

# Arcata-McKinleyville Adventist News



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From the desk of Pastor Ron Mellor



In preparing for the next message in the “Be Joyful” series in the book of Philippians, I came across an idea that really jumped out at me. The first part of Philippians 4:5 says “Let your gentleness be evident to all.” It struck me that, as believers, people should look at us who bear the name of Christ and note that we possess gentleness.

We live in a world where gentleness is not evident. Whether the arena of politics, sports, societal attitudes, and even too often in Christian churches, gentleness can be quite lacking. Gentleness, a mildness of disposition, is not natural for human nature. Rather, it is a Godly trait. However, as God’s born again, adopted children, having become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) who now live by the Spirit and not by the flesh, God wants us to live our lives with gentleness.

The importance of a gentle disposition is underscored quite often by the apostle Paul in Scripture:

- *Be completely humble and gentle.*  
(Ephesians 4:2) NIV
- *As God’s chosen people ... clothe yourselves with ... gentleness.*  
(Colossians 3:12) NIV
- *But the fruit of the Spirit is ... gentleness.*  
(Galatians 5:22, 23) NIV

However, the best example of gentleness is that of Jesus Christ! Jesus’ invitation to us is, “... *Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.*” (Matthew 11:29) Gentleness was more than just talk to Him. At the most intense time of His life just before His crucifixion, as He was having insults hurled at Him and was being falsely accused, our Savior demonstrated a gentle spirit. (Matthew 27:12-14) The governor, Pilate, “*marveled greatly*” that Jesus did not even say a single word.

A Christ-like gentle disposition is not natural for us “sinnerlings.” It is foreign to our flesh. However, gentleness can be learned, and the Holy Spirit that can transform a human heart from a cold “heart of stone” to a warm “heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 11:19) Our gentleness can be a great witness to the effect of the Holy Spirit living in our lives and will be like “bright stars shining in darkness!” (Philippians 2:16)

May our gentleness be evident to all!  
Pastor Ron Mellor

## GENTLENESS

Behaving with kind words and actions  
that cause other people to feel safe

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



## April Birthdays

Dawn Wentworth	April 1
RaeAnne Hall	April 2
Gary English	April 3
Tenae LaPorte	April 5
Tylee Zimmer	April 5
Judie Jones	April 6
Brandon Evans	April 7
Samuel Kleiman	April 8
Brianna Chapman	April 10
Beverly Kinsley	April 11
Talyse Trumble	April 16
Ryan Chapman	April 19
Shaun Johanson	April 20
Kathy Anderson	April 21
Candace Schneider	April 24
Stan Lane	April 26
Melanie LaPorte	April 27
Wes Green Sr.	April 28

## Happy April Anniversary

John & Judie Jones	April 5
Bryan & Neil Gann	April 12
Wes & Shirley Green	April 22
Matt & Kelly Akpeki	April 30



*On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past but never the present.*





## 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 Rosenberg**

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

**2016 – 2017 School Year**

**Monday, April 3**

No School - In-service Day for Teachers

**Saturday Night, April 8**

Last Skate Night of the Year

**Sunday & Monday, April 9-10**

Science Camp at Rio Lindo Academy

(Only for the upper grades)

**Sunday, April 23**

Geography Theme – Open House

**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,**

**April 8, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

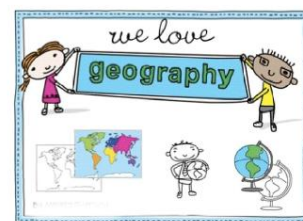
**Food will be on Sale!**



Christian  
Education

**HBCS Open House**  
**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**GEOGRAPHY  
FAIR**



## 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 APRIL 2017

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church

**SPEAKER: PASTOR RON MELLOR**

April 1	<i>Be Joyful – 17; Joy In Contentment</i>
April 8	Bill Hammers will be the speaker.
April 15	Special Resurrection Emphasis Service
April 22	Pathfinder Day Sabbath
April 29	<i>Be Joyful – 18; Joy In Christ's Provision</i>



## A Big Success

The Community Services would like to thank everyone who helped with the winter sale which just took place. They made over \$5000.00 in funds, which go to help not only the homeless, but also single moms, and the elderly who are needy.

