



## A Tie to The Past

"Where do I come from?" "What is my connection to the past?" These are questions that people have asked for centuries. I know I have often been asked about my last name. Where does a name like 'Yearean' come from? To be honest, for the longest time I didn't have a real answer to that question. Until recently I had the family story that it was perhaps Austrian or Polish, but because of family members looking into our genealogy I can now say we have traced the name back to Germany. But for me, knowing that I have people who were adopted in my own family tree, that was never enough because that is just the name and not really where my connection to the past lies.

Now, with the availability of genetic testing to the public, using DNA to discover ancestry has become a popular way to answer those questions. Services like Ancestry.com or 23andMe offer to take your DNA and tell you about your ancestry. By using genetic markers they can, with varying rates of accuracy, tell you what countries your ancestors came from.

I think what makes these so popular is that they offer a connection to the past. This information ties us to history, linking us to those who have gone before. People have always been interested in family trees, and that is really what such genetic testing is meant to help people discover, their ancestry, their connection with the past.

Such connections to the past offer us some clue as to who we are perhaps. Whatever the reason, we all long for that sense of connection to something. Even when it comes to our worship, we often look to the past for a sense of something greater.

To me, and to many others, that is part of the beauty of the liturgy. Our order of worship isn't something that we just put together, but rather it is something with great history. The prayers (collects), the weekly reading schedule, the songs, all have been around for hundreds of years. Even Luther, when he separated from the Roman church, didn't just create his own order of worship but drew from the rich history of the church and brought that history to the people around him by changing the music and even translating the worship service into the language of the people who worshipped. Now, this isn't to say that there is anything wrong with things that are new. In fact, bringing new things in can be just as beneficial as using those things that are tried and true. There is beauty in both and both can be used to build up the body of Christ. So, let us celebrate our connection to the past even as we try new things and move forward into the future.

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul



*Class of 2018*

**We are proud of the graduates in our SVLC Family and extended family**



**College**

*Wyatt Berringer* with degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Poly Pomona

*Sara Klepps* ~ California State University, San Bernardino. Master of Social Work, specialization in mental health. Graduating with departmental honors.

*Malcolm Seabrooks* with BS from Clark Atlanta

**Elementary School:**

*Samora Seabrooks* from 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Highland Elementary

**FAITH PROMISE**

In the May newsletter we put a copy of a Faith Promise card for you to prayerfully consider how you will give offerings next year. On June 3rd and June 10th we will be handing out those cards for you to fill out and put in a box as you exit church.

The reason we are asking that you do this, is to prepare our church budget for the 2018-2019 year.

Your confidentiality is our goal. These cards will only be seen by the financial officer.

If you have any questions, please contact the office .

## April 17th M & M Board Meeting Highlights

**Pastor's report:** Preparations underway for Splash Canyon VBS on June 18-22; he'll be attending the District Convention June 27-29.

**Financial:** The midweek Lent offerings were good; the General Fund still owes the Fund account about \$40,000; Pick-a-bill has not been started yet, waiting for the Stewardship Drive.

**School:** There are 72 students enrolled. Linda is down a teacher and is looking to hire a long-term sub to get through the year; she is starting to plan for next fall.

**Elders:** Requested information on the progress of the Nominating Committee. A question was raised about the Youth-led combined service on April 29th and why it was at 9 am instead of 9:30 am. It was recommended that a policy be made regarding the one service Sunday's start time and that the service be more blended. The first service Elders are helping fill in at the second service. It was stated that there should always be an Elder and School Board representative at every M&M meeting.

**Youth Ministry:** The youth attended a lock-in hosted by another church; the Easter breakfast went well; the kids are attending each others sporting events and performances; approximately \$400 was raised from the See's Candy fundraiser; the next fundraiser is at Portillo's on April 30.

**Property:** The \$250 cost for vacuum repairs was donated by a member; free mulch from the City was picked up and put in the back of our property and hopefully the Scouts will help spread it; the front door of the church needs repair.

**Old Business:** The liquidambar tree near church patio needs pruned; Pastor is planning a stewardship drive for mid-June with faith promise cards to be filled out in the service; he is still trying to get a grief support group started.

