

CCSM Fundraising Event
2023-2024

Pick-A-Party List of Parties and Auctions 2023-2024

Almost 26 years ago the idea for this wonderful concept began – where you can fill your social calendar with wonderful parties and gatherings to enjoy the fellowship of church friends while simultaneously supporting the church financially. They are also a perfect fit for our "Connect and Celebrate" Ministry efforts.

The following pages are the party and silent auction offerings for 2023-2024. Many thanks to the host(s) offering their time, talent and treasures to make this possible. During the next few weeks we invite you to look over this list and make personal notes to help you prioritize your choices. Because this is a fundraiser, parties and silent auction items are priced to help support the financial goals of CCSM.

On **Sunday, November 12th**, promptly at 9:45am, we will drop the ribbon in Kloss Hall and permit everyone to walk around the room to sign up for the parties or auction items of their choice. Remember – first come, first serve (but each party will maintain a wait list). You will obtain a receipt and pay a cashier (don't forget your cash or checkbook). Sign-ups will continue AFTER worship service as well.

Proxies are permitted – and in fact encouraged – for anyone who cannot come to church on November 12. Just arrange with another church friend/contact to do your party picking. A second chance for sign-ups will occur after church a week later on November 19.

We hope you enjoy this year's Pick-a-Party. See you November 12th at 9:45am sharp in Kloss Hall.

Sincerely,
Sandy McNabb, Diane Kalliam, Michele Merfeld Hale, Mike Harris, Nancy and Jerry Nugent, Sue Bullis



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LET THE FUN BEGIN!

No. 1 **Cribbage + Dessert** $40/person

# Guests	10
Date:	Friday November 17, 2023
Time:	7:00pm
Place:	Home of Jim and Alison Schwandt
Host:	Jim and Alison Schwandt

Join us for a fun evening of cribbage! Dessert will be served. All levels of cribbage players are welcome.

Notes:

No. 2 **Bowling Fun** $15/person

# Guests	4 is minimum; 11 is maximum
Date	Sunday December 3, 2023
Time	1:30pm
Place	Bell Mateo Bowl, 4330 Olympic Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403
Hosts:	Rev. Sheryl Johnson

Join Sheryl for a fun afternoon of bowling at Bel Mateo Bowl. All ages are welcome! A special dessert treat will be provided. Bowling shoes are included!

Notes:

No. 3 **49er's Game Viewing Party** $35/person

# Guests	15
Date:	Sunday, December 3, 2023
Time:	1:30pm
Place:	CCSM Buckham Room
Host:	Austin and Margie Mader-Clark

Join other CCSM fans to watch the 49er's play the Eagles and cheer them to victory. Wear your best 49er's apparel!

Notes:

No. 4 **Afternoon with Rev. Alvaro** $30/person

# Guests	12
Date	Sunday January 7, 2024
Time	3:00pm
Place	Home of Julien Phillips and Susan Stoddard-Phillips
Hosts	Elvia Delgado and Oscar Acuña are co-hosts with Susan Stoddard-Phillips and Julien Phillips

Join us for an afternoon of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation with our featured guest, Rev. Álvaro Durán. Rev. Álvaro - warm, humorous, loving - grew up in a violent, deeply conflicted country. He has a fascinating Anglo-Salvadoran background, is an Episcopal priest in a country of Catholics and Evangelicals, a rare 'out' clergy person and activist in a dangerously homophobic society.

Notes:

No. 5 **Civil War History Party** $50/person

# Guests	8
Date	Friday January 19, 2024
Time	6:00pm
Place	Home of Phil Lind and Betsy Woodward
Hosts	Phil Lind and Betsy Woodward

Calling Civil War enthusiasts - read a few authentic Civil War Soldiers' Letters written in the 1860's, look at Muster Rolls of several soldiers, enjoy a dinner meal with foods "foraged" from the surrounding area. Hard Tack included. Bring any Civil War memorabilia you have to share with others.

Notes:

No. 6 **Quilting Bee** $35/person

# Guests	10
Date	Saturday January 20
Time	3:00pm
Place	CCSM Buckham Room
Host	Susan Bell

Come enjoy fellowship and creativity. You will trace, cut, sew, press and assemble a quilt top to be donated to the Welcome Blanket project. Susan will supply the pattern, fabric, thread, sewing machines, irons, and DESSERT. No prior experience necessary -- you can do as little or as much as you'd like.

Notes:

No. 7 **An Inside Look at Housing** $35/person

# Guests	12
Date	Saturday February 3, 2024
Time	10:30am-1:00pm
Place	400 El Camino in Menlo Park (visitor parking on site)
Host	Chris Wuthmann and Alison Rock

An Inside Look at Housing is for those interested in the challenge of providing new community housing. You will take a tour through a new 215-unit transit-oriented apartment project in Menlo Park with Chris Wuthmann, who develops faculty and staff housing at Stanford University. You'll get a first-hand look at the issues involved in creating new workforce housing, and finish with a light sandwich or salad lunch in the project's beautiful Community Room. A lively Q&A and discussion about housing justice will complete the time together.

