

Westview Chimes November/December 2022



Ask yourself, “How can I turn this into the path?” -Asked of me by a wise mentor

This reflective question was told to me recently when I was facing a difficult situation. I was fighting the hard situation and complaining. Don't we often do this when we are against a difficult situation? — We fight it and complain, or sometimes we choose to ignore it and act like it is not there!

In my situation I found it empowering to ask, “How can I turn this into the path?” (This is part of my journey, my path. How can I acquiesce to this and peacefully walk this path set before me, walking it in the best way possible.) I find that in asking this question I was helped to recognize 4 truths that carried me and opened my eyes to see the bigger picture:

1. I was acknowledging that I am set on a path—one that is truly guided by God.
2. I was acknowledging that maybe (actually definitely!) God is bigger than this situation and CAN guide me through it. I am in good, capable hands!
3. I was acknowledging that God is powerful enough to actually turn this situation into a means of growing me and teaching me.
4. So rather than stress, and think of all that could go wrong. I felt called to TRUST, PRAY, RELAX, and LISTEN. God will guide! God will provide! I will grow and be better somehow because of it.

What difficult situations are you facing?

Consider asking, “How can I turn this into the path?” and reflect on the truths above.

In this month of Thanksgiving and gratitude, how can we thank God for always being with us and guiding us on our path? (I will never leave you nor forsake you, says the Lord. -Deuteronomy 31:6-8)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. -Proverbs 3:5-6

It is a joy to be on this journey with you,
Pastor Dan

Compassion Child Update:

Did you know the deacons support a child through Compassion International? Her name is Adrija. She is from Bangladesh. She is six years old and is attending the activities at St. John's Rahutpara COB. Adrija lives with her mother, father and sister. Mary Lou Hoffman corresponds with Adrija on our behalf. Recently Adrija, through the help of her teacher, wrote:



“Thank you for supporting me. I got a dress, shoes, a school bag, dolls, a cake and candies from the project (for her birthday gift we sent). I am also so happy to get fruit plants from the project. It is heavy raining here. Do you get rain there? I am learning from my mom many things. My family prays for you. God bless you abundantly!-Adrija

Live Worship Services at Westview!!

Live Worship Services are being held at Westview Presbyterian Church!!

Worship Service begins at **10 am**.



Please continue to wear a mask to make sure the most vulnerable among our members/friends are safe.

If you are not able to attend church in person, you can still join us for Westview Zoom Sunday Online Worship Service! If you would like to **watch the Zoom Live Worship Services as it happens at 10 am on Sunday please send Westview an email at westviewpc@gmail.com** so that your **name/email address can be added/accepted to our Zoom live recordings** and you can **receive an automatic email** reminding you of our upcoming live services.

If you are in need of any assistance with Zoom please **call Westview at (831) 724-6222** and **leave a message**. Someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Either in-person or by Zoom, come enjoy the warm company of the Westview Family as we Celebrate God's presence among us!

Wednesday Zoom Scripture Reflection & Mid-Week Check-In



Wednesdays at 4 pm. The link is emailed out weekly. Please **send Westview an email at westviewpc@gmail.com** if you would like to **automatically be sent a link/reminder on a weekly basis about our Wednesday Mid-Week Check-Ins**.

SonRise Kitchen Update

The SonRise Kitchen continues to serve breakfast 5 days/week at the Plaza Park in Watsonville. Thank you to all our volunteers! Micky, thanks for boiling eggs, cutting meat, and all you do! Thanks also to Polly, Michael, Shizue, Victor, Mary Lou, Sheri, Judith, Sabrina and of course Margo. Those that we serve greatly appreciate it!

Sew Fun Sewing Circle

Tuesdays, 9:30-12:30 in the **dining room** at **Westview**, led by Rachel Clark and Peg Pierce - quilting, clothing construction, fabric and color selection, tote bags, quilted postcards, and more! Join us!

