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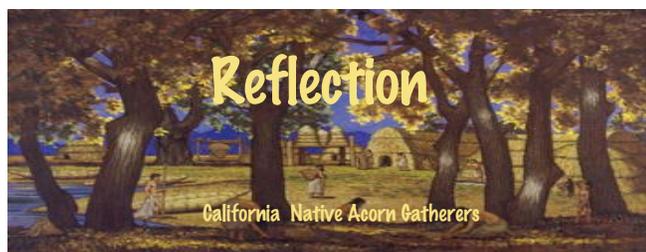
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Stephen Reddy, Interim Pastor

I am pleased to share that Stephen Reddy has agreed to serve as the interim Pastor for the Modesto Church of the Brethren beginning on Wednesday, January 23. This will be a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position with primary focus on preaching, worship, visitation, and pastoral care. Stephen's work as interim Minister of Music will be rolled into the position as well. Stephen holds an M.Div. and is ordained through the American Baptist Churches, where he served in two congregations many years ago. The contract is for Stephen to serve until the congregation has called a settled pastor. If you have any questions, please talk with me.

Karen Cosner, Board Chairperson

Russ Matteson, District Executive Minister



We all learned in history classes about conflict between Native Americans and European immigrants to the Americas. Those of us who grew up in California learned about the Spanish missions. But we didn't learn everything.

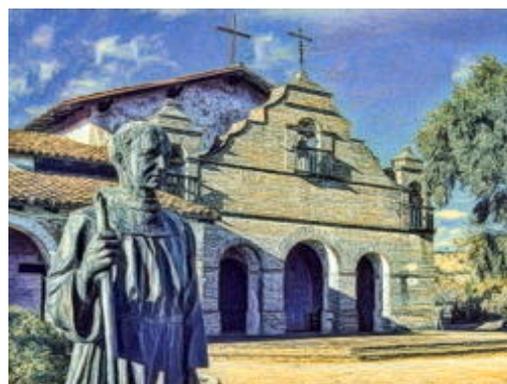
On Sunday, February 3, we will learn much more about the California Missions and their relationship with California Native Americans. Here is Monica's description of her topic:

California Missions and Mass Incarceration

A brief dive into Indigenous issues of the past and present

Join Monica McFadden, the racial justice associate at the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy in Washington, D.C., for an introduction to the topic of Indigenous peoples and settler colonialism, and what role the church played in this complicated relationship. In this one-time class, we will look at Jackie Teran's explanation of how missions laid the groundwork for today's incarceration and mistreatment of Native peoples.

Monica's presentation will occur during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 AM. Some of the details may be graphic, so this presentation may be more suitable for adults.



Invitations to Worship

February 3: February 3, Light and Dark
Anna Hazen will lead us in exploring the value of darkness in our lives, as we leave the darkest days of the year and head into spring, with readings from Isaiah 45:1-3 and the Gospel of John, 12:24-26.

February 10: Stephen Reddy
"Miracle on the Beach" Text, Mark 1:14-20
These guys just up and left their nets? Really? Did they check with family? Did they turn out the lights?



Greeters for February

Feb. 3rd: Monique Sanders & Marquis Thomas

Feb. 10th: Gary & Sandy Lawrence / Jacob Johnson

Feb. 17th: Jim & Bonnie Costello

Feb. 24th: Jeannie & Harold "Dean" Canter

Deacon on call for February

Gayle Hernandez



*Nancy Bupp
January 9, 2018*



*"May you take comfort in knowing there
Is one more angel above us."*

Author Unknown



Keep in your prayers these friends and their families:

Rachel Gilstrap-Katen's father is recuperating from a triple bypass.

Gloria Hiatt is recuperating in the hospital from a fall and an infection.

John Heisel's memorial service is on February 1 at 10 AM.

Rejoice that Linda Bustle is back playing the piano!

John Cosner is out of the hospital and at home with a caregiver.

Mary Pieczarka's voice has returned after her thyroid surgery.

Shaun Gepley's sister had a baby boy, named Augustine.

Josh and Rachel Gilstrap-Katen are looking for a house to rent.

The Hay family was visiting from Fresno: Steve, teaching, Sue, taking a break from teaching, Ian, working in genetic engineering in SF, and Laura, in college in Fresno.

Celebrate the mentors/mentees:
Jolinda/Darrian and Bill/Caleb.

Items of Note

Faith Bites this Wednesday is a Potluck!

