

# The Living Word

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## *Vallejo Admirals - Game Day!*


8/18/19 will be First Christian Church of Vallejo Day at the Vallejo Admirals Game!  
We will be represented by running the bases, throwing out the first pitch and maybe singing the National Anthem!

This is also a fundraiser for us. 50% of the tickets sold through the link listed here will come back to the church. We have allocated the monies raised to go to our Capital Campaign to raise \$50,000 for much needed building repairs.

Aug 18 vs. San Rafael Pacifics  
(FCC Fundraiser)

Please plan to join us at the game for a very fun day!!

Allison Mezzera



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
OF VALLEJO  
DAY AT THE PARK!**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 18TH, 2019 AT 1PM  
@ WILSON PARK in VALLEJO  
\$5.00 per ticket**

50% of monies raised through the link will come back to First Christian Church of Vallejo to be used toward our \$50,000 Capital Campaign for much needed repairs on our building.

[www.vallejochristian.org](http://www.vallejochristian.org)  
to purchase tickets

## Living Stones

*God speaks to each of us as he makes us, / then walks with us silently out of the night.  
These are the words we dimly hear: / You, sent out beyond your recall,  
go to the limits of your longing.  
Embody me. / Flare up like a flame  
and make big shadows I can move in.  
Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.  
Just keep going. No feeling is final. / Don't let yourself lose me.  
Nearby is the country they call life. / You will know it by its seriousness.  
Give me your hand.*

—Rainer Maria Rilke, from *Book of Hours*, 159

The Season of Pentecost stretches from the Sunday we celebrate the day of Pentecost—or the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit filled the people and led them in amazing new directions—all the way until Advent—when the Church’s liturgical year begins again. The long Pentecost Season is one of growth and development; it is an opportunity for all members of the Church to consider again (or for the first time) what it means to live out our faith in the world. This year our Pentecost theme is “Walking Each Other Home.” What does that phrase evoke for you? What does it look like? What does it feel like? What might it mean from a faith perspective?

“Walking Each Other Home” reminds me of Rilke’s poem (above). No matter how clouded, no matter how lost, I am not alone. I am safe. This poem gives me courage, allows me to trust, even when I might be tempted to run and hide. It reminds me to breathe and to continue to put one foot in front of the other. It encourages me to open myself up to the accompaniment of another, even when I am afraid of being hurt or disappointed. It inspires me to try again, to put my best self forward, to go to the limits of my longing—knowing that even if things don’t work out like I hope, I have been authentic and vulnerable to God’s calling in my life.

How is God calling you? What are the limits of your longing? What beauty and terror have you encountered? How might Walking Each Other Home teach you something about life and faith and yourself and your world?

See you in church,  
Christy



**WE CELEBRATE AND THANK LIRONNA!**

Lironna's tremendous musical gifts inspire and delight us! We are so thankful for the gifts and the generous spirit she has shared with us. Now, as she heads off to the University of California at Davis, we send her with our love and faith that great things are in store for her. But we will profoundly miss her! Please join me in thanking Lironna (and inviting her to come back anytime!).

**WE CELEBRATE AND THANK MANDY!**

Mandy has offered the incredible gift of hospitality to our families and young ones. She has been patient and caring, and she has helped us clarify the church's needs in terms of childcare. We are tremendously grateful to her for the gifts she has shared with us during this pivotal time. Her service has been invaluable! Please join me in thanking Mandy!

**DO YOU STILL HAVE A PLASTIC PROBLEM?**

Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Again this month, FCC-V's Green Chalice Ministry is providing each of you with a tip or two to help you continue going "unplastic." It's a given that plastic bags, [PET] bottles, plastic straws, coffee stirrers, etc. are designed to be used only once and then end up in a landfill where they cannot fully break down. To continue our mission of "refuse" [that's rēfūse not réfuse] here are another couple of hints on how to make your world more unplastic:

- If you know of a fast-food location or restaurant that typically uses foam takeaway containers, take your own alternative such as a reusable bag or lunch box and ask that the food be wrapped and put into your own vessel. At least you should ask if they could use a paper container rather than a styrofoam one.
- If you use plastic soap dispensers for dishes or hands, NEVER throw away the container and then purchase another pump bottle. Instead, refill all plastic dispensers with bulk liquid soap. Admittedly, the refill bottle needs to be disposed of in the blue bin, but you can make multiple refills from a single large bottle. The large refill bottle is cheaper in the long run and does not have a pump spray top or inner plastic tubing to discard.
- Have you stopped automatically taking that plastic straw at Denny's or Buttercup? Please remember whether taking your own re-usable straw, asking for a paper straw (if they have them) or drinking just out of a glass saves one more plastic straw from ending up in a landfill forever.

