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A Parsonal Point of View ~

A Season of Transformation

Dear Friends,

Spring is a season of new life and transformation...and the changes are definitely taking place! As many of you know by now, it was announced that I will be appointed by our bishop to serve as the Pastor of Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, CA. This new appointment will begin on the first of July. I know that this news has been a shock to many, and it is quite natural to be sad or upset. It will indeed be hard to say goodbye to all of you when that time comes this summer. At this point, it looks like my last Sunday with you all will be June 18, and I look forward to sharing one final sermon with you on that day.

In the United Methodist Church, all ordained elders enter a covenant with one another. Part of that covenant is that we will go where the bishop and cabinet send us. From January through May, the cabinet has many meetings to make church appointments for the appointment year, which starts in July. The cabinet spends time in prayer and discernment as they seek to match churches in need of a pastor with someone who has gifts matching what a given church needs. The pastor of Church of the Wayfarer is retiring in July, and the cabinet has decided that I am the best fit for that church. This means that they will now be looking to find another minister to help lead alongside Ron here at SRVUMC. When a pastor is chosen, he or she will meet with the district superintendent and our SPRC committee to make the appointment official. On a Sunday shortly following that meeting, an announcement will be made in worship as to who your next associate pastor will be. This event (in theory) could all even take place before this article is published.

Some have asked if this decision to move me can somehow be reversed or reconsidered, but the decision is already final. As soon as I was notified of this appointment, our district superintendent scheduled a meeting for Stephanie, Caleb and me to meet with the SPRC committee in Carmel. The decision was made final at that point, and when Don Field announced the appointment at our church, Church of the Wayfarer's SPRC chair did the same at her church.

Some of you have asked if I am alright with this move. Although it will be hard to say goodbye to such a wonderful congregation, as a United Methodist pastor, I believe that God works through the appointment process and that Carmel is exactly where God wants the Ham Family to go to next. As I reflect on the last five and half years at SRVUMC, I can't help but be thankful. No doubt the greatest gift I have had is to witness so many gifted youth grow into outstanding young adults. Also, what a blessing it has been to be able to spend the

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last few years serving alongside my wife, Stephanie. We are so thankful to have been part of a congregation that affirmed us both as ministers. There is no doubt that SRVUMC will have a special place in our hearts for our entire lives.

I would like to offer a prayer, and invite you to make this your prayer as well.

"Dear Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness, your grace, and your love from the beginning of time until now. We especially thank you for the time that we have had these past five and a half years to work in partnership together to make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ. We ask now that during this time of transition, you would help us to trust in you for a hopeful future. We thank you for this chapter in our lives together, and we anticipate with hope the next chapter that will unfold in July. Lord, finally we ask that you bless the next leader who will be coming to join in the ministry of the Gospel here at San Ramon Valley UMC. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Luke



Lenten Giving Program – Haiti Solar Ovens – Update

Thank you to all who donated to this year's Lenten Giving Program which focused on the solar oven bakery in Haiti. To date, we have received just over \$16,000 in gifts for this much-needed program. By reaching our goal of \$15,000, the cost of one oven, a matching gift will be given by a supportive individual in our church to help purchase a second oven. Together, we are taking a giant step forward in helping to build a better future for the people of Thomas and the surrounding community. Again, thank you to everyone who helped in making this year's Lenten Program a huge success.



Yoga Comes to SRVUMC



Our very talented Fitness Instructor, Annetta McCarty, introduces her first two classes to be offered at our church as a part of the numerous recreation offerings connected with the ARC. These classes will start earlier than other activities because we have gotten approval to hold these classes in Wesley Center in Great Hall Room A. I hope you will find these classes of interest to you personally and will participate with enthusiasm.

*Jim Burk
Volunteer ARC Director*

Annetta's connection to SRVUMC begins with her sister, Paulette Ove, our pre-school director, but she will be serving as a regular part of ARC activities once the facility opens for regular use. Annetta moved to the East Bay recently from Redwood City, where she has been teaching yoga in all manner of settings, ranging from private lessons to corporate events.

Annetta's ten-week classes here at the church are suitable for beginners and intermediate practitioners across a range of ages and overall fitness. Either of her classes at SRVUMC have practitioners between ages 40 through 70-plus in mind, with the Yin class attracting people in their 80s.

Annetta takes a gentle, meditative approach to yoga. She also can assist with props like blocks and bolsters as needed. If you let her know about some physical limitations, she can help you with modified poses that fit your ability level.

