



Modesto Church of the Brethren

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Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

Blessings come in many forms

You might think that five nights in a row at three hours a piece with 15 children would be pretty draining. But not at Peace Camp. The joy-filled energy found in the singing is enough to keep you going. And if



that isn't enough, then watching new friendships start up and keep developing each night will. And if that doesn't do it, then watching a kid who is shy and not very responsive at first, then grow to crack a smile. Soon this child begins to answer questions and seek out leaders for conversation. One camper asked his grandmother on day four, next to the last night, "Why does Peace Camp have to end!?" There was laughter and new energy when we discovered that a camper who had learned the song "Peace be still and know that I am God" last year had thought for a long time it was, "Please, be still and know that I am God."

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The fresh eyes and ears, ideas and questions of the children are another gift for all of us as leaders that keeps our living and faith fresh and alive. By the end of the week of Peace Camp each year, the predominant discovery is not how tired we are, but *who got more out of the week*, the kids or the leaders. This year it was the same. Many, many thanks to **all** those who planned and worked to get everything together so those of us who led could step in to receive the blessing. That would be Pastor Russ, Mary Pieczarka and Kelli Walker.

With you on the journey – Pastor Erin

Adding to their number

Read Acts 2: 27-47 to prepare worship on June 27. As we receive new members into our community on this day, we reflect back on the beginnings of receiving new members. Come enjoy Taizé music and greet new members taken in by baptism and reaffirmation of faith.



We're the Brethren today

On July 4 we welcome Pacific Southwest District Moderator (and member of our congregation) Felton Daniels to the pulpit. Felton will be expanding on the theme he has

set for this year's District Conference – "At worship and play we're the Brethren today."

Thank you

On behalf of the Roy Owen family, I would like to send you our heartfelt thank you for all of your love and support in regards to our recent loss. Unfortunately, as many of you know from experience, this is a very difficult time for us. We continue to find comfort in all of your kind words. We also are at peace knowing that Grandpa Roy now has eternal life with Grandma Edythe, his family and his church family that went before him, who he so dearly loved.

--With great appreciation,
Kristy Wood (granddaughter of Roy Owen)

A special thank-you to Carla and all those who helped to make the Father's Day Wing-Ding a wonderful event!

Pastors will be away

Our pastors will be at Annual Conference in Pittsburg July 1 – 7. If you have questions or needs during that time, feel free to call them as they are working during that time. The pastors will be on vacation from July 8- 15. If you have questions or pastoral needs at that time, please leave messages at the office for them or contact David Franklin, Deacon Chair; Marye Martinez, Deacon Vice-Chair; or the church office and they can help direct you.

Add these events to your calendar

If you need a Quiet Place...

Don't forget to sign-up in the narthex or call the church office if you would like to attend the *Lectio Divina* prayer time on Monday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m., in The Quiet Place. All are welcome.

Schedule straight now

Knitters, our schedule got messed up a bit. Our next gatherings will be July 8 and 22, then August 12 and 26.

Report from Council

By a vote of 43-9-1 Council accepted the recommendation from the Community Ministry Center Building Committee to terminate the current building project **at this time**. There was a good time of questions and expressing of thoughts about the issue as we also

shared in silence and song throughout the conversation and into the vote. Questions about the funds that have been collected in the Building Fund will need to be addressed at a future time.



Opening Camp a Huge Success

Opening camp at Camp Peaceful Pines was a huge success with approximately 90 people coming up to work. We did the normal stuff of setting up the kitchen and moving stuff out of the dining hall as well as opening

the cabins and setting out the mattresses. In addition this year we cut up 13 trees that had previously been cut down. These were used for boundary markers as per conversations with the forest service. All limb material was turned into mulch using a rented chipper from Sonora so that we added the chipped material to reduce dust and to add back nutrients to the soil.

Both bathrooms were painted with primer to make them ready for a new coat of paint in a few weeks. Measurements were taken to order new pavers to go under the awning in front of the dining hall. That work will also be done over the next two to three weeks.



Inspections were made of the tent cabins and we will start with cabin 13 as we take out older wood and replace with a non rotting material for the floors. We will work on the tent cabins one at a time. That work will go through out the summer.

