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Pastor's Reflection



Dear members and friends,

I write this fall message to you reflecting on summer days of life at CCAV and life on vacation and study leave. I am grateful for the time to be away this past summer, enjoying time with family and friends and time to retreat in quiet, sacred spaces. At one of the retreat

centers I visited, there was a picture in the dining room with a reflection that read, “All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.”

This quote was framed with a picture of a lush mountain-side of wild flowers and young plants. It was an inspirational quote and picture to guide contemplation about how we approach life and new opportunities. Because I was in the setting of the Australian winter, people at our dining tables were talking about how they looked forward to winter ending and spring beginning. It was a cold, rainy winter in Sydney!

Even though I was still in “summer” mode and aware our next season in CA would be autumn, the quote was food for good thought about ways we plant seeds today in the form of life and hope and meaning that give flower for new life for tomorrow. Fall is a good time for us to be grateful for the summer harvest and the treasures we hold dear.

I was reminded of the teaching Jesus about what we treasure. From Matthew 6: 19–21 we read: *Don't pile up treasures on earth, where moth and rust can spoil them and thieves can break in and steal. But keep your treasure in Heaven where there is neither moth nor rust to spoil it and nobody can break in and steal. For wherever*

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your treasure is, you may be certain that your heart will be there too! (JB Philips Translation)

During my travels, I heard people speak again and again about their love for their churches and how they “treasured” their faith communities! It made me think of what we hold dear in our own church. We may have our ups and downs, our days of doubt and belief, but, mostly, we have the treasure of being the church and letting it fill our hearts with joy.

I look forward to sharing “fall” days with you to plant seeds at CCAV for the flowers that shall bloom for the future of our congregation. May we treasure the covenant we share to nurture life in the Spirit! We build on 50 years of planting seeds and of valuing the life we build in this faith community. Surely, we believe “God is still speaking!” Thank you for allowing me to share some of my thoughts; I look forward to hearing yours! As always, I thank you for your constant, faithful support of our life together.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Ann Michele Rogers Brigham

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Welcome Visitor!

Whether you're visiting with us because you're looking for a church, or accompanying a friend or family member, we bid you a hearty welcome!

We welcome all who would join us on our journey—for a day, a week or a lifetime—to discover who we are now and who we can become on this road of faith and inquiry.

We embrace our diversity of thought and scriptural understanding. We respect and honor all who seek to be in covenant with us as we share in the joys and responsibilities of our church family.

We are a warm and friendly bunch, but we're not perfect! So, if in our excitement to greet our church family members, we forget our manners, please talk to us, introduce yourself and ask us lots of questions! And if you want to dig deeper and learn more about our church, please visit us at:
www.CongregationalChurchOfAlmadenValley.org.

Moderator's Note



I have spent a large part of my summer exploring, uncovering, researching, and reading a lot about the history of our church in an effort to create a book of highlights for the last 50 years to celebrate our anniversary year. I have not regretted one second of the hours and hours I have spent on this project. I have read every church newsletter from the first publication back in 1965: *Every Single One!* I have read through countless minutes of Council meetings through the years.

As I read, I wanted to read more. As the history unfolded itself, the memories came flooding back for me. Good, bad, joyous, bittersweet, life, death, sickness, accomplishments, etc. etc. It was all there. Sometimes I laughed out loud and other times I wiped away tears as the recorded history revealed memories I had long forgotten. Because I am such a long time member of this church, many things came together for me as I read on. We have a rich and very interesting history, and I was privileged to spend the time reading about it.

I soon discovered that in many ways, our history is continually repeating itself. The congregation was divided in the early 1970s, causing Frank Jagers, our first pastor, to resign. The church went through a very difficult time with many members leaving, and we struggled financially and emotionally for a number of years. The resignation of each pastor in our history has created this same effect. Our congregation becomes divided, we become discouraged at the loss of members, we struggle financially, we have trouble finding enough people to keep our programs going, and things slow down. Then, miraculously, we pull together to keep things going, and we slowly begin to grow, and more importantly, to heal. The similarities in each situation are uncanny!

So what makes us able to pull together and create the change that is needed in order to continue to thrive? It is *always* the people. It is that wonderful, caring, family spirit and our desire to remain that way. It is our respect and love for each other, in spite of our differences. It is the essence of our very being. It is how our church was founded and that upon which it was built.