Either ten-week series, Gentle Flow or Yin Yoga costs \$129. Payment is accepted by check, PayPal or ProPay. **Contact Annetta to sign up at info@annettamccarty.com or phone 925-285-3128.**

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

June 6 through August 15 (no class July 11)

Wesley Center, Room A

Fall in love with yoga! During the series you will **learn classic yoga postures**, correct alignment, build strength, gain greater flexibility and body awareness, relieve stress and center yourself, all while having fun!

We'll explore the balance between effort and relaxation as we combine the strength and focus of held postures and the serenity and release of breath-directed movement. Each class will include meditation and breath work, sun salutations, standing postures, balancing poses, back bends, forward folds, twists, deep stretching, soothing music and more. All props are provided.

Yin Yoga

Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

June 7 through August 16 (no class July 12)

Wesley Center, Room A

Yin yoga is a **quiet, more meditative** floor practice that centers on passively holding postures for longer periods of time to stretch the body's Yin tissues. Yin tissues include ligaments, tendons and connective tissue (fascia). Focusing on these tissues increases mobility, improves flexibility and creates suppleness in the joints. The practice of holding poses releases deeply held stress and tension and encourages the free flow of energy (Chi) in the body. This class more closely parallels Indian tradition to prepare for meditation. All levels are welcome.

Church Council Report for May 2017

The Church council met on March 21 and April 18.

Diversity

The Diversity Task Force added a youth representative (**Lilly Hickman**) and hopes to add another. The Task Force plans to develop a line-up of speakers, films and panel discussion subjects to focus on cultural differences and awareness. The events will be open to the public and the community. In addition, opportunities to include the diversity perspective will be identified through coordination with church groups, committees, sermon series and such. A **Gender Equity Workshop** is planned for later this year.

Finance Committee

Through March, Total Income is \$44,917 favorable to plan, with Total Expense \$3,878 favorable to plan, resulting in a favorable variance to budget of \$48,795. **The Year-to-Date Net Surplus in the General Fund is \$111,745.**

Staff Parish Relations Committee

District Superintendent **Staci Current** recommended filling the Associate Pastor position (due to **Luke Ham's** appointment to Church of the Wayfarer UMC in Carmel-by-the-Sea) with an Interim Pastor for one year appointment. SPRC approved moving forward with this approach. SPRC also recommended hiring Jim Griffith, a consultant focused only on churches, to look at SRVUMC's organization, processes, procedures and growth, and recommend areas to consider for change. The cost is \$3000. The Council approved.

Board of Trustees

The Congregational Survey Regarding Serving Alcoholic Beverages on SRVUMC Premises, as recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Council, will be mailed to the congregation during the last week of April.

SURVEY!



Missions

Funding for a solar oven for the Thomas, Haiti Food Project achieved success! The congregation's contributions exceeded the goal of \$15,000. The oven will provide meals for schools, bread and other baked goods for the community.

The minutes of the Church Council meeting, written committee reports, and other documents mentioned above are posted on the Church website. The next Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All members are welcome to attend.

*Terry Sherman
Chair, SRVUMC Church Council*

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

LOCAL

College is Real (CIR) provides education, motivation, resources and support to low-income, minority (predominantly Latino) students from Richmond High who demonstrate academic potential, have college aspirations, and who typically will be the first in their families to attend college.



One of CIR's key success factors and one of the special benefits it offers to its students is the mentoring program. Mentors meet in person and via the web with their mentees. Mentors provide encouragement, accountability, perspective and guidance through the high school academic and college application and selection process. Contact **Liz Bayat**, lbayat@aol.com if you would like more information or are interested in becoming a mentor.

Contra Costa and Solano County Food Bank – Our next scheduled date to sort and box food at their facility is **Saturday, July 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Contact **Lee Rust** at chijocol@aol.com or at 925-820-9047 for more information.



