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This is what the LORD says:
“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.
⁶They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one
lives?’ ⁷I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.
But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.
⁸The priests did not ask, ‘Where is
the LORD?’ ‘Those who deal with the law did
not know me; the leaders rebelled against
me. The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.’ ⁹“Therefore I
bring charges against you again,”
declares the LORD. “And I will bring
charges against your children’s children.
¹⁰Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and
look, send to Kedar and observe closely;
see if there has ever been anything like this:
¹¹Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)
But my people have exchanged their glori-
ous God for worthless idols. ¹²Be appalled at
this, you heavens, and shudder with great
horror,” declares the LORD. ¹³“My people
have committed two sins: They have for-
saken me, the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns, broken cis-
terns that cannot hold water.

Jeremiah 2.5-13

FROM THE PASTOR

In his parables and general teaching, and most clearly in The Lord’s Prayer, Jesus invites us to think of God as our father and to come to him as his children. However, that is often not as easy as it sounds. For those who do not have good relationships with their parents, or were neglected or even abused, seeing God as their father can be very difficult. Even if you were loved and well treated by your parents, if you are like me, we often feel like we have let our parents down and have not lived up to their love and example and teaching. For those and many other reasons, relationships with parents (and everyone else) are complicated and a mixed bag. So, also, is our relationship with God.

On the other hand, my recent experience with a grandchild gave me a different perspective on God as father. Margie and I were in Yuma seeing our latest granddaughter, Charlotte. I held her for the first time when she was two days old, and as I looked at her I was thinking about how precious she is and how I will always love her. When Jesus was baptized, the voice of the heavenly Father declared, “You are my son, whom I love! I am so delighted with you!” (Mark 1.11) God the Father holds each one of his children in his hands, and what is first on his mind is not all we have done and will do

wrong, but how precious we are to him, and how much he loves us! And that will never change.
Pastor Dennis

CHURCH WEB SITE AND E-MAIL

To access the church’s website,
Go to www.clarksburgcc.org
Pastor Dennis also has an e-mail address:
pastordenniscc@gmail.com

Worship in October Service Begins at 11:00 a.m.		
Oct 2	“Love” 1 Corinthians 13	World Communion Sunday
Oct 9	“Running On Empty” Jeremiah 2.4-13	Mission Mo- ment: Lindsey Montzingo
Oct 16	“Goodness” Jeremiah 4.11-22	
Oct 23	“The Potter and the Clay” Jeremiah 18.1-11	Children’s Choirs
Oct 23	“A Balm in Gilead” Jeremiah 18.1-11	

GOT A SPARE KIDNEY?

Bob Bartron is in late Stage IV kidney failure. He had three donors lined up to give him a kidney to avoid starting dialysis probably early next spring. However, all three have become problematic due to matching issues, so he is seeking more volunteers. If God leads you to consider what you might be able to do to help, please email Bob at bobbartron@hotmail.com and he will send you a link to a page with detailed information you will need to determine if you might want to participate. Any blood type can possibly assist through the Paired Kidney Exchange program where a pool of donors is used to match multiple recipients. The basic requirements to volunteer are to be in good health, have a relatively clean medical history, and preferably under age 60. But whatever your age, you can help by lifting the need of this church member to God in daily prayer.
If you would like to know more check out: https://www.facebook.com/Kidney-Donation-for-Bob-517310091800730/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

**Clarksburg Garden
Club News**

Clarksburg Garden Club has started another year! We have lined up numerous great speakers. Some of our topics this year are Bonsai, Mums, Garden Design, and Geraniums. Come and join us on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at the church at 1 pm. Join in on the FUN!!!

Get ready for Christmas...
Clarksburg Garden club is selling Beautiful fresh wreaths. They have pine cones and Berries. Please check with a member of the club to get your wreath.

Guardian Angel Call

Looking for Guardian Angels! Feel like you could participate in this special children's ministry? Please see Lana Reynolds, Robin Murphy, or Becky Morazzini if you'd like to volunteer to be a Guardian Angel for one of our choristers. Thank you!

