

Holy Week at Faith

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but

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*April 9
Palm Sunday*



*Good Friday—7 pm
Tenebrae Service*



*April 16
Easter Sunday*

*9:30 a.m.
Celebrate the risen Christ!*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Balboa Park



8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at Faith



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Before retiring in August of 2016, as one of the senior chaplains in the Air Force Chaplain Corps, Chaplain, Colonel Gary “Z-Man” Ziccardi served as the Wing Chaplain (head of staff) at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. In that capacity he directed all pastoral care, worship, support and outreach ministries for the largest chapel program in the Pacific Air Force. He developed and implemented effective religious programs for 125 weekly religious activities which supported a base population exceeding 25,000 persons.

Wow. That’s impressive. But what about his background? What led up to his becoming Pastor Gary of Faith Presbyterian church? And who is he when he’s not shepherding us?

Gary was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. Following his graduation from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, Gary was commissioned as an unrestricted line surface warfare officer in the United States Navy in 1980, serving on consecutive ship-board assignments from ships home ported in San Diego. He was the Navigator on the USS St. Louis and the Damage Control Assistant on the USS Tarawa.

Gary met Rosalind at a Young Adults Bible Study Class, and married her in 1982 at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego, where they became active members, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. This is where they both felt the call to ministry. Following their respective graduations with M. Div. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1987, Gary was ordained at the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego and installed as the Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark in the Presbytery of San Francisco. Their first son was born in 1987 and their second son came along in 1988. Whew. Those were busy years! In 1991, sensing God’s clear leading, Gary’s ordained service continued as he reentered the military, commissioned as an Air Force chaplain. His career took him across the USA, to deployments in the Middle East, and to bases in Italy, England, Germany and Japan. His doctorate focused on spirituality among Air Force personnel.

And when they’re home? Here is what Gary had to say:

“The delights of our family are our sons Andrew, an Army Special Force Civil Affairs Captain, stationed at Ft Bragg, NC (too far away!) and Benjamin, the VP of Cogito, a video/film production company in Atlanta, GA (also too far away!)

“We love to golf, take long walks by the bay & ocean, play and sing musical show tunes, bowl, sail, and swim, as well as boogie board and body surf. I also enjoy regular strenuous workouts at the gym. Physical fitness is very important to me. Following heart attack-like symptoms at age 33 and then again at age 41 that proved to be caused by “just stress,” I made some changes to my lifestyle that have improved all dimensions of my health. On my final Air Force fitness test, I scored a 98.5%. I love to read novels and daily digest ESPN news.

“Rosalind is a gifted writer. Her first novel entitled Sealed & Delivered, published by Redemption Press last year is excellent! We love Italian aglio, olio e peperoncino, fresh salad, home made rolls, a glass of merlot, and rocky road ice cream smothered in hot fudge over a brownie with nuts and a cherry on top! We enjoy watching Blue Bloods, NCIS, NCIS New Orleans, and Bull. I love to play tennis and racquetball. In my last triathlon in 2013, I placed 24 out of 50 in an open age event in which I was the second oldest. That felt great! We love live theater, especially musicals. Our favorite place to visit is Cinque Terra in Italy. We have a Maine Coon cat from Germany and an Okinawan short tail from Okinawa. They’re learning one another’s languages very slowly. I am a big fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers. Roger Federer is my favorite athlete. We love God, God’s people, family and life, and are rejoicing to be a part of the Faith PC family!”

Gary and Rosalind are enjoying life in their new home in Coronado. Of course. Had to be near the water.

We are blessed to have them!

Pastor's Ponderings

From our first Sunday joined together 5 March for the joyful Faith Presbyterian Church anniversary celebration of 22 years, on to the glorious worship service 12 March as we gathered with Steve and Briana and welcomed beautiful Elizabeth Rose Bashaw-Wood into God's family through the sacrament of baptism, and through the services and meetings and get-to-know-you conversations since then, Rosalind and I are rejoicing in the Lord to be a part of the Faith Presbyterian Church family! Thank you for the open arms, hearts, and hugs shared so freely!

