June 2017

Redwoods Presbyterían Church, 110 Magnolía Ave., Larkspur, CA (415) 924-4832

From Rev. Stephanie Ryder

Grace and Peace to Redwoods Presbyterian Church!

The Summer months are upon us. After a cold and wet winter, I know we are all looking forward to the blossoms, fruits and sunshine of summer. Praise be to God for our clean air and fresh, flowing streams.

I am incredibly grateful for a blessed journey to the Holy Land last month. Stay tuned for a church presentation—I am in the process of putting photos together with books of notes I collected on the trip. In the meantime, I know the experiences will continue to inform my messages on Sundays. It is impossible to even read the word "Jerusalem" in the Bible without having a visceral understanding of the sights, sounds, smells that the word implies. With God's help, I am hoping to be able to adequately share glimpses of the new perspectives and insights I was granted by stepping foot in the Holy places of Israel.

The journey affirmed for me our need for a place of spiritual gathering, where we can come together in love and share in the hopes, joys, and concerns for one another in our church and our world. We are blessed that for 121 years, Redwoods Presbyterian Church has offered a spiritual home for so many. As we go our various ways this summer in travel, let us give thanks to God for sustaining a sanctuary for us, a place of rest and renewal where God's Word and the Good News of Jesus Christ is embodied and proclaimed.

Summer blessings, *Stephanie*

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that Summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.-Matthew 24:32-33

Music Notes

From Denise Wharmby, Music Director



The school year is ending and Summer is beginning! A time for rest, renewal, and reach out to others to share musical gifts for Redwoods services over the summer months. The choir and bell choir take off the months of July and August, returning in the Fall.

Coming up, Bell choir will provide all the music on June 25. The program will feature some really beautiful music selections for bells that day. Our bell players are in great form! The choir will be around in various shapes and sizes throughout June too. Redwoods is lucky to have these folks who contribute so beautifully and have such enjoyable, fun rehearsals most Thursday evenings.

And let's sing for June and Maisie this month, in hopes they will be well enough to return to sing with us all again soon.

Musically, *Denise*

www.redwoodspres.org

Please join the Membership/ Fellowship committee for a movie night here at the church on Sunday evening, June 4th. We will be showing *The Eagle Huntress*.



"...It is more blessed to give Than receive." -Acts 20:35

Filmed in Mongolia, it is a delightful story and a very popular documentary which played in local theaters for a number of weeks last year.

The movie will begin at 7:00pm with popcorn, cookies and juice provided by the committee. Feel free to bring any other drinks you would like. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please note if you need a ride.

Membership/Fellowship Chair, Nancy Rademacher

June Mouse

Summer is approaching and members and friends have traveled near and far. Pastor Stephanie Ryder returned



from study leave in Israel. We are excited to hear about her travels in the Holy Land. Nancy & Kurt Rademacher enjoyed their trip to Morocco and Spain. Karen Carmody traveled to Beijing and Bangkok. Jim & Polly Gorder were in Colorado to attend their granddaughter's graduation with a degree in veterinary medicine. Bonnie Kaiser went on her annual cattle drive down south. She rode a hefty horse named Fuzz!

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and member Jerry Laureyns. A celebration of life was held April 30 at a reception following worship along with his wife, Sara, and family. We will miss his friendship and warm smile.

Jane Purkey has been a remarkable case of "Loving Thy Neighbor" for the past 1 1/2 years. The Zwarg/Green family have been living with her while their home was remodeled. Jane adored having them and will miss their loving and caring presence.

In early Spring, James Holmes appeared in the IJ about Larkspur's tax increase to repair roads. James served on the oversight committee and helped manage the Measure C spending. The survey passed with a solid majority in favor. Thanks, James, for your loyal participation.

Our heartfelt prayers for our members June Bellen, Maisie Campbell, Marjorie Egger, Helen Morita and Marilyn Sutherland. We miss you and pray for your comfort and healing.

Members and friends of Redwoods certainly know the meaning of the above Bible verse. We who are blessed with so much welcome opportunities through the church year to share our blessings with those in need.

In response, we have received many acknowledgements of these gifts. To share these you will find something new in Fellowship Hall: **A Thank You Book!** This is a loose-leaf binder containing the thank you notes from recipients of our gifts. While we do have many letters of appreciation posted on the back bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, we thought by having them included in a loose-leaf binder they would be more accessible.

Blessings, Mission Outreach Committee

Your board of Deacons has been busy praying, sending cards and arranging for liturgists, greeters and ushers. Mill Street Meals delivers the 2nd Sunday of the month and we would like to remind you that the sign-up sheet for Mill Street is in Fellowship Hall. It is such an important ministry and any one of the Deacons is glad to purchase something if you would prefer to give a monetary donation. Remember the food barrel in Fellowship Hall. We do not hear much about hunger needs at this time of year, but it is an ongoing need. As Deacons we are honored to carry on the "caring" needs of our Redwoods Family. It is a very special "Family" indeed.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- Psalm 113:3

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Mission Outreach 7pm Movie Night	5	9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9	9am-12pm Annual Spring Clean-up
9:15 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Deacons 11:30 Session 12:00 Mill Street	12	9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Membership Fellowship	19	9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal	21 LOG DEADLINE	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Ed 11:00 Fellowship	26	9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal	28	29 LOG MAILING 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	July 1

JUNE 2017 Page 3

Redwoods Presbyterian Church 110 Magnolia Avenue Larkspur, California 94939



Mill Street Meal

Karen Carmody, Joan Emerson, Diane Forster, Tani & John Girton, Polly & Jim Gorder, Tyler Green, James Holmes, Bonnie Kaiser, Jolyne Liberati, Debbie Lundberg, Gabriele & Robert Putzi, Nancy Rademacher, Joan Robinson, Stephanie Ryder, Joyce Wells, Katie Zwarg

Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers

June 4 Jan Salas (L) Bonnie Kaiser (U/G)

- 11 Compassionate Kids (L) Nancy Rademacher (U/G)
- **18** Brooks Ryder (L) Debbie Lundberg (U/G)
- 25 Debbie Lundberg (L) Ani Lelea (U/G)

Coffee Hour

1st Sunday - Worship/Christian Education Committee

2nd Sunday - Mission Committee

3rd Sunday - Deacons

4th Sunday - Membership/Fellowship Committee

5th Sunday - TBA

Happy Birthday!

June

3 - June Bellen 21 - Iris Giacotto

4 - Lillian Webb 21 - Tyler Green

11 - Diana Newton 30 - John Girton

20 - Jan Salas