

March 21, 2018 The Waysign, Church of the Wayfarer

Dear Friends,

As we quickly approach Palm Sunday, I would like to share a Poem with you entitled "Holy Week" by Ann Weems.

Where have the forty days of Lent gone? We've had forty days to remember who Jesus is, Forty days to find out who Jesus is, Forty days to look and to listen to this man from Nazareth, this man who walked into the hearts of the people, this man who "stirred their imagination," this man who is still walking into the hearts of his people, still stirring the imagination of the people, Holy Week is upon us.

We will raise our palms in joyful recognition!

We do know him.

Surely, we do know him...

One of the most beautiful and challenging things about the time between Palm Sunday and Easter is that we travel through the wide array of emotions as we journey alongside Jesus during his final days on Earth.

We begin this Sunday with the joy and excitement of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Next, we will sit with expectation and wonder as we experience the mystery of Holy communion on Maundy Thursday. Friday brings us to a time of sorrow and darkness as we reflect on Jesus pain, suffering and death on the cross. Finally, Sunday reminds us that we are an Easter people and through the power, grace and love of God that even death has lost its sting.

In the past, the most challenging part of this week for me has been not jumping straight to Easter. While it is very tempting to do that, I believe we can lose the meaning and impact of what Resurrection Sunday means if we skip the rest of the story. As one wise Pastor once put it, "In order to arrive at the Easter light, you first have to first journey through the darkness of Good Friday."

It is my prayer we all can be fully present in each individual day of Holy Week. That we can take the time to appreciate every single one of those days as a vital chapter of God's story for our lives. Through the ups and downs, through the trials and the victories, may we embark on this journey to the cross together in the loving community of faith we call Church of the Wayfarer.

Blessings,

Pastor Luke

Being that Holy Week is quickly approaching, I would like to share with you about the services that will be taking place during that time and invite you to attend as many of these worship experiences as you can.

Sunday, March 25th- Palm Sunday worship at 10am with Palm Frond processional.

Thursday, March 29th- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 pm in the Wayfarer Sanctuary.

Friday, March 30th- Good Friday prayer vigil in Wayfarer Sanctuary. The sanctuary will be open from 7 am to 8 pm for people to stop by to mediate, light a candle and lift up their prayer concerns to God with a special Prayer Station.

Sunday, April 1st- Easter Sunday worship at 7 am in the garden and 10 am in the Sanctuary with a Children's Easter Egg Hunt to follow at 11:00 am in the garden.

Have a great week and see you Sunday!

Pastor Luke

"We want to get the weekly Waysign out to everyone by Wednesday evening at the latest. In order to do this we need any news or articles to be into the church office no later than Wednesday morning at 9 AM."

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Rogues Gallery
Thanks everyone for a delicious time! Keep those recipes coming
for one more week, please.





Worship With Us
March 25, 2018
Message:
"Entering Jerusalem"

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11



Worship Service Volunteers, Thank You!

Greeter: Gin Weathers

Ushers: Sam & Cindy Bird,

John Krisher

Liturgist: Mark Sanford

Flowers: Alton McEwen in memory of my late wife Dianne.

Fellowship: Cindy Bird,

Carolyn Thomas,W

alter & Kristi Kahle

Guest Organist, Eleanor Avila Guest Artists, Cannery Rogues



COTW Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Beginning April 2 the office hours
will change to:

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m
Ongoing Groups and Classes

Walking Group

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 7:00 a.m. Scenic & Santa Lucia

Qi Gong

Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 A.M.

Soul Sisters

Wednesdays (1st & 3rd) 10 a.m.

Men's Group Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. The Cottage

Adult Forum

Half Truths
Sundays, 11:30 a.m.
Church Library

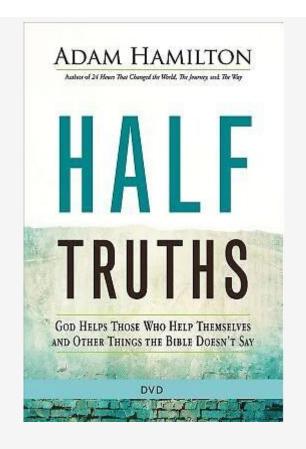
March Birthdays

Wendy Marr - 2

Ray Winsted - 9

Patricia Ault - 12

Nancy Pesce - 12



Our lesson this week is focused on the Half Truth:

Love the sinner, hate the sin.

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian-like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Session titles include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

Karol Gleason - 19 Ray Miller - 23

Barbara Hammond - 29

March Anniversaries

Wesley and Gari Ann Truscott - 12



Every 2nd Tuesday from 4:30-6:30pm BBQ in the Wayfarer garden with Pastor Luke, Stephanie and Caleb.



The children's ministry invites everyone to participate in our Easter Egg hunt outreach to the community.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on <u>Sunday April 1st.</u>

People will gather in the garden for the Egg Hunt at 11am and it begins at 11:15 am.

We will also have flyers available starting in March and encourage

Love the sinner, hate the sin.

All are welcome to join in the class each Sunday at 11:30 am in the Church library.



Prayer Requests: Joe Hendrickson, Steve Hixson and family, the family of Raj Roy, Wendy Marr also Anthony Littlebear who is recovering from surgery. Judy's daughter Miranda, Virge Perelli-Minetti for safe travel and her sister Marilyn, Carol Schneider undergoing tests.