As your Interim/Transitional Ministry Specialist Pastor, I find that the words from Paul to the Philippians in 1:2-6 resonate with what is in my heart: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

As we move forward to complete a mission study of our church, select those God has chosen to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, and begin to come to terms with our history with an eye toward discovering our renewed identity, my prayer is that in coming months we will grow deeper in genuine caring and affection – so that when one faces surgery, the Body prays in earnest and hope. When one struggles with work or relationships or health or emotion, the Body knows and cares and stands together in support.

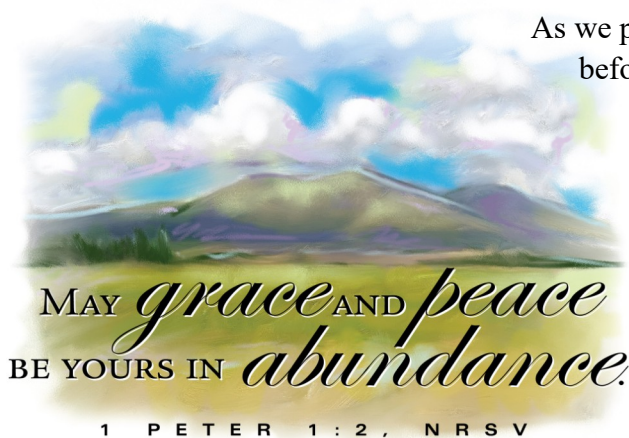
Out of fellowship – *koinonia* – comes thankfulness, affection and also insight. True fellowship results in accurate insight into each other's needs...this isn't a squeamish, "I can't call, I don't want to impose," "I don't want to pry." We are to love each other wisely, purposefully, thoughtfully...not in gushy sentimentality, surface "care" that hides behind "giving people their space." It is an expensive love – it costs time, interest, energy...Paul prayed for the Philippians that they would love not only much, but well...no excuses, no regrets.

How about us here in Faith Presbyterian Church? I've already witnessed much of the love of the Lord here – can we grow in our love more for each other? Will that love overflow to include others, as love will naturally do? This quality of loving doesn't wear out, it breeds more love – not when we "do it for God" and of our own energy, but when we are gathered in God's presence, inspired by God's Spirit.

As we ponder these thoughts, let's bring the truth of ourselves before God and hear the blessing God bestows:

"I have given you grace – the gift you cannot earn, the love you cannot deserve – so that you may be made whole, given peace that passes understanding, filled – not by your own frail efforts, but with Heaven's gift: the Son of God – the Savior of your soul – know His peace and be made whole."

Faithfully, Yours in Christ,
Pastor Gary





Missions



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: SHARING RESOURCES AND CHANGING LIVES

By Dave Helkenn

The PC(U.S.A.) receives four Special Offerings during the year. One Great Hour of Sharing is the first. The Session of Faith PC encourages our participation in all four of these offerings. We will receive it on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables us to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. As a reminder, this offering is split into three areas:

- * Presbyterian Disaster Relief,
- * Presbyterian Hunger Programs, and
- * Self-Development of People.

In the weeks leading up to Palm Sunday, the bulletins will contain an insert describing some of the impacts these programs have on people. Check them out! You may think your gift is only a modest way to manifest the love of God, but its impact is significant. Prayerfully consider your participation. Thank you!

For more information, including an interactive world map with OGHS recipients (OGHS Engagement Map), visit: <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html>><http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html>



LUAU FUND RAISER
 SAT. APRIL 29 — 5:30pm.
 Tickets are \$25

Grass skirts and leiswhat better way to celebrate spring than to go to a luau to benefit MOM. This year the luau will be at Ascension Catholic Church in Tierrasanta on Saturday, April 29.

The doors open at 5:30, giving us a chance to preview the silent auction selections. Dinner is at 6:15. Tickets are \$25 (the same as last year) and will be available on the patio after church starting April 2.



MOM is collecting plastic eggs and wrapped candy until April 2nd. Please leave your donations in the box in the narthex.

MOM and the children thank you!

