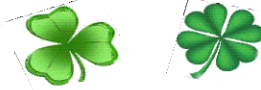


# Arcata-McKinleyville Adventist News



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## From the desk of Pastor Ron Mellor

Virtually every song that has ever been composed is really a story that has been put to music. Songs tell stories! However, often the story behind a song can be just as telling.

Recently, at one of our worship services, I shared a story behind a well-known hymn. I would like to retell that story, with a few more details.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century there was a man named William Doane, a wealthy entrepreneur, who had a real gift at writing the music for sacred songs. Needing someone to write the words to his tunes, he had heard about a little blind woman named Fanny Crosby who was a prolific poem writer. Over her lifetime, she wrote over 9,000 poems, and quite a number were turned into hymns that we know and love today. Just a few of her better known hymns are: *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"* *"To God be the Glory,"* and *"Safe in the Arms of Jesus"*.

Having never personally met Fanny Crosby before, William Doane tracked her down to her New York City residence. He was surprised to find a diminutive middle-aged woman, who was blind, living in a run-down attic apartment. However, he was impressed that she could do the job for him. So he returned a few days later; with a challenge: Could she—would she—write a poem from the title *"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*?

Now her customary way for writing her lyrics was to hear the tune first and then write the words. Experiencing "writer's cramp," no lyrics were able to come from her pen for a number of weeks; that is, until in the spring of 1868.

It was then she was involved in speaking at evangelistic services in a prison near her home. There she was in a room full of men whom society had cast aside—criminals locked away in a fortress; and she overheard one prisoner's desperate prayer: *"Good Lord! Do not pass me by!"*

Something clicked in her and she went home that night and wrote out four verses and a chorus to a new song. It took William Doane two years, but finally in 1870, he composed the tune to Fanny Crosby's words inspired by a sinner's memorable plea.

This song has been used by God to reach the hearts of thousands upon thousands of people. It should awaken in us a passion to reach out to Jesus as our only hope. The words of this hymn find their biblical base in the story of the two blind men in Matthew 20:29-31 who were sitting at the side of a road, and when Jesus passed by, they cried out to Him for healing. He asked them, *"What do you want me to do for you?"* They replied, *"Lord, we want to see."* This desire would have been sincerely and literally felt by Fanny Crosby, too. Being in a blind condition had caused her also to express to God to not pass her by.

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior;  
hear my humble cry.  
While on others, thou art calling  
do not pass me by.  
Savior, savior, hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling  
do not pass me by.*

Jesus will not pass us by if we reach out to Him! Let's make sure we are calling on Him today!

Pastor Ron Mellor

# Birthdays and

# Anniversaries

## Birthstone for Month of March Aquamarine



## March Birthdays



Shelly Hammers	March 16
Henry Willey	March 20
J.T. Albright	March 22
Dianne Brody	March 22
Richard Hildreth	March 23
Kirsten Kleiman	March 24
Neila Gann	March 29
Dianne Wentworth	March 31



## March Anniversaries



Mike & Deanne Albright	March 19
Ron & Bonnie Matson	March 31



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Friday  
March 17



There's nothing  
so bad that it  
couldn't be  
worse.

~Irish Proverb





## 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

Email: [hbcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hbcsecretary@gmail.com)

### 2016 – 2017 School Year

#### **Saturday Night, March 11**

Skate Night in the Gym

Food will be on Sale

#### **M–F, March 13-17**

Spring Week of Prayer

#### **Sabbath, March 18**

Joint Church Service  
at School

#### **M–F, March 20-24**

HBCS Spring Break

#### **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.

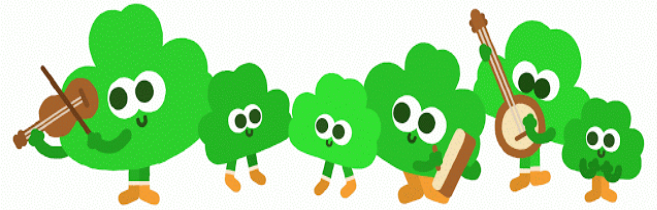
For more information about HBCS

go to the school website at:

[www.hbcseducation.com](http://www.hbcseducation.com)

or

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



### HBCS SKATE NIGHT



Saturday night,  
March 11, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

**Food will be on Sale!**

**Q: What do you call a fake stone  
in Ireland?**

**A: A sham rock.**



**Sabbath, March 18, 2017  
At HBCS**

## 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



### MESSAGE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2017

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church

SPEAKER: RON MELLOR

March 4	<i>Be Joyful – 14; Living in the Future Tense</i>
March 11	<i>Be Joyful – 15; Joy in Friendship and Unity</i>
March 18	<i>Joint Worship Service at HBCS</i>
March 25	<i>Be Joyful – 16; Joy in the Peace of God</i>



### 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, title and speaker of the sermon with your request.

CDs of the Baby Dedications are also available.

You can also find the sermons on the church website:

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Ms. Dale: (707) 443-1164



# Future Dates to Remember

## Mid-week Lift

Soup – Bible Study – Prayer

Meet on  
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

At McKinleyville Church Fellowship Hall



All Ages are Welcome, including Parents!

