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²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²²"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

²³Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Luke 10: 1-24

FROM THE PASTOR

We are living in a world of conflict. Many are pointing to the current politics in Washington D.C. as the source of the divisions in our country. While there is some truth in that, the fact is that conflict has been part of life since the beginning (read Genesis 3-11), and I don't see an end in sight. I also don't believe we just throw up our hands and give in. Reading Psalm 124 for my personal devotions recently, I was challenged to "Pray for the peace..." While the Psalmist prayed for the peace of "Jerusalem", I pray for the peace of Washington D.C. and our nation, for the world, for California and Clarksburg, for families and schools, and church, etc.

I pray, because the search for peace begins with God. Biblical peace, in Hebrew Shalom, is not simply a negative—no conflict, rather it is a positive—fulfillment and prosperity and justice for all sides. Human peace is generally one-sided and short-lived. We need the help of the One who is righteous and just and wise. So begin with prayer and humility.

Peace also has to begin inside, for it is a spiritual state of the heart and mind. The world is not at peace because people are not at peace. We are quick to point out the faults of others, but unable or unwilling to confront the internal source of our own conflicted souls. Jesus

promises "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you". (John 14.27) One of the great prayers of the church comes from Sir Thomas More, 5 centuries ago, "Lord, give me patience in tribulation, and grace in everything to conform my will to Thine....the things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me the grace to labor for." So, as I pray for peace, I also want to be a peacemaker (Matthew 5.9) where and when I can.

I don't think we are going to get all sides to agree on all things. But, I can be more intentional about not needlessly throwing gas on the fire and instead, seeking common ground and understanding. At the same time, we must not compromise our own beliefs, yet find ways to differ while, if possible, living in peace with all people (Romans 12.18)

Shalom be with you! (Luke 24.36)
Pastor Dennis

VBS Update

It's time for VBS - and this year it's going to be COOL! Make that cold. Arctic Cold. Come explore the Arctic right here at Clarksburg Church! **June 5-8th, from 9:00am-11:30am.**

Kids will warm up to The Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet!

As always, we will need LOTS of help, so please, contact Becky Morazzini or Lana Reynolds to volunteer. Thank you

Worship in June Summer Schedule Service Begins at 10:00 a.m.		
June 4	Family Sunday	Annual Picnic
June 11	"Mission" Luke 10.1-24	Communion
June 18	"Good Samaritans" Luke 10.25-37	
June 25	TBD	

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leeharris124@gmail.com

FAMILY SUNDAY

The church Family Sunday and Annual Picnic will be June 4.

Worship will be at 10:00 AM and led by the Sunday School Classes.

The picnic will follow on the church lawn. Watch for the sign-up board for food or hand-made ice cream to bring.

This picnic is for the whole church and is truly a fellowship highlight of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2017 GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

High School

Sally Clark

Nick Lara

Jacob Rapp

Henry Underwood

Katriana Van Deist

College

Laura Clark - UC Berkley

Aundriea Mason - Oregon State University

Amy Merwin - UC Irvine

Joanna Parkhurst- Georgia Institute of Technology

Lydia Smith - Rome

Cory Wallace - California Polytechnic State University

Attention Scouters of Clarksburg!

Troop 83 has rescheduled the 90th Birthday Celebration to Saturday, August 12.

We will have an Open Cabin starting at 5:00 pm and a Camp Fire starting at 6:15 pm with songs and skits.

After the Camp Fire, we will all move down to the Clarksburg Fire house for a reception which will run from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

We will serve wine and snacks and donations will be accepted. There will be a slide show of current and past Scouting adventures.

Any questions, please contact Jaime McGregor

If you would like to make a donation to Troop 83's 90th Anniversary.

Please make checks out to Troop 83 and send to:

PO Box 83

Clarksburg, CA 95612

See you there!

Summer Music

Clarksburg cherishes its very talented musicians.

Volunteers are needed for our Summer Special Music sign-ups, including that it will run from June 11 - September 3.

Please find the sign-up sheet available on the church bulletin board.

