



THE ADVENTURE



SEPTEMBER 2026

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

by PASTOR KATIE HOLEMAN

Grace and peace to you dear Siblings in Christ!

I don't know about you all, but I feel like I blinked and summer has passed and here we are headfirst into September. I hope you all are soaking up these almost fall days. I always must chuckle to myself when friends in the Midwest talk about cooler weather and soup dinners. I don't think we are quite there yet, at least not in California.

This September will bring a couple changes with it in our worship life. As of September 6, we will return to passing the offertory plates during the offering time. You may be asking why we would go back to passing the plates during

worship. One of the beliefs of the Church is that we give our offerings to God on Sunday mornings out of response to the love and grace we freely receive. Another part of the understanding of passing the plates is that we pray together collectively as we begin the offering time as



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reminder that we are not doing this alone, like the work of the church, we are in this together as community. For those who prefer to give online that option is still available as well.

The second change you might notice is we are bringing back some elements to make worship accessible for the younger generation up by the front pew on the pulpit side. We have decided to bring these offerings back so that no matter who walks through our doors they have a place and space to be engaged and part of the whole.

I appreciate all of the support and feedback over the past couple of months and I look forward to all we have instore for the coming months together.

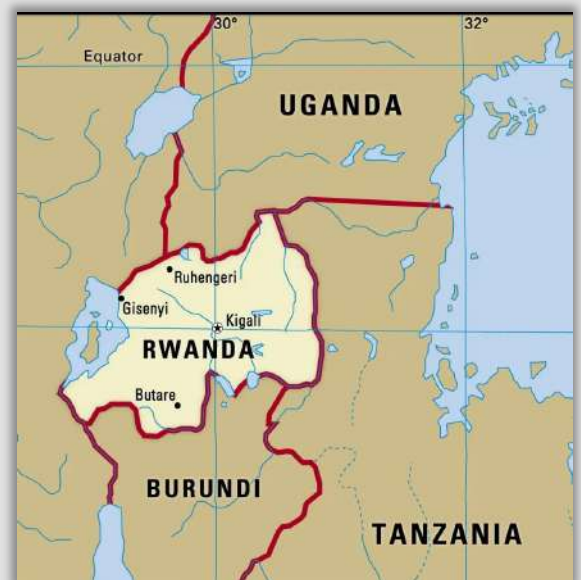
Blessings,

Pastor Katie



RWANDA COMPANION CONGREGATIONS

Pastor George has shared with us that he has finished the first part of his bachelor's degree equivalency program! During the month of August, his studies included Financial Management and Leadership. His studies take place in Kampala, Uganda—a long bus ride from his home. He stays there and studies for a month, then spends a month at home working, then back for more studies. This part-time process will take him a year to complete. Please continue to keep him and his congregation in your prayers, as well as Pastor Jackson and his congregation, as they prepare for him to transition to his new position once the new bishop is installed early September.



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

by KARYL CIMINI

"'Tis a gift to be simple..."

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight... This Shaker hymn was written in 1848 by Joseph Bracket. But the words to this song still ring true to us today (and the tune is rather catchy as well).

The opening words to this hymn are simple, yet powerful and meaningful. This is one of many songs I find myself humming or singing as I go about my day. What is a gift to be simple? What does this refer to? This song can be interpreted in several ways, but it all leads back to the same thought - simplicity.

When I take my granddaughter for a walk, I enjoy seeing her discover so many things in the world - how it feels to walk on different surfaces - the sidewalk, grass, dirt, rocks - at 17 months old, each one feels different and new. She also expresses wonder at things like dandelions - feeling the petals, trying to

pick them and realizing that if you pull by the petals, they come apart...And last, but certainly not least, she loves all the different types of rocks she finds. Seeing the world through her eyes encourages me to remember it's not the big things that matter in life; it's the small things.

Another simple thing to enjoy - water.

When was the last time you sat by a river, a stream or the ocean and just listened to the sound of the water? Even a fountain can provide that simple, peaceful feeling - just close your eyes and lose yourself in the peacefulness of flowing

water. 'Tis a gift to be simple...

