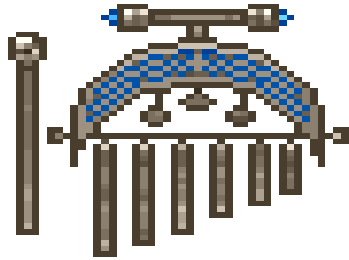


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# Chimes

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## CHIMES NEWSLETTER

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<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. <sup>32</sup> Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. <sup>34</sup> Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

And when I come I will give further directions.

1 Corinthians 27-33

## FROM THE PASTOR

I have been thinking a lot lately about finding meaning in life and living a life of purpose. While we can find some meaning and purpose in the things of this world, we end up looking beyond ourselves and our lives for a greater and ultimate purpose. Bertrand Russell, 20<sup>th</sup> Century British philosopher and atheist, wrote, "Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purpose is meaningless."

Michael Phelps is once again the golden boy of Olympic Games, achieving unparalleled success in athletic achievement. In a recent interview on ESPN (Google it – it is worth hearing), Phelps talked about losing his way and hitting bottom after the 2012 Olympics. As he explains, it was in the pages of a Christian book, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren (the Men's Group read and discussed this book a few years ago), that Phelps found a new belief in a "higher power" and "a greater purpose than myself." He had to look beyond himself and his achievements for meaning and purpose.

The Christian faith is all about finding that higher power and that greater and ultimate purpose in life. Instead of settling for a vague, undefined and impersonal higher power however, the Bible proclaims and portrays a personally involved God who comes to his creation

Jesus Christ and lives with his people in his Holy Spirit and who promises resurrection and unending life with him beyond this world. Those who follow his way find meaning in all of life, good and bad, and ultimate purpose in the Creator's purposes.

Perhaps you are searching for purpose and meaning, and perhaps you have even hit bottom. You won't find it in the things of this world and life (read Ecclesiastes). You will find it in the Creator of the world and the Lord and Savior of all life. When we find we have lost our way, as we all do, I learned from one of my teachers many years ago to pray the simple prayer, "O Lord, renew my purpose." I pray that today for myself, for our church, and for each and every one.

Pastor Dennis

Be sure to send your CHIMES articles to [djrunningonemty@gmail.com](mailto:djrunningonemty@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!



## **Worship in September Service Begins at 11:00 a.m.**

<b>Sept. 4</b>	"The Lord's Supper" 1 Corinthians 11.17-34	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	"For the Glory of God" 1 Corinthians 10.31	Annual Meeting/ Annual Reports/ communion
<b>Sept.18</b>	"Resurrection" 1 Corinthians 15	
<b>Sept. 25</b>	"Love" 1 Corinthians 13	Children's Choirs

**"The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel-  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Burning brush,  
New books, erasers,  
Chalk, and such.  
The bee, his hive,  
Well-honeyed hum,  
And Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze."  
- John Updike, *September***

## Scout News

We're having the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Troop 83 in the spring on Saturday May 6. We would like to get as many copies, (not originals unless they want to donate them), of pictures from all generations of the Troop. Group shots before hikes, camping or any pictures available. Can you include our request in the Chimes or any mass communication that may be going out?

Any help with this would be awesome. Thanks!  
All of the pictures can be sent to:

Troop 83 c/o pictures  
P.O. Box 83  
Clarksburg CA, 95612





You are invited to the 28th annual Wines of Clarksburg and Art Auction fundraiser on Sunday, September 18th, from 1-5pm at the beautiful Heringer Ranch, located at 37375 Netherlands Road. The Clarksburg Branch Library relies upon the proceeds from this special event to support the operation, maintenance, and programs of the Library. Tickets are \$60 each, and are available at the Library or here: [clarksburglibraryfriends.org](http://clarksburglibraryfriends.org)



### Passages

Longtime member of our community and church family, Vi Kirtlan, went home to the Lord in July at the age of 97. Vi was the loving widow of Fred Kirtlan, and mother of Gary and Greg Kirtlan. She will be missed by all who knew her.

### Milestones

Ella Davis turned 90 in May, celebrating with friends and family at her daughter's home in Sacramento. It included a beautiful garden luncheon, a lovely cake, and many hugs and birthday wishes.

Marge Heringer celebrated her 95th birthday with cake, family, and friends following church on Sunday, August 21. A beautiful cake and many hugs and birthday wishes were shared.

### Anyone interested?...

To join a prayer walk Saturday, September 3, 2016, please meet in front of Clarksburg Community Church at 7:30 am.

