

THE IVY VINE

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Dear Church family & friends,

As September begins and our individual and collective pilgrimages of life continue, I invite you to join me in praying the following prayer over this next month.

Determined

We praise You, God,
that Your Way is found
not by travelling an exclusive highway,
or in secrets preserved only for some,
but in the open field of love and grace,
where all who choose may come and play.

We praise You, God,
that Your Truth is heard
not only in the words of scholars and authors,
or in brittle, inflexible ideas,
but in honest questions
and difficult conversations,
in the courageous attempts of simple people
to live lives of integrity.

We praise You, God,
that Your Life is discovered
not just in the predictable places of beauty and wealth
or within the confines of clearly demarcated norms,
but in the unexpected generosity and pride
of those who have nothing,
in the creativity and risk
of trying new things,
and defending the vulnerable.

We open ourselves again to Your call,
determined to do what we promise,
to follow Your Way,
to embody Your Truth
to share Your Life.
And to do it all with thanksgiving and praise.
Amen.

With blessings & Love,
Pastor Jen

Cloverdale resident and UCC member Andy Grose enjoyed a very special experience in March of this year. He attended the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The play, inspired by the last week of the life of Jesus, has been performed almost every 10 years since 1636. This remarkable, world renown production offers historical significance as well as spiritual depth that leaves one moved and deeply affected.

Andy will share his experience at the United Church of Cloverdale on September 25 at 11:15 in the Social Hall. In addition to describing this incredible achievement by the people of a town the size of Cloverdale, Andy will talk about how the Passion Play remains relevant as it enters the 5th century of its performance.

Light refreshments will be provided.

COVID Protocol Updates:

- ⇒ **Masks are optional**
- ⇒ **If you are feeling sick or experiencing any symptoms**, please refrain from coming to the church campus.
- ⇒ **If you have allergies**, please use a mask for others' comfort.
- ⇒ **Communion is back** during worship on the 1st Sunday of each month
- ⇒ **Coffee Hour** needs people to sign up to host the coffee hour after services. Please speak to Polly Lile if you have any questions.
- ⇒ **Breakfast Gatherings at Zini's** on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday are based on covid cases and peoples level of comfort join together.
- ⇒ **Office will remain by appt. only**

***Thank you for helping us maintain our commitment
to provide a safe place for all!***

Pennies From Heaven

On the 3rd Sunday of each month during our worship service we collect an offering we call "Pennies From Heaven." Many of our church family save up their loose change each month to bring to church, all the monies collected are then used to support Heifer International. With our donations we help families all over the world!

CALENDAR

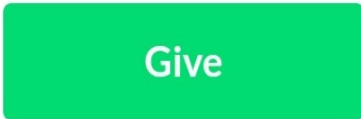
9/4 Council Meeting after worship
 9/5 Labor Day
 9/18 Pennies From Heaven (during worship services or online giving)
 9/25 Andy Grose's presentation about the passion play
 9/28 10:30am Reopening Committee meeting, Fellowship Hall

Weekly Activities

Thursdays & Saturdays Thrift Shop Open 10-2
 Tuesdays & Fridays NA Meeting 7:30pm Education Bldg.
 10am Sundays In-person Church Services in the sanctuary
 (also available on Zoom and our YouTube Channel)



Steve Ellis 9/3
 Charlotte Lewis 9/5
 Carl Westenberg 9/9
 Conny Welch 9/19
 Carey Fraser 9/20
 Jone Wesele 9/21
 Carol Romero 9/26
 Lori Serrano 9/27
 Carolyn Crandall 9/28
 David Romero 9/30



Online giving available
 thru our website at
uccloverdale.org.
 Just click on the give
 button!

Anniversaries
 Cary & Bob Fraser 9/7

If you have a story you want to share and/or any photos please submit to uccoffice@sbcglobal.net
 We would love to share it in the next newsletter!

Wednesday Prayer at 10 AM



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Hold In Prayers
 We continue to hold in prayer Carolyn Crandall & Family; The Graddy Family; The Wolter family; The Lane family; Lynn Gertenbach; Mary Volper; Conny Welch; Christy Anne Latchford and her mom Jude; Norma Reilly; Ukraine and all those impacted

Cloverdale Food Pantry
Fridays 11am to 1pm

202 Commercial Street
 (Commercial at Second)
 Cloverdale , CA

Everyone is welcome to access the food Pantry
 No ID or income verifications required!

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