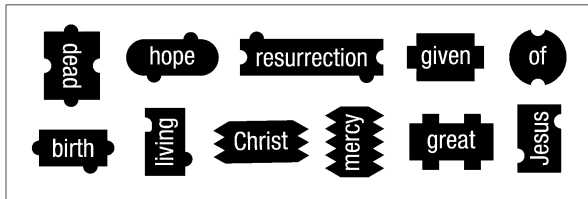


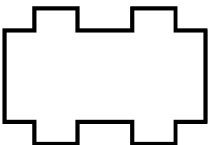


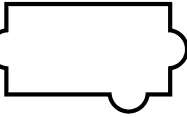
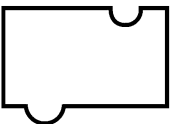
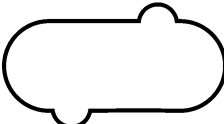
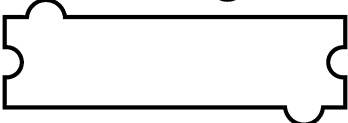
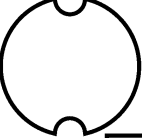
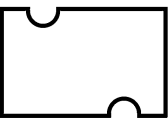

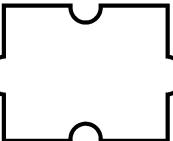


> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

College Park Preschool News

By Kathie Baldwin,
Preschool Director

March is the month families register for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. We are blessed to have a long wait list to fill our classes for next school year. Many new families have told me they learned about our school from friends who have their children at College Park. Personal recommendations from our families is the best kind of advertisement!

A couple of the classes have been experimenting with color mixing. They have read books like Mouse Paint that show what happens when you mix 2 primary colors to create a new color. The children did some mixing themselves with watercolor paints. Then they put white flowers in colored water to see what would happen. Each day the children would be excited to see if there had been any change in the flowers.



The teachers incorporate music and movement into each day. Music is a fun way to learn new words by singing and making up their own words to a familiar tune.

Sometimes they take the music outside giving everyone a lot of room to dance.

The mud kitchen continues to be a very popular place to play outside. Many concoctions are created with dirt, water, rocks, bugs, and plants. One day a group of boys repurposed the pots and pans into hats. This is a good thing. When a child “repurposes” an item it is higher order thinking; thinking outside the box. Later they repurposed again and used them as drums using spoons for the drum sticks.



Sunday School Update by Emilia Modrušan

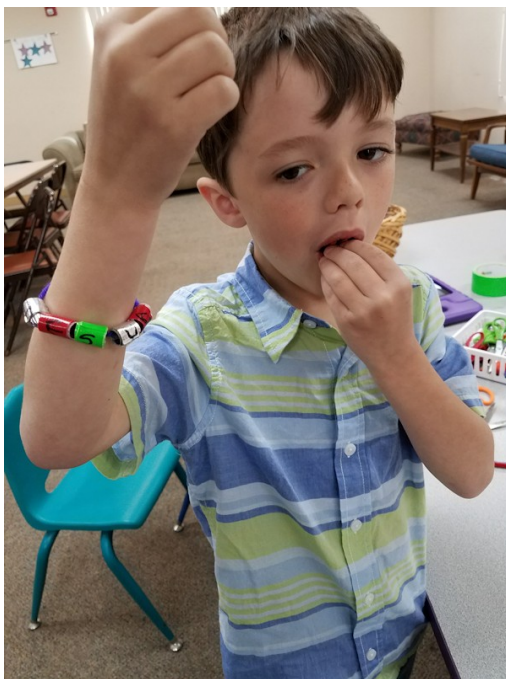
We've been continuing to use the Dig In curriculum. The current unit is on Jesus' life – mainly about his miracles and his parables.



Ms. Paula teaching the kids about Jesus healing a woman who couldn't walk upright.



The kids made trophies for "Last Place" to represent "the last will be first and the first will be last."



The children made friendship bracelets out of duct tape to remember that Jesus is their friend!



The youngest boys "cheering" with their water cups – so cute!

College Ministry Pancakes by Bonnie Koehler

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) the College Ministry Committee manned a pancake stand for our neighbors at SDSU. An amazing array of toppings was offered, from the traditional maple syrup to pizza toppings....and everything in between!!! The college students were wowed! Nearly 100 young people stopped by to join in the feast.

This gave us the opportunity to explain that Shrove is a derivative from the old-world word Shrive, which meant "to free oneself from sin." As the story goes, people needed to use up their rich foods before Lent began. Eggs, flour, butter, milk....all needed to go. Hence the pancake!