Notes:

No. 8 **Casavant Love Organ Concert** $30/person

# Guests	10 minimum/ 35 maximum
Date	Saturday February 10
Time	4:00pm
Place	CCSM – Chancel and Buckham Room
Hosts	Diane Kalliam and Angela Kraft Cross

Come enjoy a beautifully performed concert in the chancel by CCSM's talented organist, Angela Kraft Cross, followed by a time of fellowship and fun. Fancy appetizers, chocolate truffles and wonderful wine will all be part of this lovely experience.

Notes:

No. 9 **Cook the Part – Dinner in Athens** $100/person

# Guests	10
Date	Saturday February 10, 2024
Time	7:00pm
Place	Home of Renato and Lauri Floresca
Host	Renato and Lauri Floresca

"Cook the Part" is delicious, interactive, fun team cooking! Together we will create and enjoy a fabulous Greek dinner, complete with appetizers, salad, lamb and chicken entrees, and dessert, with plenty of fine wine to keep us entertained. We will work in small groups but create everything together. No fancy chef skills required! Come for a memorable evening of hands-on cooking while enjoying the camaraderie of the group and a phenomenal gourmet dinner.

Notes:

No. 10 **An Afternoon with Schubert and Schumann** $25/adult; $10/12-18 yrs.

# Guests	12
Date	Saturday February 24, 2024
Time	3:00-pm
Place	Home of Mary Ann Notz
Hosts	Laura Peterhans and Mary Ann Notz

An Afternoon starring Schubert and Schumann. A chance to get acquainted with some of their piano or instrumental works at the home of Mary Ann Notz. She and her co-hostess, Laura Peterhans, will serve German Kuchen and Kaffee. You need not be a performer, just a music lover. Plus special games with prizes!

Notes:

No. 11 **Lasagna Lover's Dinner** $100/person

# Guests	6
Date	Saturday February 24, 2024
Time	6:00pm
Place	Home of Doug and Carol Henton
Hosts	Doug and Carol Henton

An evening of appetizers, scrumptious homemade lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, carrot cake and fine wine. Lively, fun conversation around the dining room table.

Notes:

No. 12 **Euchre Card Game and Appetizers** $30/person

# Guests	10
Date	Saturday March 9, 2024
Time	4:00-6:00pm
Place	Rey Residence
Hosts	Kim and Javi Rey

Come and show off your euchre skills or learn to play this fun card game. You play with a partner against another pair. We'll have appetizers.

Notes:

No. 13 **Brunch and Hike for All Ages** $5/17 and younger; $15/adults

# Guests	20 (energetic children welcome)
Date	Saturday March 16, 2024
Time	9:30am
Place	Home of Laura Peterhans
Hosts	Laura Peterhans

German Brunch at Laura's house with an optional nature walk to Water Dog Lake in the Belmont Open Space.

Notes:

No. 14 **Irish Afternoon Hooley (Party)** $50/person

# Guests	12
Date	Sunday March 17, 2024
Time	2:00pm-5:00pm
Place	Home of Mike and Sue Hill
Hosts	O'Mike and O'Sue

Celtic Music, Eats, Drinks, Storytelling, Shamrocks and Shenanigans. Don't forget to wear green!

Notes:

No. 15 **Lasagna Dinner with Music and Cannoli Races** $125/person

# Guests	12
Date	Saturday March 23, 2024
Time	6:30pm
Place	Home of Sue Bullis
Hosts	Sue Bullis, Sandy McNabb, David Loughhead

Sue is well known for her delicious Italian Lasagna, which she and Sandy (and David as sous chef) will serve with appetizers, salad, bread, fine wine, and dessert. You will also be treated to a wonderful and unique listening experience provided by HeartStrings Music - best described as "an expressive mandolin and heartwarming guitar that

transports listeners to romantic places and special memories." The evening will end with the famous (infamous?) cannoli assembly challenge. Buon Appetito! (NB: this meal, though delicious, is not gluten-free or vegetarian.)

Notes:

No. 16 **CCSM Bocce Ball Smash** $15/person; $25/family

# Guests	16
Date	Saturday April 6, 2024
Time	2:00-4:00pm
Place	Beresford Park, San Mateo
Hosts	Kathy and Tony Gallo; Alison and Jim Schwandt

Are you ready to roll? Grab your bocce balls and let's bocce! Join us at Beresford Park in San Mateo. To play and enjoy bocce ball, all you need is two good arms (or one if you'd like a beverage or snack while playing). The object is for one or more of the balls your team throws to be closer than any of your opponents' balls to the Pallino (the target). The first team to score 11 points wins! We hope you can join us. Bocce balls, drink and snack included.

