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## *Signposts from God in the Hebrew Scriptures: Road signs to guide us on the path of life!*

(Based on a series by Rev Earl Palmer at University Presbyterian Church, Seattle.)



1. Creation is Good. Your origin is good!  
You can be healed, restored!
2. We have freedom to make real choices and the choices have real consequences that affect others and ourselves.
3. We were created to be in community and to need each other. Let us shape our lives around what builds community and rid that which tears it down. Diversity is our strength.
4. Adam and Eve and WE chose a lie: that we will not die if we go it alone without God.
5. The rainbow is a sign of God's covenant of redemption. God loves us, and will find a way to save us from our wickedness!
6. Blessed to be a blessing—God blesses Abraham's family so through them God can redeem the world.
7. Root your identity in the God who provides.
8. God declares, "I AM, and I want to be close to you!"
9. The 10 Commandments are a gracious gift of God and all are meant to guide us to a life of blessing!
10. Find God in the interruptions.  
That interruption can never change the truth that:
  - God is God!
  - Our versions of our own stories are NOT the last word!
11. The Biblical prophets:
  - call us back to the Word of God
  - call us to repentance out of God's love for us
  - Remind us God can come and make all things new...even when we don't deserve it!
12. David taught us that repentance is the door to new life with God.
13. The pursuit of Wisdom: a flourishing life rather than a wasted life!
14. The Absurdity of Hope yet the Faithfulness of God!
15. We are not alone in the fire!
16. To keep Sanity in times of insanity: Go to church, keep your good traditions, do your ministry, remember your songs.
17. From the New Testament: In Jesus God is with us, welcomes us as his children, makes us new, and invites us to help usher in God's Kingdom of Love in our every action!

God, like any good parent, wants to help his children find the way--wants to help us stay on a path that is abundant, joyful, meaningful, and full of love. I pray these signposts will help you on your journey. I am glad we are on this journey together! We need each other!

May you walk through each day aware of God's love and presence,  
-Pastor Dan

*Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ!  
Youth/Family Upcoming Event*

**Gym Nites** are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm., at Westview. Activities/events for the Youth/Family for the month of July include the following dates:

- **July 1st - July 4th: Fireworks Fundraiser at Westview**
- **July 13th – July 21st: Cuba Mission Trip (see below for more details about this trip)**

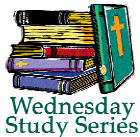


Photos (starting from top row, left): First two are the Youth enjoying the summer at a beach bonfire; last two are from the Youth Car Wash Cuba fundraiser.

Photo on the immediate left: Praying for and commissioning our Cuba Mission Team at Sunday Worship – Ian, Kris, Jordan, Izabel, Rev. Dan and Hazel (missing from photo).

*Cuba Mission Trip*

Please pray for our **Youth Mission Trip to Cuba July 13th – July 21st** for safety, learning and the sharing of God's love. We have a wonderful team of Kris, Hazel, Ian, Izabel, Jordan and Rev. Dan Hoffman. We will be with the Experience Mission Agency working alongside local churches near Veradero, Cuba.



**Wednesday Study Series:** We are **taking a break** in June and July and will **resume** with **Chapter 7** on **August 9, 6:30 pm** every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at **Paloma Del Mar 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom**. We are studying John Ortberg's book, *The Life You've Always Wanted*. We are studying how to grow the spiritual practices in our lives in this modern world that will be the center and fount from which we live and thrive! It has been a delight to make new friends and be a church with them at Paloma Del Mar!



We will **resume** tutoring again in **August**. Many of our students have much need for help in math and reading! Our Tutors are awesome!—Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan, and Joanne Hayashi and Eiko Stewart! If you want to join us **Thursdays 3:45 - 5:00 pm** let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

**Worship Team for July 2, 2017**

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Diane Mio
Usher	Steve Kajihara
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Lynne Nagata, Nancy Schott

**Worship Team for July 9, 2017**

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Dick Wong
Usher	Candy McCarty
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Leslie Hoffman, Susan Manabe

**Worship Team for July 16, 2017**

Pulpit	Rev. Mick Erickson
Chair	David Kadotani
Greeter	Lynne Nagata
Usher	Paul Jackson
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Joanne Hayashi, Eiko Stewart

**Worship Team for July 23, 2017**

Pulpit	Pastor Rich Garcia
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Elijah Veal
Usher	Sheri Katsuyama
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Mary Lou Hoffman, Jane Yoshida

**Worship Team for July 30, 2017**

Pulpit	Rev. Mick Erickson
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Shirley Wong
Usher	Isaac Veal
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Steve Kajihara, Candy McCarty



Westview will **resume** preparing and serving meals to the **Salvation Army** in **December**.



**Relay for Life** is an overnight community gathering that gives everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save lives. This **American Cancer Society event** will be held on **July 15th from 9am until July 16th 9am** at the **Watsonville High School**. Once again, **Westview will be joining team X Out Cancer**. Teams camp out and take turns walking or running around the school track. Each team also sponsors a booth that has items for sale during the 24 hour period as well as information about cancer awareness. This year, team X Out Cancer's booth will be selling Italian sodas, chips and lap beads. There will also be a sign-up sheet for people to pick walking times at the booth; they can also let Evelyn Veal know at Westview before the event if they have a walking time preference and she can let the team captain, JoyLynn know.

**Luminarias** honor all lives touched by cancer. Luminarias are small white bags decorated with the name of loved ones who have/had cancer that are placed on the relay path. After dark, Relay participants share an emotional moment when each Luminaria is lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer. **Luminarias** will be **available for purchase at Westview** and can be decorated by the person purchasing them or decorated by someone from our team. All proceeds will go the American Cancer Society.

For more information about participating/volunteering in this event and/or purchasing luminaria bags please contact Evelyn Veal at Westview.

Donations can also be made online: search Relay for Life Watsonville and follow directions.

**Sunday Message Series:** In **July** we will finish **“Ancient Wisdom for Life – discovering the signposts set by God in the Hebrew Scriptures”** so they can guide us as we walk this journey of life.

In **August** we will **begin** a series **“None Like God”** based on a **book by Jen Wilken**. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing. We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God!

### *Independence Day Lessons for Church Life*

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann



*Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including:* Betty Yagi, Alan Yagi, Emily Takemoto, Melissa Medrano, Tina Katsuyama, Waldo Rodler, The Hayashi Family, Doug Warner, Dorothy Mayeda, The Family of Matthew Sakata, Charlene Nakamura, Elijah Veal, Gary Brooten, Leslie Hoffman, Rev. Mick Erickson, Marie Nakamoto, Louise Sako, Karen Hirahara, Ted & Shigeko Tahira, Dr. Masako Miura, Randy Hongo, Fred & Paula Sugidono, Laura Cass, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

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#### *Wedding Anniversary*

*Grace Fong      David & Jeanni Kadotani*

#### *Birthday*

*Art & Joanne Hayashi: Joanne, Derek and Casey's Birthdays*

#### *Easter*

*Keith & Elaine Bungo*

#### *Capital Campaign*

*Diane Mio*

#### *General*

*Sheri Katsuyama      Kathleen Iwanaga*