Editor’s Note:

CHIMES submissions are due by the 20th of each month. Please send your information to:
djrunningonempty@gmail.com

Union Gospel Mission

Clarksburg Community Church has been afforded the opportunity to serve a dinner every third Thursday of the month at the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) since 2012. With a committed, compassionate and loyal group of servers, we are now into our fifth year of serving dinners to the less fortunate, the homeless, the lost, the lonely, and the forgotten. As we have been serving these dinners, we have realized that we are not only there to serve the homeless, we are also there to support the staff at the UGM, the men behind the line, the men in the 9-month Christ-centered drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. (One –third of the UGM staff are graduates of the rehab program.) We have been told many stories by these men, their struggles with drugs and alcohol and their struggles with homelessness, loneliness, and hopelessness. It's surprising how open and honest they are when telling us who they were before they found the UGM. At times, we have been asked to pray for them, for those we serve and for the workings at the UGM. We are looking for additional servers to help us fulfill our third Thursday of the month commitment. All that is required of us is a willing heart, arrive at 7:45 p.m., serve dinner at 8:30 p.m., we are done by 9:00 p.m., and no clean-up is required. Here is a little more information about the UGM and its services, all provided for by donations with no state or federal assistance: *"The heart of Union Gospel Mission ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ through the*

evangelization and regeneration of the urban poor, while worshipping with acts of mercy. To serve these ends, the Mission provides a Christ centered environment, clothing, food, shelter, spiritual training, and a recovery program."

- 9,000 meals are served every month to homeless men, women and children. All the dinners are served by volunteers from churches across the Sacramento area. All diners are required to do is to attend Chapel Services immediately prior to dinner. These Chapel Services are provided by volunteer church groups also from the Sacramento area.
- 84 homeless men sleep at the UGM every night, safe from the heat, cold and dangers of the nighttime streets.
- Six days a week, during certain hours, homeless men can take a shower, get clean clothes and toiletry items.
- 9-month in-house drug and alcohol Christ-centered rehabilitation program with a vocational training and job placement program.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Women's Clothing Closet is open to women and children to shop for clothing and toiletry items. The women are required to sign in and attend a Bible study prior to shopping.
- Food box distributions to the elderly and struggling families. Holiday

food boxes are also provided at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

- A warming center that runs from November to March, seven days a week.
- Mailroom for those who do not have an address to receive their mail.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me." When Jesus was asked by the righteous, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

The Union Gospel Mission follows the teachings of Christ, most notably in the passage above from the Gospel of Matthew. Has God placed it on your heart to serve "the least of these"? If so, please pray about joining us on one of our third Thursdays to serve. If you would like more information, please visit with any of the committed, compassionate and loyal group of servers: Lorna and Richard Bagby, Mary and Bob Bartron, Earleen Clark, Kathi and Joe Gomes, Donna and Steve Heringer, Kevin Kamminga, Michelle, Jerry and Matthew Spain, Don and Kathleen Updegraff. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

There are many ways to support the UGM: Serve on a third Thursday with us, pray for those whom we serve and the men in the rehab program, pray for the Union Gospel Mission and the staff and/or donate items of need. (There is a blue bin in the garden room of the church for donations.)

For more information on the Union Gospel Mission, please visit their website at: www.ugmsac.com. There is also a radio program called "Voices from the Street," which airs on KFIA 710 AM on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Blessings!



SAVE THE DATE

**CLARKSBURG FALL HOME TOUR
NOVEMBER 13, 2016
1:00 - 5:00**



**PRESENTED BY
FRIENDS OF THE 1883
CLARKSBURG SCHOOLHOUSE**

**MAJOR SPONSOR
FIRST NORTHERN BANK**

**Please save the
afternoon of November
13 when six Clarksburg
families will open their
homes to support the
restoration of the 1883
Schoolhouse. This
special event will include
a local winery tasting
and food pairing at
each home. The cost of
the event will be \$40.00
per person in advance or
\$60.00 at the door.**

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC
THANK YOU'S**

On behalf of the Music Committee and our congregation, I would like to send out a big thank you for the following people for gracing us this summer with your musical talents. You greatly enhanced our worship services again this year and were very much appreciated. THANK YOU!! Tressa (Connor) Dahlberg, Music Committee

Lana Reynolds & the VBS kids presentation; Austin Updegraff, piano; Gregory Merwin & Lisa Finn; our Praise Band, "Witness" (Keith Connor, David & Kevin Kamminga, Matthew Spain, and Shari Winkler); Kathy Hunn, flute; Webb Johnson and teacher, Keith Connor, guitars; Isabelle and Kathy Hunn, violin and flute; Lisa Finn, soprano with Keith Connor & David Kamminga, guitars and Claire Connor, piano; David Kamminga, guitar; The Connor Family (vocal trio- Graham & Charlyn Connor and Tressa Dahlberg, and Keith Connor, guitar); Dennis Merwin and the Faith Presbyterian Brass; Shannon Ogilvie vocals with David Kamminga, guitar; and Tom, Andy, Tyler and Cory Wallace, vocal quartet.

