

September 7, 2016

# The Waysign

Church of the Wayfarer



Maybe it's silly...

The other day while in Costco, a forklift went by. The smell of the propane engine of the forklift sent me immediately back to "American Can Factory #99, Alameda". I worked there for two summers some 40 years ago. Forklifts buzzed around the plant carrying can parts to machines or finished products to awaiting trucks. I made three times the minimum wage at the time, \$3.75 an hour! The money helped me through college and the work was a significant incentive to get a college degree!

Bonnie's exercise class is held across the parking lot from an Indian restaurant in Monterey. Simply walking by the place and breathing in the aroma of spices can take us immediately back to our college year spent in Bangalore. I learned so much in that year about myself and my faith. I met and fell in love with Bonnie Minkler; we would often eat together at a cheap, vegetarian restaurant, devouring a huge masla dosa, with idli and sambar. The smells of that food even today, 40 plus years later, bring back a flood of memories, all good!

I've been blessed with a number of silent retreats at the New Camoldoli Hermitage in Big Sur. During worship and meditation they often burn incense. The Benedictine order emphasizes simplicity and community. Their worship is based on the singing of the Psalms in ritualized chanting; a style of chanting that aims to include everyone. Their chapel is visually stunning, a work of art. Their Eucharist includes homemade bread and wine. All of the senses are activated to engage with God, including smell. Orthodox worship includes burned incense for this very reason; engaging all the senses. It reminds us of the Biblical references to the incense and the pleasing aroma of the burnt offerings in the ancient Temple of Jerusalem.

The God of Creation gave us all five senses. Worship has been one primal way of connecting us with them to bring us fully awake to the divinity in life itself.

Contemporary Protestant worship does a good job of incorporating sight and sound, with digital arts and music. Maybe the coffee and donuts before or after the worship service, and the "greeting" time when we go around shaking hands can stimulate our taste and touch. But we lack any intentionality when it comes to smells. In fact we avoid them in the sanctuary as potentially allergenic.

It might be no big thing but I wonder if we lose that sensual connection to the God of all Creation when we so sanitize our worship environments of smell. Just imagine the memories evoked by the smell of a Christmas tree or of grandma's ham baking in the oven for the family's Easter feast.

I don't mean to be silly, but let me ask anyway; what smells bring you joy? What smells bring back fond memories? For us modern Protestants, what smells remind us of God?

Peace,  
msb

### **Walk to End Alzheimer's Fundraiser**

As "The Wayfarer's Team" Walk Team Captain, Pastor Mark will be offering loaves of his **famous Sourdough Bread** each Sunday before the Walk for a suggested **donation of \$10 per loaf**, all proceeds going for our Team's support of the Alzheimer's Association. Whether you can raise some money or not all in the Wayfarer Nation are encouraged to join Pastor Mark and Bonnie for the Walk on **October 8th** to show your support for that day when Alzheimer's will be no more!

### **Ongoing Groups and Classes**

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

Prayer Group  
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

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

Adult Class  
World Religions: Judaism  
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.  
Church Library

Adult Forum  
Wired Word Discussion  
Sundays, 11:30 a.m.  
Church Library  
(On Break Until 9/18)

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

September Birthdays

### **Book Review THIS Friday**

Join us for the Book Review this **Friday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.**



Looking for a good book to read? Want to hear what others are reading? Then come to Book Review as it is the month we all can share our summer reading or our favorite book.

No need to RSVP, just come!

Hope to see you there with a friend!

### **I-HELP**

We are pleased to host the I-HELP **women on Monday, September 19th** and the I-HELP **men on Friday, September 30th**. Food and beverage donations, as well as volunteers for set-up, clean-up and dining with our guests is needed. Sign-up sheets are available in the Garden Room.



For more information, contact Carolyn Thomas at 831.224.6460. Thanks for your help!

### **Calling all Women**



Ginnie Babka - 5  
Emma Hole - 7  
Arlen Lackey - 8  
Jennifer Gee Schoon-Tong -17  
Wesley Truscott - 17  
Gin Weathers - 17  
Glenda Ray Jarrett - 20  
Sara Adair Rogers - 21  
Natalie Sanford - 21  
John Giordano - 22  
Herbert Erskine - 23  
Arlene Lucier - 23  
Robin Wells - 26  
Jim Lindgren - 30

**September Anniversaries**

Walter & Dora Mih - 5  
Lee & Becky Hofmann - 10  
John & Debbera Giorano -19

The Wayfarer Women will meet on **Monday, September 12th at 1:00 p.m.** to review our Summer Luncheon and move on with plans for our Holiday Faire in November. You are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a good time together even if you haven't participated before!