This song also reflects on life in general - how many of us have houses filled with 'stuff'? Things we've collected or acquired through the years - from our various vacations, from friends and relatives, just because. We all have 'things' (memories) in our house - I am very guilty of this - things I've acquired from my parents, who acquired them from their parents, who...(you get the picture). 'Tis the gift to be simple. I use



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this phrase to help me sort through these physical reminders associated with memories of my past. The memories will remain = a few reminders are fabulous, simplifying is needed...

Here are a few places in the Bible that encourage us to pursue simplicity:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? (Proverbs 1:22)

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6)

It's good to re-focus ourselves from time to time - to remember our Christian values and prioritize what's important to us. 'Tis the gift to be simple - I encourage you to take these words to heart and focus on those things that give you peace. And, as the song says "by turning, turning we'll come round right."

Peace to all,

Karyl

SEPTEMBER LEARNING

Calling all lifelong learners and those who want to be!

Starting September 13th after worship, about 10:45am, we will be gathering for a four-week study of the Sunday text using Lectio Divina. This will provide an opportunity for us together to look over the text that we heard during worship and start to talk about what we wonder, wish, or notice. As we gather it will also provide a chance for us all to get to know one another better, and the last week we will discuss possible topics for upcoming studies. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Katie.





CITRUS HEIGHTS HART PRESENTS



Spaghetti Fest FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 23, 2026
Doors Open: 5pm | Dinner: 6:30pm

Citrus Heights Event Center
6300 FOUNTAIN SQUARE DR., CITRUS HEIGHTS

\$30 EARLY BIRD TICKETS
(UP TO SEPT 13TH)

\$35 SINGLE TICKETS
(AFTER SEPT 13TH)

DINNER INCLUDES: SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT
CASH BAR FOR: BEER, WINE & NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Raffles • Silent Auction • Live Music

Purchase Tickets



COME CELEBRATE OUR
10 Year Anniversary

Tables can be purchased for 8, 9, or 10 people.
Please send us an email with your guest list.

Tickets MUST be purchased by October 11th

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MIKHAILA AT CITRUSHEIGHTSHART@GMAIL.COM



THANK YOU!



August was a busy month of hosting with 2 Memorial Service Receptions and a “Godspeed” Reception—all for very special, long-time Advent family members. Many, many thanks to ALL those who helped make these events possible!

A special thank you to Cornelia Chancellor for coordinating all of the efforts. Everyone’s participation is very much appreciated, and means a great deal to the families.

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FROM CORNELIA:

Thank you to everyone who helped with the set up and take down of tables, preparing the center pieces, donating cookies and preparing a beautiful display of the tasty treats for the two memorial receptions two weeks in a row.

A special thank you to Jeffrey Belchem and Joey White, who repaired the round tables that needed attention. The help of everyone is greatly appreciated.

Cornelia



Quotables:

“All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.”

~ Havelock Ellis

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US!

Brown B.A.G. Fellowship



Wednesday, Sept. 2, 12:30 PM

B.A.G. = Being and Growing
Accompanying each other in
who we are and who we are
becoming!

Please join us at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 2! All are invited to bring a lunch (including something to drink) and come participate in conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

A reminder to all committee/ministry chairpersons: quarterly reports will be received at the September 10th council meeting. You may either submit a written report to council president Karyl Cimini by Monday, 9/7 or you may come for the first 15 minutes of the council meeting and present your report in person. Thank you for your partnership in ministry and the work of your committee!





ADVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:45pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	2 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 12:30pm Brown B.A.G. Fellowship 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	3 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	4	5 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
6 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_HighlightsStreams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed 6:00pm AA Meeting	8 9:30am Offering Counters 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:45pm CPR Class	9 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	10 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30am Stern-Johnson Bike Club 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
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27 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_HighlightsStreams 10:45am Adult Study 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	28 9:30am Offering Counters 10:00am Serve Lunch @ St John's Program for Real Change 6:00pm AA Meeting	29 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:45pm CPR Class	30 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This			

GODSPEED DOROTHY!

