

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, May 26, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

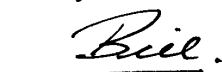
Back when *Look* magazine was still alive, George Leonord wrote an article in which he said, “If everybody gave and received a thirty-minute backrub every day, it would be the end of all war,” and I believe it! Because a lot of frustration that results in hostility could be eased by people being caringly in touch with one another. In a way that says you’re all right, in fact you’re special, you are worthy.

Yet, I know some of us are a little skittish about touching and being touched. Our society has erroneously figured that you normally touch people, other than aunts and grandparents, only for reason of sex or violence. Actually, we touch others to show human caring, a hand on the shoulder, a firm handshake, and a steady embrace.

Author, Monica Furlong has written that the future for Christians is to discover that Christianity is not about righteousness but about vulnerability. The tearing down of our pitiful human offences until we can touch other people and be touched by them, in fact, she says, “It is about love!”

So, even if hugs and backrubs don’t end all war, they can go a long way in expressing human caring for each other. It’s really an important part of what God intended the church to be all about. Let’s show the world the Love of God—it’s our calling!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The *Annual Congregational Meeting* will be held this **Sunday** after church, at which time we will elect the officers of the *Church Board*, the *Fund for the Future* and next year’s *Nominating Committee*. Those up for election are: *Church Board*: **Judy Fletcher, Dave Nee** and **Bob Rice**; *Fund for the Future*: **Charlie Bancroft, Mary Kay Crockett, Dick Crowell** and **Shirley Temple**; *Nominating Committee*: **Suzanne Holm** and **Graeme Robertson**.

Upcoming events: **Spring Mid-week studies**: “Jesus, Bombs and Ice Cream” is an invitation to dialogue and dream, to disagree and discuss... a conversation for consideration: “Jesus Disarmed Us All” (**May 27**) at the home of **Ruth Gleisner, 3004 Sloat in Pebble Beach, 10:15-11:30 am**. “With All Your Heart.” find out what it means to remember the Lord in your own life by weaving together the Bible’s fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts “By Every Word—Striking the Rock.” Filmed on location in Negev. (**May 28**). We are returning to the home of **Helen Breck, on Lincoln, 3 SE of 11th, Carmel by the Sea, 5:30-6:30 pm**.

If you would like to consider ordering a plaque for the *Memorial Garden*, please contact **Bill Rolland, Bob Janzen** or **Carol Sullivan** if you have any questions.

Calendar

Sunday, June 1, 2014—Annual Meeting Sunday

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.

The Gospel of Matthew 1: 1-17. The Realization of People’s Dreams

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 67: 1-7; John 17:1-5

Lector Dick Crowell

Crucifer Judy and Bob Fletcher

Flowers Evelyn Musavi

Cookies Judy Fletcher

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob & Cynthia Perry

Prayers of the People Howard Colehower

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “We’re on a Mission!”

Sunday, June 8, 2014—Reception of New Members

Sunday, June 15, 2014—Cabaret in the Forest with Barbara Lewis and Melinda Coffey Armstead at 4:00 pm.