The family of Ruth Ramus who passed away recently.

"The Families of Parkland Florida in wake of the violence that has taken place there."

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE THE PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have any changes, additions or deletions please send an email to office@churchofthewayfarer.com.

everyone to take at least one flyer to invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker.

Many thanks, Stephanie Ham

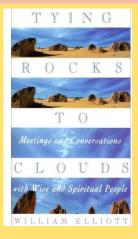
Past Sunday Services now available online.

If you missed any of the last few Sunday services, you can view them here:

https://vimeo.com/user38757153

Each week, we'll add the service from the previous Sunday to our Vimeo account so you can view and share the services! For past services not listed in the Waysign, visit www.vimeo.com and search "Church of the Wayfarer" for a complete list of available services.

Special thanks to Jerry Gleason & Tom Hierl for recording the weekly services!





BOOK REVIEW, Friday, April 13th
Karol Gleason will review Black
Diamonds by Catherine Bailey.
A book where history reads like
fiction.
Save the date!



Video and Hymn slide Opportunity
Are you interested in learning
something new? Do you want to
have your own reserved seat in
church? Do you want to give the Jerry
& Karol and Tom & Karyn couples a
break from time to time? Consider
becoming a part of the Hymn slide
advance and video team. Advance
training, tutoring and on-the-job
training all cheerfully provided. If you
are interested in seeing what this is
about, please leave a message at the
church office or
call Jerry Gleason at 831-620-0285.

SOUL SISTERS

A new Women's small group has formed at Church of the Wayfarer. They meet at 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The book they will be using is entitled *Tying Rocks to Clouds* by William Elliott.

Books have been ordered by the church and will be available for purchase. For questions or to sign up contact either Michelle Serchuk 310-634-4897 or Vava Bailey at 541-488-3176.

California-Nevada Disaster Response Fund

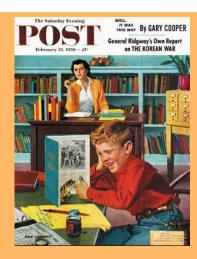


This fand allows the California-Nevada Conference to send francial support immediately to United Methodisis involved in disaster response work a Conference Disaster Response Fund allows the Conference to meet immediate needs until furted Methodist Committee on celled (JAMCOR) grants with those grants. UMCOR grants require some matching funds from the Conference whenever possible. Money from the Conference Disaster Res

You can easily donate to the United Methodist relief efforts for those affected by the Northern California wildfires by going to the following website:

https://calnevreg.brtapp.com/disasterresponse

Make sure to indicate that you belong to Church of the Wayfarer in the drop down menu found at the bottom of the donation page.



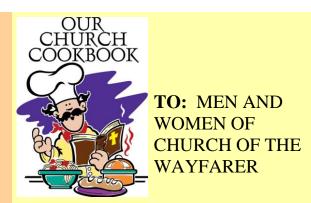
THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

May we introduce Sylvia Zack, who has agreed to be our Librarian. She will be responsible for keeping it ship-shape and has some ideas about promoting its use! She is a retired librarian. Thank you, Sylvia!

Sincere gratitude also to two ladies who revamped the whole left side of the library, culling books of little use and reorganizing books to be more easily found by subject. Marian Clemons worked with Lorraine Vogt, a member of Sonora UMC. Lorraine, a retired librarian, was here on vacation and donated three day's labor after noting the poor shape and organization of books.

So, visit the library, seek out Sylvia, and enjoy the fruits of their labor!





FROM: COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

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and Amazon donates to Church of the Wayfarer

Do you have favorite appetizers, salads, entrees, sides and desserts that you have wanted to share with friends?



"Pastor, about this new idea to reach teens

In support of our outreach commitment to I HELP for homeless men and women, we are collecting recipes for a cookbook. All profit going to the I HELP ministry. We encourage you to submit a favorite recipe or two and send to Cindy Bird at cindybird3@yahoo.com. Or bring a copy to the office and we can copy and return to you if requested.

Our goal is publication by November in time to sell at our Holiday Faire. Deadline for recipe submissions is **Sunday, March 25th.**

Any questions please call Karol Gleason 620-0285

Church Humor

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and

asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?" Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature." Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?" Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic? Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar 22 25 27 29 23 24 26 28 30 31 THU MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT FRI SAT SUN 4:00 PM 5:00 PM 7 participants V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 V0/1 Enter your name lose **Don Thomas** Tom Hierl John Krisher Mike Fillmore Sandy Young Jerry Gleason Please help us close the church each day. Here's the link to the March schedule: https://doodle.com/poll/8q8hrqphfmy2z6e4 Thanks,

Tom Hierl

Earn income for our Church by using Escrip at Save Mart, Lucky and FoodMaxx Locations

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To Sign up

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How To Earn

- Save Mart Supermarkets: provide your eScrip registered phone number or present your registered *Save Smart* Rewards card when making your purchase. Use of your registered phone or card is required at checkout to automatically record your purchase to award contributions to your organization.
 - Lucky Supermarkets: provide your eScrip registered phone number or Lucky You Rewards card when making your purchase. Use of your registered phone or card is required at checkout to automatically record your purchase to award contributions to your organization.
- FoodMaxx: provide your eScrip registered phone number when making your purchase. Use of your registered phone number is required at checkout to automatically record your purchase to award contributions to your organization.