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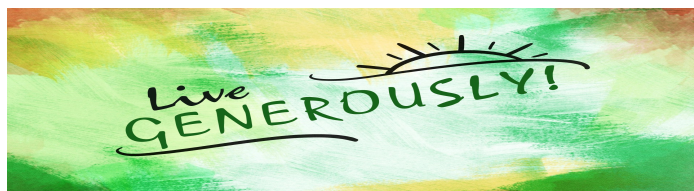
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Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



Stewardship Sunday September 29th

Mark your calendar! On September 29th we will be asking all church members to make their tithing commitment for our next year's budget. We ask that you do this by deciding first through your own personal prayers what is best for you and our church family.

First Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace." In this verse Peter is talking about gifts of the spirit and the gifts are not for our own purpose but for the purposes of the church, to serve one another.

May you also consider the gifts you have received from your church family as you decide on your tithe for this next year?

The Stewardship Commission wishes to acknowledge all of the gifts both monetary and service that each of you have given to the church. We all give according to our own will and ability to give in time and money to the church and as a result we all receive individual blessings and times of joy from each other as a church family.

Blessings upon Us All!

Stewardship Commission

September 15

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Title: "Interesting Dinner Company"

Theme: Once again Jesus riles up the religious leaders!

Summary: A lot of attention has been paid to verse 10, but I would like to spend more time on the first nine verses. What an interesting audience Jesus has - tax collectors and sinners or debtors - two groups that most respectable Jews would have avoided. So, Jesus joins this group for a meal while the religious leaders complain about it and tells a story about how these religious leaders have missed the point. Who are we seeking to make company with - the in crowd or the fringe?

September 22

Scripture: Romans 12:17-18 (The Message)

Title: "The Case for Peace"

Theme: Celebrating Peace Day

Summary: I think that The Message translates this passage in a way that is most understandable, "Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody."

The impetus of these verses is our relationship with one another. What grabs my attention is how it is our responsibility, but not to the detriment of our own being. Or, a quote by Robert Jones, Jr. that I recently posted reads, "We can disagree and still love each other, unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist." Peace is not an activity of the weak!



Greeters for September:

Sept.15 - Russ & Raeann Davis

Sept. 22 - Rita Matthews & Bev Jeffries

Sept. 29 - Leslie Wilkinson & Mimsie Farrar.



Jeannie Canter is caring for her husband, who has dementia.

Linda Williams rejoices over a thank-you note that 4-year old Demari, a Family Promise guest, wrote to the congregation.

There are new headphones in the sanctuary!

KyeLee Stubbs is concerned that her daughter Lialla was hit by a car on her way to school and has a concussion, but is recuperating well.

Pastor Andrew celebrates the number of children in worship!

Maryco Graff was happy to be at worship, but needs transportation to get to church.

Eddie Hernandez will celebrate his birthday with his daughter, whom he adopted, and with one of his daughter's birth sisters whom she contacted through Ancestry.

Larry Cole asks for prayers for him and also for the surgeon who is going to do his back surgery on September 16.

Rita Matthews reports that her nephew, Rick Arnold, who suffered a brain injury in his work as a police lieutenant in Loveland, CO, has had a good week and will not have to have surgery on his brain.

Terhesa Gamboa reports that her friend Robert was out of jail and working, but had a relapse and is back in jail now.

Bonnie Munson reports that Phil Reffle's great-grandchildren are staying with the Daniels temporarily, because their grandmother is in the hospital.

Stephen Reddy rejoices that in our congregation, we are able to share both our brokenness and our blessings.

Remember in your prayers all those who are lonely, those who are ill, and all whose brokenness is too deep for words.



Remember the memorial service for David and Mary Strohm, September 21, at 10:30 AM.



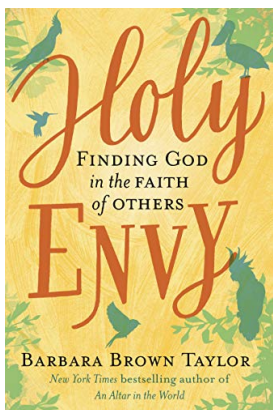
COMING SOON



Seniors to celebrate 25 Years with Senior Ministries

Seniors will gather at Bill and Margaret Johnson's home, 3504 Sagewood Court, at noon on Thursday, September 19th, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Senior Ministry program. It's a **potluck** lunch! (Bring your favorite main dish or salad to serve 15). Dessert and drinks will be provided. A celebration program following lunch will bring back memories of many of the 250 events held over the 25 year period. These events included speakers and special occasions at the church, visits to places in our area, and trips as far away as San Francisco. Come relax, enjoy the fellowship, the shared food, and the many memories. Sign up on the easel board in the narthex and we will see you there! Questions? Call Karleen Daniels at 484-3163

