



THE COMPANION



Jesus knew that, at times it was important to withdraw and slip away.

Luke 5:15-16 - But now even more the report about Jesus went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

and again

Matthew 14:23 - And after he had dismissed the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

and again

Mark 1:35 - And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Jesus had many people clamoring for his attention and yet he repeatedly made time to get away.

How about you? I'm sure that there are many demands for your time. Many voices filling your ears seeking attention. There is always more to accomplish. The "to-do list" is never done. But if Jesus made a point to withdraw, it is something that we should do as well.

I thank you for the opportunity you've given me as a pastor to withdraw. I am so glad that you have chosen to make this a priority. I recently spent some time in the Sierras at a Continuing Education class. It was a great time of fellowship with fellow pastors and it equipped me with knowledge to put to use in our parish. But most importantly, it was a time to be refreshed by the word of God and to pray.

We can get away for all sorts of reasons: to see family, vacation, business. These are all fine and proper, but let us not lose sight of the reason Jesus withdrew - to pray

You don't need to travel far to do this. But we need to make a point to prioritize this time. And create our own "desolate places" I have heard of some authors encouraging Christians to take a "digital sabbath." 1 hour a day, 1 day a week, 1 week a year - as a time of rest from our electronic devices. We are surrounded by constant noise - whether it is the background chatter of the TV, the ringing interruption of telemarketers, the dinging notifications from our smartphones. We need to withdraw. Unplug. And be still before the Lord.

Jesus made a point of withdrawing in the evening or early in the morning. That's as good a time as any to be refreshed by God's word and to pray. To withdraw and slip away and spend some focused time with the Lord. To escape the worries and anxieties of life and rest in Him.

Even though you always have more to accomplish and even though your "to-do" list is never done, you know the one who accomplished all for you. More importantly, he knows you. And he completed all his work of salvation on the cross and rose again for you. He said "It is finished" as he paid for your sins and mine. His word strengthens you to face each day with joy and gladness because his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, dwells within you. Your Lord, the God of heaven and earth, is always there for you with a listening ear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! As the famous hymn puts it: Are you weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care? The precious Savior is still your refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you, You will find a solace there.

I encourage you, take some time to be with your Lord - in His Word and in prayer. He will indeed refresh and restore you with his peace and love.

*Grace and Peace in Christ,
Pastor Harbaugh*



AUGUST 2018

We want to express our gratitude to Alena Casey for her playing the keyboard for our worship services—what a wonderful way to serve and worship our Lord and Savior! It was great to have Alena's parents and siblings, grandparents and aunt, uncle, and cousins to worship with us on July 15th. Andrew, Alena, and Anastasia will only be with us another two months as Andrew completes his studies at the Defense Language Institute and they move to Hawaii for Andrew's next duty station.

We also want to thank Don Wallich for arranging for the purchase and installation of a new furnace for the church—yes, it was the original furnace and thus was more than 50 years old! It was incredibly generous of Don to provide the funds for this new furnace—especially as we have had major capital expenditures this summer. First, the evidence of termite damage was more widespread than in previous years that had been treated with just spot applications, and thus the whole church building had to be tented (thanks to RG Nutt for these arrangements, and thanks to all who helped remove all the food, plants, etc from the building before the tenting). Whereas repair of the flat roof at the back of the church was originally going to be just the removal and replacement of the tar and gravel roofing, the roofing company found major water-rot and termite damage to the support beams. The cost of these repairs was \$3,818 in addition to the re-roofing cost of \$6,497 for a total cost of \$10,315. Only \$8,000 for the roof repair had been approved in the January Voters meeting, so the Board of Directors has approved paying up to \$2,315 from the remaining funds of an anonymous gift of \$15,000 that had been received during March 2018. Because we had already approved expenditures of one half (\$3,000) of the termite tenting bill (\$6,000), and up to \$500 for new banners in the church, not all of the extra cost of the roof repairs will be covered. It has certainly been a blessing for our church to have received that anonymous gift of \$15,000!

As indicated in the July Newsletter, the Seaside Planning Commission is scheduled to consider on August 8th Verizon's use permit application for installation of four cell towers on electrical power poles in the neighborhood of the church. It is anticipated that due to vigorous objections by the neighbors that these four use permits will be denied, and then Verizon will bring back to the Seaside City Council their use permit application for a cell tower on our church, which has been delayed since June 2016. As Verizon expects that use permit to be approved, they continue to send a monthly stipend.

John O'Brien of Central Coast Senior Services (CCSS) indicates that they have interviewed 20 applicants for the senior day care program that is to be held in the Faith Community Center. Even though the applicants claimed to be in need of such a program, only three applicants are fully enrolled. CCSS would have liked to have at least 10 enrollments to open, but they may open with as few as five in daily attendance just to spread the news about the senior day care availability. Since our 2018 budget assumed that the CCSS program was going to start in April, a sooner rather than a later opening of the senior day care program is essential.