Mission Volunteers & Communion Giving

Special Offerings

Lent - Haiti Solar Ovens \$16,050

March 2017 Volunteers

- 14 Coffee Hour Volunteers.
- 20 Sodbusters
- 20 Volunteers for "Food For Thought"
- 4 Volunteers at The Souper Center
- 18 Sunshine Singers at the Sunrise Retirement Center

Month	Entity	Amt
Jan	Haiti	\$2,625
Feb	Limb Restoration	\$1,348
Mar	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,694
Easter	Rise Against Hunger	0
	Habitat for Humanity	0
	Interfaith Council	0
	Richmond Interfaith	0
	1 st Methodist Church - Salinas	0
April	Trinity Center	0
May	Local Youth Mission	0
Jun		0
Jul		0
Aug		0
Sep		0
Oct		0
Nov		0
Dec	UMCOR World Aids Day	0
	Youth Homes	0
	BAAYFS	0
Christmas	Winter Nights	0
	Global Missions	0
	UMCOR	0
	Other	0
Totals		\$5,667

Mission Memories...

Contra Costa and Solano County Food Bank

Thanks to all of you who joined us Saturday, April 1, to sort and box food at the Food Bank in Concord. All of you worked hard and did a great job. Hopefully you had a good time working along with other friends, and maybe you even made the acquaintance of someone new.

The Food Bank has passed along the information that we packed 125 boxes for a total of 3,879 pounds of food—a job well done! You should be proud of yourselves.

Our next scheduled date is **Saturday, July 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** If you're not on vacation, or otherwise enjoying the summer weather, we hope you can join us then. Mark your calendars.

Contact **Lee Rust** at chijocol@aol.com or at 925-820-9047 for more information.



These folks packed nearly two tons of food!

Muir Ridge Home Dedication Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Six families at our Muir Ridge development in Martinez are realizing their dream of homeownership. Join us as we celebrate the achievement and dedication of our newest homeowners, and the kindness and generosity of our volunteers, donors, and community partners.



Join us to welcome home the newest homeowners and enjoy the fulfillment that your work has brought each individual in this community. For more information click on the following link:

<http://www.habitatsv.org/Events/Muir-Ridge-Home-Dedication>

Please RSVP through the link above so we can plan accordingly.

The dedication will be located at 401 Heron Lane, Martinez. **Street parking is available on Pacheco Blvd. and Sunrise Drive. Refreshments will be provided.**



Mission Memories...

Rebuilding Lives in Baton Rouge

Close your eyes and picture this...murky, swirling flood water three feet deep in every home and business, as far as you can see. Your rescue boat sputters from place to place picking up people, pets and precious family keepsakes. As the water recedes in a week and the roads made passable, you return to a home filled with mud and debris. The dank smell makes you gag. The thought of starting over brings tears yet again.

The stories are sad, but hope springs eternal, and that is where we come in. Our mission team worked the first week of April 2017 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was composed of participants from **Asbury, Lynnewood and San Ramon Valley UMC**, plus our loyal cook from Minnesota, Ruth.

The massive flood of August 2016 still a raw memory, our project was to gut and repurpose a church and most of the adjacent building into the **Louisiana Disaster Response Center**. While the small remaining congregation will continue to worship in the Fellowship Hall, the rest of the facilities will be converted into mission team housing, offices and storage, a desperately needed recovery resource.

Each day we worked feverishly on demolition and start of building the new design. It was challenging and exhausting, but so rewarding. We enjoyed meeting church members, hearing their stories and sharing team comradery. Our evenings included great home-cooked meals, lots of laughter, and a devotional time. We slept in the gymnasium and Sunday School rooms of another nearby United Methodist Church, sharing the space with a UMC work team from Illinois.

Every mission trip has a distinctive feel and some unusual moments. Among them on this trip – Ruth slept the first few nights in storage room of the Church-operated Thrift Store. One morning while she was in the kitchen, a store volunteer gathered up all of Ruth's possessions, slapped prices on them and moved them to the Store to be sold! We were entertained as Ruth told us about scrambling through the Store trying to retrieve all her stuff.

We paid special attention to rebuilding the congregation's worship space in the Fellowship Hall and were quite touched by the heartfelt thank you from the congregants who had suffered so much. The handmade quilt from the Asbury Quilting Group will hang proudly as a remembrance of our work.

We are all grateful to have been of service to our new friends in Baton Rouge. We expect to return next year to continue rebuilding lives.

In Mission Together,

Steve Elliott, Roger Everett, Mary Ellen Huey, Doug Huey, Cynthia DeLand, Dick Crawford, Tim Evans, Bob Hoffman, Ruth Coffing, Steve Wilson, Burt Rodgers and Ron Logan

Burt Rodgers (third from the right in the photo), offered a short description of the Louisiana Disaster Rescue Center project in worship service at SRVUMC on April 23.