Our Community Services is an important outreach ministry for our church. They serve hundreds of needy people.

If anyone would like to donate needed items it would be appreciated. They especially need blankets, men's clothing, and new packs of warm winter socks.

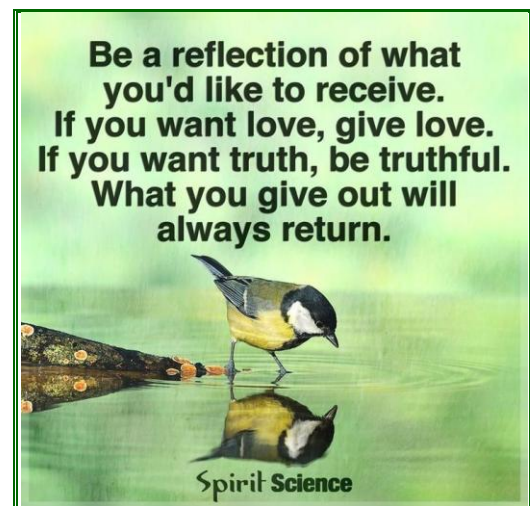
**The next sale will be  
in September 2017**

*Thank You for your Support!!*

From your Community Services

## APRIL 2017 OFFERING SCHEDULE

April 1	Local Church Budget
April 8	World Budget
April 15	Local Church Budget
April 22	Local Church Budget
April 29	North American Division



## Events to Remember

### Mid-week Lift

Soup – Bible Study – Prayer

Meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

April 1, 8, 15, 22

April 29: No Mid-week Lift

At McKinleyville Church Fellowship Hall



All Ages are Welcome, including Parents!

**SABBATH, April 1, 2017**

**10:45 a.m.**

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church



## Choral Concert

Messiah

Family Ministries

***“Our God Reigns”***

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

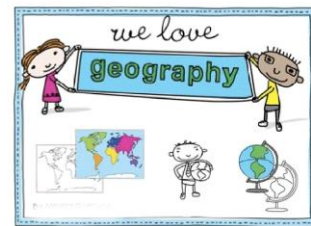
**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
at 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

at the  
Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church  
1200 Central Avenue / McKinleyville, CA

## Events to Remember

HBCS Open House  
Sunday, April 23, 2017

**GEOGRAPHY  
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## Spiritual Gifts Seminar

Del Dunavant

Director of

NCC Church Growth and Evangelism

**Sabbath, April 29, 2017**

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Church Potluck

*Discover Your  
GOD-GIVEN Gifts*

Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church  
1200 Central Avenue  
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# Pathfinders Humboldt Bay Trackers

## News from Our Pathfinder Club

From the  
Director, Julia Courtney-Williams

Pathfinders held the *Winter Campout* on the weekend of March 3–5 at HBCS. About 60 Pathfinders, staff and helpers attended. The clubs in attendance were our club, Crescent City, Fortuna, Hayfork and Napa. Our club prepared Sabbath breakfast. Thanks to Karen Ronk for providing all the food and our club members helping with the serving.

Friday night we studied Esther 1–5, did an Induction ceremony, and then prepared Bible skits by class. The *Explorers* presented Saul's conversion story, the *Friends* performed part of the Life of Christ, and the *Companions* acted out the story of Jonah on Sabbath morning. The *Rangers* and *Voyagers* studied the Baptismal vows.

Thanks to Ms. Dale donating a portable flag pole to our club, we were able to have flag raisings and lowerings in the gym. Many of the Pathfinders from other clubs had never participated in a color guard. Everyone had that opportunity throughout the weekend.

Sabbath morning for worship we studied Esther 6–10. During short periods of down time, Chris Miller led the Pathfinders in knot tying with thick ropes.

Throughout the weekend many of the older Pathfinders assisted Lori McCrigler from our club with the *Hot Air Balloon Honor* preparation and teaching.

