

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

Happy Summer to you all! I am excited to use this writing space to re-introduce you to the fresh face and ever-expanding talent of Rev. Brian Peterson.

Brian will be our guest preacher (and communion celebrant) for the first two weeks of August, a role that he takes on without fear and with a fair amount of experience. He recently concluded an appointment to four (!) churches in Tehama County, where he excelled in worship leadership, group development, and pastoral care. Doing two services on a Sunday with no driving in between? Piece of cake.

Brian received his Master of Divinity degree from Yale and is still finding his way into ministry, denomination-wise, although he is leaning strong-

ly Methodist, just so ya know. He grew up in Orland, was a devoted Lutheran while he was there, and has served a few other flavors of churches along the way. He has vigorously participated in the last two Annual Conferences, and it is our joy to welcome him into our strong, vibrant United Methodist congregation!

I mentioned elsewhere that these two Sundays are his final chances to preach in California for a while... he is off to Ohio to pursue his doctoral work, a long-deferred life goal of his. I don't remember the actual name of his degree program, but I know this: by the time he is done, he will have become the world's foremost expert on the entertaining and social impact of Lawrence Welk and his effervescent 'Champagne Music'. I

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Our Purpose
To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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knew there was a reason we get along so well!

Christina and I, as usual, are creating the 'ten pounds of flour in a five-pound sack' kind of vacation, with family and friends visited and a music cruise to Alaska! If the dulcimers come back to church again in later August it will be a natural extension of our immersive time in music, nature, and as much salmon as one can possibly eat.

Thanks in advance for you hospitality and family spirit over the next few weeks. I look forward to regaling you with travel tales and spiritual insights gained in this renewal time.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale is coming on September 4 and September 5. Items may be placed on the stage beginning August 10. So, clean out all those excess items and donate them to the rummage sale.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

Your Help Is Needed

Several ladies are making jam for the December Bazaar, but we need your help. If you have extra fruit on your trees that you are not using, consider giving the extra-abundance to Trinity ladies for jam. Even small amounts can be combined to make an interesting and tasty final product. We are also in need of half - and quarter-pint canning jars. We gladly accept even one such jar and jar rings-they add up. Sugar is expensive and we could use donations of that, too. Jars can be left on the counter in the kitchen. Sugar and fruit can be left in the office. Thanks!

Submitted by Lucille Wanee

Sanctuary Cross Details

When worshippers enter the sanctuary, it is likely the first decorative item noticed is the huge glass embellished cross above the altar. It was built by life long member Venrita Bernadett who continues to attend services each Sunday she's in town. Vernita doesn't remember the exact year that she and her husband put their artistic talents together to build and donate it but says the first cross embellished with colorful pieces of stained glass was heavier than the wires attached to hang it from the ceiling that it crashed down and had to be quickly repaired with new glass she doesn't think was as colorful as the first, albeit still gleam with bright greens and oranges admired by all who notice it. Together with the beautiful stained glass windows made by past members, the cross is part of the sanctuary's decor admired by members and visitors. (This is a tidbit of living history you might not have known.)

Submitted by Lily Loughlin

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WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Sundays, AUGUST 2nd and AUGUST 9th

The Rev. Brian Peterson will be our guest preacher and celebrant while Pastor Dave is away this summer. Great music and inspired preaching, and Holy Communion on the first Sunday, as always! These two Sundays are his final preaching times in California for awhile... Brian is off to Ohio in a few weeks to commence his doctoral work.

Sunday, AUGUST 16

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 lead us on a complicated ethical and spiritual journey today, with the message “Even the Crumbs” giving hopeful illumination. The return of the wind synthesizer is pretty likely...

Sunday, AUGUST 23 With Caroline (POSSIBLY Wenger, vocal quartets?)

“Identification Situation” is the message today based on Matthew 16:13-20. How do you identify spiritually in this world? Our music today will likely feature two special guests, both instrumental and vocals... a fantastic worship experience is planned.

Sunday, AUGUST 30

We travel away from the gospel messages of the last few weeks to tackle a deeply comprehensive paragraph of advice from St. Paul, as found in Romans 12:9-21. “Laundry List” is the sermon title this morning, and in honor of the Romans, we will feature Italian music this morning.