

The Living Word

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12TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK

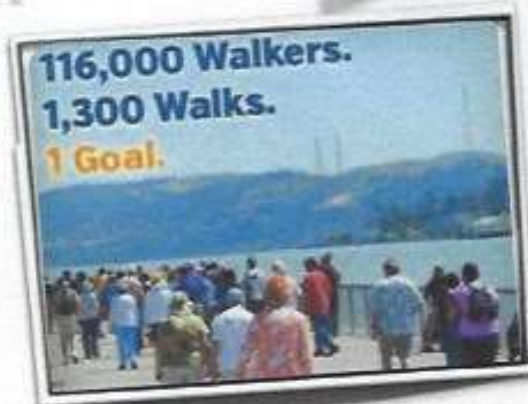
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Starting near the Ferry Building
289 Mare Island Way
Vallejo, CA



The funds are used locally:

The agencies are:

*Amador Street Hope Center
De Paul Women's Resource Center
American Canyon Family Resource Center*



The funds are used Globally
Church World Service (CWS) sponsors CROP Hunger Walks nationwide. They use the funds to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people around the world. They have been doing this for 50 years.

Please join us on the 3K scenic walk along the beautiful Vallejo waterfront!
Registration starts at 9:00am.

For more information or to donate, use one of these outlets;
www.facebook.com/VallejoHungerWalk or
www.crophungerwalk.org/vallejoca

CROP HUNGER WALK



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How can I help?

Sign up online and donate:

to www.crophungerwalk.org/vallejoca and start your team now.

Come to the walk and raise money;

Join us on the 3k scenic walk along the waterfront of Vallejo. On May 4th, starting at 9:00am, you can walk along with many people who help support the three agencies, Amador Street Hope Center, DePaul Women's Resource Center and American Canyon Family Resource Center, and Church World Service, our sponsor. Find donations, form a team, talk to businesses and bring your funds to the walk. Take home a donation envelope today. Sara Steenhouse is our churches coordinator.

Thank you for all you can do to help those who are in need.

Have any questions, just call me at 707-694-6274

Thank You!

Carl Cordes

MISSION ACTION

Our Outreach Donation of \$140 for April is going to Global Ministries to be earmarked for Venezuela to help the people who have been plagued with blackouts in Caracas; protesters and counter protesters; lack of food; and, political and economic unrest. Our May donation will go to Church World Service Hunger Walk – see above!

Please come to our Mission Action Caucus (MAC) Sunday morning April 28th at 9:30. We will be planning some outreach programs as well as talking about how we can be more visible in our community. How do we want to be more visible? Where would you like to see FCC involved?

Bring your voice and join us by sharing your ideas. To me, this is an exciting time to be involved in our community. As we think about our community, let's remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said, "The movement upward (toward God) cannot be separated from the movement toward our neighbor. Both belong indissolubly together....Standing under God's rule means living in community with God and with the church."

Peace,
Helen

Living Stones

*That each step / may be a shedding.
That you will let yourself / become lost.
That when it looks / like you're going backwards
you may be making progress.
That progress is not the goal anyway, / but presence
to the feel of the path on your skin, / to the way it reshapes you
in each place it makes contact, / to the way you cannot see it
until the moment you have stepped out.*

—“Walking Blessing” by Jan Richardson



I am grateful and indebted to the many of you who helped me put together our congregational proposal for the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program. I will be taking my pastoral sabbatical from May-August 2020, and this grant application was quite an invigorating undertaking. I am truly excited by the potential of our project, “Labyrinth Walking: Integrative Journeys of Renewal.” As I researched and thought about the spiritual possibilities of labyrinth walking, I discovered that there are 150 labyrinths within a 50 mile radius of my home. Amazing!

