



# The Appian Wayfarer

## Shirley A. Kille Memorial Scholarship Fund

Last year the scholarship committee awarded five \$1,500.00 scholarships from a pool of highly qualified applicants.

This, year, in spite of the pandemic that has dramatically changed life for everyone, we will still be receiving applications.

Several people asked if they could donate to the fund, so we can award more than one scholarship. In response, I decided to match dollar-for-dollar any donations up to \$10,000.

If you are interested in donating in ANY amount, I will gratefully match it. Make checks to ESUMC, designated to Kille Scholarship Fund. If we receive enough to extend this to ten years, I will be 103. Wow!! Now that is something to look forward to!!

Thank you in advance for considering donating as you are inclined and able. God bless. Ken Kille.

## Protective Face Masks

Jacqueline is in need of 1/4 inch elastic. She is filling an order for the District Superintendent for an organization (30-40 masks) in the Sacramento area. She also delivered 30 masks to GRIP yesterday. If you have some available, she can use any quarter inch elastic, any color, that you might have. Please call 510-913-8274 or email [trottinghorse@yahoo.com](mailto:trottinghorse@yahoo.com) and she will pick it up, or you can leave it at church for pick up. Thanks.



## Better Angels

I'm excited to let you know that we will be having an online pilot Red/Blue 3 hour workshop on Saturday 4/18 at 1:30 p.m. I believe it is the first!

Most of you have seen the Reuniting America documentary of the second Better Angels workshop held in OH, but those who have not and would like to see it, please let me know, and I'll send you a link.

We are looking for 5 reds and 5 blues to participate. People who want to participate, please let us know. You may also observe, so let us know if you prefer to observe.

In order for prepare to participate in the workshop and give you an idea of what to expect, I'm attaching an online skills workshop link. This is a prerequisite for participants and should take about 40 minutes to complete. The workshop is engaging and will give you an idea of how we work together as reds and blues.

(paste this link directly into your browser)  
<https://braverangels.org/online/online-skills-training/>

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns! Leave room in your schedule for about 3.5 hours because it is an online pilot and we're working on the online platform. We have both participated in two of these workshops (online skills and stereotyping) and they have worked very well. We can send you a guide for the first part of the workshop (stereotyping) so you'll have an idea of what to expect, but reds and blues initially break off into groups and brainstorm. Then they present to the other group. After that there is a fishbowl in which we get to hear each side talk, one at a time.

We really hope you can make it!

Darcy and Steve

## Mark's Musings

I received an email the other day from a friend of ours in Toronto who, together with his wife, have been members for decades at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church of Canada, a congregation that I was privileged to serve for a brief time in the late 80s and early 90s. In his note he copied an Easter meditation by one of the other current members there, the son of a fundamentalist minister who left his father's church when he was rejected for being gay. He and his partner spend a part of each year ministering in the Philippines. He writes:

### HE IS RISEN!

*I know because I saw him this morning. In Sampao, Almeria, Biliran, Philippines. Resurrection has changed him. I saw him in a line of hungry people receiving the Grace of rice, and fish and eggs and cooking oil and soaps and diapers for their newborns. He looks Good! Better than before! Better than the blond-haired blue-eyed Jesus I saw painted in the place my Daddy preached. But I recognized him. He looked like the red letters in my New Testament given to me on my baptismal day said he would.*

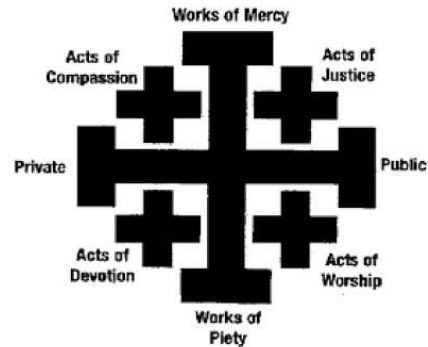
*Thank you, TSP, for knowing that church is just a made-up word that means gathering community, for knowing that the stranger is your brother, for knowing that seeking Justice is living justly and living justly means "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need", for knowing that Resurrection is real not because he lived again but because he lives still and for loving us and being our family in Christ.*

*He is risen and he rises in you*

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His message resonated with me, particularly in light of our Lenten Study led by Eileen Johnson that explored the meaning of discipleship in Wesleyan terms. Discipleship can be described graphically along two continuums: one, from works of mercy to works of piety; the other, from the public to the private realm. The intersection of these two continuums, generates four 'quadrants': acts of Devotion and acts of Worship (works of Piety); acts of Compassion and acts of Justice (works of Mercy). Acts of Devotion are those spiritual exercises that we do privately: private prayer, reflection, Bible study, etc. Acts of Worship are the spiritual exercises that we do corporately: congregational worship, etc. Acts of Compassion are the things we do personally to serve the least

and the lost directly (when I was hungry you fed me...). Acts of Justice are the things we do as a body to change the structure and dynamics of our society to better reflect the ideals of the Kingdom of God: peace, justice, hope, joy, and love for all God's children. Most importantly, these four aspects of discipleship should be kept in balance. (Apologies to Eileen if I got any of this wrong.)



I can't imagine that any of us would quibble with the idea that Christian discipleship consists of all four of these activities. But I sometimes wonder how well we keep them in balance. I have to admit, I don't feel that I'm doing a very good job. I spend a large proportion of my time with acts of Worship; rather less with acts of Devotion; a bit less than that with acts of Compassion; and almost nothing on acts of Justice. Even before the pandemic. And how are you doing?

'See' you online!  
Pastor Mark



April 1 - Cory Tipton  
 April 2 - Macy McCallister  
 April 3 - Valerie Shattock  
 April 9 - Dorothy Philippi  
 April 17 - Stacy Cerruti  
 April 19 - Miranda McGoon, Tom Mason  
 April 20 - Melissa Predny  
 April 21 - Paddi Just  
 April 23 - Michael Hollingshead  
 April 24 - Gary Dwiggin  
 April 26 - Wendy Allen  
 April 27 - Steve Mainini  
 April 30 - Frank Kafer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter April 12			1	2	3	4
			10 AM Bible Study (online)			
10 AM Worship (online) 12:15 PM Lenten Study, (online)		4 PM Faith Exploration (online)	8 10 AM Bible Study, (online)	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12 <i>EASTER</i> 10 AM Worship (online)	13	14 4 PM Faith Exploration (online)	15 10 AM Bible Study (online)	16 10 AM Photo Club (online)	17	18
19 10 AM Worship (online)	20	21 4 PM Faith Exploration (online)	22 10 AM Bible Study (online)	23	24	25
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## Prayer Concerns

Morie Oberg; Joan Holzinger and family; the family of Nancy Corl; Lee Hunt; Paddi Just and family; the family of Pauline Webber; Teresa Berenger (Madeleine Trouerbach's daughter); Sherry Banks; the family of Judy Buhlis; Jerry Patterson and Dana Miller (brother and daughter of Bob Patterson); Robert Johnson (former colleague of Karen Jarrell); the family of Clinton Pierce (the father of Sabrina Looney); the family of John Cecil Looney (father of David Looney); Annette Allan (Noel Stout's sister); the family of Parker Walker; Ron Driskell (Karen Jarrell's colleague); Gary Dwiggin; Hailie James; Lee Hunt; Leota Merrithew, family of Teresa Morin Stanton (friend of Lee Hunt); Victor Nozzolillo; the Fleming family (Darlene, Steve, Denise Roby, & Michael); Laureen Kelly and Linda Goodman (nieces of Darlene); Gary Spearie (Paula Hammond's brother); those who continue to be impacted by natural disasters and the global pandemic.

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