### Youth Group News

Junior high youth group will start next Sunday August 28 with a swim party and BBQ at the Clark Compound (!) from 3:30-6pm. for 7th and 8th graders. Bring sunscreen and a towel. For non-junior high-ers, please pray for us(!).

### New Clarksburg History to Benefit Library

The newest, most comprehensive history of Clarksburg ever produced will be unveiled and made available for sale for the first time at the annual Wines of Clarksburg on Sunday, September 18, beginning at 1 p.m. The 174-page highly illustrated book will sell for \$30 each, with all of the net proceeds being donated to support the Clarksburg Library. After September 18, the book, which is entitled *Clarksburg: the Water, the Land, and Its People*, will be available at the Clarksburg Library.

Ted Smith, the author of the new history, has spent the past ten years on this project. And he says that without the help and support of people throughout the Clarksburg area, he simply would not have been able to publish the document. He is very grateful to all of them.

Mr. Smith's document recounts the history not only of the Plains Miwok Indians who lived in Clarksburg from approximately 500 A.D. to 1833 but it also examines the histories of all those who have called this area "home." He provides historical accounts of all the people and organizations that reclaimed the land in the four districts that comprise the Clarksburg area: Glide, Lisbon, Holland, and Merritt. In addition, he provides histories on Clarksburg's library, churches,

schools, fire department, farming, governance, and community organizations.

When asked why he undertook such a project, Ted said that Clarksburg and the people that he has come to call "friends" have been exceedingly good to him and his family for over the last 42 years, and this was his way of saying "thank you."

### Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for community members to help with the maintenance of the Don Fenocchio Garden. Most of the work is help clearing weeds. Also, **Yvette Hall** - Art Director / Lead Educator for Outdoor Classroom at Delta Charter School is working in the garden every Wednesday from 1pm to 1:50 pm and she would love to have some help.

The monthly garden work days will be on the following Saturdays, 9am to 12pm. Come to all or as many as you can. Many hands make light work!

September 24,  
October 29,  
December 3,  
January 28,  
February 25,  
March 25,  
April 22,  
May 27.

## Sunday School Begins!

Sunday school starts Aug 21, 2016. This year's theme is Trusting Gods Promises.

We have a class for you! Sunday school ages classes from Preschool to Adult and you are guaranteed to have a great fellowship time, while really studying God's word. Every class studies the same passage, which allows the whole family to talk about what they learned and build upon that each week.

Sunday school starts at 9:30 in the Sanctuary with singing and then we are dismissed to respective classes. Church follows at 11 am.

Classes for this year will be:

### **Preschool and Kinder.**

**Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>** will be taught by Darlene Webber and Gabby Kruger.

**Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>** will be taught by Mathew Spain, with Michelle and Jerry Spain as his assistants.

**Middle school, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade,** will be taught by Don and Karen Clark.

**The high school class** is being led by Steve Winkler.

**There is no volunteer yet for the Preschool and Kinder class. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dennis for the time commitment information,**

There are **two adult classes**, one is led by Bob Bartron and Pastor Montzingo and is open to anyone. A women's class will be led by Karlin Merwin.

We would love to have you join us and grow in your knowledge of God's word.

## Monday Morning Bible Study

Both men and women are invited to join in an exciting new study "The Epic of Eden - Understanding the Old Testament" designed to help us gain fresh depths in our New Testament faith and apply it to our everyday lives. We will use a study guide and a video to enhance our discussion time.

The first session is on Monday, September 12, 9:30 - 11:00 in the back (blue) room of the church. Please contact Charlyn Connor if you plan to participate so enough books can be ordered.

## Nicaragua Mission Trip Sept 23-30 2016

Gabby Krueger, Kathy Hunn, and Lee Harris will be traveling to Nicaragua in September.

Many of you heard Melvin Lonza preach on July 3rd and share his insights as to the difference we are making in Nicaragua in providing biblical teaching for the Pastors in Nicaragua. In addition our compassionate ministry is teaching English to local 6th graders.

Please keep this group and the Ministry in your prayers and if you would like to contribute to this Mission Ministry please mark your donation "Nicaragua Mission". It will be exciting to hear from Gabby, Lee, and Kathy when they return!

## A Spiritual Reflection

Dear Friends,

Last week, I had the wonderful opportunity to vacation in my hometown, visiting my parents and many extended relatives over the 4th of July. It was a gift to visit home and see a number of people (as many as we could cram into a brief visit) who watched me grow up and encourage me in my life still. So was being in Clarksburg (town of around 500 residents) for the 4th of July. They do it up for the holiday with community band, red, white and blue flags from tree to power poles, and a parade that people joke if you blink you might miss (though this year it was quite robust with entrants, I have to say).

