



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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



### INSTALLATION DAY

A wonderful day for the congregation of Modesto Church of the Brethren with the installation of our new pastor, Andrew Sampson! A big thank you to the Search Committee for all of their hard work; to interim pastors Michael Fletcher and Stephen Reddy; and to District Executive Ministers Russ Matteson and David Shetler.

### Church of the Brethren Newslines Annual Conference Summary July 13, 2019



Photo by Glenn Riegel

*Table groups participate in compelling vision conversations during the 2019 Annual Conference*

Compelling Vision conversations were the highlight of the 2019 Annual Conference held July 3-7 in Greensboro, N.C. Other business was set aside--except necessary items such as elections and reports--to make time for the process intended to help the Church of the Brethren discern a compelling vision to guide the denomination into the future.

The Conference was presided over by moderator Donita Keister, moderator-elect Paul Munday, and secretary James Beckwith.

Large amounts of data were collected from some 120 table groups of delegates and nondelegates, in response to a series of questions. This data will be assessed over coming months by the Compelling Vision Process Team and the Compelling Vision Working Group. The goal is to bring a vision statement for consideration by the 2020 Conference.

A love feast followed the conversations, and was open to all present. It was the first time in decades that love feast has been celebrated by the full Conference.



Our delegates, Pastor Andrew Sampson and Felton Daniels will soon give us a report on their experiences at Annual Conference.



July 21, 2019

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Title: "Geez, Martha, Why So Busy?"

Theme: We can easily get distracted by the everyday that we forget to stop and smell the roses.

Summary: Martha and Mary are two sisters who have some differences. Mary listens attentively to Jesus and Martha is busy welcoming him by cooking, cleaning, etc. We, too, can get caught up with life and be too busy to stop and smell the roses. What are some ways that we can ease our distractions?

July 28, 2019

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Title: "How We Are to Pray"

Theme: Pestering God in prayer.

Summary: I'm not sure that I've ever read The Lord's Prayer (vv.1-4) and Jesus' explanation in the following verses (vv.5-13)! And what an interesting explanation that Jesus gives to the disciples. "Persevere," Jesus says. I personally like the synonym, "pester," better. How does that alter our perception of what prayer is to be like?



Greeters for July

July 21 - Jim & Marye Martinez

July 28 - Al & Elaine Forcier



Keep Pat Royer in your prayers as she is not feeling well enough to attend worship.

Steve Miller is recuperating quickly from his knee replacement. He is grateful for the cards and well wishes.

Karen Cosner's surgery was successful and found no need for further treatment.

The memorial service for Ivan Bowman will be Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Sunny Slope Church of the Brethren at 3330 School St., Wenatchee, WA 98801. Cards to the family can be sent to Ivan's sister, Carol Bowman at 210 Jefferson Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Steve Hay is home after his quadruple bypass surgery.

Chelsea Feeney sent the following to the Chimes: "I would like to thank everyone for their cards and warm wishes for healing and recovery. I am currently in atrial fibrillation and a type of heart failure because my heart is not beating correctly and pumping blood normally. My pulse got as high as 171 when I was in the hospital in Modesto. It fluctuates now but the highest my pulse goes is around 123 resting. I am going to have my heart shocked back into normal rhythm soon. Probably on August 1st when I see my Modesto cardiologist. I am still having chest pain when I breathe. I am five weeks post-surgery. My surgery was June 10th. They patched a hole in my heart and moved a vein. It was a birth defect that they corrected. Thank you again."

Sincerely, Chelsea Feeney

Fran Atkins' sister, Lucille Absher, is home now after her hip surgery.

Ginny Hollis is home after her procedure. If you would like to send her a card her address is: 1814 Plaza de Maria, Modesto, CA 95350.

Monique Sanders is requesting prayers as she deals with the loss of her job due to cut backs at her company.

Kim Boardman rejoices at the birthday party the family had for Jim's mother.

Mary Pieczarka asks for prayers for a friend who has lung cancer

Keep in your prayers all those who are ill, those who are in pain, those who are lonely, and those whose troubles are too deep for words.



Ladies' Night Out 5:30 PM Thursday, July 18  
We will dine at La Parrilla in McHenry Village.

Men's Night Out 5:30 Pm Thursday, July 18  
at Mexicali Grill in McHenry Village.

### Potluck



The next Summer Supper Potluck will be Wednesday, July 24 at 6 pm. The theme is Italian Night, so get out your cookbooks and garlic! Mangiamo! Buon Appetito!



F.U.N. Night, Friday July 19 at 4:30 p.m. **this time**, because it includes a pool party at the neighborhood pool by the Sampsons' house. Meet at 1428 Royalton Court, Modesto, and walk to the pool from there. Dinner will follow at 6 pm at the Sampson home.

The Sampson family's new address:  
1428 Royalton Court  
Modesto, CA 95350  
Andrew's Cell Phone #: (909) 525-7550  
Andrew's email: Andrew@modcob.org



Jr. High/Youth Camp at Camp Peaceful Pines  
Sunday, July 21 to Friday, July 26

Jim Costello reports that the hand sanitizer dispenser in the hallway near the Gathering Place now works.







### **An Evening with the Psalms (a Psalm inspiration)**

Scripture says to sing songs and hymns to God. That is exactly what the psalmists were doing. Join in an evening of looking at some favorite psalms in several translations including the New Hebrew Bible (a 22-year effort at an exact translation of the original Hebrew). Sign up, e-mail. or call 527-7354 so Steve and Jolinda know how many to expect.

**Thursday, July 25  
6:00—7:30 pm**

Come together to share the Psalms  
from various translations...  
a time to appreciate the beauty  
of the poetry and how each  
one speaks to us!  
From the following: KJV, NRSV,  
New Hebrew, Geneva Bible!

Please read: Psalms 8, 23, 27,  
46, 88, 121, 139!



The Modesto Church of the Brethren  
now has an Instagram account!  
Find us at COBMODESTO



*Articles and photos for  
the next issue of Chimes  
are due by Saturday,  
July 27*

*Email to:*

*[chimes@modcob.org](mailto:chimes@modcob.org)*

*The Editor thanks you.*

### **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 of worship of our church.

## The Condensed Calendar



Monday, July 15



Tuesday, July 16

July 24 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck -  
Italian Night

July 25 6 pm Evening with the Psalms

July 26-30 Family Camp - CPP

Wednesday, July 17



Thursday, July 18

5:30 Ladies' Night Out-La Parrilla  
McHenry Village

5:30 Men's Night Out-Mexicali Grill  
Mc Henry Village

August 12 6:30 pm Board Meeting

August 13 1 pm Bible Study

August 14 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck

August 16 6 pm FUN Night

August 22 12 noon Sr. Ministries event-Mosel  
& Rhine Rivers in Germany slide show

August 25-9/1 Family Promise Hosting

Friday, July 19

4:30 pm FUN Night Pool Party  
Sampsons' home

Saturday, July 20



Next Sunday, July 21

**Jr. High/Youth Camp CPP - July 26**

September 2 Labor Day/Office Closed

September 8 Grandparents' Day

September 15 3 pm Shaun & Kelly's Baby  
Shower

September 21 10:30 am David & Mary  
Strohm's Memorial

9:30 am Sunday School

11 am Worship