 (805) 482-3847.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Zach Abernathy, Janet Colby, John Colby, Rob Conant, Ketran Crutcher, Rita Downey (friend of Barbara D'Addario), **Family of Bill Emery, Steve Eng, Jo Holler, Joi Kendricks** (friend of Luanne Crockett), **Tom Koch** (nephew of Valerie Patscheck), **Cindy Moss** (sister of Carol Broderick), **Stan Patscheck,, Nancy Rowley, Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner), **Dale Speer** (father of Kim Schmeichel).

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805-482-3847.

Stewardship



Preparing the Soil

Welcome rains have come and many of the fall plantings are thriving. As is often the way with nature, the rain was unevenly distributed. For example, many of our nearby hills are carpeted with fresh green. In contrast others are barren and rocky; reminding us that recovery is incomplete. Through this year we will keep the care of our spiritual environment in mind and lift up our gifts striving for new life everywhere. Once again, the Stewardship team thanks you for your generosity of time and treasure.

Quarterly Statements by Email

With an updated software package in the office, our Financial Secretary is now able to email quarterly statements directly to you. If you would like to receive contribution statements by email, please contact Joan Brundage (jbrundage@mountcross.com) with your preferred email address.

Notes n News

Thank You

I would like to thank Don Hauser, Marilyn Gardner, Janet and Rick Mann who spend countless hours keeping the property around Mount Cross looking so nice. Chances are if you visit during the week, you'll find one of them out there working. We want you to know we appreciate you!

- The members of Mount Cross

To all my wonderful Mount Cross friends, Thank you for all of the get well and birthday cards. All of the cards were beautiful and very much appreciated.

- Evelyn Lacy



Many thanks to the Mount Cross members who donated money to purchase gift cards for our Hickory House Christmas Party. The residents were so appreciative and really enjoyed singing carols followed by cake, ice cream and gifts. Thanks to all who joined us to sing and give out the gifts (I think we enjoy this as much as they do). (see photo above).

-Mary Goodenough and Rita Carolan

From left to right: Sandy Fox, Mary Goodenough, Jean Scott, Kathleen Stevens, Carol Broderick, Barbara D'Addario and Rita Carolan.



Food Basket for February

Romans 14:13

Feb 3	Cereal
Feb 10	Pasta and/or Sauce
Feb 17	Cereal
Feb 24	Canned Meat

Flower Chart

The 2019 Altar Flower Chart is posted on the kiosk for those interested in giving flowers on Sunday mornings next year. The cost is \$35 per arrangement from the florist. Indicate your dedication on the chart or you can e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com.

The following dates are open: April 7, April 14, June 30, July 28, August 18, August 25, September 1, September 15, September 29, October 27, November 10, December 1, and December 22 .



Mount Cross Leadership Retreat Saturday at February 2, 9:30 AM

On Saturday, February 2, we will hold our annual Leadership Retreat. This is an event for Church Council, committee leaders and church staff . The morning sessions are devoted to small and large group discussions about the health and direction of our church. After lunch, the newly elected Church Council meets to get organized for the year ahead.

Please RSVP to the church office,
office@mountcross.com.

Service & Missions



tacklehunger.org

Mission of the Month: Souper Bowl of Caring

SM Whether you are rooting for the Patriots, the Rams, or the commercials, most of Mount Cross will probably be watching the Superbowl - and EATING. Let us remember those who do not have even a bowl of soup, on a day when many of us eat to excess. Bring a food item or some cash to church with you on February 3, and support the work of food pantries across the globe. Your food items will be donated to St. Columba's Food Pantry right here in Camarillo, and your cash donations will go to ELCA World Hunger to fight hunger around the world. No matter what happens with the game, if you start the day by giving a bit out of your abundance - everyone WINS!



Used Eyeglasses Collection

The Lions Club has given Mount Cross a collection box for used eyeglasses. If you have any old glasses rattling around your house, please bring them to church and put them in the box in the narthex. They work with optometrists around the world to rehab the glasses and provide them to people who otherwise could not afford glasses. Your clutter could be the gift of clear sight for a neighbor across the globe!

Save the Date - March 10

CROP Hunger Walk

The 36th Annual Camarillo Crop Hunger Walk is set for Sunday March 10 and will be hosted by Padre Serra Church. We walk, rain or shine, to help raise awareness and funds to help end hunger. This is a multi-denominational sponsored event with seven congregations signed up so. We need walkers, sponsors, and help with the registration table the day of the walk. Look for more information on the kiosk. Signups will start in mid February.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Fair Trade Monthly Sale: Chocolate

Chocolate has long been paired with Valentine's Day. Why? Tradition states that it was the food of the gods, and an aphrodisiac as well. Not a bad thing to give to your loved one... If you plan to give chocolate as a gift this year, **show your loved ones that you love them – and small scale chocolate farmers around the world.** Chocolate is big business, but for small cocoa farmers the benefits can be few. In the conventional market, small farmers and laborers have little control and are at the whim of buyers and the market. With fair trade chocolate, buyers guarantee small farmer cooperatives a stable and fair price, as well as a long-term relationship. By choosing fair trade chocolate bars, you help provide small farmers the resources and opportunities they need to produce excellent quality cocoa, as well as a better life for their families and communities. Chocolate (and other fair trade foods) is available for purchase on the patio the first Sunday of the month.

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time ... We are all God's children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world – just respond to people's needs ... We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.” - Mother Teresa

Fellowship

Mount Cross Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for:



Sunday, February 17 - 2:00 PM Matinee
Skyway Playhouse
330 Skyway Drive, Camarillo
Group rate tickets sold on the Patio: \$10/ea.

We have a 5:00 PM reservation at Lure for an early dinner after the play. If interested in joining us, please contact Valerie.



Valentine's Day Hospitality

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee
Sunday, February 10 on the Patio
Be sure to wear your hearts on your sleeves.



3D- Devotions, Discussion & Dessert Friday, February 1 at 1:30 PM

Join us for a time to learn about mindfulness and different types of meditation. We will have fellowship time with our monthly dessert potluck and then we will have our devotion on "Fear of the Future" from the book "Keep Calm and Trust God." We ask participants to come ready to share about any bible verses or passages that bring them comfort. We will then learn about different forms of Meditation from our Office Administrator Sheri Groenveld who leads our Monday afternoon Meditation group. She will teach us tools to help reduce stress reactivity, improve responses to stressors, and develop a greater sense of ease amidst life's instabilities. If you would like to come, but need a ride, please contact the church office. Please RSVP to office@mountcross.com.

Adult Education

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 AM at Denny's . This Bible study has changed days from Tuesday to Thursday. The Bible study is usually held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Wednesday Bible Study – 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Dinner is available following the Bible Study for a nominal donation.

The Sunday Adult Bible Class is at 11:10 a.m. Various books of the Bible and miscellaneous topics are discussed.

Meditation Mondays continue each Monday at 1:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We begin with a short reading and then meditate for 20 minutes.

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February Celebrations



Happy Birthday to...

1 Dan Nelson
Barbara Buenger
2 Chris Rebbe
4 Jan Beat
Rosanne Stevens
5 Brian Stouch
7 Sean Rose
Jessica Stoll
Bob Winters
Abbie Hobbs
8 Kevin Davis
10 Nathaniel Artuso
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Happy Anniversary to...Raimond & Gail Weed - February 21