**New Business:** Suicide and Depression workshop speaker payment was determined. Thanks to Pastor Ron for coordinating the workshops. The MV Chorale will have a concert at Shepherd on April 22. Teacher appreciation week is May 7-11. The Nominating Committee is being formed. The Annual Congregational meeting will be on August 12 with a potluck meal. School and church budgets are being combined for congregation approval at the Congregational meeting. Financial information for the 2016/2017 is being prepared to send to the bookkeeper for review. A lay delegate is needed for the District Convention - June 27-29. The new District President will be elected at that convention, Rev. Larry Stoterau is retiring.

\*\*Next M & M meeting is scheduled for May 15.

## EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT SVLC AND SCHOOL

Make purchases at these locations and a portion of your purchases will come back to SVLC.

\*\* Amazon: Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Shepherd of the Valley of Sunnymead.

\*\* Office Depot: Go to [officedepot.com/givebts](http://officedepot.com/givebts) and search for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten.

\*\* Food 4 Less: Go to [food4less.com](http://food4less.com), find community rewards at the bottom of the page and enroll. Be sure to search Shepherd of the Valley Moreno Valley.

\*\* SCRIP: We have several options for **SCRIP** purchases. Karen Rice sells SCRIP on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, but you can always stop in the office to put your order in.

We appreciate you participating in supporting SVLC!



## FOODS THAT...

If you eat a lot of fried foods, refined sugars and flour you will have problems with joint pain, weight gain, diabetes and heart disease. To cool inflammation, eat blueberries, walnuts, green tea and red bell peppers, to boost brain power eat shrimp, cinnamon, and almond butter. To lower blood pressure, eat apples, dark chocolate, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes. Camomile tea, halibut, milk, mussels, eggs, seaweed, and walnuts help fight depression. To reverse diabetes eat avocados, oatmeal, lentils and quinoa. Gradually replace those foods which cause problems with those foods mentioned above. Give it a few weeks and see if you can tell a difference in your health.

~Suzy Langhorne

## Eleven Actions that Build a Friendly Church

1. Pray for new people
2. Look for the unknown.
3. Be the first to reach out.
4. Do it with enthusiasm.
5. "Hi, my name is ... "
6. Listen for the name.
7. Repeat it more than twice.
8. Introduce one to another.
9. Tell people they're appreciated.
10. Tell people they are missed.
11. Share praises & prayer requests.





### Graduations and Promotions

It is hard to believe that this school year has flown by so quickly. Our little ones are being promoted to their new classes and our Kindergarteners are graduating and moving on to new schools. We have had so much fun making friends and learning about God's word.

We have a fun summer program coming up beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> and going through August 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "God's Creation". We will be doing a lot of fun activities and concentrating on one day of creation per week. This will be so much fun for our children and staff. We still have space for both summer and fall so if you know of anyone interested in quality education and care for their child, please refer them to Shepherd of the Valley. We have our preschool, 2's (fully potty-trained) thru Kindergarten and our Before and After school care of 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

We are sad to say goodbye to two of our teachers at the end of this school year. Mrs. Monica and Ms. Alicia are both leaving us to follow their hearts in a new direction. We pray that God will continue to bless them wherever they go.

The following are our Upcoming Events:	June 8	Promotion/Graduation Day
	June 11	First day of Summer Program
	July 4	Closed - Holiday

Please continue to pray for our school and that God will fill our classrooms with His little ones. Have a blessed June.

Linda Williamson, Director



Hello everyone from the quilters. We are staying busy with all the items in the works and new items that all need to be taken apart and washed to get ready to use. We have been fortunate to receive some scraps of material that will be used in the baby quilts. We thank those who send in items for our projects. We have been short on things for the pregnancy center and threads, so these added items come in handy to us.

Time is going fast this year, we only have five more months left to complete everything and take them for delivery. It has been fun to receive things from far away. With the helping hands to our group, I am sure the center will be ever so happy with everything made. If you would like to see us working or maybe join us at work, come to the Fellowship Hall on the fourth Saturday of each month, except October when we meet early, on the second week, to pack quilts to deliver to the pick up location for shipping. If you would like more information please call Linda Olson @ 276-0373. May God Bless each of you and keep our support in your thoughts and prayers. A large thank you to all that helped support us with the Polly's Pies fundraiser. This means so much to us and our work. Blessings and love from all of us.



