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What's Happening in Children's Church

Children's Church has been meeting after the Time with Children portion of our regular worship services for approximately one year. About forty-five minutes is spent each week in serious study, discussion, and play. Study time has included many rich stories from the Old Testament. Some of the stories studied have been Noah and the flood, old Abraham and Sarah having a baby, Isaac and Rebekah's sons, Jacob and Esau, Joseph the interpreter of dreams, and Moses as a baby and then as an adult leading his people out of Egypt. There are many more stories still to come. These stories are part of our Christian heritage which is important for our children to hear and know. During the discussion time the children consider how the Bible stories might apply to their experiences in their lives today. Having time to learn the stories of the Bible is even more important today because our church no longer has traditional Sunday School for our children. While study is important, building relationships within the church community are important as well. Children do this best through play. Sometimes it is a game using words from the Bible story, other times it is more active play such as tag, hide and seek, red light green light, different forms of races, walking the labyrinth, or most recently just having a great time in the fallen leaves, making huge piles to jump in, throwing up leaf rain, or making leaf angels and being so grateful for God's many creations .

At a personal level, it has been a great joy for me to get to know the children more deeply while leading them through the Bible, thinking about issues in their lives today, and helping them get to know each other better.

-Karleen Daniels, Children's Church Leader

Tips for Sharing Joys and Concerns

The period of our weekly worship services during which we publicly voice prayer requests and celebration is a special time for intentional prayers, upholding members of our congregation and beyond. The Worship Committee offers some reminders of how we can keep this precious time flowing with the rest of the service.

*Raise your hand high so the mike runner can find you.



*Hold the mike within an inch of your mouth for best projection. The mike will be on and, even if you can't hear yourself, the audio tech is regulating the volume.

Tapping the mike or asking if you can be heard is disruptive and unnecessary.

*State your name and if you are requesting prayer for another, include that person's first name.

*Think through what you will say beforehand. Keep it short and give the bare minimum of information so others will have a chance to share also.

**Announcements of upcoming or reporting on previous events, requests for funds, etc., are items that should have been given to the pastor for highlighting before the worship service begins.

We think by following and modeling these points we can continue the prayerful atmosphere of this portion of our worship service. We request your cooperation.-The Worship Committee



Invitations to Worship

"So...what about our sacrifices?"

November 12

God, through Amos, is very upset with Israel's lifestyle! Read the book of Amos (takes about 30 minutes) and focus on 5:21-24. The Lord doesn't pull any punches!

What Day Is This?

November 19

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 is the text Jeanine Ewert will be using for this Sunday's sermon.



21st Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

to be held on Monday, November 20th, from 7:00-8:30 pm at The Redeemer Church, 820 H Street (the corner of 9th and H). There will be child care available for those with small ones, and parking attendants (including two of our own) for those who may need assistance in going to and from the sanctuary. And, as usual, following the program, which features interfaith presentations from ten or more different faith traditions, there will be plenty of time for fellowship, asking questions, great snacks and, hopefully, chai tea. Please remember to put this wonderful event on your calendars. It only happens once a year!
-Dan Galt, MCOB SCIC representative

Hold in the Light

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowery-1860

With confidence and expectation we pray, looking for the marvelous and often miraculous ways God reveals answers to our prayers!

Anita Pederson-Pennock writes: "I am very sad to announce that our baby cousin, Miles Morse, lost his battle with cancer November 1st. He was 16 months old. He fought his hardest, and now it is time to rest. We continue to ask for prayers of comfort and peace for his family as they try to manage this terrible ordeal. " Let us support this family with the prayers of our hearts.

Pray for just **the right person** God desires to answer the call of our congregation as a new pastor. Keep in prayer those on the **Search Committee** who are working to discern the needs of this church and whom to call.

Rejoice in the milestones of new beginnings for those celebrating birthdays, marking years of living and of life together.

Pray for the growth, wellbeing and safety of **our children**, and the integrity of those who teach them.

Remember those traveling and meeting for District Conference November 10-12.

Pray for **our sisters and brothers in Nigeria** as they continue to face violence and severe shortages of food.