Legend has it that the church recognized the main ingredients as the 4 pillars of Christian faith. Flour represents sustenance; eggs—creation; milk—purity; and salt—wholesomeness. Something for us to think about the next time we whip up a batch of pancakes!



The most recent hot dog stand served up delicious food to 175 SDSU students!



Relay for Life, April 8th at SDSU - Fight Back Against Cancer Be a part of the team!

Relay for Life is an event created to support and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. We will be participating alongside SDSU students and community members. The event includes camping out and continuing to walk at various times through the night. However, no one is required to stay for the entire time.

We get to celebrate with survivors, thank caregivers, and remember those we have lost. Contact Sarah Harvey through the church office if you would like to join the team or help with the fundraising efforts.



Congregational Life

Please note that Clyde Barfield has a change of address. Contact the church office for details.

Financial Report

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Budgeted:	\$29,976	\$29,976
Actual:	\$35,374	\$24,950

2017 Per Capita Assessment is \$6,776

Per Capita collected in January & February was \$3,327. Almost halfway!

If you haven't yet paid this \$34 per-member assessment, we're still collecting! Use the blue envelope included in your box of pledge envelopes if that's your method of giving, or write "Per Capita" on the check you place in the offering plate.

The Tree of Life



Baptism

March 12 – Elizabeth Rose Bashaw-Wood
Parents: Steve & Briana Wood

NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ **April 4.** Hot Dog Stand
- ◆ **April 8.** Relay for Life. SDSU
- ◆ **April 9.** Palm Sunday
- ◆ **April 16.** Easter Sunday
- ◆ **April 23.** Agape House Chili/Cookie Cook-off. Faith Family Center
- ◆ **April 29.** MOM Luau Fund Raiser, Ascension Catholic Church
- ◆ **May 13.** U.S. Post Office "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive
- ◆ **May 19-21.** Women's Retreat, Prince of Peace Abbey
- ◆ **May 29.** Memorial Day. Office is closed

May 19-21. Women's Retreat. Led by Mary Elva.

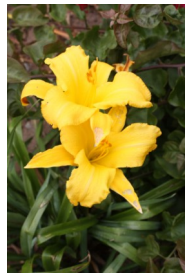
Saints and sinners ...finding our way in trying times!

Just what are trying times anyway? A pastor who retires and leaves us home alone ... a new president and a change in the way the world is tilting ... a dear friend moving far away ... someone's dying and we're not ready to let them go ... we've been asked to do something we don't think we are capable of and the pressure is on to say yes ... we are invited to be who God is calling us to be ... a sinner under pressure, becoming a saint!

Parker Palmer, Quaker author and leader, learning to rock climb and rappel down the side of a cliff, says, "If you can't get out of it ... get into it!" The invitation for us is to "get into it." No matter how tough it seems!

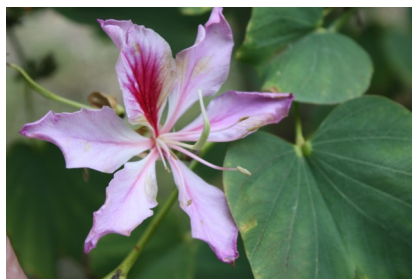
Leading from within ... how on earth do we do that? Check with Jonah or Moses, or Miriam & Ruth ... join us to discover what it takes! You too are probably an accidental saint!

Stories, reflections, candles and edible art, embodying our faith ... come ...



Cost is \$185. That covers 2 nights and 6 meals.

Ladies of the church....think you're too old? Think you're too young? Guess again. We are all the same age inside....and we're all children of God. There's time for education, time for reflection, time for fun! And really good food. It's a small venue, so it's very personal. There's time to walk the beautiful grounds for reflection. Time to be alone and time to connect with other women of the church. Time to create and ample time to rest.





Want to help to decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies? Fill out the form in the Sunday bulletins. Cost is \$12 for each plant. You may take them home after the Easter Service. Last day to order is April 9. Bring flowers for the cross to Room 1 no later than 9 a.m. Easter morning.



All-Church Potluck held on Friday, March 17





AGAPE HOUSE



*A BENEFIT FOR
LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY
AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY*

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*ENTRIES TO ARRIVE BY 2:30PM**

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Food for Thought

(A helping of words)

Hmmmm...

