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Teaching the Children...



On Palm Sunday, during Children's Church, Jim Martinez taught the children about footwashing and Love Feast. For the presentation Jim used a tub and basin along with an apron and towel for a footwashing demonstration. He also provided vials for grape juice and communion bread so the children could participate in an actual communion.

Jim let them know that the youth had made the communion bread and he wanted them to notice the shape of the holes made in the bread (a cross). He explained the symbolism of the bread representing the body of Christ and the juice, symbolic of Christ's blood.

Jim first discussed the Last Supper and how Jesus washed his disciples' feet to humble himself to his followers as an act of service. They talked about how they can serve

one another and their family and friends and the importance of service. Marquis Thomas, a Junior High youth, helped Jim demonstrate the foot washing, as Jim explained how it is a service but also a way to humble yourself to the person whose feet you wash.

Although these were young children, the hope is that it helped imprint a special tradition that we Brethren practice and associate with the Easter Holiday.

At the actual Love Feast, Marquis demonstrated his understanding of the meaning of footwashing by volunteering to wash the feet of three members of the congregation who would have had difficulty getting down to wash their neighbor's feet!



Invitations to Worship

April 28: Eddie Hernandez preaching
Forgiveness: Not an easy subject!
Please read Psalms 103:8-12 and Matthew
6:9-15. Why should we forgive others and
ourselves? When should this happen and who
should receive forgiveness?

May 5: Stephen Reddy preaching
Worship will focus on "Three Sacred
Canticles," a cycle of anthems based on
Biblical passages with a "singer" and
"listener". "I am with you" (Zephaniah 3:17),
"Be Filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18-
20), and "Sing to the Lord a New Song"
(Psalms 96, 98, 100).



April 28th: Rita Matthews & Sylvan Bupp
May 5 Bev Jefferies & Fran Adkins




Doris Heisel

April 26, 2018

*"He spake well who said that graves are
The footprints of angels".*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Hold in the Light

Bill Johnson gave thanks to all who
volunteered for the spring workday.

Libby Higgs' cousin passed away recently.

Leslie Wilkinson's daughter Janelle is
recuperating from an injury to her hand.

Renee Gokey is feeling healthier.

Kelly Gepley's tests show no chance of
Downs syndrome in her baby.

Anita Pedersen-Pennock welcomed friends
to Easter worship

Al Forcier reported that Michael Fletcher
has finished his chemo and is awaiting further
treatment. He also reports that Maryco
Graff sends greetings.

Sue Messamer gave thanks for all those
who helped prepare and serve the Easter
Breakfast.

GIVE A HEARTY WELCOME!

Janeen Studley and her granddaughters,
Samantha Moross, age 9 and Sydney Moross,
age 7, have been regularly attending our
church for almost a year. One day Janeen
told me she was ready for a new type of
volunteer work. I immediately asked her if
she would like to join me in leading the FUN
events. She jumped right in.

She is now one of the leaders for the
monthly FUN events. She is one of the
teachers for children's church, serves on the
Christian Education Commission, serves on the
Senior Ministry Committee, and attends most
Ladies' Nights Out. Whew!!!

Samantha and Sydney are active as well. They enjoy attending children's church, the FUN events and making new friends.

Janeen has lived in the Modesto area for 31 yrs. In the past, she has been an administrator for the Vintage Faire Residential Facility, Samaritan Village, and Walnut Grove Assisted Living Facility. She enjoys her retirement by walking most days with a group of friends, taking trips with husband, Craig, and especially spending time with her 5 grandchildren. She is expecting her first great grandchild in August!

Janeen appreciates all the ways the children's programs at our church help her, her grandchildren and other children learn about Christianity. She, Samantha, and Sydney are thankful for the friendship that has been shown by the adults and children.

You are encouraged to get acquainted with Janeen, Samantha, and Sydney. Say hello and tell them your story. ~Submitted by Karleen Daniels



This event is not just for Mothers and Daughters. We are hoping you will invite any special women in your life. That might be a friend, neighbor, a co-worker, a teacher, aunt, cousin, or just someone who would enjoy an afternoon to just relax and let us take care of her. We will have lots of good food and as a special treat, some relaxing entertainment.

Sorry, gentlemen, this is not an event for you, although you may be asked to help serve and cleanup.

The signup sheet will go up soon, and we really appreciate your taking the time to let us know how many guests you will be bringing. See you on Saturday, May 11th @ 2pm. Come join the fun!~Fellowship & Recreation



Faith Bites this Wednesday is a potluck! Don't forget to bring your favorite potluck dish to share!



Family Promise Hosting Week is the week of April 28-May 4. Check the signup board in the narthex for volunteer opportunities. We need more overnight hosts and evening hosts for one or two evenings.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, April 25, 5:30 PM at Betty's Kabob, 1300 Sylvan, across from Marie Callender's, in a shopping center that also is home to Umi Sushi, Mongolian BBQ, and Babylon Market. RSVP to Linda Owen at dlo2@sbcglobal.net. P.S.: The men will meet at Pastas Pronto, 310 H St. at 5:30. RSVP to Bill Johnson.



Reminder: "Tuesdays with Morrie" at the Gallo Center Sunday, April 28. Lunch in the Gathering Place after worship, then the play at 2 PM.



Thursday, May 16th/Lunch at noon

May's Senior Ministries event begins with a scrumptious lunch prepared by Karen Cosner, followed by a guest speaker from the Stanislaus County Ombudsman program. The ombudsmen are volunteers that advocate for the rights and dignity of residents of long-term care facilities. The ombudsman representative talks with residents about the care they receive, their environment and any concerns they may have. They investigate the concerns of the resident, and try to negotiate a resolution with the facility. Come hear about this important program Thursday, May 16th. Lunch is at noon for just \$7.00 and the program starts at 1 pm. ~Karleen Daniels, Member of the Senior Ministry committee



Come for Food, Fellowship and Fun! The next F.U.N. event is on May 17, at 6 pm. The event is designed for families with children from kindergarten to 6th grade and includes a meal, lesson, crafts and games for the children and a discussion group for parents.

The Condensed Calendar

Monday, April 22
Earth Day

Tuesday, April 23
6 PM Lenten Book Study

Wednesday, April 24
6 PM Faith Bites **POTLUCK!**
7 PM Choir

Thursday, April 25
5:30 PM Ladies' Night Out-Betty's Kabob
5:30 PM Men's Night Out-Pastas Pronto

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Next Sunday, April 28
HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THRU MAY 4
11 AM Worship
12:15 Senior Ministries lunch & play at Gallo
Center: "Tuesdays with Morrie" @ 2 PM

**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!**



May 5 12:30 Prospector Potluck-Forciers'
May 11 2 PM Mothers and Friends Tea
May 12 Mothers' Day
May 16 12 PM Sr. Ministry: Lunch & Speaker
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
May 17 6 PM F.U.N. Event
May 24-27 Opening Camp Peaceful Pines
May 27 Memorial Day/Office Closed



June 10-14 Peace Week
June 13 7:05 PM Sr. Ministries Modesto Nuts
Baseball Game
June 14 6 PM F.U.N. Event
June 15 3 PM Fathers' Day Bash
June 16 Fathers' Day
June 16 11 AM Worship with Andrew Sampson
Preaching & Family joining the
congregation
June 23 11 AM Andrew Sampson's installation
as MCOB's Pastor



*Articles and photos for the
next issue of Chimes are
due by Saturday, May 4.
Email to:
chimes@modcob.org
The Editor thanks you.*