Fall Book Study Coming Soon:



Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others,
By Barbara Brown Taylor
An exciting, encouraging story of rediscovering and finding one's faith through the faith of others. An exceptional book-challenging, hopeful, a wonderful guide to finding

God. (continued in next column)

We will meet for **SIX Thursdays: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17** at 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Books are available from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Questions? call Stephen or Jolinda...527-7354



MCoB has supported the MoPride (LGBTQ+) Event the last two years. We are grateful they are having an event downtown on September 14, 11:00-6:00 and we are attending to show that we are one of the local Christian churches that are Open and Affirming. We know all God's children are precious. Call/text Mimsie if you can help at the booth providing info about our wonderful church and family. [209-499-1571](tel:209-499-1571).

Preview of a Coming Event!

The Craig Courtney Choral Festival is a gathering of six Modesto area church choirs presenting a choral concert of ten of Craig Courtney's sacred choral anthems. An exciting part of this event is that Craig Courtney will be with us to direct his anthems. The concert is Saturday, October 12, 4:00 pm, Modesto Church of the Brethren, 2301 Woodland Avenue, Modesto. This is a free event...a musical gift to the community! And, you're invited!



SENIOR EVENTS

Save these 2019 dates!

Here are the dates for your calendar. Watch the Senior Ministries Bulletin Board (by the water fountains in the narthex) and the Chimes for further details. **Signups are very important to help with planning.**

September 19th Noon POTLUCK at the Johnson home. Senior Ministry 25th Anniversary Celebration. Dessert and drink provided.

October 17th Noon presentation on Dementia: "Walking the Journey"
Lunch at the church

November: Skip

December 6th Tour of the "House of Nativities" Meet at the church at 10 AM.
Lunch afterward at Black Bear Diner.

Prospector Potluck



Schedule

Here are some dates for your calendar:

October 6, After-church potluck at the home of Bob and Lynda Sesser

November 17, Potluck Cancelled! Please attend the Church Council Meeting!

December 14, 6 p.m., Christmas party at the home of Eldon and Linda Williams

I hope you can join us for some great food, fun and friendly conversation.

-Margaret



The sign up board for the **All Church Work Day at 8 AM on October 5th** is up and in the Narthex. The good jobs go quickly. We will have solar panel cleaning, gutter cleaning, nursery toy cleaning, parking lot lines re-stripped, a crew to fix lunch, and window washing. We plan on digging holes for new trees to be planted if the old stumps have been ground down. We have a few more projects but that is the starting lineup. Sign up now and get the project that you want.
~Building and Grounds



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

We meet at Pat Royer's apartment at Casa de Modesto, Apartment 1004 at 1:30 pm to 3 pm the first and third Tuesday of each month.

We knit and crochet—
and visit!

The Condensed Calendar

Monday, September 9

Tuesday, September 10

1pm Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11

1pm Caffeinated Church-Dessert European
Bakery-3025 McHenry

6pm Faith Bites

7pm Choir

Thursday, September 12

6pm Fall Book Club

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

11am MoPride Event-Downtown

Sunday, September 15

9:30am Sunday School

11am Worship

3pm Shaun & Kelly's Baby Shower

Registered at Amazon & Target

*Articles and photos for
the next issue of Chimes
are due by Saturday,
September 21. Email to:
chimes@modcob.org
The Editor thanks you.*

dates
to Remember



September 17 7am Men's Group-Perko's

September 18 1 pm Caffeinated Church-
Frost Bakery-Carpenter Rd.

September 19 Noon-Sr. Ministry 25th

Anniversary Potluck-Johnson's

September 19 6 pm Fall Book Club

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

September 21 International Day of Peace

September 23 First Day of Autumn

September 25 1pm Caffeinated Church-
Village Baking Company

September 26 6pm Fall Book Club

September 27 6pm F.U.N. Night



October 5 All Church Workday

October 6 12:15 Prospector Potluck
Sesser's Home

October 12 4pm Craig Courtney Concert

October 26 5:30 Harvest Festival

October 31 Halloween



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.