



February 15, 2018

The Waysign, Church of the Wayfarer

Dear Friends,

One question I often get from my friends who attend Baptist or Non-Denominational congregations is why we Baptize infants in the United Methodist Church. You see, our Baptist brothers and sisters believe that baptism needs to happen after an individual is able to claim the faith for themselves. Therefore, it is very strange to them that we would baptize our children before they can understand or articulate who Jesus is.

So why do we do this?

The answer rests in two words: Prevenient Grace.

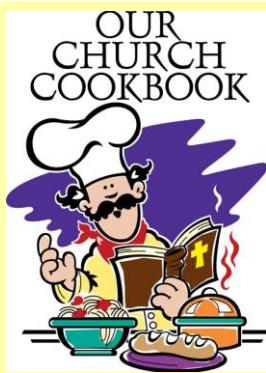
For the season of Lent we will be continuing our sermon series entitled "The Vocabulary of Faith" in which we take a closer look at some of the theological and liturgical words that we use in and around the church. This week we will be focusing on Prevenient Grace. In this form of Grace, we understand that since the very beginning of time, God always takes the first step to welcome us into His love, acceptance and forgiveness. The United Methodist Book of Discipline

defines prevenient grace as "the divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all conscious impulses."

So how exactly does prevenient grace relate to the Baptism of infants and (just as importantly) how does it relate to our lives as adults? I invite you to join us this Sunday in worship to find out!

Blessings,

Pastor Luke



TO: MEN AND WOMEN OF CHURCH OF THE WAYFARER
FROM: COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

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

If you do, the Wayfarer Women are going to publish a cookbook of those favorites. All proceeds of sale will go to **I-Help and the Monterey County Food Bank.**

All you have to do is send Cindy Bird your recipes by email at: cindybird3@yahoo.com or drop off your recipes at the church and put in Cindy's mailbox titled "Membership"
Any questions please call Karol Gleason at 831-620-0285.



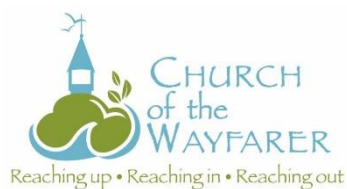
The children's ministry invites everyone to participate in our Easter Egg hunt outreach to the community. At this time we are asking for money donations that will be used to purchase plastic Easter eggs and candy. There is a poster in the Garden Room that outlines what is still needed. Please return all donations by Sunday February 25th to either the office, Stephanie Ham, or clearly marked in the offering plate.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday April 1st.

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

We will also have flyers available starting in March and encourage everyone to take at least one flyer to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker.

Many thanks,
Stephanie Ham



Worship With Us
February 18, 2018

Message:

"Vocabulary of Faith: Preventive Grace"

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17



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



Worship Service Volunteers,
Thank You!

Greeter: Gin Weathers
Ushers: Nick & Sara
Tortorelli, Nasili
Tonga

Liturgist: Michele Serchuk

Flowers:

Fellowship: Lynn & Judy Eichhorn



NOOMA

This week titled "Whirlwind"
There aren't nice, neat answers for why certain things happen to certain people. Often the perspective of a friend can help,

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

Soul Sisters

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

Men's Group

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.
The Cottage

Adult Forum

NOOMA Discussion
Sundays, 11:30 a.m.
Church Library

February Birthdays

Mark Sanford - 2
Bonnie Bollwinkel - 9
Evelyn Goldsmith - 18
Sygale R. Lomas - 19
Marian Clemens - 20
Walter Mih - 26
Carl Iverson - 28

but when there is nothing more to say,
where do we turn? Maybe it's when there
is nothing more to say that God finally
speaks.

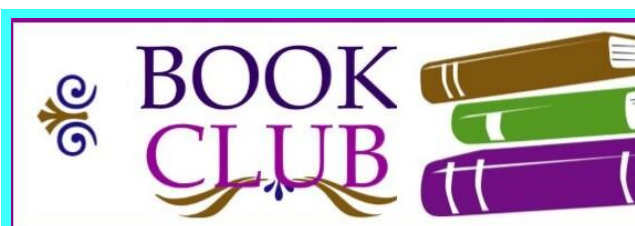


Joe Hendrickson, Steve Hixson and family,
the family of Raj Roy, Wendy Marr, Mike and
Lucy Fillmore.

The families of Clay Berling, Christina
Hanson, Ruth Ramus and Betty Fors, who
passed away recently.

**PLEASE HELP US UPDATE THE PRAYER
REQUESTS:**

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



**March Book Review on Friday,
March 9th at 10:00 am in the
church library will feature a
guest speaker. Fred Lawson, a
local lover of history, will review**

February Anniversaries

Woody and Barbara Wood - 2

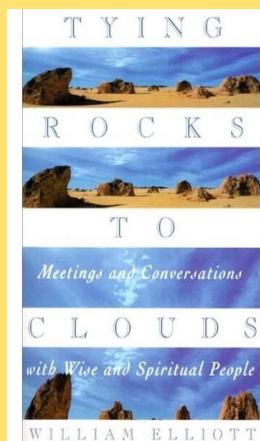
Past Sunday Services now available online.

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!



"The Bible as History" by Werner Keller. Those who have heard Fred before know he is an accomplished and knowledgeable historian. Save the date!

Church Humor

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

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 Conference. Disaster Response Fund allows the Conference to meet immediate needs until United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) grants arrive, with those grants. UMCOR grants require some matching funds from the Conference whenever possible. Money from the Conference Disaster Response of 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.brapp.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.

SOUL SISTERS

A new Women's small group is forming at Church of the Wayfarer. The group has begun meeting last January 4, 2018. They will continue to 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.



smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1207717

and Amazon donates to Church of the Wayfarer

Help us lock up the Church daily!

	Feb 10 SAT	Feb 11 SUN	Feb 11 SUN	Feb 12 MON	Feb 13 TUE	Feb 14 WED	Feb 15 THU	Feb 16 FRI	Feb 17 SAT	Feb 17 SAT	Feb 18 SUN	Feb 18 SUN	Feb 19 MON	Feb 20 TUE	Feb 21 WED	Feb 22 THU	Feb 23 FRI	Feb 24 SAT
9 participants	70/71	✓0/71	✓1/71	✓1/71	✓1/71	✓1/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓1/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71	✓0/71
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There are still plenty of openings for people to lock the church during the month of January. Don't miss out on your chance to participate. Just click the following link and enter your name alongside the date of choice.

Thanks,
Tom Hierl

<https://doodle.com/poll/4xn722v4v6r99iai>

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



Got <http://www.escrip.com/index.jsp>

To Sign up

Find your store at SaveMart.com, LuckySupermarkets.com and FoodMaxx.com.

Contributions Earn up to 3% on Monthly Purchases

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.

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"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19 NRSV

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