



# The Chimes

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



International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations in 1981, is observed around the world on September 21 each year. Modesto Church of the Brethren has observed Peace Day in different ways over the years. Although the official day has passed, please observe Peace Day in your own prayers, with this statement from On Earth Peace:

"On Earth Peace invites churches, justice-seekers, and peacebuilders to pray for peace and justice together this International Peace Day - September 21, 2019-or any day!

Our theme for 2019 is "The Case for Peace." We invite you to use Peace Day as a time to understand the case for peace from the perspective of the Christian faith. Peace is essential for those committed to following the Prince of Peace - but where does that commitment come from? Knowing how peace is an essential part of our faith equips us to live peaceful lives and to build peace in our communities.

We can help ourselves and others see and share why peace matters in our world and for our faith. What does peace look like for our friends, families, and community members? What does peace mean in situations of injustice or marginalization? How can we deepen our spiritual life to experience inner peace at the core?

Romans 12:18 states, "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." As followers of Christ, we are called to live peaceably with all. Not just those who look, think, or act like us. How can we practice this and encourage others to live peaceably with all?"



This year's U.N. theme is action to combat climate change, but all peaceful actions toward others count!





## September 29

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Title: "Are We Paying Attention?"

Theme: Do we notice and tend to the needs of those around us?

Summary: Are we like the rich person, ignoring the plight of those who are most in need? In light of anti-immigrant legislation this text seems timely and relevant to what is happening now. After reading today's text let us consider what we should do as individuals and as a church. Please bring your thoughts and ideas on the topic.

## October 6

Scriptures: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9

Title: "Habakkuk?"

Summary: Today we hear from the prophet, Habakkuk. "Who?" you may be asking and that is a fair point especially after the discouraging tone of today's text. However, when combined with Psalm 37 the story begins to emerge. The wrongdoers have seemingly gotten away without any consequences, and the prophet is mad with God that this has happened! Have you ever had similar feelings toward God? Let's explore that idea together.

Greeters for October:

6th-Linda and Dave Owen

13th-Donna Heiny and Sue Singh

20th-Jacob Johnson and Eli Sampson

27th-Tim Smart and Leslie Wilkinson



Sara Miller asks for prayers for Harold Mueller, her father-in-law, recuperating from knee replacement.

KyeLee Stubbs remembers her grandmother who recently passed. Also, her daughter Lialla is having some effects from the concussion she suffered when hit by a car a few weeks ago.

Rita Matthew's nephew is recuperating from his head injury.

Margie, Tammy Firch's friend, asks for prayer.

Kelly and Shaun Gepley are very appreciative of the baby shower given them last week.

The youth group greatly enjoyed the raft trip at Knight's Ferry Saturday.

Allison Sampson asks for prayers for her father.

It was good to see Phil Teets, former member, who brought his brother David to worship.

Keep Larry Cole in your prayers as he recovers from back surgery.

## **A Note from the Galts:**

Trish's knee surgeon was extremely pleased with her compliance with his non-weight bearing instructions at her 11-week follow-up visit this past Wednesday. She is now cleared to put weight on the left leg up to the point of any pain, but no further. His goal for her is for Trish to walk into his office in 6 weeks' time, without her walker!

I'm to see a chiropractor next Tuesday for my lower back lumbar area. I'll take him a disc with some 13 X-rays of my back. I continue to do my PT back stretching exercises which have really helped, but there is still something obviously wrong down there. From Dan, missing one and all at MCOB!

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

The sharing of Joys and Concerns has for many years been a part of the worship service in which we ask for and receive support from our church family for many life events.

Be aware that it has been customary for Joys and Concerns shared during worship also to be shared in the Chimes. If any information that you want to share in worship is not something you want published in the Chimes, please add that information in your sharing, or advise Luella privately.



### **Getting to Know**

#### **Johnathan Goodrich**

I was privileged to have lunch with Johnathan last Sunday for an opportunity to get to know him better. He is a most interesting fellow and a good conversationalist.

With his permission, I thought I would share with others a few things I have learned about him.

Johnathan has lived in Modesto for over 25 years. Both his father and grandfather live in Modesto and his mother lives in Washington. For the last 6 years, he has been working at the West campus of the Modesto Junior College where he prints material for both Modesto Junior College and Columbia College campuses.

He has had many hurdles in life, but a great triumph is his ability to say that he has been clean and sober for the last 9 years. Congratulations Johnathan!! What a victory!!

Johnathan comes from a lengthy church background which includes the First Baptist church, Emanuel Lutheran, Episcopal, as well as the Congregational church. He has been attending our church for about a year and knew several members of the congregation before he started to attend. He enjoys thinking about and discussing theological ideas and is an avid reader. One of the things he appreciates about our church, among other things, is that the New Testament is our only creed. He likes a diversity of beliefs within the church and acceptance of where a person might be in their faith journey. Johnathan's spiritual life is very important to him and he considers himself a humanist and a Christian at this point in his own journey.

It was a delightful time and I am so glad Johnathan is a part of our community!

Submitted by  
Karleen Daniels



27 people celebrated the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senior Ministry** at a potluck lunch hosted by the Johnsons in their home Thursday, September 19th. They enjoyed beautiful weather, delicious food, songs creatively reworked and led by Elaine Forcier, and a brief history of Senior Ministries by Felton Daniels where he told of the work of Phyllis Harvey who created and started the program 25 years ago. The event closed with a slide show featuring many of the 250 events the group has enjoyed over the years. All present seemed to have a good time socializing and reminiscing.