As Dolores Van Loucks explains in her history, *The First Twenty-Five Years*, *The first families quickly established community among themselves. From the beginning they shared the work, shared the problems, and shared themselves. Rev. Frank Jagers can be credited for much of*

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*this. His gift was his ability to free people to touch and to open themselves without fear of being hurt. His main message was, simply, love. In keeping with that message, at the first service, the small group of worshippers held hands to sing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” The first worship bulletin contained a quote from Monica Furlong, a poet: *The cure for Christians is to discover that Christianity is not about righteousness but about vulnerability, the tearing down of our pitiful human defenses until we can touch other people and be touched by them. In fact, by love.**

It is that love that keeps us together, and it is that love that will sustain us.

Blessings and joy to each of you! Thank you for being a part of my family.

Debbie Bemis

Joint Venture: 50 Years of Faith, Fellowship, and Family!

In going through church history, I found an informative and interesting article I wanted to share in the Kalos during this milestone year. The following is a portion of that article, which was written by Dolores Van Loucks, a member of AVUCC for many years. It was written back in 1983 for A.D magazine, an official publication of the United Church of Christ.

A Joint Venture: Two Churches Thrive

The name “Joint Venture” holds both a story of growing Christian community and a lesson about how two young churches survived and grew strong in a time when others were failing.

The story begins in the prune shed, a former prune-drying facility, which served as temporary quarters for the Almaden Valley United Church of Christ (AVUCC).

The AVUCC was young and small in 1967 but growing, and blessed with a special sense of fellowship. That spirit is an important part of the story, and it also characterized the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), an even younger church.

Both congregations understood that “church” means not just worship and hymns, but Christian fellowship in the deep, personal sense, which Paul enjoins in the Epistles.

When the ECA and the AVUCC agreed to share the prune shed, the arrangement was seen as a temporary convenience until permanent church homes were built on lots that each church already owned. Instead, although they didn’t realize it then, they were embarking on a sharing venture that would later play a significant role in their survival.

The relationship between the two young congregations was marked by cooperation. Church work was undertaken on a lend-a-hand basis. The fellowship within each congregation began to extend to the other, with the necessary components of tolerance and good humor.

By 1969, the AVUCC found itself with a new church building and a huge debt. The AVUCC needed help, the prune shed was to be torn down, and the ECA, far from ready for its own building program, would be left homeless.

The temporary arrangement was extended; the ECA moved into the new building, paying as rent part of the interest on the outstanding loans. Both congregations were satisfied that their ecumenical venture could endure.

Aware of the obvious financial benefits of their arrangement, the two congregations ratified a formal agreement in 1971. All assets and liabilities went into the same pot on a 50-50 basis, including the ECA’s unused lot.

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Thus, the Joint Venture (JV) came into being. A JV Council, composed of members of both churches and separate from each church's lay council, administers the building, plant, and joint programs, submitting its budget to both congregations for approval.

A new stage of the relationship now began, as in going from engagement to marriage. But this was more than a marriage of convenience. While neither congregation might have made it alone, the ties that bound had grown from the first tenuous approaches in the prune shed, to a solid, valued basis of joint church life. There were rough spots, but both churches were determined to persevere.

It was, and still is, an unusual experiment. The Joint Venture is not a community church. Other than an occasional joint service, each partner practices its historical traditions and maintains its denominational ties. Yet these two churches, with divergent traditions and practices, have created a vital Christian community. Both churches are committed to a course of mutual health and vitality.

What if there had been no Joint Venture? There were five mission churches funded in the UCC Northern California Conference in 1965. Three of them failed and one merged into a community church. The only one remaining is the joyful fellowship known as the Congregational Church in Almaden Valley, United Church of Christ, formerly known as the AVUCC.

How Kalos Got Its Name

Do you ever wonder how the *Kalos News* got its name? The following was in the October 1972 *Kalos News*—the first official one. The first newsletter of AVUCC was called *The Prune Shed Publication*. After we moved out of the prune shed and into our new building, our newsletter was unnamed for a period of time. They tried soliciting names from the congregation, but that was not successful.

