



The Weekly Chalice

June 11th 2026

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This week I was invited to be the guest of my friend Vonda, at the Grunewald Guild for week one of their summer program entitled *Resonance*. The Grunewald Guild is a space for exploring faith through art and this week has been such a gift. As I am continuing to explore the ordinary in these not so ordinary times, I wanted to share some images from the week. The class Vonda is teaching, of which I get to participate, is mandala making. You'll see my mandala here that I created with two colors of watercolor paint: undersea green and gold. The other photos are from around the guild. God's love and presence has resonated with me in such wonderful ways this week as I have enjoyed ordinary, extraordinary moments. I hope you too are finding God in the ordinary and that those moments are life-giving and inspiring. -Rochelle+





And the Table Will Be Wide A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

When our Congregation went through the process of becoming an open and affirming church, we spent time creating a statement of welcome which is shared below to remind us that *welcome* is not just words on a page, but an intentional and sometimes hard-fought act we are invited to live everyday.

Prayer is central to our faith as we seek to know and understand more about and connect to the living God. In prayer we seek to make meaning, express our deepest longings, and ask for the strength to listen for God and God's calling in our life. Because of this, we seek to frame our statement of welcome as a prayer—praying for God's guidance as we live into that every expanding circle of God's inclusivity and love.

We the people of Sumner First Christian Church state that our community is open and affirming of all people, irrespective of age, creed, ability, status, race, gender, sexual orientation, or expression. Our community is open to all people for safety in exploring their spiritual lives and fully participating in this community.

Because we are also a people of the table—drawn to Commune with Christ weekly where with diverse groups we find sustenance, fellowship, and remembrance of God's love in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup—we frame this declaration with the prayer of blessing *And the Table will be Wide for World Communion Sunday* by writer, theologian and artist, Jan Richardson.

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.
And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.
And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.
And we will open our hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.
And we will become bread
for a hungry world.
And we will become drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.
— Jan Richardson



Join us for a freedom and democracy service and picnic potluck on Sunday, June 28th. Look for a sign up and plan on bringing your favorite picnic treat to share!



We will have a brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 28th following worship to vote on our proposed slate of nominees for church leadership and our proposed 2026-2027 budget.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 pm AA	2 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	3 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	4 12:00 pm AA 5:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm GA	5 12:00 pm Cup of Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	6 12:00 pm AA
7 10:30 am Worship Service Senior Sunday during worship honoring <u>Viola, Keeva, Sammy</u> Board Meeting after Service	8 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	9 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	10 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	11 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	12 12:00 pm AA	13 12:00 pm AA
14 10:30 am Worship Service	15 12:00 pm AA	16 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	17 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	18 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	19 Juneteenth 12:00 pm AA 12:30 pm Youth Group, Craft 19	20 12:00 pm AA
21 Father's Day 10:30 am Worship Service	22 12:00 pm AA	23 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	24 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	25 12:00 pm AA 6:00 pm Book Club via Zoom 7:00 pm GA	26 12:00 pm AA	27 12:00 pm AA
28 10:30 am Worship Service Congregation Meeting Freedom & Democracy Sunday & Potluck	29 12:00 pm AA	30 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA				

2026-2027 Church Officer Nominations

Board Chair/Elder Representative: Kris K.
Vice Chair: Bob I.
Treasurer: Melanie R.
Secretary: Kathy H.
Deacon Representative: Colleen C.
Elders: Kris K., Robin C., Kathy H., John R. & Debbie I.
Deacons: Melanie R., Colleen C., Lauralee I., Rhiannon S., Camille S.



Pastor Rochelle would like know where you are from, meaning, where did your ancestors migrate from (if known). A lot of detail is not necessary, but if you could let Pastor Rochelle (Pastor@sumnerfcc.org) know by June 24th, the information will be incorporated into the service on June 28th.