**Adult Sunday School Class.**  
**"Let Our Joys Be Known"**  
**9:30-10:30 in the library**

All adults are invited to the start of a new study dealing with Brethren heritage. This class began on Sunday, September 22, but there is still time to join. We will provide the book from our own Brethren Press: "Let Our Joys Be Known", by Gardner and Shaffer. Many of you grew up in the church and know our history as a church from the beginning to current day. Many of you have not.

This class will provide an opportunity to share our heritage as well as learn the history of our church. You may have heard the phrase, "Radical Disobedience", "Count Well the Cost" or the term Pietism. Come join the class to discuss these phrases as well as what our stance is on war. Or why are we called a Peace church? Why is the New Testament the basis of our faith?

No reading is required ahead of class. Just come and listen and join in the conversation and be a part of the follow up discussion! Jim Martinez/ Adult Sunday School



Come one, come all, and let's celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday! The first Sunday of October has become a day when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of our church. On this day, we remember that we are a part of the whole body of believers. Whether this communion is shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, or in a church like ours, we celebrate the communion act in as many ways as there are congregations. World Wide Communion Sunday is a profound worship experience and a time to learn more about our wider faith community. Our Deacons will be serving communion. We hope you join us Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>.





## All Church Workday--October 5

The signup board for the All Church Work Day on October 5th is up 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 having the stumps ground down from our last work day and if planning proceeds to have locations designated where we can dig the holes for the new trees to be planted. We have a few more projects but that is the starting lineup. Sign up now and get the project that you want. ~Building & Grounds



## Prospector Potlucks

Here are some dates for your calendar:

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

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

## Diamonds and Gold

You won't remember it's May  
Or that today is Mother's Day

You will see all the gifts and cards on display  
They are for you even though you won't  
remember the day

You won't receive diamonds or gold as you  
deserve  
You will sit and be reserved

You are surprised the gifts are for you  
You see the cards and must ask others to  
read

As the cards are read and you hear the names  
A light comes on and you are not composed

Tears fall and memories begin to come  
As it is a name you do recall

With a gleam in your eye  
You are glad to spy

It is a gift you always received  
It is not diamonds or gold

But behold  
It's the gift you loved to hold

A box of Chocolate Covered Cherries  
Now the tears no longer fall!  
By Janeen Studley

I wrote this in memory of my Mom on her last  
Mother's Day before her death.  
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She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. However, the only way to conclusively determine if it was Alzheimer's is an autopsy. Dementia is the loss of intellectual abilities interfering with a person's social and occupational functions. Other causes are brain injuries, brain tumors, and vascular disorders. Any form of dementia could lead into Alzheimer's. In my case, the neurologist believes that my cognitive impairment is due to concussions. Just like many others, I am walking the journey even though the path is unknown.

I will be discussing more on the topic at a Senior Ministries event on October 17th at 12 pm. I will be talking about my experiences and journey, thus far. This discussion is a way to show you, your loved ones, and friends that you are not alone on your journey.

Please sign up on the poster in the lobby.  
~ Janeen Studley

## Help Wanted!

Are you interested in being involved in worship by preparing the projector slides? We are looking for someone, (or several people) to take over this work. Owning a personal computer, and comfort working with computers is helpful but training will be provided. You get to be creative, and have a sneak preview of worship each week! Talk to Pastor Andrew or Anna Hazen if you are interested.

*Sing to the Lord a New Song!*

*Craig Courtney*  
*Combined Choir Concert*

**October 12, 2019**  
**4:00 PM**

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I would like to invite you to an exciting musical 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, at 4:00 PM, Modesto Church of the Brethren. This is a free event... a musical gift to the community! And you're invited!

The participating choirs have sung Craig Courtney's music over the years and we have come to love and appreciate his careful union of music and text that continues to "sing praise to the Lord."

As we hear and sing his music, we are entranced by fine sacred choral music. We're all aware of the power of music in our lives and, especially, sacred choral music that speaks to our hearts and spirits and helps lead us into God's presence.

~Stephen Reddy

## "Caffeinated Church"



10/2 - Starbucks in Riverbank, 2213 Claribel Rd,  
Riverbank Crossroads Center

10/9 - The Village Butcher, McHenry Village

10/16 - Food Fix, 610 9<sup>th</sup> St.

10/23 – Bauhaus, 405 Downey Ave

10/30 - Bonanza Tortilleria, 315 H St.

## Youth Rafting Trip



Join us this Friday ....

Family FUN night – 6pm



*Articles and photos  
for the next issue of  
Chimes are due by  
Saturday, October 5.*

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

## 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.



## The Condensed Calendar



Monday, September 23  
First day of Autumn

Tuesday, September 24  
1 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, September 25  
1 pm Caffeinated Church-Village Baking Co.  
6 pm Faith Bites-Potluck  
7 pm Choir

Thursday, September 26  
5:30pm Ladies' Night Out-Beijing  
5:30pm Men's Night Out-Fuddruckers  
6pm Fall Book Club

Friday, September 27  
6 pm F.U.N. Night

Saturday, Friday 28

Sunday, September 29  
9:30 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship



October 1 7am Men's Group-Perko's  
October 5 All Church Work Day  
October 6 12:30pm Prospector Potluck  
Sessers' Home  
October 12 4pm Craig Courtney Concert  
October 14 Columbus Day  
October 14 6:30pm Board Meeting  
October 17 WWCN Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting  
October 26 5:30pm Harvest Festival  
October 31 Halloween



November 3 Daylight Savings Ends  
Turn Back Clocks 1 Hour  
November 5 District Election  
November 8-10 PSWD District Conference,  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
November 11 Veteran's Day  
November 17 12:15pm Council Meeting/Lunch  
November 27 **NO** Faith Bites  
November 28 Thanksgiving-Office Closed  
November 29 Office Closed



December 1 Holiday Dinner