Finally, Rev. Jack Takayanagi, who was minister at that time, came up with the name. He explained its significance in the first official *Kalos News* in October 1972.

The Story from Reverend Jack

Our editor [Dolores Van Loucks] told me that she had but very few responses for her request that our “newsletter” be given a name and be taken out of the “orphan” stage.

Looking for a name that is original and unique, i.e., not found on another monthly news-head, I suggested, *Kalos-News*. Kalos is Greek, and in the New Testament it means “good.” *Kalos-News* is Good-News. But it is much more than the general acceptance of a moral “good.” “Kalos” like so many words when translated into English, suffers the loss of the “height, depth, and width” of its meaning. Kalos means “beautiful” like the temple adorned with stone and gifts (St. Luke 5:21). Kalos means “noble” like Paul who said to “fight the good (noble) fight” (I Timothy 6:12). Kalos means “good” like the sower who went out and “sowed good seed” (St. Matthew 13:24).

It is the intent of the newsletter to bring into our homes the beautiful, the noble, and the good of the church's life and ministry; truly, the “Kalos-News.” All news is not always ‘good’ in the sense that we humans may conceive it, but when shared within the context and concern of love and hope and faith, it can and does become Kalos-News in that it can add beauty, nobility, and good to our lives. When we are better-informed people, our faith can be stronger and we too become the Kalos-New,” the “good news” of Christ to others. That is what it is all about being Christian.

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Music Notes

If you have been around this summer and coming to worship services, you have been able to enjoy some of the very special music we have had. Our Shalom Choir takes a well-deserved break during the summer months, and John Hawes arranges special music for each Sunday to take the place of the choir anthem. John is always able to find incredible talent within our congregation—some of it from people we all know and love to hear, and others from new people who delight us with their “hidden talent.” This year was no exception. The following people have provided us some very special music this summer:

- John Hawes, himself, singing in his beautiful tenor voice, accompanying himself with his guitar
- Dr. Kristal Kim, former JV music director, playing on the piano
- Lee Krahenbul, son of Charles and Janice, singing and playing his guitar a very special song he wrote himself
- Debbie Bemis, playing her flute with Maria Brodski accompanying
- Bart and Karen Smith, singing a beautiful duet together
- Gwen Hacker, singing a gorgeous piece with Maria Brodski accompanying on piano
- Hi Dong Chai singing in his beautiful baritone voice, accompanied by his talented wife Phyllis on piano
- Debra Newcomb, our newest member, singing a duet with her husband Randall while he accompanied on his guitar
- Dennis Elliott and Judy Martin singing a lovely duet together, accompanied by Debbie Bemis on flute and John Hawes on guitar
- And of course, our very own Folk Choir, under the capable direction of John Hawes
- And finally, let’s not forget Maria Brodski, our wonderful music director, who provides us music each week in a prelude, a postlude, and an offertory.

And, the summer isn’t officially over yet. There may be other special music out there to be discovered! We are indeed a very talented congregation. Remember, if you aren’t one of the musicians, your job is just as important. All performers need appreciative audiences!

Thanks to John Hawes for arranging such special music for us each week—and thanks to all for participating in this wonderful tradition every summer.

Debbie Bemis

Calendar

Worship

- Aug. 30 Rev. Dr. Christina Hutchins, a “daughter” of our church, will be our special guest preacher and our Folk Choir, Shalom Choir, and JV Handbell Choir will play. We’ll share an Anniversary Brunch/Coffee hour after the service.
- Sept. 6 Communion Sunday will be a wonderful way to end the 50th Anniversary Week, celebrating our work together with a service of Word and Sacrament.
- Oct. 4 World Communion Sunday—Guest Preacher is Rev. Diane Weible, NCNC Conference Minister! Come and meet Diane and share a special coffee hour to get to know her and her visions for Conference life.

Activities

First Sunday Roundtable—Every First Sunday we will have opportunity after Coffee Hour for Book Study/Discussion. We are reading the book *Credo* by William Sloane Coffin. Join us—no pre-reading necessary.

Birthdays and Anniversaries—On the last Sunday of each month, we have opportunity to announce our birthdays, anniversaries or other “joys” and share a prayer of blessing!

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Outreach—Next outreach meeting is Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. in the choir room.

JV Book Group—Book Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month (2nd Wed. for September) 5:15 at the Mandarin Gourmet. Below is the schedule through December:

- August—No meeting
- Sept. 9—Betty Benson, *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Jones Brown
- Oct. 21—Helen Emerson, *The 100 year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
- Nov. 18—Amy Griffith, *Shattered by the Wars but Sustained by Love* by Hi-Dong Chai
- December—No meeting

Quest—The Quest ladies group which meets in the choir room on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. will resume meeting on Wednesday September 9. The group will continue reading and discussing *Credo* by William Sloane Coffin.

Please know that you are welcome to join and do not need a book.

For questions please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150.

Lay Readers, Greeters/Coffee Hosts, Communion Servers—Don't forget to call the church office or contact Debbie Bemis if you would like to serve as reader, coffee hour host, greeter, or communion server. We welcome flower donations; please sign up on the JV Board for flowers or just bring in your bouquet to share with us. Thank you for volunteering to lead and giving so generously of time, talents and treasure!

CCAV Youth Confirmation Begins in September—Any youth interested in confirmation study can join

Pastor Michele after worship/coffee hour in her office on Sunday, September 13! We look forward to having the opportunity for youth to join together to study about what it means to become a member of church. The plan is for us to meet after coffee hour, on two Sundays each month. Rev. Michele will be ordering books soon for the class study.

Favorite Hymns—If you have a hymn request, favorite hymn or hymn for a special occasion in your life, just let Pastor Michele know so we can plan toward singing your request.

Joint Venture Church Sunday School—Every Sunday at 10:30.

AA Meeting—Every Tuesday 8:15–9:15 p.m. at our church.

Pastoral Calls/Visits—Remember to call Pastor Michele if you have need of a pastoral call or visit; she can be reached on her cell phone at 802-999-5694. Thank you!

Thank You—Rev. Ann Michele Rogers-Brigham says thank you to Rev. Debra Newcomb and Rev. Jaegeun Lee for being on call for pastoral emergencies while I was away this summer! And, thank you to our guest worship leaders who covered while I was away on vacation and study leave.

Thank you Dennis Elliott—for your inspiring sermon on Sunday, August 16! Dennis's sermon is on the church website if you'd like to read it. Thank you, Dennis, for your sharing.

50th Anniversary Celebration—August 29–30

CCAV 50th Anniversary Luau Dinner—Saturday, August 29, at 4:30 p.m. Come join us for our traditional “celebration luau!” There will be a social hour prior to the meal, with appetizers and drinks to enjoy, and entertainment planned for the evening. You are welcome to bring a

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beverage to share. Please bring any photos or memorabilia you would like to share about the past 50 years at CCAV, UCC.

Luau Setup Volunteers—Set-Up is Friday, August 28, at 10 a.m. Setup will take about two hours.

Food Prep Volunteers—Audrey will contact you with a time schedule. Thank you for volunteering!

Anniversary Brunch—CCAV is expecting over 70 members and friends to be joining us after August 30th church service.

JV Board: Volunteers Needed!

The JV Board needs a lot more help with organizing the care of the grounds and the building. You do not need to be a Board member to help with needs of the church. Contact Kathryn McAbee, or a JV Board member, if you have questions on how you can volunteer.

JV Board members are Kathryn McAbee, President, (we have no Vice President), Greg Yamanishi, Treasurer, Connie Moore, Secretary, Betty Benson, Member at Large, Kathy Mastre, Member at Large, John McPherson, Member at Large, Dennis Moran, Member at Large, Rev. Ann Michele Rogers-Brigham, CCAV,UCC Pastor, Mary McPherson, ECA Senior Warden

New Member Rev. Debra Newcomb

Welcome!

Rev. Debra Newcomb joined our congregation on August 16, 2015, in our 9 a.m. service of worship. We are glad to welcome Debra into full membership of our church. She transfers her membership letter from the New Joy Community Church, UCC, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We thank Connie and Mike Moore for being her sponsors and our CCAV Membership Committee (Risa Feely, Dave Harris and Debbie Bemis) for being present to give sup-

port to her as she experiences her first year of membership. You can read what Debra said as a way of introduction to herself:

Hello CCAV!

I grew up in a home where faith was a choice, not a demand, so I was 21 before I became a follower of Christ. I've spent the last almost forty years moving through various denominations, from Southern Baptist where I began, through UCC where I have membership, and Progressive Christian Alliance where I am ordained. I was raised to believe certain things that becoming a Christian didn't change—things about the equality of all people, strength in our differences, and the value of dialogue to get to know a person's story, among other things. I needed to move through these denominations to not only find a place where what I believe felt at home, but also to find a voice. I wanted to know if these things were true, not just because I said so, but because God said so. I also wanted to know what else does God have to say to me and others, and how can I best be a part of sharing what I learn.

To that end, I became a pastor a little over a year ago. Though I have been waiting to use my pastoral gifts, I have found other things to do that make use of these skills. Currently I volunteer in hospice care—not as a chaplain, just as a companion. I also sing in the Threshold Choir, which sings for the dying, those in comas, for newborns, and others on the thresholds of life. I also am the primary caretaker for my 27-year-old daughter. These caregiving opportunities are not a hardship to me, but rather they are a joy.

I spent most of my adult years as a stay-at-home parent raising my son and daughter, and helping to nurture the children of others in one way or another. By my side has been my husband of 35 years, and we are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren. We have also been the caretakers of assorted dogs, cats, and guinea pigs, believing in the circle of life of all God's creatures.

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I look forward to making a life with CCAV, and hope I can be of service to all who enter here. May what I believe and the gifts God gives me be a blessing and a joy to you all.

Blessings,
Rev. Debra Newcomb, MABT, CAPS

New Office Manager Ruthanne Adams Martinez

Welcome !

Ruthanne is a native of Almaden. She's been with JV churches for seven years in the role of Handbell Director and is excited to add on this new position. She has an accounting and musical background. She is an excellent harpist, which she plays professionally throughout the Bay Area. Her passions include art, writing, dancing, and many outlets of music. Ruthanne lives with her husband, Joe.

JV office hours are Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Outreach

Shelter Feeling

Our congregation continues to serve the evening meal on the third Tuesdays of each month at Julian St. Inn and Commercial St. Inn. Because of varied reasons, getting volunteers has become increasingly more of a challenge. Two servers are needed to go to J.S.I. and one to C.S.I. Additionally, banana Jell-O is prepared at the church after our service on the Sunday prior to the feeding. If you are able to help serve, drive, or on the Sunday, please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150. Our volunteer help is greatly appreciated by InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN) and by the recipients of our gifts.

Backpacks

InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN) as well as the children at C.S.I. (Commercial St. Inn) and The Villa were very

grateful to receive our monetary gifts toward purchasing backpacks/school supplies during the summer. We're grateful too, to Mike Moore who delivered our contributions. Thank you!

Beneficio Coffee

For six years our J.V. churches have served Beneficio More Than Fair Trade Coffee.

The small company is owned by Betty "Jinxi" Allen, a UCC member in the Sacramento area where the beans are roasted. Small farmers in Costa Rica are paid ahead for the beans, as well as being given 20% of the net profits for farm and community development, to create sustainability for their farms, further develop their communities, and enhance education and health services. A 12-oz. bag of beans (ground or not, as preferred) sells for \$10.50. To purchase the coffee is to be a partner in the Beneficio mission, unlike an ordinary for-profit coffee company. There is typically a cup for free-will donations at our coffee service area to offset the cost to our Joint Venture. Enjoy! For questions, or to purchase Beneficio, please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150.

Neighbors in Need Offering

On Sunday October 4, World Communion Sunday, we will dedicate our Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering, one of our four yearly U.C.C. special offerings. This offering supports the ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. One-third of the funds supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM); two-thirds is used by the U.C.C. Justice and Witness (JWM) Ministries to support a variety of initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Let us prayerfully consider what we are led to share in this upcoming special offering.

Women's Retreat

The annual Fall women's retreat sponsored by the Disciples of Christ, with U.C.C. women being especially welcomed, will be held at the Mission Springs Retreat Center

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in Scott's Valley from Friday September 25–Sunday, September 27. This year's theme will be "Dancing into the Divide." For more information, please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150.

