



The Redwoods Log

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From The Rev. Dr. Cornel Barnett

Dear Friends

It is Eastertide again when we are more conscious of the resurrection, which is God's affirmation that death is not the final word, even though Jesus was crucified, dead and buried. The resurrection stories of the Bible tell us that, although Jesus died, he rose from the dead to show that life is eternal.

This year, once again, we had a wonderful build up to Easter with our Lenten worship services that included Passion/Palm Sunday and Good Friday and the special Lenten suppers and presentations.

This year the presentations linked faith and daily life, work and vocation/avocations. Four evenings highlighted four work experiences: psychotherapy (Suellen Barnett), nursing (Bonnie Kaiser and Helen Morita), social responsible investing (John Girton) and primary and high school teaching (Anna Barnett and Alan Edmonson). Mari Robinson had the sole avocation slot with her presentation on art and spiritual direction.

Linking faith and work to me is where the rubber hits the road. It is in the nitty-gritty of our daily life (most is spent at work if we are still employed) that challenges our faith the most and what most needs people of faith.

I began each session with a meditation on the spirituality of work, each week building on material supplied by Gregory F.A. Pierce's book, *spirituality@work, 10 ways to balance your life on-the-job*. After the final session, I supplied the group with a handout that summarized the entire book. You can access this by going to the "spirituality" link on our website.

The article begins with the definition, "The spirituality of work is a disciplined attempt to align ourselves and our environment with God and to incarnate God's spirit in the world through all the effort (paid and unpaid) we exert to make the world a better place, a little closer to the way God would have things."

The article continues, "In order for the spirituality of work to become a reality in our lives, we have to develop a way of practicing it, a set of disciplines that we can follow right in our workplaces without people even recognizing what we are doing."

The article goes on to describe the disciplines in summary. Please go to our website and read it and if you don't have a computer or access to one, please let me or Mari know and we will get a copy to you.

In the meantime, enjoy the Easter season and remember that we celebrate the resurrection every day of our lives.

Peace and blessings,
Cornel

PS: Thanks to the kind souls who made the delicious soups and salads for the Lenten suppers.

Community Formation

**From Rev. Stephanie Ryder
Pastoral Associate**

Greetings from your Pastoral Associate!

The Tuesday Bible Study has created beautiful cinquain poems about "spirit." A cinquain—pronounced sin-cane—poem describes a subject using a specific structure (with plenty of flexibility!). The structure:

- 1: One word in two syllables
- 2: Two adjectives in four syllables
- 3: Three "-ing" verbs in six syllables
- 4: A four-word phrase
- 5: One word synonym or word similar to the subject

Here are three of our creative examples:

Spirit
Sudden, Holy
Nudging, inspiring, helping
Acknowledge, powerful and empowering
Strength

Spirit
Helper, comforter
Sensing, fighting, guiding
The weapon of this age
Love

Spirit
Guiding, teaching
Wisdom, understanding, power
Guiding us into all
Truths

Compassionate Kids has moved to Wednesdays!
We will begin our Spring session this month and meet April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1 & 8. The Compassionate Kids will participate in the Sunday, June 12 service and in a community service project.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Blessings, **Stephanie**

Music Notes

**From Rev. Stephanie Ryder
Music Director**

Glad Tidings from your Music Director!

We welcome the Bell Choir back to worship on Sunday, April 10 at 10 am, where they will be ringing with post-Easter joy!

Our choir continues to rejoice each week in song and praise. We are blessed with an abundance of talent and dedication. Let us know if there are songs you have heard, or songs you remember, that you would like to hear sung during worship. We gladly welcome requests!

That being said, our music on Sundays relates to the theme of the Scripture and message of the sermon. Perhaps your musical request will help further illuminate a Bible passage!

If you submit your requests to me at stephryder1@gmail.com or 415-992-2411, I will keep a file of requests and incorporate them into our Sunday services as appropriate.