Notes:

No. 17 **Hike at Huddart Park** $25/person

# Guests	6 minimum/12 maximum
Date	Saturday April 27, 2024
Time	8:30am
Place	Huddart Park, Woodside CA
Hosts	Carol Henton

Join Carol for a delightful 4.7 mile hike at Huddart Park in Woodside. Huddart has both redwood and fir forests. We can carpool from San Mateo or you can meet us there at 9am. Lunch of sandwiches, fruit and sweet treat provided. You carry your own water.

Notes:

No. 18 **Rock Hounder's Delight – Pebble Pups Welcome** $50/family

# Guests	3 children with at least 1 parent/guardians - limit of 6 children with parent/guardians
Date	Saturday April 20, 2024
Time	5:00pm
Place	Home of Betsy and Phil Woodward
Hosts	Betsy Woodward and Phil Lind

Betsy and Phil invite children and their parent to pick a geode from their "stock", watch it be sliced open with a rock saw - then it will be ground smooth and polished for a child's lifetime enjoyment. Dinner included along with an opportunity to learn about rocks, fossils, and agates. All children will get a simple "rock journal".

Notes:

No. 19 **Book Lover's Luncheon** $40/person

# Guests	12
Date	Saturday May 4, 2024
Time	11:00am-2:00pm
Place	Home of Carole Melis
Hosts	Sandy McNabb and Carole Melis

Are you looking to expand your reading horizons? Do you delight in discovering a new author or book series? If so, this party is for you. Come with a recommendation of the best book you have read recently, along with a brief explanation of its merits. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch and talk books. Not only will you gain a new group of book-loving friends, you will leave with a list of recommended books to carry you through the spring and beyond.

Notes:

No. 20 **High Tea** $50/person

# Guests	8
Date	Saturday May 11, 2024
Time	3:00-4:30pm
Place	Home of Pearly Masters
Hosts	Pearly Masters

Enjoy an English High Tea. Indulge in a spread of dainty sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, savory croissants, and other treats. Of course, there will be varied teas and drinks for every palette.

Notes:

No. 21 **Swimming and Snacking in the Summertime**

$30 per Family/$15 per Couple/$10 per Person

# Guests	40
Date	Saturday May 18, 2024
Time	1:30-4:00pm
Place	Home of Fred Tileston and Nancy Lane
Hosts	Fred Tileston, Nancy Lane, Candy Nagare, Tony and Kathy Gallo

Bring—Yourselves and Towels
Snacks Galore & Soft Drinks—Ice Tea, Lemonade, Soda
Why—Lots of fun relaxing and swimming!!!

Notes:

No. 22 **Burning Man – What is it? Discussion & BBQ** $35/person

# Guests	30
Date	Saturday June 22, 2024
Time	7:00pm-11:00pm (ish)
Place	The Home of Dave and Megan Goulden
Hosts	Dave and Megan Goulden

Have you ever wondered what draws 70,000 people to the barren desert each year for Burning Man? Yes, it's a fun party, but it's much deeper than that. It's a celebration of art and creativity as well as a radical experiment in community building that has surprising

parallels to Jesus' teaching. Come to learn more about this phenomenon while enjoying a backyard BBQ with tri-tip, chicken, or salmon. Vegan options also available. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages provided. At your option, experience a bit of the Burning Man ethos of Radical Self-Expression (by coming in costume) and Gifting (by sharing a gift with the group).

Notes:

No. 23 **The "Bakery Hop"** $50/person

# Guests	10
Date	Thursday July 18, 2024
Time	7:00am-2:00pm
Place	Meet at CCSM
Hosts	Michele Merfeld Hale and Sandy McNabb

Enjoy time with friends to eat and buy some of San Francisco's delicious pastries, pies, cakes and more. We will meet at the church to carpool and visit four bakeries with lunch at the last stop. Starting at the French bakery B. Patisserie, we will then go to Arsicault Bakery, followed by a stop at Tartine, and lastly the Cinderella Bakery and Café where we will also enjoy lunch. You will be responsible for direct purchases at the bakeries but we will cover lunch (up to $30/person). (Note: coolers will be available in cars for items you wish to buy and take home that require a cool place for storage.)

Notes:

No. 24 **Champagne and Hors D'oeuvres Open House** $50/person

# Guests	10-30
Date	Saturday July 20, 2024
Time	3:00pm
Place	Home of Jim Berthelsen and Kurt Neubert
Hosts	Jim Berthelsen and Kurt Neubert

Spend a Saturday afternoon with old and new CCSM friends, enjoying champagne and appetizers, as we all enjoy mid-summer.