A LOT of work was done and those attending any of the camps this summer will see the difference. Summer is here and the snow has melted. The mountains are beautiful!!

I've had some folks come up and ask about



camp indicating they are interested in coming up and working on some of the projects. Rod Weaver is our board member in charge of facility. You can contact Rod by email at

Rweaver1727@hotmail.com or say something to Bill Johnson or Garry Pearson. We have tried this year to get many of our projects done in the first part of the summer so that those attending camp can enjoy the improvements. See you at camp!!!

--Bill Johnson,
for Camp Peaceful Pines

NYC Worship Session to be Webcast!

Join us live in Colorado! For the first time ever, a part of National Youth Conference will be *webcast!* On Monday, July 19, from 8:30 a.m.-9:55 a.m. MDT (7:30 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.. PDT), streaming video of the worship service from NYC featuring our youth speech and music contest winners will be broadcast live on the internet. All that is needed to view the broadcast is a computer connected to the internet.

This webcast will be produced by Bethany Seminary in collaboration with the NYC Office. Viewers

can watch this webcast live, and a recording will also be made so that those unable to tune in live will be able to see the worship later. To view the webcast or access the recording, just go to

<http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/webcasts>, and click on the National Youth Conference link!

Your church stands ready to help

At the time of a death, it's very helpful for you right away to call the pastors or deacon chair, David Franklin, if the pastors are not available. Not only will there be someone to give you emotional and spiritual help, but they will begin to help you with arrangements and knowing what needs to be done. The pastors primarily work with the family for the Celebration of Life or memorial service, learning more about the loved one who just passed away and what your wishes are. The deacons will help with arrangements for contacting ushers, greeters and others determining if there are special people you want to include. Deacons will also offer suggestions for a reception or meal following the service.

For you who grieve and for guests at the Celebration of Life Service and reception/meal following, the deacons put out a display board with papers which are available to benefit you and others dealing with grief. These papers include thoughts, suggestions for helpful books to read, and ways others can help those who are grieving.

Grace "went" to prison and got lost!

The book *Grace Goes to Prison* was in our church library but can't be found now. Several people are looking for it to read. If you know of its whereabouts, please return it so others can enjoy the book. Thanks.

E-Chimes has benefits

If you prefer NOT to receive the *e-Chimes*, please notify the church office. Otherwise it will be sent via email only. Just remember, paper copies don't have any pictures and not as much information. *E-Chimes*, on the other hand, is saving money for postage, and saving paper and envelopes.

If you know people locally and out-of-town who have email but do not use it with the church, urge them to get *e-Chimes* rather than mailed copy. Everything except most Modesto recipients have to be sent first class in an envelope. There are quite a few non-local people on our mailing list.



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CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION**

EACH SUNDAY

No Classes during the summer

9:30a Worship 9:30a

7p Worship at Casa de Modesto

WEEKLY

Office hours – Mon thru Fri 8:30-11:30a & 12:30-4p

Quiet Place open: Mon-Wed: 7a-4p; Fri 8:30a-4p; Sat 9-12

Sun 7a-12:30p

Yoga class: Mon 7-8p

Pastors' usual Sabbath Day out of office: Tuesday

Senior Fitness: Tue & Thu 11-12a

SERRV shop open: 10a-noon Sat & Sun after worship

Articles for next e-Chimes due

BY NOON JULY 1

because of the holiday

Next e-Chimes sent July 6 – or earlier or later

IN THE DAYS AHEAD

Thu Jul 8 & 22 Knitting Ministry at Baucher home 2p

Jun 18-25 Early Family Camp

Sun Jun 20 Father's Day BBQ following worship

Jun 27-Jul 3 Youth Camp

Jul 3-9 Discovery Camp

Jul 3-7 Annual Conference in Pittsburg PA

Jul 18-23 Jr/Jr High Camp

Jul 23-30 Late Family Camp

Jul 7-8 Beginners Camp

Sun Aug 15 All-church picnic at Martinez home

Coffee makers: Volunteers during the summer

Deacon on call for June: Mary Baucher