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Psalm 108:1

Grace and Peace, **Stephanie**

Mission Outreach News

From Co-Chair Debbie Lundberg

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Join us after worship on April 10 for this year's Offering of Letters for Bread for the World. Sample letters and all needed materials will be provided. You can also send an email by visiting bread.org. For more information, speak with any member of the Mission Outreach Committee or get a sample letter from the church office.

The Committee invites you to take a moment to look at the "Thank You to Redwoods" display on the Board in Fellowship Hall. Amazing!

April Church Mouse

Beautiful Spring has arrived and we are grateful for all the rain!



Happy Anniversary to Jolene and Lou Liberati who celebrated 65 years of marriage on February 21. They planned a trip to Pismo Beach but no rooms were available because of the golf tournament and Jolene lost a diamond from her wedding ring, but she still has her charming smile!

Parish associate, Dan White, and wife, Becky, welcomed their second grandchild—a beautiful girl named Naomi born February 20. Dan Jr. and wife, Claudia, are the proud parents, and Lucas is her older brother. God's blessings to the family. Dan is recovering from his recent knee replacement and Becky will soon have the same surgery. Our prayers for healing.

Ed Vorous spent a weekend at the Marin Sierra Camp with the Boy Scouts where it rained the entire time Ed was cooking up a storm in the kitchen!

So nice to have Helen Morita's daughter, Laura, and grandchildren visiting recently. The children marched in the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day parade. Audrey played the big drum while younger brother, Jack, helped carry it. Helen flies to Orange County over Easter to visit daughter Pam and her family. She will meet her three-month-old granddaughter, Michi, for the first time. Michi has a six-year-old brother, Sam. It was also nice to see Mark Larsen at church too.

Our congratulations to Faith McClellan who recently completed her ordination exams at SFTS. Faith was Redwood's special seminary intern three years ago. She is presently living in New Orleans with her brother. Special thoughts and prayers for Faith as she continues on her journey for ordination.

The Lenten Series was inspiring for those who attended. Speakers Sullen Barnett, Helen Morita, Bonnie Kaiser, John Girton, Anna Barnett, Alan Edmonson and Mari Robinson were wonderful with their faith and vocation/avocation presentations. We appreciated Cornel's leadership and reflections on spirituality and his original vocal blessings. The delicious soup

suppers were a special treat. A meaningful journey leading up to our Easter celebration. Thank you all!

A special celebration of life was held March 19 for our beloved Dick Judd. A memorable eulogy was given by Dan White followed by loving family remembrances. Family friend and organist Jeanette Tietze played lovely music. Family members and Ken Sutherland performed the postlude. A lovely reception and special slide show was enjoyed by all. We will miss our good friend.

We were blessed and inspired having the Compassionate Kids under Stephanie's leadership performing on Palm Sunday. They joyfully sang and danced around the sanctuary waving their palms! We thank Steve Egger for donating the beautiful palm fronds.

A special dedication was held after worship for the lovely new windows in Fellowship Hall donated by Marjorie Egger and family. A special plaque was placed on the wall in recognition of the Egger family. Clay Wiens and Steve Egger worked on the wording. We thank the Egger family for their generosity to the church and all the others who helped this wonderful new addition to Fellowship Hall.

The Mouse

Facilities Notes From Chair Clay Wiens

Our wonderful new windows in Fellowship Hall now have a plaque recognizing Marjorie Egger for this generous contribution. I would like to thank Ed Vorous for his help installing the plaque and also for the fantastic job he did painting the window trim.

There is a questionnaire in Fellowship Hall from the Facilities Committee for a proposed May spring cleaning. Please review the questionnaire and respond.

Two friendly reminders to all church members and friends about use of church facilities:

Library users may use ONLY the top buttons on the thermostat to increase the heat. Please remember to turn the heat down to its resting temperature when you leave. Also, please remember to close all doors upon departing—it is a fire code regulation! Thanks to all for your cooperation.

Clay

Membership/Fellowship Committee News

From Chair Nancy Rademacher

The hills are green and wildflowers are in abundance
We thank God for the beauty all around us and for
this wonderful church community.