Reflections

by Joan Madler

In 2007, a movie came out about a bucket list, a list of things you would like to do before you “kicked the bucket.” The quote I liked best from the movie was from the ancient Egyptians who had a beautiful belief about death: *When their souls got to the entrance to heaven, the guards asked two questions. Their answers determined whether they were able to enter or not. “Have you found joy in your life?” “Has your life brought joy to others?”* Perhaps the answer to these two questions is the only thing on my “bucket list.”

Even without a formal bucket list my life has brought me great joy. As a teenager growing up in Swift Current SK, during the winter my favorite thing to do was to watch a hockey game either at the local rink or on TV. Going to a major league hockey game brought great joy and excitement when I went to one in New York City before sailing across the Atlantic to France. As a big-time baseball fan from my growing up years of going to see the Swift Current Indian games with my dad, I had always longed to go to a World Series Game. This I managed when the Padres were in the World Series in 1998.

Perhaps one of the greatest joys was to go to Israel where I could walk where Jesus walked, plus going to Paul's Greece. Another place I had dreamed of going to was New Orleans. Cruising up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis with Faith Pres friends accomplished this in one of the most joyful experiences of my life. I'm hopeful that writing these *Reflections* is one of the ways that I have brought joy to others.



Now instead of a bucket list I have other lists that have been created after visiting a friend of 50 years who lives in Sacramento. She was battling a second bout of breast cancer and horrific chemo therapy. She has a daughter that lives with her and a son who also lives in Sacramento who were there to take care of her. When I got home from the visit I realized that something similar could happen to me, and my daughter lived all the way across the United States. The decision to move to NH was made in a heart beat! Since then there certainly hasn't been a “want-to-do bucket list.” There has been a “must-be-done list,” a “do-tomorrow list,” a “do-as-soon-as-possible list,” “do-in-San Diego list,” and “do-in-Keene, NH list.” Some of the items on the lists have been accomplished. I caught the train and had a fun time with new friends even though the train was 10 hours late arriving in Chicago which changed arrival time in Springfield Mass. I have a lease on for my new apartment and my furniture should arrive on March 24th. I have bought a Subaru Forester car, am working on a NH driver's license and still the lists go on.

So do you have a bucket list? Have you crossed off many of the items on your list? Do you dream big? Feel you are running out of time? I found it quite interesting to contemplate. Somehow, though, wherever my thoughts take me they always seem to return to *have you found joy in your life* and *has your life brought joy to others?* I believe I still have joy and I pray I may bring joy to others with acts as simple as smiles and hugs.

John 15:11

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Pew View Julie Hudson's Viewpoint

Changes happen. People control some changes—like Daylight Savings Time—and people adapt. In the late afternoons of winter, a neighbor adapts with a tea party for friends. When the afternoons grow warm and pleasant, a walk is a frequent event.

In the Church, this is the season of Lent. The congregation at Faith expects changes to happen. Lent may be a time to consider changes and adaptations that will feed us and others as well. “What can be done?” “How can we serve?”

After Jesus was baptized, he spent forty days in the wilderness. The Gospels tell us the Devil promised benefits if Jesus would worship and serve him. A contemporary scholar suggests this summary of the Devil's offers:

Food and all personal ease and comforts will be yours.

Widespread power over property and people

Personal safety in any dangers.

Jesus declined all of these, saying, “Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.” Jesus took forty days to plan ahead. Lent offers forty days to consider changes in the days ahead. Fasting, limiting eating, is a tradition among some groups. An option to fasting is feasting—a suggestion by a cleric.

Some examples follow:

Fast from complaining

Feast on appreciation

Fast from facts that depress

Feast on realities that uplift

Fast from bitterness

Feast on forgiveness

Fast from idle gossip

Feast on purposeful silence

Fast on words that pollute

Feast on words that purify

Fast from emphasis on differences

Feast on the unity of life

Fast from judging others

Feast on the Christ dwelling in them

Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him

(Luke 4:8)

On the Lighter Side...

PROPER ENGINEER'S CONVERSION TABLE:

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League

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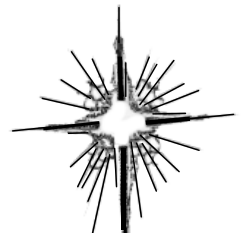


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The secret of change is
to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old,
but on building the new.
- Socrates

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH:

April  **20**