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**Depression  
Workshop**



  
**Decision America**  
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**Faith N' Family  
Night with the  
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We're sorry if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office & make sure we have the dates.

- 5 \* Fabiana Niles, Roxane O'Neill
- 8 \* Dan Butterfield, Kia Kerr
- 12 \* Suzy Langhorne
- 14 \* Courtney Hamann
- 19 \* Mitch White
- 20 \* Pastor Paul Yearyeon
- 22 \* Jaden Kerr
- 23 \* Frank Rizzotto
- 30 \* Yennie Cannon, Suzie Gorman, Heidi Medina



- 1 \* John & Sian Rockwell (22 years)
- 3 \* Pastor Ron & Ruby Kraft (57 years)
- 6 \* Jim and Marina Bromar (38 years)
- 6 \* Ed & Kathy Pipkin (17 years)
- 19 \* Pastor Allen & Chris Deinert (41 years)
- 29 \* Gerry & Chris Klepps (27 years)



### 2018 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the church lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Moreno Valley Flower Box (653-3171) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small altar bouquets are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



### Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) Food Bank

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.

**PIANIST WANTED:** The Praise Team is looking for 10 good fingers and an open heart that loves music. Do you already play piano, or know someone who does (or any other musical instrument)? Would you like to improve your music skills while contributing "joyful noise unto the Lord?" If this is you, or if have any questions or need additional details, please contact the church office at (951) 924-4688 or Gary Speck at (951) 313-4234. Feel free to join us as many Sundays as you are available. We gather for practice on Sunday at 9:30 am, prior to the 10:45 am service.



### INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

SVLC business cards are available (in packets of 10) in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to strangers, friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

**NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:**  
Magazines and greeting card fronts.  
Bring to the church or office.



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS EACH SUNDAY!**  
Thank You!



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM**  
In the Fellowship Hall  
Presented by Suzy Langhorne  
Certified Instructor  
Please join us - it's free!

### SAVE BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Specially marked box tops are worth \$.10 each when redeemed from Box Tops for Education. Encourage friends & family, near & far to help, too. Thanks for taking the time to help our school.



### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Thrivent members are eligible to designate Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. **Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31.** Go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered to receive Choice Dollars and Shepherd is grateful to those who have contributed through this program.



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# ***The Shepherd's Staff***

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: Sunday: 8:00 & 10:45 AM**

*"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." — Francis of Assisi*

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**PAUL YEARYEAN, PASTOR  
LINDA WILLIAMSON, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR  
MARLAYNA HAMANN, SECRETARY**

## **June 2018**



### **VBS Registration is Open!**

Let ***Splash Canyon*** take you on a wild ride through God's Word.

**June 18-22  
3:00 to 6:00 pm**

Plans are underway, we have lots of ideas to make this a fun VBS. Thanks to everyone who has donated items. There are still some items on the board in the church lobby if you can help.

Registration forms are available in the office and the church lobby and don't forget, you can register your children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends online at [www.svlcmoval.net](http://www.svlcmoval.net)



# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VBS - June 18-22 3:00 - 6:00 PM</b></p>					<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)</p> <p>12:00 PM Troop 210 (H)</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School &amp; Bible Class (O-H-PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home)</p> <p>6:30 PM Women of Faith TLC (Riccardi Home)</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:00 PM School Board Meeting (O)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM Growing in Grace (H)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)</p> <p>10:00 AM School Graduation</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's</p> <p>6:00 PM School Staff Meeting (O)</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Elders Meeting (O)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Moreno Valley Historical Society (O)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>3:00 PM Private Event (H)</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Private Event (H)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Thrivent Rep (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home)</p> <p>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM VBS</p> <p>6:30 PM Women of Faith TLC (Riccardi Home)</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM VBS</p> <p>7:00 PM M &amp; M Board (O)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM VBS</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM VBS</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM VBS</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>4:00 PM Youth Pool Party</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>PSD Pastors Convention</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>PSD Pastors Convention</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)</p> <p>PSD Pastors Convention</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

***Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM***

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 am -- 4:00 pm, MONDAY - FRIDAY