While I loved the llamas, and decorated bicycle of children, and antique cars, and fire trucks, my favorite piece of this year's parade was a sculpture that would be installed at the "triangle" (translation, town common for New Englanders) the next day. Roger Berry, local sculptor, created the piece that you see in the picture. What you can't see is the way that this sculpture changes when you approach it from a different direction. If you stand before it, it is a circle (you can see that). If you stand to the side, it creates a triangle. I did not have time to explore it more, but I imagine there may be more shapes that emerge when the viewer places herself in dif-

ferent locations. I also love that it is a connected/closed/encircling piece that does not seem to have a beginning or end, perhaps as sign of eternity or connectivity.

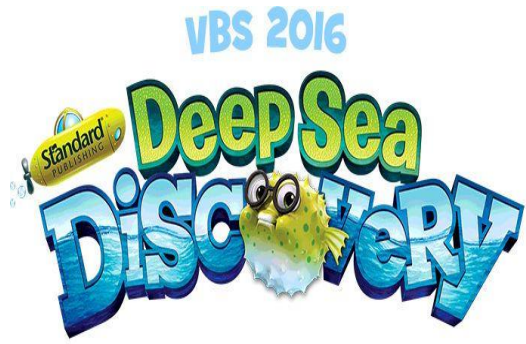
I've been thinking of Roger's work quite a bit since returning home and wrestling with the sad national news of these recent days. I have been sorrowing and feeling at a lack for words (hence, no Spiritual Reflection last week). I keep coming back to his work, symbol that we often view things differently depending on our perspective, and that we are connected even in our difference. I hope and pray that as we journey together as people and as a nation, we may find hope, perspective, opportunities for meaningful dialogue, and healing as we grieve senseless loss of life and divisiveness we have been experiencing.

While I cannot suggest that I can see from God's perspective, but I imagine/see that God weeps with and for us for the violence we inflict upon one another when we are called first and foremost to love.

With hope for new perspective as time goes on,

Rev. Michele Bagby-Allan

July 11, 2016



Vacation Bible School  
(VBS)

This year's VBS went swimmingly well!! The Theme this year was **Deep Sea Discovery** "God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go." We packed a lot into our short time June 6, 8, and 9. About 80 kids came to learn more about Gods love for them. Each day we learned "**God Strengthens me**" (God strengthens Peter during the storm. Matthew 14), "**God loves me**" (Jesus loves his disciples and everyone. John 21), "**God hears me**" (God hears Jonah pray Jonah 1-3) "God sends me" (God sends Paul to tell his story Acts 13 and 14) and "**God knows me**" (God knows Noah's heart Genesis 6-9). We were so impressed with how everyone worked together to make sure these children not only heard God's words, but saw his love and felt it every day they were there. Thank you all so much for your support. Becky and Lana

Children's Choir News  
Hello wonderful choir families!  
It is almost time for the Youth Choirs at Clarksburg Community Church to begin practice for the year. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:00-6:40 for Chimes (1st -3rd grade) and 6:45-7:30 for juniors (4th-8th grade).

I am looking forward to another great year of singing and praising God together through music!  
Sincerely,  
Tiffani Taylor

\*Please pass on to anyone you think might have a student interested in joining!



Thoughts on the

Value of Commitment

During these slower-paced days of summer, I have been reviewing my commitments and pondering their value. What keeps me coming back for more in my volunteer activities, my self-nurturing disciplines, my relationships? The answer is that I benefit from them. Whether in activities or relationships, the more time, attention and practice I give, the more growth or understanding or health or love I receive. It is essential to make the commitment if I desire the benefit!

As a young wife (new to Clarksburg) I joined the Chancel Choir of our church, making a commitment from a love of singing and a desire to get acquainted. I soon realized that choir is a team effort. If I was absent from rehearsals and worship I was defaulting on my commitment along with missing out on the opportunity to develop deeper relationships and deepen my faith through memorizing hymns and participating in prayers and devotions. My initial commitment led

to growth and skill, preparing me to be able to accept the position of choir director for which I had no formal training; so I took conducting classes, was exposed to handbells developed greater leadership abilities, and have received tremendous growth and joy in the process.

Looking back, I see God's hand molding my life through loving, supporting team-work relationships. Thus, I recommend diving into the opportunities within our church and community to follow your relationships, gifts, talents, faith and interests with disciplined commitments guaranteed to bring you growth, delight and surprise at where God will lead you.

Charlyn Connor



Confidence  
begets  
Competence  
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