Easter was very special at Redwoods Presbyterian
Church thanks to all who helped and participated.
A huge thank you to John Girton and Ed Vorous who
shared their culinary skills with us by making delicious
crepes for the breakfast.

Please join us on April 16 for a not-to-miss Saturday
breakfast and outing. James Holmes will be leading
another Larkspur history walk near the church. As
most of you know, James is extremely knowledgeable
about Larkspur history and has lots of fun stories to
share. The light potluck breakfast will be from 9:30 to
10 am. We will leave promptly at 10 am and will be
back at the church around 11 am.

We are delighted to welcome the newest members to
our Redwoods Presbyterian Church community.
Bryan and Nicole Webb became members in Decem-
ber, and Bryan and their daughter, Lillian Renee
Webb, were baptized. Some of us were part of the
wonderful baptism and celebration.

As is our tradition with new members, the Member-
ship/Fellowship committee would like to share some
information on the Webbs. Bryan was born and raised
in San Diego. He is employed as a commercial real
estate agent and loves to fish, hike and snowboard in
his free time. Nicole Webb was born and raised in
Phoenix AZ. She attended college and law school in
San Diego. She practices estate planning law and
enjoys hiking, family time and dogs. Lily was born in
June of 2015 and is a delight!

Please introduce yourselves to Brian, Nicole and Lily
and be sure to give them our warm and friendly Red-
woods welcome.

Blessings to All, **Nancy**

Deacon's Corner

From Deacon Helen Morita

Each month the Deacons offer a devotional prayer
before their meeting. In March, the prayer was "I No
Longer Pray for Peace."

This moving prayer was written by Ann Weems, a
Presbyterian elder, lecturer, popular poet and mem-
ber of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship on Ash
Wednesday, March 5, 2003 immediately prior to the
invasion of Iraq by the United States.

I No Longer Pray for Peace

On the edge of war, one foot already in,
I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its power truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God...
that we can truly love one another.

I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

Helen

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Deacons 11:15 Mission Outreach	4	5 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study	6 3:30 Compassionate Kids	7 7:30 Choir	8	9
10 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Worship C/E 12:00 Mill Street	11	12 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study	13	14 7:30 Choir	15	16 9:30 Saturday Breakfast
17 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Membership Fellowship Committee	18	19 9:00 Bell Choir 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Session	20 LOG Deadline 3:30 Compassionate Kids	21 7:30 Choir	22	23
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Helping Hands in March – Thank you!

Mill Street Meal

Anna Barnett, Suellen Barnett, June Bellen, Alan Edmonson,
Diane Forster, Tani & John Girton, Polly & Jim Gorder,
Bonnie Kaiser, Debbie Lundberg, Gabriele and Robert Putzi,
Nancy Rademacher, Stephanie Ryder, Ed Vorous, Joyce Wells

Coffee Hour

1st Sunday – Worship/Christian Education Committee
2nd Sunday – Mission Committee
3rd Sunday – Deacons
4th Sunday – Membership/Fellowship Committee
5th Sunday – June Bellen

Liturgists, Greeters & Ushers

March 6	Debbie Lundberg (L) Clay Wiens(G) Ed Vorous (U)	March 27	Polly Gorder (L) Tani Girton (G) Nancy Rademacher (U)	April 17	Clay Wiens (L) Bonnie Kaiser (G)
March 13	Jim Gorder (L) Carrie Kim (G) Debbie Lundberg (U)	April 3	Bonnie Kaiser (L) Nancy Rademacher (G)	April 24	Nancy Rademacher (L) Clay Wiens (G)
March 20	June Bellen (L) Ani Lelea (G) Iris Giacotto (U)	April 10	Ani Lelea (L) Debbie Lundberg (G)		

Happy Birthday! From Deacons Moderator Tani Girton

Join the Deacons in wishing the following members and friends a happy birthday this month:

April 12 – Nancy Rademacher and April 24 – Frank Wood

Add your name to our birthday list by contacting the office@redwoodspres.org or at 924-4832. **Tani**