Notes:

No. 25 **Wine Tasting at the San Francisco Wine School** $125-150/person

# Guests	10 minimum/20 maximum
Date	TBD (week of July 21)
Time	TBD
Place	San Francisco Wine School
Hosts	Michele Merfeld Hale and Sandy McNabb

Enjoy learning about new wine and tasting as well. Due to the fact that workshops, wine tastings and possible group arrangements are not known this far in advance, we are taking sign-ups at this time and will contact you closer to July to offer a choice or choices for what we'd like to attend and will collect payment at that time. We will be looking to attend something during the week of July 21, 2024.

Notes:

No. 26 **Sound Healing at Golden Gate's Redwood Grove** **$**45/person

# Passes	10 (limit one pass per person)
Date	March-October 2024
Time	TBD
Place	Redwood Grove
Hosts	Chuck Rosenthal and Jordan Globerson

Join us and dive deep into the transformative power of our Sound Bath (Logos Method) amidst the majestic Redwoods in the National AIDS Memorial Grove. Being in nature is the ultimate preparation for the Sound Bath, which is designed to help you experience deep meditation and recalibrate your nervous system. For those who have a hard time quieting the mind, this is the perfect modality to help you discover a peaceful mind. For those who already meditate, The Logos Method can take you to deeper states of consciousness. 10 passes are being offered now and the exact date will be worked out with each individual but occur between March and October of 2024.

Notes:

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

No. 29 **San Francisco Ballet** Starting Bid $160/2 tickets

Includes: Two tickets for one performance
Date: February 9
Host(s): Wei and Melodie Lew

Enjoy a performance of the San Francisco Ballet (Balcony Circle, Center, second row) - the oldest ballet company in the United States. This performance, headlined BRITISH ICONS, will feature two San Francisco Ballet premieres: Song of the Earth and Marguerite and Armand.

Song of the Earth is described as "A man and a woman; death takes the man; they both return to her and at the end of the ballet, we find that in death there is the promise of renewal." Sir Kenneth MacMillan weaves a story of love, loss, and bittersweet death through poetic choreography set to Mahler.

Marguerite and Armand was created in 1963 for two of ballet's superstars, Nureyev and Fonteyn. This passionate tale draws inspiration from history's most famous tragic love stories. Of all the ballets that Frederick Ashton created, Marguerite and Armand stands out as his most passionate as it whisks us through their tragic love affair. The lush designs tell a tale of their own, creating an unforgettable period drama.

Notes:

No. 30 **Tahoe Donner Getaway** Starting Bid $1,200.00

Includes: Five night stay in a 3-bedroom, 2-bath all-season home in the Tahoe Donner area of Truckee
Date: 2024 (exact days/nights to be negotiated with owner)
Host: Diane Kalliam

Enjoy cross-country skiing within walking distance, downhill skiing about a mile away and within 30 minutes of Northstar, Alpine Meadow, Palisades and Boreal, or snowshoeing out the back door. 2-car garage, TV, Cable and Internet. Good eating places close by and lap pool/sauna in winter and pools in the summer (for a fee). Miles of hiking and biking trails. Two great golf courses nearby (for a fee). A great winter get-a-way or summer vacation spot. Available on a mutually agreed upon date in 2024. Kitchen equipped, bathrooms have towels and beds have sheets. Value of this stay is at least $1500.00.



Notes:

No. 31 **Glamping in the Napa Valley** Starting bid $500

Includes: Overnight stay at Napa property + dinner and breakfast
Date: TBD with owner
Host(s): Kibbie Ruth and Jim Granucci

Spend two days and an overnight on eighty acres on Mt. Veeder in the Napa Valley. Camp, use the RV hookups, and/or sleep in the house, newly rebuilt after the 2017 forest fire. Perfect for families or clusters of friends! Accommodations include two bunk beds (four singles) with private bath, two queen sofa beds with shared bath, and one queen size bed with private bath (four bathrooms in all). Kibbie and Jim will serve dinner and breakfast. There are hiking trails nearby, a hammock on the deck, hot tub, fire pit, and, of course, world-famous Napa wineries. (Plus, Kibbie may demonstrate her chain saw technique ☺) Part of the road is a little rough, but passenger vehicles handle it just fine. Choose your dates; the only black-out dates are Thanksgiving and Christmas. (For more information call Kibbie at 650.580.1797).

Notes:







No. 32 **Kids Cooking with 'Chef' Mike in Kay's Kitchen** Starting Bid $200.00

Includes: Two children (age 9+) cooking with Mike
Date: Mutually agreed upon by Hosts and Family
Host(s): Mike and Kay Harris

Here is a unique opportunity for up to two children, ages nine and older, to learn cooking skills from 'Chef' Mike in Kay's Kitchen as they prepare a meal which they will then serve to their entire family. Parents and child(ren) will select a menu via conference with Mike and Kay beforehand. Lots of techniques and tools will be introduced. At the conclusion of preparation, the child(ren)'s family comes to the house to enjoy the dinner together.



Notes: