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*Welcome Rev. Seth Wispelwey*

Dear Church Family,

As you may have heard, Rev. Seth Wispelwey has accepted the role of Interim Pastor. Rev. Seth will be joining us on Sunday, August 11th. Please join us in providing a warm welcome to Rev. Seth, his wife Rev. Tracy Howe Wispelwey, and their daughter Sasha. We look forward to having them join us!



Our Congregational Life Ministry Team will be hosting a welcome reception in honor of Rev. Seth. The reception will immediately follow our worship service on Sunday, August 11th.

A big thank you to all who helped ensure that the church was in good (and God's) hands over the summer. Many of our congregation stepped up to provide pastoral care, thought provoking sermons, and guidance in running the church while our search committee worked diligently to find the right candidate.

We will continue our summer worship service schedule through the month of August. We look forward to seeing you at 10am on Sundays.

Blessings in Christ,

*Nancy*

Nancy Congdon

Director of Church Administration

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**Shelter Volunteer Appreciation**  
Saturday, August 24th  
12:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall



### Worship on the Mountain

On Sunday, July 21, twenty-five people gathered on Mt. Lemmon to praise the Creator and revel in creation, to partake of Communion, and to share a picnic meal together. The group included 13 guests from Chestnut Hill United Church in Philadelphia, whose pastor, Rev. Linda Noonan, is our own Diane Pothast's sister. They were here to see and learn about the borderlands and immigration issues. Their church is actively involved in creation care activities in their area, and they enjoyed and added vitality to our worship that morning. And the 12 of us from RUCC were a vibrant part of the congregation, as well.

The RUCC Creation Care team will be planning future outdoor worship services and other outdoor activities that will continue to nurture our love of creation and enhance our sense of unity with all God's good creation. We'll keep you posted!

In the meantime, Creation Care ministry will take a hiatus in August, a sabbath month of rest, a siesta, from planning and conducting activities. We pray that all of you find rest and renewal as you "consider the birds of the air and the lilies of the field", as you revel in the beauty that is our desert homeland, remembering all those humans and animals and plants that have and now also call this land "home."

Peace,  
Rev. Karen MacDonald

Your Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team appreciates your solid financial support of Rincon Congregational Church's ministry and programs through the first half of 2019. Income is meeting expectations and thanks to extra individual effort we are reducing expected expenditures.



Status of operating funds At the year's halfway point we contributed \$156,877 toward a plan of \$156,947 helped by your support of the Bridge Pastor Fund (BPF) which stands at \$18,000. Pledged receipts are about four percent ahead of target. Expenditures amounted to \$171,567 for the same period. Our year-to-date deficit is \$14,690, which is less than expected. Our unrestricted general fund reserve for operations is \$123,927.

Besides the BPF donors, please thank those ordained members who provide dedicated pastoral service while we await the arrival of our selected interim minister, and those musicians that perform each Sunday with the help of Dr. Tentser, Rich Smith and Dave Buss.

There are several things we can all do to help ensure solid future for Rincon and its ministries: continue to promote among our associates the marvelous work of Rincon in the community, invite people to come and worship with us, and note that friends can make a financial contribution to those efforts on the RinconUCC.org website.

Rincon Migrant Shelter The Shelter, under the leadership of Sarah Reed, has received year-to-date contributions and grants of \$19,204 against expenditures of \$16,311, for a net reserve increase of \$2,893. This doesn't account for the many in-kind gifts such as food, clothing, toiletries that the congregation and community has provided. Many thanks to the hands that care for these hopeful people.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & GATHERINGS



**Primavera Meal Prep**— Primavera Meal Prep will be **Tuesday, August 27th** at 2:30pm. Volunteers prepare a meal in the Rincon kitchen for the Catalina House transition housing unit run by Primavera. The meal is delivered to the Catalina House by a volunteer. For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Geiger at 520.529.6223.



**Refreshment Hosts**— By preparing & serving simple treats and beverages after worship we provide the opportunity to visit with one another and welcome guests. New volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Ann Geiger 520.529.6223



**Casa Maria Feeding Program**—Every four weeks we purchase supplies and make about 1,600 sandwiches for the Casa Maria Free Soup Kitchen. **August 3rd at 8:00 AM.** A soup-making volunteer is also need on each Sunday following each Saturday sandwich making date. This task is completed at the Casa Maria soup kitchen. For more information contact Judy Hubbard at 520.790.8471.



Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

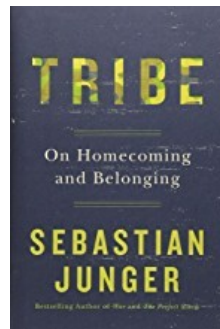
**Hospitality**  
**We Need Your Help!**

Our Hospitality Project has been very successful. However, we need everyone to help this project continue to be a success. **The 4:00-8:00 p.m. shift needs more coverage and dinner with guests is included.** Families welcome. For more info: Ginger Taylor 337-281-0187 / [ginger-halespassage@gmail.com](mailto:ginger-halespassage@gmail.com) or Diane Po-thast ([dpothast@msn.com](mailto:dpothast@msn.com)).



If you would like to help with the shelter, please see Sarah Reed or call the shelter at 520.342.7466.

**A COMPANY OF READERS**



Rincon's book group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in a participant's home. **The August 26<sup>th</sup> book selection is Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger.** Meeting place: TBD. Contact Ann Geiger at (520) 529-6223.



**Hatha Yoga**  
**Mondays at 5:30PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**Diversity Toastmasters**  
**First three Wednesdays**  
**6pm in Room 1A**





**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

10:00AM in the Sanctuary

**SPREAD THE WORD**

Like us!  
Share us!

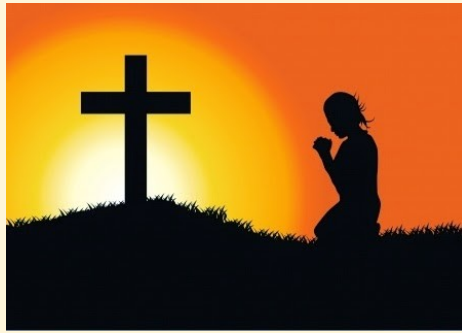
<https://www.facebook.com/RinconCongregationalUCC>

And also be sure to check out our website: <http://www.rinconucc.org/>

**WELCOME**

Rev. Seth Wispelwey will be joining Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ as our Interim Pastor as of August 11th. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Seth and his family to our congregation.

**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS**



**ON-GOING CARE**

- Jean Bronson
- Hal Gilbert
- Larry Schloss
- Carl Schroer
- Lucille Habeck's daughter (Diana)
- Minta Keyes' brother (Jon)
- Joann Metzger's daughter (Kay)
- Barbara Minnella's son (David)
- Susan Roger's daughter (Angela)
- Beth Shelby's sister (Carol)

**REHAB**

- Lee Keaton



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 8/1 Karen MacDonald
- 8/1 Craig Sale
- 8/5 Laurie Fransway
- 8/5 Fred Pace
- 8/5 Mike Elder
- 8/7 Sam Merson
- 8/8 Debbie Curtis
- 8/12 Judy Fischer
- 8/18 Jerry Agnew
- 8/18 Myra Hall
- 8/19 David Shirk
- 8/20 Spencer Thorn
- 8/20 Jen Thorn
- 8/25 Maxine Franz
- 8/31 Arnie Snover
- 8/31 Mike Holmberg



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8/2 Donna & Allan Harrison
- 8/5 Shawn & Beth Shelby
- 8/7 Mike & Cathy Holmberg
- 8/15 Bob & Phyllis Klingenfus
- 8/20 Ann & Bob Brittain
- 8/25 Erik & Linda Johnson
- 8/27 Dave & Fran Buss
- 8/28 Minta & Kevin Keyes

**Nursery Attendants:**  
Ashley Kendrew and Kathy Kolmer

Children are an important part of our community and are encouraged to remain in worship with their families. Child care is available in Rooms 7/8 during both worship services.

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God is still speaking.  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat****2019**

4	10:00am Worship	5	5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Room 10 Rented	6	9:30am Alzheimer's Group 7:30pm Al-Anon	7	6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters	8	3:30pm CL 5:30pm Band 6:00pm TransParents	9	7:00pm COSNA	10	11:00am TransParents 1:00pm S&F
11	10:00am Worship 11:00am Welcome Reception 12:00pm Faith Development	12	5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Room 10 Rented	13	5:00pm JAWM 6:00pm Personnel 7:30pm Al-Anon	14	5:30 pm WM&A 6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters 6:30 pm B&G	15	5:30pm Band	16	7:00pm COSNA	17	
18	10:00am Worship	19	5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Room 10 Rented 7:00pm Reveille	20	9:30am Alzheimer's Group 7:30pm Al-Anon	21	10:30 am C-2-C 6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters 7:00pm Desert Voices	22	5:30pm Band 7:00pm Reverb	23	7:00pm COSNA	24	12:00pm Volunteer Appreciation
25	10:00am Worship 11:15am Council	26	5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Room 10 Rented 7:00pm A Company of Readers 7:00pm Reveille	27	2:30pm Primavera 7:30pm Al-Anon	28	7:00pm Desert Voices	29	5:30pm Band 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Reverb	30	6:00pm Maria Ferraz 7:00pm COSNA	31	8:00am Casa Maria 6:30pm Maria Ferraz