



October 18, 2017

The Waysign Church of the Wayfarer

Dear Friends,

First, I would like to thank all of those who attended Church of the Wayfarer's annual Charge Conference that took place last Saturday under the leadership of our new District Superintendent, Shinya Goto. This was Rev. Goto's first visit to our congregation and I know he hopes to stop in again as soon as possible. As he shared with us during our time together, we were only his 11<sup>th</sup> out of 55 charge conferences that he has to preside over in the next two months. Let us keep him in our prayers as he continues to travel around our district visiting the various congregations under his leadership.

Speaking of prayers for safe travel, I would also ask for you to keep me in your prayers as I head up to Napa for the next couple of days. In addition to dropping off supplies, clothing and food that was generously donated by members of our Wayfarer family, I will also be connecting with various leaders, colleagues and

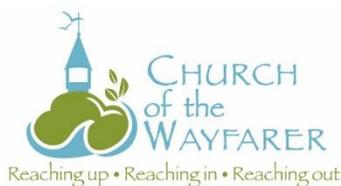
friends in the Napa Valley. My goal in these meetings is to discern what some of the community's long-term needs are and how we might be able to help in the coming months.

As we know, there is no quick fix to the destruction that has taken place and it will take months (maybe years) of hard work for people to rebuild their lives. I hope to return with some concrete ways we can continue to be of assistance. If you would like to make an immediate donation to disaster relief through our annual conference, please click the link found further down in this week's Waysign.

During the month of October, we have been working our way through the book of Jonah. This week we come to the end of our series as we encounter the last chapter of this short but powerful book of the Bible. As we conclude the story of this Prophet's iconic journey, we will be reflecting on how God's way of justice can look radically different from the ways we expect it to. We will also be talking about how Jonah gives us a perfect example of what NOT to do when it comes to encountering God's grace in the world. It promises be a fruitful way to conclude our time with this "Whale of a Tale."

Have a great week,

Pastor Luke



**Worship With Us**

**October 22, 2017**

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Luke Ham**

**Message:**

**"Jonah 4: The Last Chapter"**

**Scripture Reading:**



**Sunday Worship**

**Greeter: Gin Weathers**

**Ushers: Sam & Cindy Bird, John Krisher**

**Liturgist:**

**Fellowship Hour: Sandy Young**

**Flowers: Lucy and Mike Fillmore in memory of Amy Meadows and congratulations to Grandson Dylan and his wife Kristin celebrating their one-year anniversary.**

**This week's NOOMA lesson is entitled: Matthew**

## Jonah 4



**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**

Suffering the loss of someone we love can be the most difficult thing in life to deal with. One moment we have them and the next they're gone. What are we supposed to do? How are we supposed to feel? The truth is, there's no certain way we're "supposed" to feel.

Whatever we're feeling, it's okay. It's okay to feel shock, anger, denial, or whatever we may feel. It's okay. And if we don't feel anything at all, that's okay too. It's okay to have no answers and no explanations. Because sometimes all the reasoning and comforting words in the world just aren't what we need. What might help us, however, is to understand how Jesus dealt with this kind of loss.

**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



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**

**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.**

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**"We give our heartfelt thanks to Jose Arzate, Tom Hierl, the Wayfarer Board of Trustees and the donors that made our new flooring project possible!"**

**Past Sunday Services now available online  
If you missed any of the last few Sunday services, you can view them here:**

<https://vimeo.com/238597387>

**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 HELP US UPDATE THE PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**If you have any changes, additions or deletions please send an email to [office@churchofthewayfarer.com](mailto:office@churchofthewayfarer.com).**

Please join us as we celebrate and honor the life of Clay Berling on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Clay passed away on October 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 with those grants. UMCOR grants require some matching funds from the Conference whenever possible. Money from the Conference Disaster Response Fund has yielded many dollars in UMCOR grants to the Conference for disaster response.

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

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!

## "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.

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.

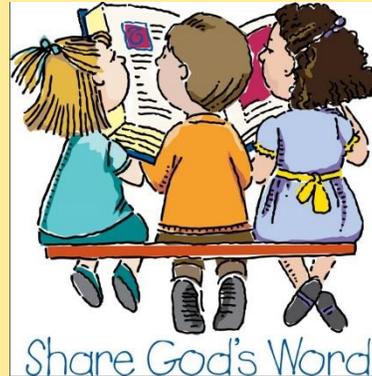
**Nov. 13th (Monday)** Set up for the Holiday Faire in Carlson Hall

**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



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**