And then the day after I submitted all the various components of the application, I was taking Clivie to his martial arts class. We were a little early, and so we decided to walk for a little while along Lake Merritt. We watched the birds, climbed trees, and enjoyed the sun. And as we walked back to our car, there next to us on the trail . . . was one of those 150 labyrinths! This labyrinth was dug deeply into the ground so that the sides of the path made little raised hills. I immediately understood this surprising synchronicity as an invitation, and I started walking the path. Clivie, on the other hand, started jumping over the path from hill to hill. And before we left, a young man on a mountain bike started riding the twisting path on his bike. At one point, we almost ran into each other. I stepped out of the way; he apologized.

And I said, "Wow! This must be great practice for mountain biking." And he said, "Yeah, the best. There's nothing like learning to navigate these sharp turns. . . ."

Truly, our different spiritualities may call us to approach life's sharp turns differently, but we are all called to the journey. And it is a gift to be on this journey with you.

See you in church,
Christy

JOY BEGINS. . . .

Easter Sunday is only the first day of the Easter Season. The season of Easter lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Easter is a time set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and our theme for this season is Joy Begins. . . . This theme recalls the grief we've been through and moves us toward the joy we are called to. Come and join us as we live into this season of resurrection!

WORSHIP PLANNING RETREAT – June 1

On Saturday, June 1, from 10:00-2:00, we will have our next Worship Planning Retreat. This is an opportunity for anyone to come and help envision our worship services over the next 2-3 months. We will read scripture together and brainstorm themes, songs, poems, prayers, and ways we might structure our worship time. Everyone is welcome! So, bring yourselves, your ideas, a lunch, and snacks to share. We will share a refreshing and life-giving time together, while doing the work of the church—it is a retreat, after all! I look forward to seeing you there!

Christy



DO YOU HAVE A PLASTIC PROBLEM?

Vallejo resident Kathryn Kellogg has published a book titled, [*101 Ways to Go Zero Waste*](#), which is well-worth the read. Consider: "Straws or coffee stirrers and (PET) bottles are only designed to be used once. Then you throw them away and plastic can't fully break down." We've all heard of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - notice that Recycle is third on the list as even it too provides problems to the environment - but let's add Refuse to that (that's Rêfûse not Réfuse). "The best thing is to refuse single-use plastics as much as possible. Bring a sustainable alternative - whether it's a reusable bottle or reusable or paper straws."

Each month for the next five, the FCC **Green Chalice Ministry** will share a tip with you to help you go "unplastic!" The May tip is simple: When you go shopping at Safeway, Target, Walmart, etc., etc., DO NOT ASK FOR A PLASTIC BAG. Carry a supply of your own reusable cloth bags in your car. Even when you are going on vacation, take compact reusable bags with

you and use them while away. Stores are required to charge you for their plastic bags and the petroleum-based bags (polypropylene) tend to end up in landfills where their life expectancy is 1000 years before they fully decompose! That's two reasons to carry your own multi-use bags: cost and environmental damage. Plus, your own reusable bags are sturdier and hold more than the plastic bags. And you can have fun finding or decorating your own personable reusable bags. So go "unplastic" immediately.

DON'T FORGET:

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

- ✓ Use www.goodsearch.com (instead of Google or Bing) for your internet searches.
- ✓ Start at www.goodshop.com when shopping online.
- ✓ Sign up at www.escrip.com for when you patronize local stores and restaurants.
- ✓ Take your recycling to Valcore (www.valcorerecycling.org) and ask that the money go to the church.
- ✓ Use www.smile.amazon.com. The first time you use it, you will be asked to select a charity to support. Pick our church, and don't forget to bookmark the page!

DEACON'S SCHEDULE

April 28	*Glenn Stratford	Rebecca Morris
May 5	*Lisa Vigil	Rebecca Morris
May 12	*Glenn Stratford	Paola Altamirano
May 19	*Rebecca Morris	Abijah Steenhouse
May 26	*Jean Miller	Glenn Stratford

*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

Sunday, April 28	Mission Action Caucus (MAC), 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 4	CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, May 5	Camp Sunday
Wednesday, May 8	Administrative Council, 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15	Ministry Council, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 1	Worship planning retreat, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.