May Communion Offering

This month's communion offering supports **Youth Missions** in three crucial ways.

- **Work Study:** Allows any youth to work jobs around the church — serving at events, cleaning, childcare, et cetera — to raise funds for his or her mission account.
- **General Scholarship:** Helps families who need additional resources to allow their youth to go on one of our mission trips.
- **Transportation Costs:** Pays for rental trucks, vans and fuel for our youth mission trips.

This year's youth missions will go to Gleanings for the Hungry and to Sierra Service Project at Smith River (on the Northern California coast).

Sierra Service Project (SSP), Smith River

Smith River is a small town in northwestern California where Sierra Service Project organizes summertime construction projects. Smith River Rancheria is the federally recognized home to about 900 members of the Tolowa nation.

High school-age work teams, including our own youth at SRVUMC, participate in the SSP summer projects. Most projects improve residences with roofing, wheelchair ramps and porches or other general home repairs. However, sometimes work teams participate in projects for public spaces like churches, schools or similar community buildings. About half of the 2015 projects improved community sites. Last year, some projects completed by SSP included garden boxes for the Smith River United Methodist Church parsonage and dog cages for the local animal shelter.

Gleanings for the Hungry

San Ramon Valley UMC youth have worked with Gleanings for the Hungry in past years. As you may know, this nonprofit organization operates as a ministry arm of Youth With A Mission to feed the hungry of approximately 40 countries worldwide. Gleanings is located near Fresno, CA.

Gleanings has two familiar programs. First, it began processing about 15,000 pounds of donated cull fruit in the summer of 1982 on donated equipment. Today, fresh peaches and nectarines are well-known donated fruit offered by Gleanings — enough to fill 10 sea containers! Later, it began to distribute dried soup. However, this organization donates a variety of foodstuffs to recipient countries, including beans, rice and cereal. According to the Gleanings website, this organization produces over 50 million servings of dried soup mix annually.



Top: Youth participate in SSP in Smith River, 2016.

Bottom: Youth assist in packing and distributing foodstuffs through Gleanings for the Hungry, 2016.

The Great Decisions of Our Age



What are the great global policy decisions facing the US and how should Christians respond? **On May 14, our church will start a series of six weekly discussions on critical global issues using a guide prepared by the US Foreign Affairs Association (FAA).** This program is part of an annual, nationwide program, whereby groups of concerned citizens throughout the US will discuss why the issues are important and why we should be concerned.

The series will be facilitated by **Lyn Arscott** and will be held **after the first service in the Wesley Center main room.** A short DVD, prepared by the FAA will be shown on each topic and the discussion series guidebooks are available. The following topics are scheduled:

May 14 Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

By Austin Long

We will be joined at this session by Sana Zaii, who is the father of the refugee family from Afghanistan that our church helped to sponsor. Sana and his family are now settled in a house in Antioch. He will help us understand the living conditions in Afghanistan.

Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The U.S., for its part, has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 9/11. Today, war with the Taliban persists, and tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan have gradually deteriorated. As his time in office drew to a close, President Obama limited further withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. The incoming administration has a choice: will it maintain the status quo, completely reverse the Obama administration drawdown or withdraw completely? Does the U.S. face a no-win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

May 21 The Future of Europe

By Andrew Moravcsik

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession, and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the Brexit vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?



May 28 Trade and Politics

By Jeremy Haft

The U.S. political mood toward trade has gone sour. One need look no further than the 2016 presidential contest for the popular narrative: trade means that China wins at America's expense. But do the numbers support that conclusion? The met-

rics used to gauge economic strength—Gross Domestic Product and balance of trade—have not kept up with the realities of modern manufacturing. Obtaining an accurate picture of U.S. economic stature requires a critique of those numbers. Only then can the U.S. develop appropriate policy solutions for the challenges at hand.

June 4 Conflict in the South China Sea

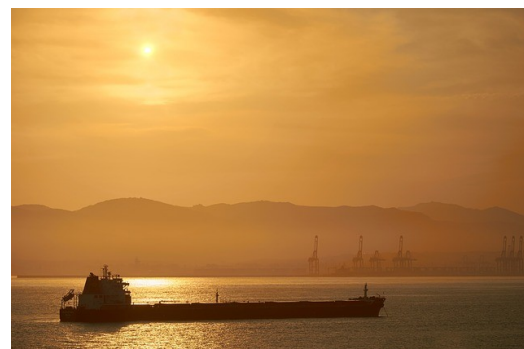
By Bernard D. Cole

The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims, and China its most vocal claimant. Beijing's interest has intensified disputes with other countries in the region in recent years, especially since China has increased its naval presence. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy.

