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**Text for Sunday Matthew 28:16-20
“Celebrating Our Prayer Journey”**

**Since this Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day
Next Sunday We Will Thank Our Veterans in Worship**
(Also after worship we will invite them to be a part
of a group picture in the courtyard.)

**Church Board Meeting
Next Sunday 12:15**



Rachell, Jackie & Clare



Laurie & Joe

Put these dates on your calendars over the next few weeks

November 22 -- Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration, November 29 – Hanging on the Greens, December 5 – Bazaar and Bake Sale, December 6 – Alternative Christmas Fair, December 24 -- Christmas Eve Communion Service and other advent celebrations yet to be scheduled.

FROM THE MINISTER

Today is the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and for my generation it is a very historic day. The wall represented the great divide between communism and freedom for years. While the challenge to tear down the wall came from President Reagan, the Soviet President Gorbachev was the one who opened the border. When the news was heard, it was the people on both sides who took down the wall. They did it with an enthusiasm that caught the world by surprise. The memories of those thousands scaling the wall and using their bare hands to make it crumble is a testament to the human will to be free and connected.

It is hard for one generation to explain the significance of such a moment. What followed for a few years was the belief that peace on earth was possible. The great enemy was toppled not with military might but with the desire for freedom. In America we saw a technology bubble and economic growth which eliminated the national debt. The world seemed more connected and the opportunities to eliminate all that was corrupt seemed possible.

But, then there was the first attack on the World Trade Center and our troops in Kenya. Without realizing it, the world slipped back into a new conflict. This one is not about borders, walls or

politics but about ideology and religion. Then 911 hit us all with the new challenge. We are discovering that there is a limit to what can be achieved with smart bombs or more troops. We are again faced with a wall. But, seeing the celebration and the blocks of stone lined up and toppled using the domino effect, reminded me of what is possible. As citizens of the world, we can live either with such hope or turn inward to live our days in fear.. I invite us to choose to live our days serving the God, who makes all things possible.

Chris C. Nettles

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

For all our veterans,
Francis Hiltabidel,
Asks prayer for DeShon & Rachell as they
begin the path of parenting,
Prayer for our church without ceasing,
Sally Randall is hoping to come home this next
weekend,
Alice Estep's pain,
For those who are sick,
Blessings on
Julian & Amanda Stuart's new home in
Moreno Valley,
Al Charlton is doing better but has Dr's orders
to stay off his feet,
Laurie & Joe Harris' new life in Carlsbad,
New Mexico,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Jewell asks for prayer for her sons: Charles &
Fred,
We pray that we all keep
our faith during these
troubled times!
Health of our church.
Al , Unity & Sally,
Prayers for balance in families with the stress
& the economy,
For my dad and sister,
Prayer for our family to be strong in our faith
during these trying times!
Madlyn Hatzler's singing ministry,
Our daily spiritual guidance,
New job help,
Pray for everyone in the world,
Dulaney family
Reba Mathis for strength,
Linda (relative of the MacMillan Family)
entering advance stages of pulmonary fibrosis,
Shawn Tallent is going to college,
For Wes & Michelle,
for the family of Emma Koertzen, the
8-yr-old who died after a 2 year battle with
osteosarcoma last month,
Inspiration for growth.
Maria Dulaney thanks everyone who prayed
for her and sent cards
following her surgery.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 CROP Walk Planning

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

10:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Worship & Wonder
12:15 PM Church Board Meeting

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

7:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

9:30 an Joy Group @ Genevieve Bain's

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

10:00 AM Bible Study
1:00 PM Mary Rebecca @ Church

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

WORSHIP LEADER Scott Field

SONG LEADERS Mary Stuart

COMMUNION PREP

Farolyn Hanscom & Lynn Cooper
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY Steve & Claudia Gray

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 95



Natalie & Champ