

# Arcata-McKinleyville Adventist News



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From the desk of Pastor Ron Mellor

Have you ever heard of something called a *polar bear plunge*? According to Wikipedia “A polar bear plunge is an event held during the winter where participants enter a body of water despite the very low temperature.” These crazy happenings are usually held on New Year’s Day.

The largest of the polar bear plunges takes place at Scheveningen, the Netherlands’ main beach resort town. More than 10,000 people dive collectively into that icy-cold sea water!

The “Plungapalooza” event in Maryland, is the largest polar bear plunge in the United States. It is held annually at the [Sandy Point State Park](#). Sponsored by the Maryland State Police, it raises funds for a very good cause, the Special Olympics. They routinely have some 7,500 crazies who jump into frigid waters.

Just over 30 years ago, on January 1, 1987, I participated in a polar bear plunge event. It took place in Chico, California, in a large pool in Bidwell Park. I remember that the air temperature had been very cold, starting out even below 30 degrees. The plunge officials told us that the water temperature was 39 degrees. Yikes! There were probably 60-70 of us who were poised on the side of the pool waiting for the starter’s pistol to fire. After the gun went off, all I can remember is jumping in and I could hardly breathe as the cold water instantly took my breath away.

I was suddenly numb and all I could think about was getting to the other side and getting out. I did survive this plunge, but have never felt the need to have to do it again! 😊

Matthew 24:12 speaks of how in the days before Jesus returns that people’s hearts will grow cold as their love toward God and people will significantly decline. In a certain symbolical sense, all of society today is involved in a “polar bear plunge,” as people’s hearts of love have gotten cold. Cold toward a vibrant, on fire relationship with God. Cold in relationship to the “Bride of Christ,” the church. Cold toward people, and the salvation of the spiritually lost.

We are in desperate need of a spiritual warming. May the Spirit of God set a fire that melts our cold, hard hearts!

I would suggest that a good prayer or each of us to put into practice in our lives would be the lyrics from Keith Green’s song, “*O Lord, You’re Beautiful*.” The second verse goes like this:

*O Lord, please light the fire,  
That once burned bright and clear.  
Replace the lamp of my first love;  
That burns with holy fear!*

For a heated heart of love,  
Pastor Ron Mellor

# Birthdays and

# Anniversaries



## LOVE February Birthdays

Millie Breckenridge	February 1
Carol Burris	February 13
Ms. Dale	February 15
George Brody	February 16
Bobby Babinski	February 18
Claudia Carter	February 19
Donnice Hildreth	February 19
Janet Wallenkampf	February 20
Annette Young	February 20
John Jones	February 23
Bonnie Stark	February 26
Deanne Albright	February 27

## February Anniversaries

Joseph Williams  
&  
Julia-Courtney Williams  
February 10



Treat everyone with politeness,  
even those who are rude to you,  
not because they are nice  
but because you are.

Never look down on anyone  
unless you are helping them up.



### The key to a Better Life

- Complain less, appreciate more.
- Whine less, laugh more.
- Talk less, listen more.
- Want less, give more.
- Hate less, love more.
- Scold less, praise more.
- Fear less, hope more.



**HUMBOLDT BAY**  
**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**PHONE: (707) 822-1738**

School Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.  
Friday: 8:15 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Grades 4–8: Ruthanne Altsman, Principal  
Grades K–3: Vickie Arnold

School Secretary: [Debbie Rosenburg](mailto:Debbie.Rosenburg@hbcsgmail.com)  
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**2016 – 2017 School Year**

**Saturday Night, February 11**

Skate Night in the Gym  
Food will be on Sale

**Fri-Sun, February 17-19**

Rio Lindo Academy Days

**Monday, February 20**

Presidents' Day  
No School

**School Finance/Board Meetings:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
School Finance at 6:30 p.m.  
School Board at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about HBCS  
go to the school website at:  
[www.hbcsgeducation.com](http://www.hbcsgeducation.com)

or

[www.mckinleyvilleadventistchurch.org](http://www.mckinleyvilleadventistchurch.org)



**HBCS**  
**SKATE**  
**NIGHT**

Saturday night,  
February 11, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

Food will be on sale!

**Presidents' Day**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

**No School – No Pathfinders**

Presidents' Day falls on the third Monday in February in the United States. It is also known as Washington's Birthday, after George Washington, the first president of the United States. The day is meant to celebrate George Washington and all the presidents of the U.S. It became a federal holiday in 1879.



**HBCS DATES**

~ March 13-17: Spring Week of Prayer

~ March 18: Joint Church Service  
at School

~March 20-24: HBCS Spring Break

## News from Community Services



**Weekly Meetings on Wednesdays**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Co-leaders of Community Services  
Tina Ahrens & Norma Werner

## 2017 SERMONS

FROM

ARCATA-MCKINLEYVILLE SDA CHURCH

If anyone would like a CD of any of the sermons from the church services, please contact Ms. Dale. She is willing to make as many as you like free of charge.

Be sure to list the date and title of the sermon with your request.