June 11 U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

By Jonathan Chanis

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called “energy revolution,” the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.



June 18 Latin America's Political Pendulum

By Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti

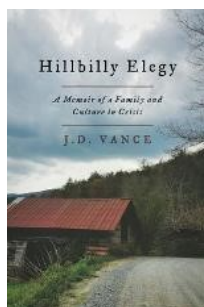
The pendulum of Latin American politics is swinging rightward once again. Yet as the “pink tide” recedes, the forces of change have more to do with socioeconomics than ideology. Dramatic economic and political crises have coincided in countries like Brazil and Venezuela. Still, the final result for Latin America may be the emergence of centrist, pragmatic modes of governance, and with them, opportunities for the U.S. to improve relations. The new administration must look beyond the neoliberal model of the 1990s, and develop an approach to relations fit for the 21st century.

Christ Care Book Group

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Church library

Review and discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.



"White Elephants Give Back"

Drop-off: May 2, 1 to 8 p.m. or May 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sale: May 5, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donate Your Treasures
and Support Community



"Big Event"

SALE

55+ Activities for May

Dates for both lunches have shifted forward one week due to the Rummage Sale the first week in May!

5-9-17 Pot Luck & Presentation, Wesley Center, 12:00

Nurse Nextdoor Karen Wells will do a Fall Prevention Presentation!! Bring a dish to share, or stop at the deli or bakery, or if you are really having that kind of day, just show up. We always have plenty of food, and having you there is what's most important!!

5-23-17 Lunch with Friends, Wesley Center, 12:00

Come enjoy the best \$5 meal in the Valley!! Chef John Sanders makes his spring salad, homemade beef stew, his oh-so-famous homemade dinner rolls and banana splits for dessert!

5-31-17 Trip to the Oakland Museum

Details to come for the planned Wednesday outing. Look for sign-ups, timing and cost at the above two lunches.



On view at the Oakland Museum this summer...

Left: Dorthea Lange: The Politics of Seeing, May 13 through August 13, 2017.

Right: Of Dogs and Other People: The Art of Roy De Forest, April 29 through August 20, 2017

The Right Envelope Does Matter!

A Brief Tutorial on Filling Out Giving Envelopes

There are several envelopes in the pew pockets, and occasionally there will be an envelope inserted into the Sunday bulletin, such as a Communion envelope or an Endowment Mothers'/Fathers' Day envelope. There are always general giving envelopes in the pew pockets for your convenience, which has an "Other" line where you can write in a special purpose gift such as "Wheelchair" or "Haiti".

Our collection counters use the envelope, or what is written on the envelope, as an aid in posting donations to the correct account. If you put your pledge into a Communion envelope, that money will be sent to the agency designated for that month's Communion offering **and it isn't possible to get it back.** The Endowment envelopes are specifically for donations to the Endowment Fund and not for general fund donations.

I try to apply logic when posting donations, and occasionally I'll send you an email if the sum you've put in a Communion envelope matches the amount of your pledge, but it's not possible to catch every error.

It's important to give clear instructions as to how you'd like your donation allocated. Notes are very helpful. **Include a comment on the memo line of a check or check a specific box on the general giving envelope.** A little extra care will ensure that your donation is allocated exactly as you intend. —Shannon Dever, Finance Secretary



Remember: your donation goes where the envelope tells us to put it!

Kindness Matters Corner



To all readers: One does not have to be exceptionally observant to listen, watch, and wonder at the one-on-one kindnesses that surround us. No fanfare. No spotlight. Just open hearts and compassion for others. Here is another quiet gift of kindness given in our Tri-Valley this month.

The Kindest Kindness? What Could Top This? Members of our congregation were exhibiting their own kindness on a recent Friday as they prepared and served lunch at Trinity Center. They shared this wonderful story with me, so I could share it with you.

