



October 25, 2017

The Waysign Church of the Wayfarer

Dear Friends,

I took this photo (above) Monday evening down at Carmel Beach. It was the first time it has been warm enough for me to wear shorts and a T-Shirt along the water after sunset. I was blessed to watch my son and his dog play on the sand. I was blessed to be engaged in rich conversation with the Pastors of Hollister UMC and Salinas First UMC who met us for a picnic dinner. I was blessed to be hand in hand with my wife.

Among all the stresses and heartaches in my life, it was a moment of deep peace and abundance.

Why is it that the pain, struggles and shortfalls of our lives get so much attention? No doubt we need to attend to the business of life, but do the negative aspects really deserve the majority of our time, attention, and energy? What would it look like to spend more time on embracing the present instead of reminiscing about the past or worrying about the future?

During the next 4 weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, we will be starting a new sermon series entitled *Gratitude*. We will be working through topics such as "Living in the Moment," "Embracing What We Already Have," and "Saying Yes in a Nay-saying World." It is my hope our sense of gratitude can extend beyond the Thanksgiving season and be a part of our outlook all year long.

This Sunday after worship we will also be honoring the life of Clay Berling. In the midst of our tragedy and loss, we will also be celebrating the positive influence he had on our lives as well as the life of Church of the Wayfarer. Even though we will be mourning Clay's death, I encourage us to be in an attitude of thankfulness for all of the joy, wisdom, and care he showed for us during his time on Earth. Even though it is never easy to say goodbye, may we cherish these words from Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." John 11:25

With Gratitude,

Pastor Luke

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Worship With Us

October 29, 2017

Pastor:

Rev. Luke Ham

Message:

"Gratitude: Embracing A New Song"

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6: 25-34



COTW Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Group Meets at 5:00 PM

on

Wednesdays @ COTW

Ongoing Groups and Classes

Walking Group

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays,
7:00 a.m.**

Scenic & Santa Lucia



Sunday Worship Greeter: Gin Weathers

**Ushers: Sandy Young, Ron & Vava
Bailey**

Liturgist: Cindy Bird

Fellowship Hour: Sandy Young

Flowers:

No NOOMA this week.

**We will be honoring and celebrating the life
of Clay Berling at 11:30am in the sanctuary.**



Qi Gong

Mondays & Thursdays

9:00 A.M.

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Men's Group

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.

The Cottage

Adult Forum

NOOMA Discussion

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Church Library

October Birthdays

Cindy Bird - 5

Tempe Wennerholm - 5

Lynn Allen Eichhorn - 9

Jerry Gleason - 10

Mary Ann Grant - 11

Dora Mih - 12

Dale Baker - 21

Sue Kettenhofen - 22

October Anniversaries

Tom and Nancy Pesce - 3

Carl and Sheri Iverson - 5

Diane Harrison, Clay Berling Family, Harold Whitehead, Lucy Fillmore, Betty Robinson Fors, Gin Weathers & Family, Eileen Thurman,

Wendy Marr, Ruth Ramus (Grandmother of Stephanie Ham, in hospice care), Aaron Rodgers, Joe Hendrickson,

Steve Hixson and family,

The family of Christina Hanson who passed away in the Santa Rosa fires.

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE THE PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

Please join us as we celebrate and honor the life of Clay Berling on Sunday, October 29th. Clay passed away on October 7th and will be greatly missed. The service will begin at approximately 11:30am with a reception to follow. Pastor Luke will be officiating.

California-Nevada Disaster Response Fund



This fund allows the California-Nevada Conference to send financial support immediately to United Methodists involved in disaster response work across the annual conference. The Conference Disaster Response Fund allows the Conference to meet immediate needs until United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) grants arrive, and to meet needs not covered with those grants. UMCOR grants require some matching funds from the Conference whenever possible. Money from the Conference Disaster Response Fund has yielded many thousands of dollars in UMCOR grants to the Conference for disaster response.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

**Greetings from your
Finance Committee.**

**We are beginning our
Stewardship Campaign for
2018 and we are hoping,
we as the Wayfarer Nation
can have a healthy
dialogue about funding
our mission. A tentative
2018 Budget is available to
anyone and will be
included in the Church
bulletin this Sunday. There
will be a brief explanation
during the greeting time of
the Church service.**

**We hope you will call
Sandy Young at 717-7277
with questions, concerns
or ideas.**

**Sandy Young,
Finance Chair**

The Forkum Chronicles Presentation is rapidly approaching. Please sign up as soon as possible for the luncheon so we have final numbers to prepare for your typical Egyptian lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Garden Room and you may call the

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://calnev-reg.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.

I-HELP

"A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out"

Everyone can participate in I-Help!

I-Help is having a community-wide fund raising campaign this month and Monterey County Gives is donating matching funds for those contributions. Gifts given this month will be publicly announced by MC Gives (Monterey County Gives) and in a special issue of the Monterey County Weekly. We can send in a group donation from Church of the Wayfarer.

Church of the Wayfarer supports both the I-Help Men and I-Help Women programs by hosting them overnight and feeding them here in our church. We all have the opportunity to support I-Help at this time by making a special donation marked "for I-Help". I-Help is a program for the homeless that buses the participants to local churches each night where they are fed and have a safe place to sleep. It also provides counseling and opportunities to the men and women in the program.

Church Office to add your name.
You don't want to miss this talk about day-to-day living in the ancient City of Alexandria and traveling throughout the country.

Past Sunday Services now available online

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

<https://vimeo.com/239495546>

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!

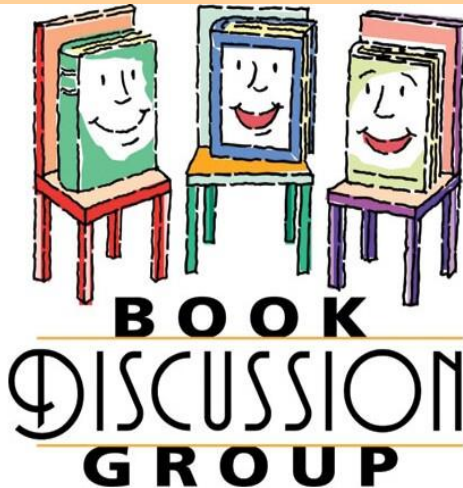
There is a group of people (Chairman Carolyn Thomas) at church of the Wayfarer who cook and bring food each month and sit down and eat with our special guests who are in the midst of a hard time. We all have the opportunity to help the whole program with our gifts at this time.

Please mark your donation IHELP in the memo line of your check or write IHELP on the envelope.



**Holiday Faire - Less than a month away
(Sat., Nov. 18th):**

There are several ways that everyone can help us make this a huge success. There is a sign up list in the Garden Room to bring baked goods for the Bake Sale. Also everyone can help by bringing in "re-gift-able" items for the Boutique and Jewelry booth. Just pick out something that you are no longer using and bring it in to the box in the Garden Room on Sundays, or to the office during the week, so the Wayfarer Women can turn it into a way to help those in need. Look through your cupboards and find a beautiful vase, a candy dish, a pitcher or platter, or something special that you are no longer using. Also we again have a Jewelry section. There are small bags available for jewelry donations in the Garden Room and at the church office. Donations received by Nov. 5th will be so appreciated.



November 10th

. New member of our group, Shara Reyes will review a book by J. Maarten Troost. This is a hilarious travel-log in the rollicking wit of Bill Bryson and travel exposition of Paul Theroux. We are in for a fun time! Save Friday, November 10, 10 am in the church library.



We need volunteers for the Fellowship Hour for the following dates:

12/24/2017, 12/31/2017

Contact the office at:

office@churchofthewayfarer.com

Wayfarer Women Activities Coming Up

Hi Ladies,

The Wayfarer Women have some wonderful plans coming up for the fall and winter. I thought you might like a preview of them, so you can put the ones that work for you on your calendar.

Oct. 29th (Sunday) We will be doing the reception for the Clay Berling memorial right after church.

Nov. 5th (Sunday) Lunch after church with speakers Jim and Sherry Forkum presenting "The Forkum Chronicles: A Year of Living in Egypt" with a typical Egyptian lunch. No Charge for the lunch, but please sign up on the clip board in the Garden Room. Donations will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Nov. 10th (Friday) Book Review 10:00 a.m. in the library.

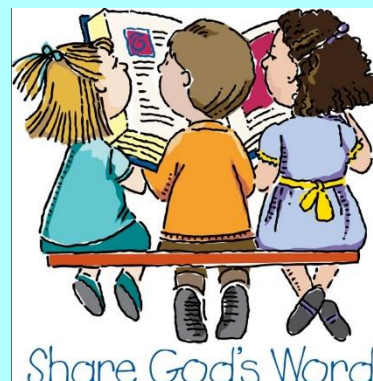
Nov. 13th (Monday) Set up for the Holiday Faire in Carlson Hall

Nov. 17th (Friday) Set up for the Bake Sale in Carlson Hall and the lunch in the Garden Room.

Nov. 18th (Saturday) The Holiday Faire

Dec. 1st (Friday) 10:00 a.m. Decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary

Dec. 2nd (Saturday) Wayfarer Women Christmas lunch at a restaurant



Several weeks ago while relocating the church nursery, I came into the Sunday school room looking for a few spare baskets. Upon opening a cabinet full of baskets and looking into the first one, I immediately recognized that this cabinet held all the materials for the "Godly Play" Sunday school program.

As a former children's minister, I have heard a great deal about the Godly Play curriculum and I understand it to be a high quality program that creates

meaningful worship for children and engages multiple-age groups of children during Sunday school. Ironically upon first coming to this church, in my mind I thought of this program and what benefits it would have for a church like ours. Three of the biggest roadblocks for most churches to implement this program are that materials are expensive, it requires a dedicated Sunday school room, and it requires adults that understand children and are good story tellers. The fact that the materials are already purchased and a room is saved for Sunday school was something that excites me!

Right now I am in a learning stage with Godly Play. My goal is to get the materials that we currently have for each story organized. After that, I plan to start small. My goal is just to prepare five Sunday school lessons that can be available for a time that we have children in worship.

If you feel like you could be an addition to these organizational efforts or you would like to learn about Godly Play along with me, I would invite you to join in. I would also be looking for anyone in the congregation that would be a Story Teller for the children.

Please contact me if you are interested

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"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19 NRSV