You can also find the sermons on the church website:  
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## Directory Updates

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## MESSAGE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church

**SPEAKER: RON MELLOR**

February 4	<i>Be Joyful – 10; 'A Pair of Joy Ambassadors'</i> from Philippians 2:19-30
February 11	<i>Be Joyful – 11; 'I Used to be Perfect'</i> from Philippians 3:1-7
February 18	<i>Be Joyful – 12; 'Losing Rubbish' – 'Gaining Righteousness'</i> from Philippians 3:8-11
February 25	<i>Be Joyful – 13; 'Onward and Upward'</i> from Philippians 3:12-14

**LOVE OF BEAUTY IS  
TASTE. THE CREATION  
OF BEAUTY IS ART.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Future Dates to Remember

## Update for Mid-week Lift

New start up date:  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

All Ages are Welcome, including Parents!



**SABBATH, FEBRUARY 4, 2017**  
**10:45 a.m.**

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church



**Saturday Night, February 11, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m. at HBCS**

**Food will be on sale!**



## Sunday Brunch

### Redwood Creek Summer Camp Fundraiser Brunch

Sunday, February 12, 2017

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Gluten Free Items

Pancakes, Tofu, Hashbrowns, Fruit

McKinleyville SDA Church

1200 Central Avenue

McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Presidents' Day**  
**Monday, February 20, 2017**

**No School – No Pathfinders**

When  
someone you love  
becomes a memory,  
the memory  
becomes a treasure.

**In Loving Memory**



**Asleep in Jesus**

**Adrienne Jicka Young**

**October 11, 1938 – January 15, 2017**

Adrienne lost her battle with cancer at the age of 78. The families of Annette Young and Deanne Albright want to thank the church family for prayers and support during her illness.

A memorial service will be held in the Spring.

# Pathfinders Humboldt Bay Trackers

## News from Our Pathfinder Club

Betty Newman, Area Coordinator

From the  
Director, Julia Courtney-Williams

On January 7, the Pathfinders were in charge of the evening service at McKinleyville SDA Church for "*vespers, food and movie night.*" Christian Harrison, Joey Ronk and Luke McCrigler acted two scenes from the Book of Acts concerning Saul's conversion experience. Next, food was served after preparation by Karen Ronk, April Harrison and Lori McCrigler. Various raw vegetables and fruits plus some cooked items were placed on the table, buffet style. Guests chose what they wanted, then picked up small containers of dip, including barbecue sauce, caramel, chocolate and cheese.

Another vespers-food-movie night is set for a later date if you missed the first one. The meal was free and a donation jar got filled with \$164.00. Thank you to the contributors. We were blessed with a nice attendance including people from our church and also from Eureka SDA Church. After we ate we watched a Feature Films for Families movie "A Man Named Norman." I believe we were all blessed. When you come out and spend time with our Pathfinders you are affirming them as valuable church members.

The Winter Campout, previously set for January 20–22 had to be postponed and the new date is March 3–5. Storm after storm is passing through the region and, hopefully, the later date will produce better weather.

In the meantime, we are meeting on Monday nights unless it is a holiday. We continue to work on Investiture Achievement requirements.

March 28, Saturday night, is set for our annual Variety Hour program at Humboldt Bay Christian School. We plan to sell food, including corn dogs, cookies, popcorn and juice. Please come out and support our club and be in the audience for the Variety Hour program. It used to be called the Talent Show. Now it is more a variety show in that just about any type of entertainment is welcome, including skits, readings, poetry, musical numbers, and jokes by adults and children of all ages.

## pathfinders camp



### March Event for Pathfinders

Friday Night – Sunday Noon, March 3–5

#### Annual Winter Campout at HBCS

Our club, along with Hayfork, Crescent City, Napa and Gloverdale clubs)

Please note the date change from  
January to March 2017.

### Pathfinder Club Meetings

Mondays at HBCS: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

No club meetings on

Presidents Day, February 20

Winter Campout: March 3–5, 2017 at HBCS



# Choral Concert

## Messiah

### Family Ministries

Invites you to join our choir family  
and sing in an inspirational concert.

### *“Our God Reigns”*

to be performed on  
April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Classes for all ages - 5 yrs to Seniors.  
Minimal rehearsals;  
Music & CD's will be provided  
for everyone to take home.

First rehearsal is  
Sunday, February 5,  
afternoon & evening.

Subsequent rehearsals:  
March 5<sup>th</sup> / March 29<sup>th</sup> / April 1<sup>st</sup>

For more information,  
contact Rebecca Bertain.  
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(707) 444-2602

## Have you checked our Church Website lately?

Go to:

[www.mckinleyvilleadventistchurch.org](http://www.mckinleyvilleadventistchurch.org)

### You will find:

- ~ The Church Calendar
- ~ The Sunset Calendar
- ~ Bible Study at church and on-line
- ~ Schedule for Sabbath Services
- ~ The Church Bulletin
- ~ Newsletters
- ~ Church Events & Ministries
- ~ Pathfinder Schedule & Events
- ~ Our School Schedules & Events
- ~ School Monday Memos
- ~ Pictures of Church & School
- ~ Camp Meeting Memories
- ~ Redwood Creek Summer Camp
- ~ Our Church SERMONS

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“For God so lo**V**ed the world,  
That He g**A**ve  
His on**L**y  
Begott**E**n  
So**N**  
That Whosoever  
Believeth **I**n Him  
Should **N**ot perish  
But have **E**verlasting life.”  
-- John 3:16