Following lunch, Pastor Ron was leading the discussion, and he asked about a time when anyone might have experienced radical hospitality. A homeless man told of his experience of just the night before, when he was given a most kind gift. It was a cold and rainy night, and he had nowhere to go for shelter and warmth. He saw a house with no lights on, and he decided to camp out on the back porch, out of the rain. Later in the evening the family came home and turned on the lights, and the homeowner looked out and saw the person on his back porch. At this point, the man expected the police would be called. Not so, the homeowner opened the door and asked the man if he would like something to eat. He man said, no, he was not hungry, but he just needed a place to stay dry. The homeowner let him stay the night. As Mel Allen would say, "How 'bout that!"

"Love" Is Every Kindness. What are your thoughts whenever you are performing a kindness for another? My head and heart are full of thoughts during those times, but I would like to know your thoughts. E-Mail your experiences to Kindness@srvumc.org.

**"You cannot do a kindness too soon,
for you never know how soon it will
be too late."**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Afternoon Book Group

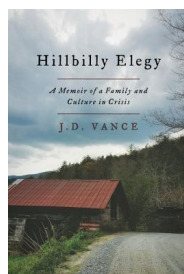
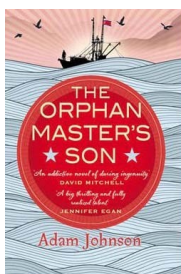
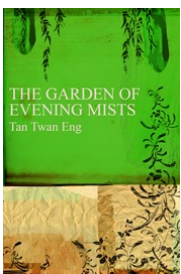
Mondays at 1 p.m.

Room 202, Wesley Center

May 15—*The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan tawn Eng (Sharon leading)

June 19—*The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson (Nancy leading)

July 17—*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family in Crisis* by J.D. Vance (Debbie leading)



Save the Date!



Children & Youth Fundraiser

May 20, 2017

Proceeds support Youth and Children's Ministries and church-supported missions.

Enjoy dinner and mini-golf...right in our courtyard!

Watch for details in the *Mini Messenger*!



Have you ever been to a concert? Maybe you had tickets for great seats. Maybe you were in the nosebleeds. Either way, you probably noticed that everyone had the same goal in mind, *to get as close as possible*. There's just something about being *near* the band or *near* the artist that makes a great concert even more fun. But there's a limit, right? No matter how good your tickets are, you can only get so close. There's a velvet rope you can't cross, a hall you can't walk down, or a security guard you can't stroll right past because those areas are reserved for certain people... special people—people with an all-access pass. Maybe you've felt the same way when it comes to God. Sure, you come to church and sing songs or listen, but there's a limit to how close you can get. It's almost like there's a velvet rope around certain parts of our faith that tells us those parts are restricted to special people, to church-staff people, or to super-spiritual people. But what if that's never what God intended? In this series we'll explore what the Resurrection of Jesus really meant—for real people like us. And,

Weekly Programming

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 to 8) On Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9 to 12) On Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

High School Dinner Night Out (1st and 3rd Sundays) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
See our weekly email newsletters for locations

Sunday School: Determination

WEEK 1

Bottom Line: Keep going even when it gets hard. Life will be difficult.

WEEK 2

Bottom Line: Keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.

WEEK 3

Bottom Line: God gives you what you need to keep going.

WEEK 4

Bottom Line: Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

Announcements

All are invited to the children and youth fundraiser on **May 20: "Dine and Putt"** tickets are available for sale every Sunday through **May 7**. Join for a full dinner and putt putt golf in the courtyard. Proceeds support our children and youth ministries as well as several church-supported missions.

May 13—Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner

May 14—Confirmation Sunday!
No Youth worship (all Youth to attend sanctuary service).

Music Sunday, May 21 is the last time the children will sing. **May 17 is the last practice!**

May 28—No Youth group.

we'll discover that, because of Easter, we have an *all-access* pass to Him and to the life He has for us.

Every Sunday

9 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday school meets

K to Grade 5: Lamm Hall

Grades 6 to 12: Room 202

10:30 a.m. Nontraditional Worship

Confirmation meets in room 201 until 11:45 a.m.

Childcare for all ages in children's building, downstairs, either service.

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Music

These choirs are free and open to everyone to participate.

Cherub Choir (Preschool through Grade 1) and **Archangel Choir** (Grades 2 to 5)

Beth McClelland

Practice Wed from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Performances the second and fourth Sundays of each month September through May

Youth Choir

Teri Hawk

Grades 6 to 12

Practice Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Rm. Perform third Sunday of each month

Bros and Belles Handbell Choir

Winnie Stribling

Grades 6 to 12

Practice Wed from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Among Ourselves

Health Concerns...

