



October 11, 2017

The Waysign Church of the Wayfarer

Dear Wayfarer Friends,

It seems like we have had an especially rough start to the month of October. Last week we were startled by the news of the mass shooting that took place at a Country Music festival in Las Vegas, and this week we are seeing thousands being evacuated throughout Northern California due to wildfires.

As someone who grew up in Napa Valley (and whose family members lost their home on Sunday night to the Atlas Peak fire), this event weighs heavy on my heart. In addition to these difficult headlines, our community of faith has also experienced the loss of one of our dearest members, Clay Berling*, who passed away last weekend.

It is in difficult times like these I am especially grateful for the Church. Over the last week, I have been able to talk, reflect, and pray with various members of this wonderful congregation. I have had the opportunity to both give and receive much needed support and encouragement. It is my hope we will always remember in both the good times as well as in the difficult times, we are not

alone. We are not alone because we have one another and we are not alone because we have a God who will never leave our side.

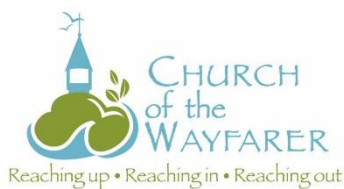
This week in worship, we will be continuing our 4-part series on the Book of Jonah. As we head into chapter 3 of this timeless tale, we will be reflecting on how God's constant presence in our lives leads to TRANSFORMATION. How when we encounter God's grace, it doesn't simply leave us where we are, but instead takes us in a completely new direction. As Author Max Lucado puts it, "God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. God wants you to be just like Jesus."

Wishing you a peace-filled week,

Pastor Luke

*You will find more details on how we will be celebrating the amazing life of Clay Berling below.

P.S. This morning we learned the tragic news that Bonnie Bollwinkel's niece, Christina Hanson has passed away as a result of the fires in Santa Rosa. She was 28 years old. Please keep her family in your prayers, especially her father Michael who has suffered third degree burns and her mother (Bonnie's sister), Jenny. The family is requesting no phone calls at this time.



Worship With Us
October 15, 2017

Pastor:

Rev. Luke Ham

Message:

"Jonah 3: Nineveh"



Sunday Worship

Greeter: Gin Weathers

Ushers: Carol Schneider

Liturgist: Cindy Bird

Fellowship Hour: Iverson's & Fillmore's

Flowers:

This week's NOOMA lesson is entitled: Rhythm

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like? For a lot of us it's a hard concept to fully understand.

Scripture Reading:

Jonah 3



**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

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

If God is an infinite spirit with no shape or form, how can we possibly relate? And what about Jesus? He said he came to give everyone life in its fullest. He came to show us how to live. Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live - a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice - that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live every day, every single choice we make, determines how in tune with God we are.

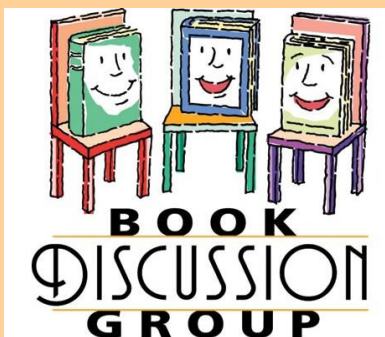


October Birthdays

- 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

September Anniversaries

- Tom and Nancy Pesce - 3
- Carl and Sheri Iverson - 5



October 13, 10:00 am in the church library, Michele Serchuk will review Dakota: A Spiritual Journey by Kathleen Norris.

The book explores how we come to inhabit the world we see and how that world also inhabits us.

Fascinating reading. Please join us.

No RSVP needed!



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.

UMCOR Responds to Current Disasters

In the wake of recent disasters in the United States and abroad, (UMCOR) is working to fulfill unmet food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies, and non-food item needs.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

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 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.



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

12/24/2017, 12/31/2017

Contact the office at:

office@churchofthewayfarer.com

Past Sunday Services now available online

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

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

Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by these hurricanes. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.

Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts:

Visit umcor.org/donate to give.



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.

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.

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. 23rd (Monday) Holiday Faire Workshop Day -10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in Carlson Hall to prepare for the Holiday Faire, pricing the many items we have for sale for the Holiday Faire. Bring a sandwich as we will take a break in the middle of the day. I hope that lots and lots of you can come! You don't have to be an expert to take part. Just join in the fun.

We will start with a brief planning session to:

1. Select the organizations that will benefit from our profit from the Holiday Faire
2. Overview of the different booths and outline of what we are doing
3. Break into groups to prepare things for the Faire. You will be amazed at the boxes and boxes of things to get ready so it will be easy to set up on the week of the event. This should really be fun to see all the things we have. It will be a good time to bring your collectibles for the boutique.

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

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"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19 NRSV