**TED SMITH BOOK SIGNING
October 12, 2016**

**Please join your neighbors at
October's 2nd Tuesday on Turn to
purchase Ted Smith's excellent new
history of Clarksburg.**

**Ted will
be on hand to personalize your
copy. The monthly event will be in
Mike Campbell's front yard
from 5:30 - 7:30.**

**Please bring a beverage and
appetizer to share.**

Requirements for Baptism"

Do you remember being a young child, going to the amusement park, excited to ride the rides and being told you were too little? Baily does.....

As parents, we always question if we are doing the best we can for our children. For many years, I was a single parent raising two children, working full time and at one point going to school full time. It wasn't an easy life for us and I wondered if my quest for self-improvement was at the expense of my children. I wanted them to know and love the Lord as I did, but wondered if just taking them to church was enough.

Coming home from the gym last week I got confirmation that my persistence in dragging my children to Sunday school and church every week has trickled down through my daughter to my grandchildren. I had both my

grandsons Ryan 9 and Bailey 7 strapped into their car seats when the song "The River" came on the radio. Bailey, the seven-year-old tells me to turn the radio up because he likes the song. If you know the song, then you know it talks about being baptized in the water. With an inquisitive look on his face Baily proceeds to ask me about baptism. As best I could, I tried to explain to him what baptism means and the symbolism of the water washing our sins away. I continue to watch him in my rear view mirror as he ponders on our conversation. After about 10 seconds of serious thought, he asked me a question.

With the recent memory fresh in his mind of not being able to ride certain rides this summer at his Six Flags vacation Baily asks, "Gammy, is there a height / weight requirement for baptism?" I did my best to not let him see me giggle at his purely amazing and innocent question. I told him "No buddy, there is no height /weight requirement for baptism when you are on your knees asking for forgiveness."

That one simple innocent question from a seven-year-old made me so happy because now I know I'm doing my job as a grandma and he's definitely thinking about baptism and his eternal life.

Lisa Kozlowski



PASSING ON

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Donna Pylman** who passed away this past month. A memorial service will be held at Clarksburg Community Church on Friday, October 21, at 11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon in the Community Hall.

Our community lost a friend, a farmer, and a former fireman last month when **John Pylman** passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Ann and the family.



NEW BIRTH

Congratulations to Dennis and Margie Montzingo (AKA Grandpa and Grandma ‘Zingo) on the birth of their newest grandbaby. Daughter Anna gave birth to a baby girl, **Charlotte Faith**, on September 6. Mom, Dad, baby, and brother and sister are all doing well.



SENIOR LUNCH

We’re back!!
Please come join your senior friends and neighbors for lunch at noon on Tuesday, October 18, (the third Tuesday of the month) at the church.
We hope you will enjoy some good fellowship time, share your summer adventures, and eat some good food.
If you have any questions or need a ride, call Lorna at 744-1617 or call the church office on Thursday or Friday at 744-1422. We look forward to seeing all of you here with us for lunch.
The Senior Lunch Bunch

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Senior Lunch Bunch is looking for some more volunteers to join our group. Do you like to organize, shop, **cook**, serve, decorate, mingle, laugh, sing and just generally have fun...?
Please consider helping with our Senior Lunches. We know you will enjoy yourself. So if you are full energy, (even half full!) we’d love to have you join the team!
If you are interested, please contact Lorna (744-1617, Home or 744-1422, Office) or Robin Murphy (744-1613, Home or 208-1613, Cell).

QUIZ

Think you know a lot about Christopher Columbus, his travels and the holiday that bears his name?

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates Christopher Columbus' discovery of America.

The most common name for the celebration in Spanish, including some Latin American communities in the United States, is **el Día de la Raza** ('Day of the Race' or 'Day of the [Hispanic] people'), commemorating the first encounters of Europeans and Native Americans.

Here's a fun trivia quiz to test your knowledge of this famous European explorer and his place in history. Try to do this without ‘Googling’ it!

- 1) On which island did Columbus found the settlement of La Isabela, the first Spanish colony in the New World?
- 2) Where do many historians believe Columbus was born?
- 3) How many trips did Columbus make to the New World?
- 4) Why was Columbus arrested and sent back to Spain in chains?

- 5) What did Columbus name the island (today a part of the Bahamas) where he first landed?
- 6) On which date did Columbus and his crew first make landfall in what would be known as the New World?
- 7) The monarchs of Spain had commissioned Columbus to look for something that would bring them great wealth. What was it?
- 8) How many ships did Columbus take on his second voyage?



Answers:
1) *Hispaniola*
2) *Genoa, Italy*
3) *4 trips to the New World.*
4) *Because the colonists complained about his policies", which were incredibly brutal.*
5) *San Salvador*
6) *1492*
7) *A route by water to markets of eastern Asia.*
8) *17*