NCNC Church Day

The next NCNC Church Day will be on Saturday, October 24, at the Congregational Church of San Mateo from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. It will be an opportunity to worship and appreciate fellowship with U.C.C. members in our Conference, share lunch together, and attend various workshops. To carpool, please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150.

NCNC Annual Gathering

The Annual Gathering of our NCNC from Thursday, June 11–Sunday, June 14, did not at all disappoint! Held for the first time on the lovely Sonoma State University campus in Rohnert Park, it was a time to renew friendships, meet new folks, participate in special and creative worship services, attend wonderful workshops (one on church music led by Dr. Barbara Hamm and another minister of music friend of hers), participate in glorious early morning Taize singing, led by Barbara, vote on issues (such as our Conference to become a Jubilee Church) as a delegate from our congregation, and appreciate eating (not cooking!) in the school cafeteria. I highly recommend putting the dates on one's 2016 calendar and planning now in the budget to attend. Guaranteed, you won't be sorry!

Phyllis Chai

Christian Education

In reality there doesn't seem to be much down time in the Christian Education area at our church. As fast as we get one program completed we are well underway planning the next and our year's cycle goes pretty fast. Our VBS program started our summer off in a big way, "Let's

Rock!" And that we did. We had an amazing week with 30 children, 7 fabulous teen counselors, an unbelievable number of fantastic adult teachers and helpers, another group of great support staff supplying homemade items for snacks, shopping for supplies and materials for the week, and so much more. What a wonderful church community you are to support and encourage our children's programming. Special thanks to members of your community who helped in some manner with our program, Betty Benson, Phyllis Chai, Pat McGarvin, Toh-Bee Sun, and Kelly Yamanishi.

Our "climbing wall" was a great culmination to our week and was offered as a neighborhood event. Our campers made special invitations to invite their friends and neighbors, plus we publicized it electronically through "Next Door." The afternoon with the climbing wall was open to all ages and included a BBQ, face painting, and lots of opportunities to sit and chat and make new friends. Of course, the 25-foot climbing wall was the highlight. It was special to see children try a little, be a bit scared, then try it again, and again, and again, each time going higher and then be so proud of their accomplishment. I am proud to admit "I did it!" Yes, all the way to the top to ring the bell.

After a short respite I started making plans for a special program during the fall school break this year. This program, highlighting St Francis, will be only two days, October 1 & 2 (Thursday and Friday) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will follow it up with a special neighborhood event on Saturday, October 3, for a Saturday Worship Experience and a blessing of the animals. I am arranging for some very special guests to meet the children and share their animal experiences with them. This celebration will include a "vegetarian" pot luck, salads and desserts. Again we will be publishing this widely and hope to meet many new families from our neighborhood. I hope many of you will join us.

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Sunday School will begin on Labor Day Weekend. We will be using a new curriculum that comes out this year, Deep Blue. We are using the “One Room School House” version for ages four to 12. It provides different supportive materials for the different age levels for the Bible story for each week. Again I want to thank Kelly Yamani & her girls, Hannah and Alison, from your community who are shepherds for Dana Renfand when she teaches.

If you have visited either our preschool room or our learning center in the last months you may have noticed the addition of some new student chairs, “little blue chairs.” We have replaced our older chairs with these that are easy to keep clean and stack nicely for storage when we need to convert our rooms for other events and usage. We are grateful to the many individuals in our church community who donated specifically to make the purchase of these chairs possible.

What’s next? I look forward to where the Holy Spirit will lead.

In your faithful service
Susie Ferguson

Kalos Publication

Please remember you may take a copy of our *Kalos* Newsletter home each month if you are not reading on line. It is located along with other UCC info on the wall to the left of the sanctuary entrance.

Kalos appears on the CCAVUCC website and in a few printed copies for those who request a mailing. If you would like *Kalos* to be sent to your home, please contact Sue Scaff (sscaff@sbcglobal.net or 960-4452).

We encourage you to share stories and inspirations in our newsletter! Tell us about your experiences, your reflections, your hopes for the church, anything of interest to the community that you would like to share. Send us images, poems, links for our Inspiration section. We want to hear from you!

To submit an article, send it by the 15th of the month to kalos@ccavucc.org. *Kalos* editors are Sue Scaff, Kathryn McAbee and Risa Feely.

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