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From the Pastor's Workshop

"BUILDING A LEGACY"

Dear Friends,

What a gift your love, support, cards, prayers, friendship have been in the last weeks especially, as I have been recovering not only from sinus surgery, but also from the results of infections I had going back a couple of years! I am realizing how exhausted I was from not being able to breathe and from my body constantly fighting infection. THANK YOU, and many thanks to our amazing "cloud of witnesses" who led worship and preached in my absence. I am truly blessed.



Throughout my recovery I have been letting the adrenalin of my life get out of my system. I am seeing the forest for the trees. It is a beautiful place when I stop long enough to really look at the depth of life's beauty. I don't do this enough. The words of Christian thinker Teilhard de Chardin have been playing over in my head:

"Above All"

"Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way

to something unknown,

something new.

*Yet it is the law of all progress that is made
by passing through some stages of instability
and that may take a very long time."*

I'm learning to rejoice in God's perfect timing for EVERYTHING. And I am learning that as God brings me; brings US to the end of a chapter it is time to consider how to build a legacy. Too many people don't have a will. Nancy and I just updated ours. We all should do this, and not just as a legal document but perhaps more importantly, we need to update our wills mentally and spiritually in regard to the legacy we leave. Our legacy is far more than the stuff we leave. Quite often people will say, "Oh the stuff we have to go through" but the legacy of who the person was can be priceless. And this is where I am in thinking of BUILDING a legacy.

It is not something one does in few days or crams for at the end. A legacy, as de Chardin reminds us, takes a long time because in reality the shaping God does of us is our true legacy. God has been shaping me in this setting for nearly 23 years. As we look to the next chapter, I want us to think about the legacy that we will leave in letting God lead us. The best leaders are those who know how to be lead as God's servants. I want to encourage us all to pray for those God has called to search for the pastor HE has chosen.

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The most important legacy I want to leave is a deep love for Jesus Christ, for his word and for his church and for her mission, such that this will continue without interruption into the next chapter and beyond. This will happen only as I am faithful to being who God has called me to be as a Shepherd to leads to the green pastures of trusting THE SHEPHERD, Jesus Christ, in everything we are about, not just words or going through the motions, but in, trusting in the slow work of God.

In this I realize building a legacy is accepting that "unless the LORD builds the house those who build it labor in vain." And in this I acknowledge day in and day out the God has already chosen the next pastor for this congregation. I won't choose that person, the congregation won't, the session won't, not even the search team will. God HAS. And God will show us through the process he has laid out for us, who this is. We'll vote and do some human sorts of things like helping the new pastor and family to feel very at home. Our legacy will be to welcome and materially and spiritually support the pastor God is calling to lead us, just as you have done with our family so faithfully. Ultimately it will be God who brings to us the leader God knows we need. I find deep peace and joy and remembering God's sovereign grace to us in this.

So, the legacy I want to leave is one Karen and the choir has brought to us that says,

*"We're pilgrims on the journey
of the narrow road,
and those who've gone before us
line the way.
cheering on the faithful,
encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament
to god's sustaining grace*

*After all our hopes and dreams
have come and gone,
and our children sift thru all
we've left behind,
may the clues that they discover,
and the mem'ries they uncover,
become the light that leads them,
to the road we each must find.*

*O may all who come behind us
find us faithful,
may the fire of our devotion
light their way.
may the footprints that we leave,
lead them to believe,
and the lives we live
inspire them to obey.*

*O may all who come behind us
find us faithful."*

May we be TOGETHER building this kind of legacy that encourages the next pastor and those who come after us to fall deeply in love with Jesus Christ, his word, and the mission of his Church.

Building this legacy with you in HIM,

Bruce





THE KING'S KIDS



...Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' Luke 18:16

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS to our King's Kids Leaders this past school year:

Deana Ercanbrack; Darrin & Natalie Berger; Ron & Sigrid Hobbs; and Mary Berge

Their love for Jesus and for the kids shines in the creative and loving way they've led!

SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (starting in June) – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

ROAD-RALLY '18

IN THE RACE WITH JESUS! – A look at our "Pacesetters" in Acts.



**"Be alert. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous. Be strong.
Let everything you do, be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14**



Jesus said, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

No one comes to the Father except by ME." John 14:6

CAMP ZEPHYR DAY CAMP: (Weekly, June 18-29 and July 9-August 10)

You don't need to look too far from home for an incredible summer experience!

At Zephyr Point, kids experience fun at the Presbyterian conference center at Lake Tahoe.

Activities include: swimming, canoeing, nature hikes, archery, group games, crafts, fun skits, singing and worship.

Each day, campers will hear Biblical story lessons which share the message of God's love for every child.

CHOOSE the week that's best for YOUR child, and register on-line:

<http://www.zephyrpoint.org/programs/family/camp-zephyr/>

Zephyr Point's bus will pick kids up at our church the following weeks:

Week 2: June 25-29 and Week 5: July 23-27

Cost: \$140 + \$30 bus fee (per child)

More information to come, as it becomes available.

Scholarship money for Day-Camp is available!