Sabbath morning the Pathfinders studied the *Esther and Gourmet Cooking Honor*, which involved table manners, place setting and fancy napkin folding, plus fruit and boiled egg carving. Sabbath early afternoon some of the Pathfinders studied a *Florida Regional Conference Honor*, and the *State of Hawaii Honor*, while older Pathfinders worked on the *Hot Air Balloon Honor*. Sabbath mid-afternoon honors were *Seeds, Ferns, Flowers and Spiders*, depending on class level. On Sabbath evening the *Hot Air Balloon Honor* continued while the younger Pathfinders did the *Gift Wrapping Honor*.

On Sunday morning the activities didn't really slow down even though the weather turned stormy. The younger Pathfinders worked on the *Lego Design Honor* while the older Pathfinders studied the *Chemistry Honor*. We also practiced drilling and marching in small groups.

Clean up was not as strenuous this year, as several younger and older people volunteered and helped clean the gym floor, the bathrooms, the music room and Pathfinder room.

Now that we are recovered from the campout, we are preparing for our annual WORK-A-THON. This year it is set for Sunday, April 9. You may receive a phone call or personal contact from a Pathfinder or adult asking you to be a sponsor. Every dollar helps and adds up. This year we will be helping Will Bowlby by getting grassy areas at the Redwood Area Camp Meeting grounds ready for mowing. If any church members or friends want to come out on Sunday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. or parts of the day, to help pick up branches and enjoy a beautiful outdoor time together, please feel free to join us. Will Bowlby would be delighted. Bring drinking water and a picnic lunch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

~Julia Courtney-Williams (707) 496-5896

## Pathfinder Club Meetings

Mondays at HBCS: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

No club meeting on  
Monday, April 3, 2017  
(No School)

Monday, April 10, 2017  
(HBCS will be at the Rio Lindo Science Camp)



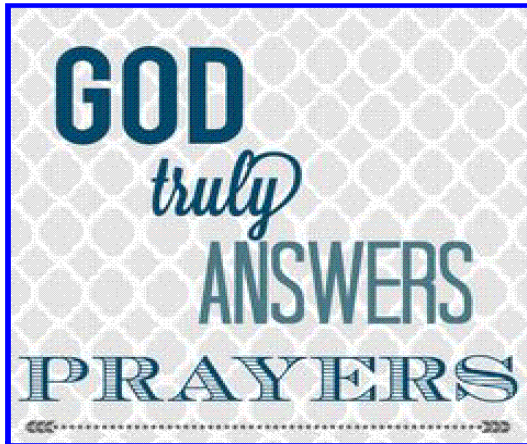
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### FUTURE EVENTS FOR PATHFINDERS

April 9	Our annual Work-a-thon
April 22	Pathfinder Day at the Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church
May 7	Pathfinder Fair at Napa
May 19-21	Workbee Campout at Redwood Creek Summer Camp

## FROM THE PRAYER TEAM



Several prayers have been answered this year.

Thank you to all of you who have prayed earnestly for those who needed it. Never doubt the power of prayer.

*Prayers of the righteous avail much. When doubt begins to enter your mind, think of answered prayers and the wonderful things God has done.*  
Unknown

All Christians need to pray to God. Prayer is our conversation with Him. Like any relationship, we need to talk to Jesus every day and as we do, our hearts, souls and minds grow closer to Him and His concerns become our concerns.

So many of us pray only for what will benefit us. But when we pray for others we become more mindful of those in need and understand that we have to do our part to bring God's love to everyone.

As we become more concerned with our neighbor, we will seek to act and bless them. It is by our actions that we are a partner with God in the furthering of His kingdom.

## PRAYER

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Prayer is a complex phenomenon. There are times in life when God seems not to answer our prayers involving very important issues, such as a death or an accident of a loved one, a struggle, or a painful situation.

In some prayers, the answers are instantaneous, but as we know, some answers to prayer may come slowly and quietly after many years. Why will God answer a prayer for a lost item, but seem quiet in the face of tragedy? Such is the mystery of God.

God has many things He wants to teach us and has His reasons for doing what He does. There are countless times that God does answer our prayers, yet we are blind to recognize them. And though it may seem that God is against us or has abandoned us, we may never understand what it all means until it is revealed to us in the future.

We wish God would answer all of our prayers, all of the time. However, we have come to understand that though we don't get what we want most of the time, we still trust in God's infinite wisdom and thank Him for His faithfulness to us.

We hope to one day understand the reasons for our existence here on earth.