**DON'T FORGET:**

To help earn money for the church beyond your generous donations:

- ✓ Use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (instead of Google or Bing) for your internet searches.
- ✓ Start at [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) when shopping online.
- ✓ Sign up at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) for when you patronize local stores and restaurants.
- ✓ Take your recycling to Valcore ([www.valcorerecycling.org](http://www.valcorerecycling.org)) and ask that the money go to the church.
- ✓ Use [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). The first time you use it, you will be asked to select a

**UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS**

**August 10-11:** Youth Lock-In at FCC Sacramento, Check-in 6:30- 7:00 pm. Saturday and leave at 12 noon on Sunday. For all youth in grades 7-12, cost: just \$20. A full night of crazy games, food, camp songs, worship and friends!! Dinner and breakfast are provided. Registration deadline is August 3.

**September 20-22:** Women's Fall Retreat at Mission Springs, Christy Newton is the keynote speaker

**October 18-19:** Disciples Men Retreat at FCC Sacramento, Dick Hamm is the keynote speaker

**November 02:** Anti-Racism Training 1b hosted here at FCCV

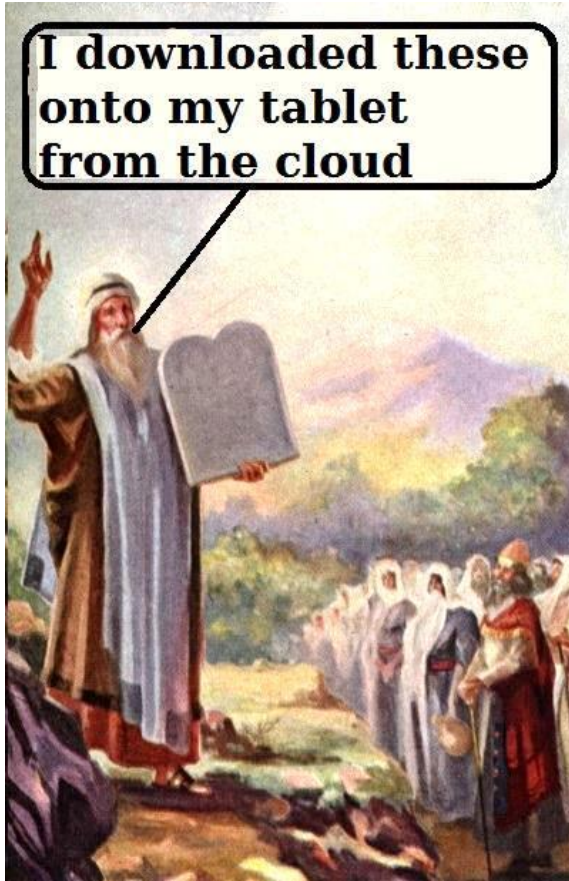
**DEACON'S SCHEDULE**

July 7	*George Morris	Rebecca Morris
July 14	* Florence Gomez	Rebecca Morris
July 21	* Amanda Trujillo	Paola Altamirano
July 28	* Adriana Zaragoza	George Morris

\*Denotes Head Deacon (set flags out in front of church & bring in after service, check collection envelopes & replenish if needed, light candles in front of church before service & extinguish after & enter attendance into log).

**Mark Your Calendar**

June 29 – July 1	JOY (Joining Older and Younger) Camp
Sunday, June 30	Congregational Meeting, following worship
Wednesday, July 17	Administrative Council, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 22	CCNCN Executive Committee Meeting at FCCV, 10-2
Sunday, July 28	Elders' Meeting following worship (tentative)
Wednesday, July 31	Ministry Council, 5:30 p.m.



## The Ten Commandments

1.  
Practice loyalty to the Sacred.
2.  
Do not forget that any given image of God is only a glimpse.
3.  
Do not use God's name to do harm.
4.  
Do not let life be defined by productivity.
5.  
Care for those who have cared for you.
6.  
Do not be destructive.
7.  
Be faithful to the commitments you make.
8.  
Do not take what does not belong to you.
9.  
Do not hinder justice from coming to fruition.
10.  
Do not let your internal desires lead you to harm another.

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