Deacon on Call for November:

Dan Galt



Findings of the Search Committee

You will be pleased to hear that we now have a Search Committee. Our members are Evan Campbell, Karen Cosner, Felton Daniels, Rachel Gilstrap-Katen, Matt Hazen, Davy Messamer and Elaine Forcier, Facilitator. We have met with David Shetler for orientation and will be meeting again this week. Our first priority is to compile the Congregational Profile. We will keep you informed as we move forward along the journey.
- Elaine Forcier, for the Search Committee



Wednesday, November 8-In office 8:30 - 11:30
Thursday, November 9 - Saturday, November 25
I will be out of Modesto for a Professional Growth Event, District Conference, Vacation and work from La Quinta. Because I have no specific plans regarding when I'm working and when I'm on vacation during this time, please feel free to contact me by email mfletch21625@aol.com. Please be aware however, I may not respond quickly.

In the Days Ahead

Wednesday Evening Supper and Fellowship
Folks seem to enjoy coming to **Faith Bites** earlier than 6:00 so they can put together puzzles, play table games and visit with each other. How does this sound to you?
We have some changes in our Faith Bites schedule for the month of November.
November 8th - Guest Chef
November 15th - Shelter Night

Please signup to help serve at the Shelter on the clip board in kitchen. Monique needs to know who is helping serve the meal. **Extra hands for cleanup needed.**

November 22nd No Faith Bites

November 29th will be potluck.

It might be helpful for you to cut this out and put on your refrigerator or post it on your calendar
.-Sue Messamer

Homeless Shelter Meals

Beginning Wednesday, November 15th our church will be responsible for providing and serving one hot meal a month to the folks at the 9th and D Street Shelter. **Monique Sanders** has chosen to head up this outreach and is the contact person to answer any questions, (209-996-3749). Sign up to either serve food or help clean up at the church following preparation or call the church office to reserve a spot. There is a clipboard on the kitchen counter for your first name and phone number. Servers will need to have eaten before they come as they'll leave about 5:00pm to serve. Clean up crews can eat at regular Faith Bites times. Modesto Church of the Brethren was one of the first churches to provide meals at the Shelter and cooked each week for 50-75 folks at that time. Now we have taken the responsibility of once a month and serve a hot dinner for 90-120 people. The numbers of servers and those needed to clean up have grown as well. Consider if you are able to give a couple of hours to this outreach ministry once or once a month. This is a satisfying way to share time with others who are giving valuable assistance and experience compassion and gratitude for yourself.



Ladies' Night Out

Birthday girl, Karleen, has chosen El Rosal's Restaurant, 1101 Carpenter Road at Torrid for our gathering on Thursday, November 9th at 5:00.

Please let me know to count you in for this great evening of fine food and fellowship.

-RSVP to Linda Owen

Also, save the date of Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 for our **Ladies' Night Out Tea**

at the home of Karleen Daniels, 3611 Smokey Ct. (Thanks, Karleen!)

More details on this will come later.



Youth:

We'll meet to discuss the service project which the youth group has chosen for the holiday season and ways we can inspire the congregation to contribute! We will meet from **12:15 to 2:30p on November 12th.**

Senior Ministries Event

On Thursday, November 16th, Senior Ministries will host a trip to visit Duarte Nursery in Hughson, CA. To delight our eyes will be a tour of a greenhouse full of beautiful poinsettias grown



for the holiday season. Cyclamens, poinsettias and other cold weather plants, in single plant pots or as collections of potted flowers will be on hand for purchase after our tour, if we wish.

The Fruit Yard Restaurant on Yosemite Blvd. is our choice of lunch site, where the regular or Senior menu will be available to each of us. Please sign up and join us for what should be a very interesting time. For more information or questions please call Trish Galt at 209-484-3050.



Kids, from Kindergarten to 5th Grade, bring your family and tell your friends. We're having another Family enrichment evening on November 17 at 6:00 in the Gathering Place. Come for dinner, activities, games, singing and prayer, all centered around a theme or value that has been demonstrated to help children thrive! Questions? contact the church office. (209-523-1438)

Prospectors:

Fall is here and it's time to think about the delicious dish you will contribute to the November Prospectors' potluck on Sunday, November 19, 2017, right after church. We'll meet at the home of Felton and Karleen Daniels, 3611 Smokey Ct., Modesto. Bring a dish to share. It can be an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert, your choice. Come, share a tasty meal and friendly conversation.