Lucille Eichelberger	Gene Brown
Jane Knox	Julie Dastic
Gene Brown	
Millie Loper	
Jada Koonce	
Lea Patteson	
Edith Liggett	
Kay Jones	

Our Christian Sympathy To...

The friends and family of **Tom Kring**. Tom died on March 21.

The friends and family of Marilyn Bristow. **Lyn** died on April 10. A memorial service was held at St. Anne's Catholic Church on April 21.

Continued Prayers For...

All those who continue to live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Bill Andrew; Gene Brown; Lenore Cooper; Jeni Evans; John Evans; Brigitte Greene; Dick Greeno; Ann Hatfield; Dave & Lillian Holleman; Cary Johnson; Johnny Johnston; Daphne Kimbell; Jada Koonce; Alleen Landstrom; Edith Liggett; Margaret Matteson; Alex Maddux; Mary Ogden; Lea Patteson; Mike Robinett; Lillian Scherer; Ann Schroeder; Pat Shoner; Jean Spencer; Carol	Webb Samford; Joan Webb; Jeannine Woolery.
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Name Tags

Please contact Shannon Dever in the church office if you need a new name tag (\$7/ea.)

May Celebrations

Birthdays

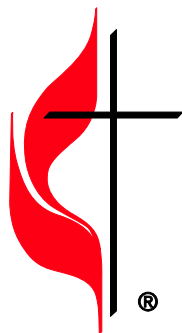


1 Catharine Baker Barbara Nicco Bethany Pavel	8 Cherie Charbonneau Mitzie Dew Matt Hinzie	15 Janelle Hawkley Greg Longstreet Greg Lowe	Gary Krumrei
2 Will Davis Rich Johannessen Cheryl Morones	Kari Mullican Charity Pelletier Sarah Pihowich	Scott Ryan 16 Lorry Dahl Brad Poole	Rose Larkins Julia Leontini
3 Bruce Templeton	Abby TenElshof	17 Rick Doran	25 Karen Dautel Clara Malin
4 Sylvia Benzler Floy Blair Alana Morgan Mike Prenger Jim Warnock	9 Burt Rodgers Winnie Stribling	Laurie Rousseau 18 Sanjiv More'	Thomas Mannell Sara Wolfram
10 Barbara Carlson	11 Louise Hanover Will Maddux	19 Alice Impraim Marla Nakaso	26 Norma Jean Bunker Skip George
5 Jan Rohde Hannah Sidhom Scott Smallwood Matt Yarmolilch	Connor Marohn Kathleen Wood	20 Susan Dunn 21 Gerry Aude Bob Baker	27 Justin Farhang Thomas Valdriz
6 Laura Brady Mary Jane Brusher Susan Doran Jean Spencer (94)	12 Patrick Davis 13 Brett Greene Carole Johnson Jim McKnight Pamela Peters	Rich Braden Brian Dandridge Mike Donatelli Robby Kelly	28 Kay Jones (91) Tom Schramm Anna Templeton
14 Saba Kanwal	22 Ruth Pavlik	29 Jan Geahry 30 Aksel Schmidt 31 Bob Benedict Christa Farrow	
	23 Gary Hickson		

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Stephanie & Jeff Leontini	17 Darlene & Dick Greeno	Meg & Bob Guldner	Lynn & Richard Dodge
4 Linda Albertoni Engman & Dave Engman	18 Donna & Dave Bain	Anita Weir & Jim Ball	Stacey & Brad Judd
5 Floy & Jerry Blair (54 th)	20 Rhona & Mike Sherrill	27 Lillian Baker Holleman & Dave Holleman	Anne & Paul Kuelz
6 Kathleen & Briggs Wood	21 Debra & Richard Carter	28 Kari & Kevin Dimler	Marilyn & Thomas Mathis
8 Brenda & Darren Cowdrey Marty & Jerry Osborn	22 Lisa & John Jancarik	Amber & Matt Marx	Susan & Dale Stevenson
10 Nancy & Steve Garnick	24 Willy & Charlie Adam Susan Pickering-Gest & Steve Gest	Alice & Roger Miller	
12 Lisa & Edmund Glover	Connie & Ray Winter	Barbara & Mike Nicco	
14 Angela & Tom Norton	26 Debra Brady & Steve Veglia	Karen & Scott Sanson	
	30 Christy & Bruce Campbell	Heather & Doug Clay	

MAY 2017



Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Non-Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m., in the Sanctuary

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