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

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church



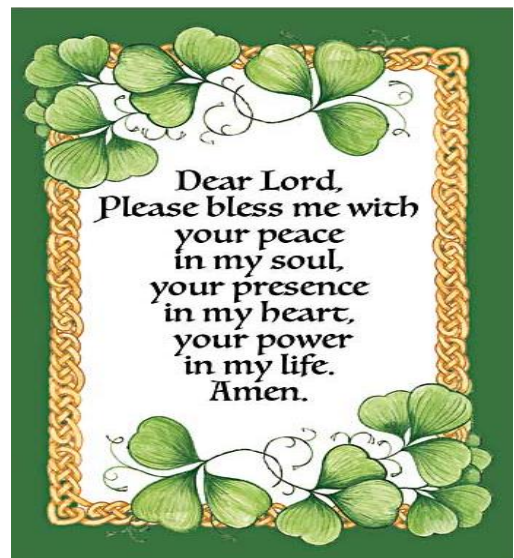
**Sabbath, March 18, 2017**  
**At HBCS**

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**Sunday, March 12**



**Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?**

**A: Because they're always a little short.**



# Pathfinders Humboldt Bay Trackers

## News from Our Pathfinder Club

Betty Newman, Area Coordinator

From the  
Director, Julia Courtney-Williams

The Variety Hour Program on January 28, arranged by Betty Newman, was a lot of fun for the Pathfinder Club this year. Many hands made the work easier, especially in the food preparation and serving department. Thank you for all who came to this event. \$400.50 was raised. We enjoyed presenting several short and humorous skits, as well as several musical selections.

The next important event is the rescheduled annual Winter Campout where clubs come to join us from Crescent City, Hayfork, Napa and Fortuna to Humboldt Bay Christian School for the weekend of March 3-5. The Pathfinders will be working together on drilling and marching skills and knot tying in addition to completing part of the Investiture Achievement requirements.

During our club meeting on February 6 we spent part of the meeting doing "community service." We moved a lot of desks and chairs from the boys' bathroom area to under the stage storage, making the bathroom much nicer and more accessible. A few days prior the club director, with the help of her husband, spent most of a day cleaning out the storage section that primarily contained old Pathfinder supplies. Everything was dragged out, sorted, and most of it was hauled to the dump or recycling center because it was obsolete, broken and/or otherwise in poor condition. A few items were saved, including a couple old Pathfinder posters, some cabin tents and stakes, and a couple custom made metal flag holders that Joe is sanding and painting in preparation to attaching to our club banner.

If anyone knows who made these, please let me know. We always have trouble at camporee keeping our flags from blowing over in the wind. Hopefully, this will solve that problem. We've had to bungee cord our flag poles to our banner uprights and it doesn't look very professional.



## pathfinders camp



### March Event for Pathfinders

Friday Night – Sunday Noon, March 3-5

**Annual Winter Campout at HBCS**  
Our club, along with Fortuna, Hayfork,  
Crescent City, and Napa 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 meeting on  
March 20 – HBCS Spring Break

## The Parable of the Stonecutter Unknown

Once there was a humble stonecutter who worked every day under the hot sun cutting stone. One day, fed up with his life, he looked up at the sun beating down on him, and he prayed, "Dear Lord, if only I were the sun, I would be the most powerful being."

God heard his thoughts, and made him the sun. Now he was all powerful, and shined his rays upon the earth and he was happy for a while. One day, he noticed a storm cloud under him. The cloud blocked his rays from the earth, and pelted it with rain and wind and lightning. He grew unhappy, and said to himself, "The storm cloud is mightier than me. Dear Lord, make me a storm cloud so that I may be more powerful."

God heard his thoughts and instantly he became a storm cloud. Now he was truly powerful, and he pelted the earth with rain and hail, wind and lightning. One day he passed over a mountain. The mountain absorbed his rain, wind, and lightning and was impervious to all his power. The man grew unhappy and he prayed, "Dear Lord, make a mountain so that I can be all powerful and resist the sun and storm clouds."

God heard his thoughts, and instantly he was a mountain. Now he truly felt all powerful. He basked in the sun all day and was impervious to its rays. Storm clouds came and battered him with wind, rain, and lightning, and he stood strong as ever.

One day, he heard a hammer at his base. He looked down and saw a simple stonecutter chipping away at his rock. He grew unhappy and prayed, "Dear Lord. The stonecutter is more powerful than even I am! Please make me a stonecutter so I can cut mountains and resist storm clouds and the sun." God heard his thoughts, and instantly he became a humble stonecutter again.

The moral of the story: Be happy with what you are in life. You are more powerful than you know, and you influence many others by the way you live your life.



# Choral Concert

## Messiah

## Family Ministries

### *"Our God Reigns"*

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

at

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church  
1200 Central Avenue  
McKinleyville, CA 95519



*May your life be filled with laughter.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
May your eyes be filled with beauty.  
May your soul always know  
to whom you belong.*

IRISH BLESSING