

Music Box

— SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 —

J. M. Barrie and the Lost Boys (plus Ellen)

Craig Collord, guitar **Ellen Collord**, vocals

Lee Tuten, vocals **Wayne Lavengood**, accordion

David Tucker, lead guitar & bass **Michael Freeman**, drums

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Our warmest CitF welcome to “The Lost Boys” and Ellen, our outstanding local country western/gospel band who are AWL from Monterey Presbyterian Church today. They specialize in uplifting music that speaks to our roots, our fundamental values, our ancestors, and our exciting future. In case you’re wondering what happened to their leader, J. M. Barrie, it’s never too late to pretend you can fly or have a friend named Wendy.

The usual rules on clapping and singing along are suspended today. So pull on your cowboy boots and show us your spirit.

I Find Jesus Jimmy Ibbotson
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms..... Elisha Hoffman
Life’s Railway To Heaven..... Eliza R. Snow / Charles D. Tillman
Let Your Light Shine On Me..... Blind Willie Johnson
Higher Ground Thomas Whitfield

Farther On Traditional Shape Note Hymn

I’ll Fly Away Albert E. Brumley
I Know I’ve Been Changed..... LaShun Pace

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, September 3, 2012

Dear members and friends,

I recently read a wonderful story of a young married couple that had been only six months married, and who followed the principle that their “paths are made by walking,” so they took off and travelled though some of the remote parts of India. Their experience captured my attention and I want to share it with you for our spiritual growth.

Walking, they found, had fallen out of favor, and yet they had a desire to both travel and walk. That worked out well as they had little in the way of funds. They budgeted a dollar a day for food and incidentals, so they relied upon the goodness of those they met on their journey. They ended up walking one thousand kilometers over three months. As soon as they arrived back home, an uncle asked the young husband what he had learned. He didn’t know where to begin but into his mind popped an acronym of the word “walk,” to give his answer. Here was his interesting reply.

W – Witness

Walking enables you to, quite literally, witness/see more. Your field of vision is nearly 180 degrees, compared to 40 degrees at 60 miles an hour. Where high speeds facilitate separation, a slower pace gave them the opportunity to commune, an opportunity to witness to a much greater degree, the life around them—the stars in the night sky and the small animals on the edge of the fields. They witnessed a profound inextricable connection with all things living.

A – Accept

When walking this way, you place your hand in the palm of the universe and face its realities head on. As they were climbing to the top of a mountain, they became quite exhausted, and then a little sparrow flew by them and seemed to whisper and encouraged them to

keep walking and to sustain each other by their mutual support. This was to become for them a touchstone, not only in their friendships, but also in all of life—to simply accept.

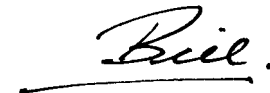
L - Love

On their walking pilgrimage they noticed that those who had the least were most ready to reach out in compassion. “There were times when extremely poor villagers who couldn’t afford their own meals, would borrow from their neighbors to feed us.” It was a love that had no strings attached to it. It was pure. It was selfless—it was love!

K - Knowing

Sages have long informed us that when we serve others unconditionally, we shift from the “me-to-we” and connect more deeply with the other. So, knowing who we are is what the good life is based upon. One traveller shared with the young couple, “When one foot walks, the other is resting.” Trust in the balance of life and know who, what and whose you are.

Have a great walk this coming week and see you in church,



William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, September 9, 2012

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.
Topic: 1 Peter 4:7b-8 (cont.). The Power of Love

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Habakkuk 3:1-6, 16-19; Psalm 62: 1&2, 8-12; John 4: 31-38

Lector Hamilton Fox

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Cyril and Jean Yansouni

Cookies Cookie Captain

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title The Gift and Glory of Work