Items to Note

Help Needed

With Shelby Clarke moving to Colorado, that leaves me with decorating the worship table every Sunday. I would love to have two people to take over Shelby's monthly decorating. One person to take over the first Sunday every month and another for the third Sunday every month. I will continue to decorate on the second and fourth Sundays. Thank you, Shelby, for your creativity and time. If you need more information call me at 527-7354 or email jostreddy@sbcglobal.net.

-Jolinda Reddy



Thanks Being Given

I would like to thank everyone who has so graciously been a **worship leader or children's story teller** the last eight months. You have shared your time and talent to enhance worship. Thanks for not hanging up on me when I call! -Jolinda



Harvest Festival Heartfelt Thanks!

Oh my, where to begin?

To our amazing youth leaders, youth and many parent volunteers who worked most of the day just to get ready and then to return in the late afternoon to give us a few more hours of scary fun. To all of you for a job well done.

To our visiting gypsy lady (Bonnie) who prepared and took care of the Apple Dunking and had all those wonderful candy apples.

To Al Wiley who, for the last several years, has put together and taken care of the fire pit so the children could make S'mores and we could warm our toes. Thanks again, Al.

To Peggy who sat from 6pm to 8:15 and painted all those wonderful faces for the children.

To those who baked and provided goodies so we could pay for Jack the magician. (We even had a tad over after paying him!)

To Dave and Ed for taking care of the food and all the kitchen duties.

To my Davy who made a frantic run to get more food for us.

To the committee for decorating and all the time and energy that go into putting on such an event.

To all those who jumped in and helped clean up when party was over.

To All - THANK YOU! -Sue Messamer



Loop Slides

Those wanting a slide made for the announcement loop, please get the information to NancyB, by the Wednesday before you want the slide shown. Include a logo or photo, if you wish and give all

the important info. Note **SLIDE FOR LOOP** in the subject line, and email to: chimes@modcob.org

The Condensed Calendar

Tuesday- November 7, 2017

Pastor's Sabbath
8:30a-4p The Quiet Place open in Rm. 5

Wednesday-

8:30a-4p The Quiet Place open in Rm. 5
6p Faith Bites
7p Choir

Thursday-

8:30a-4p The Quiet Place open in Rm. 5
5p Ladies Night Out/El Rosal - Carpenter

Friday-

PSW District Conference – Sunday
8:30a-4p The Quiet Place open in Rm. 5

Saturday- Veterans Day

Next Sunday – November 12th

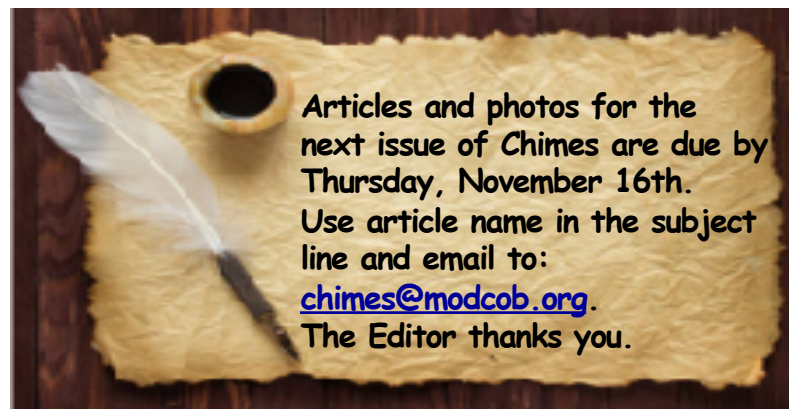
9:30a Sunday School – Jr. High-adult
(Infant to 5 years welcome in the nursery
with Shaun and Kelly!)
11a Worship

IN THE NEAR FUTURE

November 17 6p Family FUN Night
November 19 Prospector Potluck – Daniel's
November 20 7p Interfaith
Thanksgiving Celebration – Redeemer Church
November 23-24 Office Closed – Thanksgiving holiday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 3 12:15p Holiday Dinner
December 16 2p Ladies Christmas Tea- Karleen Daniels' home
December 17 5p Candles & Carols
December 21 Sr. Ministry Christmas =Event



Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Thursday, November 16th.

Use article name in the subject line and email to:

chimes@modcob.org.

The Editor thanks you.