We got a little off schedule with our potluck this month SOOO since there are 5 Wednesdays in January this week we will go for a potluck again.

I have some salads left to use this week and we have dessert left from the council meeting, so probably most needed are main dishes. See you Wednesday with all your favorite recipes to share!~Sue Messamer

\$ From your Stewardship Commission \$ Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you own a traditional IRA and have reached age 70 1/2, you are required to begin taking annual distributions from the IRA, known as Required Minimum Distributions, or RMDs.

Federal income tax law contains a provision which allows certain IRA owners to take a distribution from their IRA, transfer those funds directly to qualifying charities, have the distribution count towards their annual Required Minimum Distribution and not have the distribution included in taxable income. When these funds are donated directly, the distribution is not included in taxable income, and no charitable deduction on Schedule A is allowed.

A number of persons in the congregation take advantage of this opportunity. The IRS has several rules and requirements for making a Qualified Charitable Deduction, so you should confer with your tax person for more information.

REMEMBER: COMPELLING VISION DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 3 1:30 PM

AC Moderator Donita Kiester will be leading us in the conversation process on *Sunday, February 3, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Modesto congregation.* Members from other Brethren congregations in Northern California are invited to join in the conversation at Modesto. Plan to arrive about 1:15 to get settled in so we are ready to begin at 1:30. Reservations are not required, but if you are planning to attend please let us know with an email to frontdesk@pswdcob.org so we are sure to have enough copies of materials. ~Russ Matteson D.E., PSWD



Remember that Family Promise hosting week is next week: February 3 to February 10. We have most hosting duties covered, but we are always looking for someone who lives near the church who would be willing to unlock the kitchen door at 5 pm to let in the dinner preparers, evening hosts and guests. If you are willing to do this task occasionally, please contact Luella Cole or Linda Williams.

Senior Ministries/Steel Magnolias/GalloArts

If you have tickets to this Senior Ministries event, Don't forget! This is a matinee; curtains go up at 2 PM.



Gathering Friday, February 1, 6 PM, at Mimi's Café on Dale Road. RSVP to Kim Boardman



The Fellowship & Recreation Commission will be meeting on Sunday, February 10, following worship, around 12:15 PM.

We would like to invite you to our annual Wing Ding Chicken event, Sunday, February 24th following morning worship. There will be lots of chicken wings to sample, prepared by many folks in the congregation plus other good food to go with the wings. We need competitors, so if you cook a mean batch of wings and are willing to share, let someone on F&R know and we will sign you up.

For your calendars here are some dates for you to save. Plan to attend these Fellowship and Recreation events in the coming months:

Sunday, March 10: Baby Girl Shower for Rachel and Josh @3pm.

Sunday, April 21: Easter Brunch and traditional Egg Hunt. Breakfast 9:30-10:30am
Egg Hunt @10:00am

Saturday, May 11 @2pm: Mothers and Friends Tea. We're having this on a Saturday, leaving you the next day, which is Mothers' Day, to be with your family.

Do you have an announcement you would like the congregation to see on the big screen, before Sunday worship begins? Please send any announcements to the church office at office@modcob.org by Wednesday evenings. Thank you!



*Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by **Saturday, February 9**. Email to: chimes@modcob.org
The Editor thanks you.*

The Condensed Calendar



Monday, January 28

Tuesday, January 29

Wednesday, January 30

6 pm. Faith Bites/**Potluck!**

7 pm Choir

Thursday, January 31

Friday, February 1

10 am John Heisel Memorial

6 pm Young Adult Gathering/Mimi's Café

RSVP to Kim Boardman

Saturday, February 2

2 pm Sr. Ministries/*Steel Magnolias*

At Gallo Center

Next Sunday, February 3

9:30 am Monica McFadden Sunday Study

11 am Worship

1:30 pm Compelling Vision Conversation

February 10 12:15pm Fellowship & Recreation meeting

February 14 Valentine's Day

February 15 6 pm FUN Night

February 18 Presidents' Day/Office Closed

February 24 12:15pm Wing Ding



March 6 Ash Wednesday-Beginning of Lent

March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10 3pm Baby Shower for Rachel & Josh

March 17 St. Patrick's Day



April 13 All Church Work Day

April 21 Easter



Welcome Statement

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace, as taught by Jesus, are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, physical and mental ability, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. As an Open and Affirming congregation we welcome everyone to participate in the life and worship of our church.