Heartfelt Thanks

We recently lost a cherished member of our community, Don Shebert. He will be greatly missed.

Here is a note from his family

Hi Clarksburg Family:

Thank you so much for the cards, letters, poems, phone calls, flowers, donations, and so many other kindnesses honoring our husband and father, Don Shebert. The Shebert family has been completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern from all of you. Even though we are not still living in Clarksburg, we will always feel that it is "home" for us, because of all of you and our permanent ties to the community. Thanks for making Don's loss a little easier on all of us.

Sincerely, and with love,

Pat Shebert, Bonnie and James Gracia, Steve Shebert, Nick & Jill Shebert, Justin & Eric, Chuck & Stephanie Shebert, Sierra, Rachel & Allie

Church Website and Email

To access the church's website,

Go to www.clarksburgcc.org

Pastor Dennis also has an e-mail address:

pastordenniscc@gmail.com

St Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser Event for Childhood Cancer Research Together Let's Conquer Kids Cancer

Bob and Mary Bartron are going bald in honor of Tyler Armstrong and Amelia Riley. Please consider donating to this great cause: St Baldrick Foundation. We are part of the Renfree team that both Tyler and Amelia are members of. They both share the same great great grandparents. Sadly Tyler passed away on September 3, 2016 but Amelia is now in remission. We will honor them on September 23rd in Placerville, Ca. Please go onto the webpage below to make a donation.

We also welcome checks and cash.

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/930161/2017>



Union Gospel Mission

As a new member of the Clarksburg Community Church, I had been searching for a way to help others as well as explore my relationship with God. I still remember the day that Michelle Spain stood up during announcements – she was asking for people to help serve at the UGM otherwise we may not be able to provide services to the people there anymore. My first thought was “What can I do to help!?” I looked at my husband and he knew exactly what I was thinking. Immediately following church, I found Michelle and asked her for more information. I knew this was for me. I immediately signed up for the UGM for the next few months and couldn't wait to get started.

My first day volunteering was a nervous day. I felt like the new kid in school – I didn't know what to do, who to talk to, how to hand things out, if I should smile, not smile, or ask them about their day. The minute the doors opened, the men, woman, and children greeted me and they were thanking me and blessing me the entire time. I'm not sure what I expected, but I was overwhelmed with the level of love and praise that was given by everyone involved. I couldn't wait to come home and tell my husband what I had experienced. When I got home, he was waiting for me and I couldn't stop talking about how moving it was. I can't wait to continue my work there and see where this path takes me.

Stacy Anagnostopoulos

Succession Planning

Pastor Dennis Montzingo is looking forward toward retirement, not right away, but sometime in the next several years. A Transition Planning Team has been formed to discuss and anticipate how best to navigate the transition process to our next pastor. The Team is comprised of Don Clark, Steve Heringer, Kathy Hunn, Jeff Merwin, Will Middleton (as Chair), Shannon Ogilvie, Tiffani Taylor, and Dennis Updegraff,

One of the key aspects of our work will be to create a Strategic Plan for the Church. This is a tool that will help us move forward; building upon what has been accomplished, define our future goals (Vision and Mission), and create an organized plan to achieve them. We will also assess the cultural aspects of the Church. Together, our future plans and strong healthy culture will determine the Ministry Skills, Personal Characteristics, and Accomplishments we will seek in a pastor to lead us forward.

The Transition Planning Team is dedicated to work transparently, make the process as inclusive to all as possible, and communicate effectively.



Travelling Ministry

Michael Kelley Blanchard is a nationally known Christian musician and performer who has graced Clarksburg with his presence a number of time in the past. He will be here again this summer, leading our worship service on Sunday July 23, at 10:00 A.M. Plan to attend you will be amazed at his talent!



Scholarship Awards

Clarksburg Community Church
Scholarship recipients this year went to

Sally Clark

Emma Kirchhoff

Nick Lara, and

Henry Underwood

Congratulations, thank you for your community service, and may God bless you!