PLEASE tell Nancy which for which week you've registered YOUR kids!



SUMMER G.E.M.: JULY 19 (God Everyday with Me)

HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?



In connection with our Sunday ROAD RALLY theme, we'll go on our own "ROAD TRIP"!

Watch for further details!



WAITING –

Well, it is time for me to confess that I hate the waiting! It seems that I am in a perpetual state of waiting — for the “next shoe to drop” an old fashioned way of saying what’s the next bad thing that’s going to happen? Or I feel like I’m caught between one major life event and the next.

Last year, when I was diagnosed with cancer, it seemed that I was forever waiting for the surgery that would remove the cancer. And then there was the waiting anxiously (I confess), when my grandson was being diagnosed with acute leukemia. Now I am waiting to hear whether my husband’s knee surgery will go forward as he has a complicating condition which could potentially spread with surgery. We have been hit with some pretty heavy stuff over the last year and a half.

One thing that I found particularly comforting and helpful during the waiting last year was your prayers and well wishes. But even more, that God used that waiting time to strengthen my faith in Him. When Sammy was diagnosed early this year with leukemia, we asked for prayers again. Now he enters a particularly intense treatment time and we are praying and waiting to see how his body reacts. One thing I KNOW: God has Sammy, and Carl and anyone else going through the waiting, FIRMLY in His hand. He knows the outcome, He knows the plan and He loves us on top of all of that. We are even blessed in our waiting!

So, in my case, though I hate to wait — “why aren’t you doing something, Lord?” — and I realize that the waiting can cause me to wonder where God is, I believe that God is working through this waiting to build a stronger faith in me. When you think about it, in a sense, our entire life is about waiting for the day that God will take us home. It doesn’t mean we don’t do anything during that waiting period, it means we proceed as best we can under God’s direction and we surrender ourselves to His care!

So, where is waiting happening in your life? I’d love to talk with you about it. Seek me out and tell me your story. We can discuss and pray together.

Gratefully in God’s waiting room,

Karen



The Women’s Choir will meet to rehearse on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We will sing during the offertory time on Sunday, July 15th. Please join us to make a “joyful noise unto the Lord”! If you have questions, please contact Karen at 775-721-3549.



DESERT SCHOONERS SUMMER BREAK AND ANNUAL PICNIC/BBQ DATE

There will be no regularly scheduled Desert Schooners meeting in June, July. Schooners will have their annual summer Picnic/BBQ on August 4th, 12:00 p.m., at the home of Kathy Jones and Jim Kayden, 862 Meadow Vista Drive. Jim will provide the BBQ meats. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Call Pat Beattie, 775-882-8727, to RSVP for the picnic.

Desert Schooners will resume regular monthly meetings in September. Watch for information in the August newsletter.

NORTHERN NEVADA DREAM CENTER

Your Mission committee with approval of your session has allowed us to partner with No. Nevada Dream Center. This organization recently moved into a new facility on Highway 50. Their mission is to fill the gaps where other Carson City organizations are not filling. They make "Blessing Bags" and deliver food, paper goods, clothing and toiletries to hotels and apartment buildings where folks are not able to get out to stores. Most important is that they do not receive any government funding so they are free to witness to those they serve. This includes sharing God's love with them through prayers, Christian pamphlets and witnessing to them in the name of Jesus.

Starting Sunday, June 3rd and every first Sunday of the month, you will see a big blue barrel in the narthex/lobby area of the church. Please bring can/package food and paper goods to help with this cause. Your items will go to help the poor and elderly residents of Carson City.

If you have any questions regarding this new mission partnership, please contact Rob Scanland, Charlene Rodman or Barbara Kowal.

Thank you for joining with us on this local mission.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CAPITAL CITY BAND CONCERT

Saturday, July 21st

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, July 21st on the front lawn of the church. Capital City Band will entertain us. Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream for judging at 4:30 p.m.

The band will play at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served at 6:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME - FRIDAY, August 17th

We're planning a trip to watch the Reno Aces play the Salt Lake Bees at Greater Nevada Field on Friday, August 17th, first pitch at 7:05 p.m. It's Faith and Family night and there will be fantastic post-game fireworks too! We've reserved a block of tickets. Left Field Reserve tickets are \$16 per person. Watch for upcoming deadline to order and pay for tickets. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex soon. Questions? Please contact Nathen Berger at 775-721-5323.



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 05-20-2018

Please pray for these families: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Active Duty Military: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Please pray for family and friends.



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June/July Sermons

- June 3: "Getting God's Perspective" Romans 8:18-25
- June 10: "God Chooses Us Choosing Him" Romans 8:26-30
- June 17: "My Help Comes from the Lord" Psalm 121
- June 24: "Make Me Understand It" Psalm 22
- July 1: "Stuck Like Glue" Romans 8:31-39
- July 8: "A Changed Life" Romans 12:1-2
- July 15: "Using the Tools Well" Romans 12:3-21
- July 22: "The Christian Citizen" Romans 13:1-7
- July 29: "Risky Loving" Romans 13:8-14

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