**International Day of Peace**



Please join us for an uplifting celebration of faith and community at the Interfaith Celebration of the International Day of Peace. The special service will be held on **Sunday, September 18th at 3 p.m. at the Carmel Mission.**

The community of Carmel Mission will join Carmel Valley Community Chapel, Church in the Forest, Church of the Wayfarer, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, The Islamic Society of Monterey County, New Camaldoli Hermitage and Tassajara Zen Center to pray for peace in our world through words and music.

**Pottery Sunday**

**Sunday, September 18th 10:00 a.m. worship** will feature the "pottery sermon" in our sanctuary. Pastor Mark has been a practicing potter for 45 years. His ceramic art/craft are an expression of his spirituality as well as his love for clay.



Pastor Mark will preach while demonstrating wheel thrown pottery and will donate the finished piece for sale to benefit the church. You will not want to miss it...bring a friend!

**Alzheimer's Walk - Join the Team!**



This year's "Walk to End Alzheimer's" will be held **Saturday, October 8th, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. from the Custom**

**House Plaza** in Monterey. Walkers are encouraged to solicit donations in support of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California for the three mile walk along the Monterey Bay. Those who donate or collect \$ 100 or more get a Walk Tee Shirt. There are a variety of reward gifts available for those who donate or collect even more!

Join "*The Wayfarer's Team*" by registering for the Walk at <http://act.alz.org/monterey2016>. See Pastor Mark or Bonnie for more details.

### **Worship Schedule**

September 11th: "Is There a Balm in Gilead?"

September 18th: "The Potter's House"

September 25th: Guest Minister, Rev. Cindy Storrs

### **Guest Musicians:**

September 11th: Robert McNamara, Classical Guitar

September 18th: Wild Coast Trio, Brass

Eleanor Avila, Organ

September 25th: Stephanie Brown, Violin

### **Prayer Requests**

Wendy Marr, Sunshine Lee, Alice Engen, Betty Robinson Fors, Syd & Lorie Williams, Ulli Carley, Charlie Vandagriff, Brian Trujillo, Andre Lengacher, James Berling, Martin Manuel, Mary Florence, Sara & Dave Henderson, Shirley Smithtro, Jim Tozer, Annee Jacobs, Rod Peter, Sue Kettenhofen, Del Ault, Megan Movold & Family, Bill Pitt, Carolyn Lamcke, John & Nelda Timbs, Ronell Wight, Sandra Straight



### **Sunday Worship Volunteers**



**Greeter:** Gin Weathers

**Ushers:** Nick & Sara Tortorelli

**Liturgist:** Cindy Bird

### **Food Pantry Donations**



In cooperation with the All Saints Food Pantry, we will continue to collect and deliver donations of non-perishable food to All Saints on a weekly basis.

*Did you know that 50% of the people served by the All Saints Food Pantry are Carmel residents? This is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve our neighbors!*

**The Food Pantry is most in need of:**

- **canned meats**
- **tuna**
- **peanut butter**
- **canned fruit**
- **canned vegetables**
- **toiletries**

Please bring your food donations to Church of the Wayfarer Sunday or drop them off at the office during the week and we will deliver them. Thanks for your help!

### **Past Sunday Services now available online**

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

August 21st: <https://vimeo.com/179787824>

August 28th: <https://vimeo.com/180639907>

September 4th: <https://vimeo.com/181698183>

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](http://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!

### **Volunteer Opportunities**



Join us on one of our volunteer teams:

- Usher Team
- Counting Team
- Fellowship Hour Hosts
- Altar Flowers
- Membership Team

Joining Hands is also looking for volunteers for their shops. To sign up, call 831.293.8140.

### **Church Activities & Service Opportunities**

We have many fun activities and rewarding service opportunities at the church and in the community. On Sundays, our sign-up sheets and information are located in the Garden Room during the Fellowship Hour at 11 a.m.



Be sure to stop by and see what we have to offer!

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*"We love because he first loved us."*

1 John 4:19 NRSV

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