On Sunday, August 23, we bid Godspeed to Dorothy Michaelis as she moves to Paso Robles to be near her daughter and family. Dorothy has been a beloved member of Advent for 52 years, participating in a variety of ministries—she will be missed, but we celebrate with her all the new beginnings that lie ahead!



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
GREETER	Tom & Cornelia Chancellor	Arlys Clinton	Sally Smith	Kris & Terry Heath
PASTOR	Rev. Katie Holeman			
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Melanie Chancellor	Debbie Leporini	Dean Henricks	Jeffrey Belchem
LECTORS	Leslie Scheurer	Robin Bevier	Keith Montag	Linda Belchem
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
ALTAR FLOWERS	Frank Vouri	Maggie Ciak	Tom & Audrey Werth	Available
AV TECH	Bruce Hansen	Noah Qalliu	Nancy King	Joyce Montag
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 9/20)			
USHERS	** Linda Belchem, Keith Montag			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM F: **Linda Mathews, Erika Shepherd, Cheryl Adams			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Will Mae Clore Sept. 1
Rolf Zschoernig.....Sept. 6
Deral Simmons.....Sept. 8
Melinda Malaspino Sept. 11
William Gariano Sept. 11
Todd Franz Sept. 12
Bruce Hansen Sept. 15
Dave Wammer..... Sept. 19
Tom Werth Sept. 21

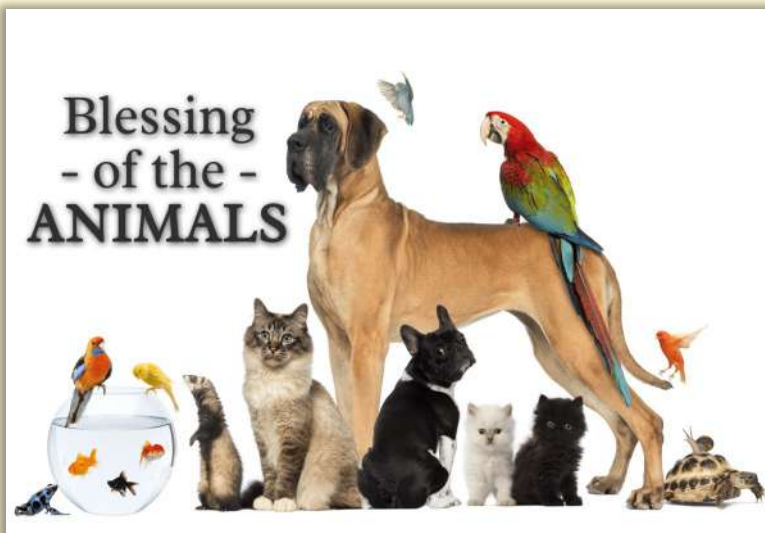
Lawrence Presto Sept. 22
Marley Jones Sept. 24
Bill Bevier Sept. 25
Mary Grivna Sept. 30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Nancy King..... Sept. 7



PET BLESSING—OCTOBER 4



Mark your calendar! Our Annual Pet Blessing Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 4, on the front plaza area. Please bring a lawn chair, if you'd like (some folding chairs will be provided) and your pet (furred, feathered or scaled!) for a special blessing. Invite your friends and their pets, too!

MUSTARD SEED SCHOOL

Mustard Seed School is starting up the '26-'27 academic year and they need your help! Their highest needs are:

- ♦ Sturdy backpacks
- ♦ One-inch binders
- ♦ Hard-case pencil boxes
- ♦ Elmer's glue—4 oz.
- ♦ Washable markers
- ♦ New socks (preschool—adult sizes)
- ♦ New underwear (preschool—adult sizes)

You can find a comprehensive Needs List on their website at sacloaves.org.



SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD DELEGATION TO RWANDA

Bishop Jeff Johnson, Pastor Sara Wilson, Pastor Gabriele Schroeder, and Sue Hertless will be traveling to Rwanda to attend the consecration and installation of the Rev.



Prince Atupenda Kalisa as Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda. They will be presenting gifts from various congregations of our Synod.

Please hod Bishop Kalisa in prayer as he begins this new chapter of ministry and leadership and pray for our Accompaniment Delegation as they travel, build relationships, and accompany our siblings in Christ in Rwanda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	17,556.98
Total 4030 Facility Use	850.00
4035 Interest Earned	4.81
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
4056 Other Income - Misc	700.00
4057 Other Income - Maintenance	200.00
Total Revenue	\$20,511.79
GROSS INCOME	\$20,511.79
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	12,179.77
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	960.14
Total 7030 Finance	146.20
Total 7050 Property	1,566.29
Total 7080 Worship & Music	7.97
Total 8190 Office Expense	108.28
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1,007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	3,858.33
Total 8330 Utilities	1,650.05
8345 Bank Charges	5.93
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,784.22
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	-72.53
Total Expenditures	\$23,202.10
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-\$ 2,690.31

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PRAYER CHAIN INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All those serving as caregivers for a loved one, that they may experience God's comfort and renewal.

Patty Barnes, sister of Russell Beeck and Carol Whyte, who continues treatment for kidney cancer. Prayers for the success of her cancer treatment.

Marcia Becwar, a close friend of Jenny Stern, who is undergoing treatment for recurring cancer. Please pray for Marcia's comfort and successful treatment.

Russell Beeck, who continues to deal with medical issues. Please pray that he is able to find comfort and healing.

The family of Sharron Clark, Robin Bevier's mother, who passed into life eternal on 8/22. Let us pray for God's comfort and peace for all who mourn her passing.

John and Francis, following the passing of their daughter, Shauna (niece of Linda & Bob Mathews). Let us pray that John, Francis, and all who cared for Shauna may know God's peace during this time.

Marianne Harper, Margaret Johnson's sister-in-law, who will be undergoing cancer surgery on 9/28 followed by an extended hospital stay. Please pray that the surgery is successful and for peace for Marianne's family.

Jeff Henry, Kathy and Ken Johnson's son-in-law, who is now facing extended treatment for newly found cancer issues. Please pray for positive results from the treatment.

Keith Johnson, who has returned home. Please pray for patience and strength for both Keith and Pat during this transition.

Tom Kent, prayers for increased physical strength and mobility, and the optimal functioning of his main medical devices.

PRAYERS CONTINUED...

Jann Knutson, as she continues to struggle with Parkinson's and related issues. Let us pray for Jann's comfort and peace.

Patt Kregelo, following several weeks of hospitalization after heart surgery and internal bleeding. Please pray for healing and strength as she begins her long road to recovery.

Hugh McGuigan, a friend of Phil Davidson's from ski patrol, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for peace for Hugh as they explore his treatment options.

Beth Mora, whose weekly chemotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer will continue indefinitely. Please pray that Beth's treatment will be effective in keeping the cancer from growing.

Jo Morrison, an extended family member of Kathy Henricks, whose cancer has returned. Please pray for Jo's comfort and the successful treatment of her cancer.

Michelle O'Dell, Suzane Henderson's niece, undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. Let us pray for the success of the treatments.

Dan Sellers, who remains hospitalized with an infection at Mercy Folsom Hospital. Please pray for Dan's recovery and comfort.

The family of Robin Wardinsky, sister of Nolana Mymka's friend Julie, who has been placed on hospice care. Please pray for peace for Robin and her family.

Carol Whyte, who is recovering from a broken elbow and wrist after a fall. Please pray for Carol's quick healing and full recovery.

Carolyn Youngquist, as she transitions and adjusts to her new home in the Memory Care Unit. Please pray that Carolyn feels the constancy of God's love during this time.



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THROUGH GOD'S GRACE,
WE GATHER, WORSHIP,
GROW, AND CARE**

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