



Pastor Elaine's Ponderings

This morning as I was enjoying my coffee and looking out my front window watching the birds and squirrels chase each other, I saw something else on the lawn; something neither bird nor squirrel.



It was a bunny! Now we had bunnies in Long Beach CA, especially in my neighborhood because I lived just one block away from the Long Beach City College - a beautiful campus with lots of grass and trees and Spanish style buildings. And lots of rabbits. I mean Lots.

Somewhere along the line, it had become the town dumping ground for all the grown up rabbits that had once upon a time been adorable fluffy and cuddly little bunnies people loved to give their kids in their Easter basket.

Well, you know the problem with bunnies: where there were several dumped, there were soon thousands. They covered the school and became so tame you could walk right up to them and pet them. My nieces and nephews, who also lived in the neighborhood, called it The Bunny Park.

I learned about "the problem with bunnies" the hard way. One spring the kids wanted to go to The Bunny Park and started asking if Auntie could get a small bunny enclosure for her big backyard for them to keep a bunny. Auntie already had 2 dogs and 2 grown cats and 5 kittens and Bob the Dove (the result of an Auntie Story for another time).

Well, Auntie finally gave in and told them that after Easter lunch we would walk over to the College and pick out a bunny.

So I got a small bunny enclosure and a movable grass feeding cage and plenty of Timothy hay and rabbit food pellets and a cuttlefish or two and we were set!

Well long story short three little kiddos came to Auntie and Grandma's house with three rabbits. I gasped and reminded them that I said they could have one bunny. "But Auntie", they cried with big innocent eyes (except for Mikey, who always had a knowing grin) "We thought you meant one *each!*"

Well the hutch was big enough but only just. So Auntie went off to find a larger hutch so girl bunnies could live in one and boy bunnies in the other.

I called to get an appointment to have the rabbits fixed, but by the time the appointment came I had 2 pregnant females and 1 contented male.

I'm sure you can guess that in a very short time, I had more hutches and a lot more bunnies (13 new bunnies between the two mommy rabbits).

Well, shucks. I learned my lesson: Be very, very clear with the kids.

And

Where there are two bunnies, there will soon be dozens.

And when it comes right down to it, that was one of the most wonderful years of my life living in Grandma Gayle and Auntie E's petting zoo with children and teens, kitties, dogs and bunnies all playing together, watched over by Bob, the Dove.

Sometimes we get more than we expect, don't we. And sometimes that's a good thing and other times it's just too much to handle. But no matter what you are facing in life, you are never, never alone.

Your Creator made you as you are and loves you to pieces. And your congregation adores you. And your pastor is crazy about you, too.

I can't wait to begin seeing you at worship on Sundays and being able to stop by to visit with you (let's keep our masks on to protect our younger friends and kiddos who haven't had a vaccine)

See you soon!

Lots of love to all of you!

Pastor E





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I would like to thank the board and everyone at Abbey Road for allowing me to hold Junior Music Festival at our church on February 27. We have held this event the past 21 years at the university, but were unable to have it there this year due to Covid issues.

This event is for K-12 music students. Each student performs two pieces and receives a rating. They accumulate points to earn gold cups.

35 students performed over the course of the day at Abbey Road. Each student was assigned an individual time and Covid protocols were used to keep everyone safe. An additional 60 students performed at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Thank you for giving these students the opportunity to safely have an in-person performance. This has been a meaningful event for many students and teachers and we appreciated being able to hold the event "live" this year.



Sincerely,

Marge Main

P.S. I received a lot of compliments on our piano!

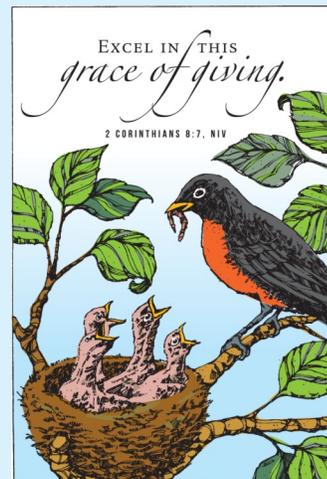
- ◆ **A donation to the Food Bank** has been made by Randy and Judy McLain, in memory of their son, Colin McLain, for his March 22 birthday.
- ◆ Click the link to view the March 14 worship service: <https://www.wefideo.com/view/2094066031>
- ◆ Pastor Elaine is working on a project that uses **yellow onion skins**. Please bring your onion skins to the church!
- ◆ **Worship Committee** meets Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30pm.
- ◆ **Community Meals** will soon resume at the Red Door Church. Dates will be posted soon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Elaine or Jamie Koehler.
- ◆ Please volunteer to **serve in worship on Easter!** Sign up on Palm Sunday or call the church office.

The Intent for the March 21 Meditation/Centering Prayer group is

Charity

"No one has ever become poor by giving."

~Anne Frank



John & Deborah Browne, Luther Hunt, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Joe Robb Blattner, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Dawn Knoderer, Kim Farrar Frank, George & Helen Amick, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Ed Sheridan & Nita Brackin, Martha D., Mary Hendrix, Wayne Piker, Kim Wells Schott, frontline workers, Felicia Fox, Henry S., Edna Ohmart, David H., Frank & Sue Batchelor, Troy & Wilma Dooley, Dorothy R., Calvin Wells, Linda Dillman, Ed Tilley, Alan Myers, Carla Jordan, Hugh White, Kara King, Jeneva Crampton, the family of Robyn Russel, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found in the narthex.