We thank those who were able to stay after worship services on July 24 to hear a presentation on the Kid's Club, which is a faith-based after-school program intended for elementary school students to teach children through games, music, and Bible discussions. The idea would be to offer the Kid's Club on Wednesday afternoons when the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District has an early release of classes. The Board of Directors has requested Pastor and Becca Harbaugh and Becky Pearson to get further information on this opportunity for Christian Outreach to our community.

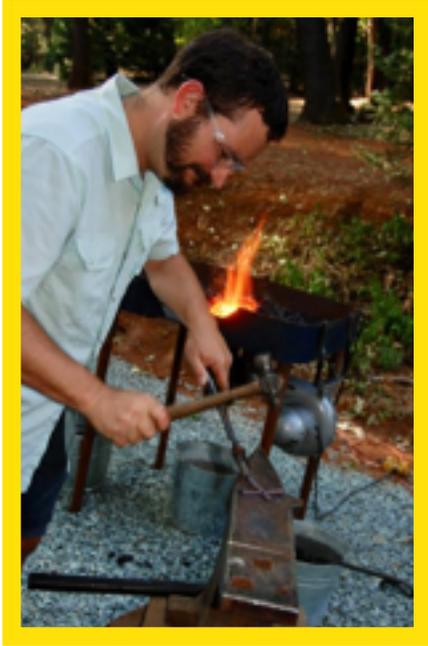
Reminder from July Newsletter: Sunday, July 29th we will have a special Christian Outreach offering for seminary students.

*In His Peace,
Russ Elsberry*

The Children's Service



Pastor's Retreat



Lavonne M. Carlsen

KIDS CLUB PRESENTATION!



AUGUST

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH:
BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST:
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**EVERY THURSDAY AT 11 AM:
BIBLE STUDY**



1

2

3

4

11 AM

BIBLE

Study



5

6

7

8

9

10

11

MPUSD &
PGUSD
FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL



11 AM

BIBLE

Study



12

13

14

15

16

17

18

CSUD
FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL



11 AM

BIBLE

Study



19

20

21

22

23

24

25



**CHURCH
BOARD
MEETING
AFTER
CHURCH**



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
10 AM**

11 AM

BIBLE

Study



26

27

28

29

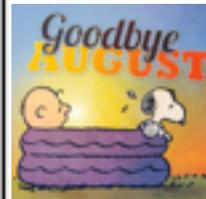
30

31

11 AM

BIBLE

Study



AUGUST SERVANT LIST

	AUGUST 5TH	AUGUST 12TH	AUGUST 19TH	AUGUST 26TH
ASSISTANT	RUSSELL ELSBERRY	LOIS WALTERS	TIM RUEDIGER	HOWARD PEARSON
LECTOR	KARL KRUEGER	LINDA ELSBERRY	ANDREW CASEY	SANDON HILL
FLOWERS	THE REYNOLDS	THE ELSBERRYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP!	NO ONE SIGNED UP!
COFFEE HOUR	THE ELSBERRYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP!	NO ONE SIGNED UP!	NO ONE SIGNED UP!
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	BECKY PEARSON	JULI REYNOLDS	SARA WILLIAMS

OFFICE HOURS:

**PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAYS - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY**

10 am - 1pm*

****OR BY APPOINTMENT***

MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY- FRIDAY 9 AM - 1:00 PM



INDIVIDUAL WHOLE PEACH PIES

YIELD: MAKES 4 TIME: 25 MIN. PREP TIME: 10 MIN. COOK TIME: 15 MIN.

INGREDIENTS:

1 Store bought pie crust
4 Small-Medium very ripe peaches, halved & pitted*
*(if they are too large they may not fit in muffin tin)
4 Heaping TSP. Honeycomb
1 Egg
4 Tsp. Turbinado Sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly coat 4 wells of a muffin tin with cooking spray. Divide the pie crust dough into quarters. Roll into disks. Place 1 heaping teaspoon of honeycomb into one side of each peach where the pit was. Place the other half on top so the peach is whole again. Place each peach on the center of each of the dough disks and wrap dough around the peaches. The dough does not have to completely enclose the peach if it does not reach the top. If peach is completely enclosed, use a paring knife to cut several slits for air to escape around the top. If peach is not completely enclosed, be sure the sides are supported by the muffin tin or oven proof bowls, as the halves will want to separate during baking. Place each pastry wrapped peach so that it just sits in the prepared muffin tin well. In a small bowl whisk together the egg and 2 tablespoons water. Brush egg wash on pastry and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of turbinado sugar. Bake for 13-15 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Let cool 5 minutes and then carefully remove from pan.



**The Deadline for the SEPTEMBER 2018 Newsletter is:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2018 at 10:00 am!**

AUGUST 2018 BIRTHDAYS!

Rosann McCallum - August 2nd

Claire McCallum - August 16th

If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,
please contact Martha in the office at:

{831} 394-1312

-or- at office@faithseaside.org

