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



HELP!!!!

We Have children! Thank the Lord!

However, it's something like "The Old Woman in the Shoe" going on at our church. Karleen, the old woman, doesn't know what to do! She has more kids than she has teachers. She desperately needs teachers and helpers, NOW!

The lessons are all planned for the teachers. The helpers just help the kids maintain attention, provide safety, serve snacks when we have them, and are a second set of eyes.

We accept men, women, husband and wife teams, elderly and youth who are willing to miss the sermon and give 45 minutes of their time for a month of Sundays.

Don't wait for someone else to step up and answer this important call! We need YOU! Please ask Karleen how you can help as soon as possible. Call 484-3163



Invitation to Worship

October 27

Scriptures: Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65

Title: "Anxious Moments"

Summary: A few years ago, I was at a church that had invited two Muslim women from Iraq to share about their wartime experiences. A part of their stories that has stuck with me was of the constant presence of drones, and how the drones' sound created such anxiety and distress. I mention this as our reading from Joel comes after the locusts had decimated the Israelites' crops and harvests for several years. And I wonder if the sound of the locust swarm produced the same type of anxiety among the Israelites as the drones did to the Iraqi women who I heard speak. What about our own anxieties? We may not have locusts or drones, but many of us carry some anxiety every day. Joel and the psalmist's words are of encouragement, joy, and abundance as God remained with the people through their struggles. How can their words speak to our anxieties today?





November 3

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Title: "A Short Story"

Summary: "Zacchaeus was a wee, little man," is the beginning of a song that many of us probably learned in Sunday school when we were younger. But other than Zach being under tall, what do we know about him? Not a whole lot, although the historical record can help to provide some background info about tax collectors. We know that they were despised by the people because they worked on behalf of Rome, and that they were crooked, corrupt, and took advantage of the people. Not necessarily the kind of person that you want to be associated with, but Jesus did not care and went to stay with Zach anyway. What about us? Are we willing to put our reputation on the line and associate with "those people?"



Greeters for October and November:

October 27-Tim Smart and Leslie Wilkinson

November 3- Rachel Duenas and Bonnie Munson

November 10-Karen Seip and Barbara Switzer

November 17-Jim and Marye Martinez

November 24-Sylvan Bupp and Judy Webber

Hold in the Light



In Memoriam:

John Cosner's memorial service will be
November 2 at 3 PM.

Please keep Jaimie Campbell's family in your prayers as her mother, Gala Jean Dent, passed away suddenly last week. You may send cards to: **Jaimie Campbell, 9 Tree Lined Lane, Berry Creek, CA 95916**

Rita Matthews reported that her nephew is home after treatment for his head injury.

Margie brought her daughter to church last Sunday, and she is looking for a job.

Renee Switzer, Alana's sister, has some health issues.

Stephen Reddy rejoices over the success of the Craig Courtney Concert.

A rose was on the pulpit this morning in celebration of the birth of Ezra Kai Gepley, Kelly and Shaun's son.

Karleen Daniels needs help with Children's Church (see first page article)

Allison Sampson's mother had emergency surgery and is waiting for more information.

Elaine reports that Maryco Graff is not able to come to church when her family can't bring her, as riding Dial-a-Ride is too tiring.

Larry Cole is feeling some relief from his back surgery as well as his episode of gout.

Renee Gokey was rejoicing over having her hair streaked in several colors.

Luella's concern over the missing Family Promise easel was resolved when she found it after worship Sunday.

COMING SOON

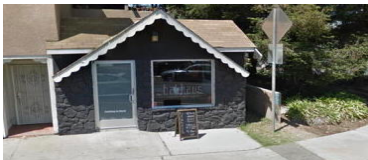


Come to this year's Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 26 5:30- 7:30, for food, face painting, fire pit for making s'mores, apple dunking, escape room, and movie at 7 pm!



Caffeinated Church

Meet with Pastor Andrew at 1 pm Wednesday October 23 at Bauhaus, at the intersection of Downey Ave., H Street and Burney Street, next door to Salas Brothers.



Caffeinated Church October 30 at The Stop Café, 4742 McHenry (at American Chevrolet).



Ladies will meet Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 pm at Bel Piatto, Kansas and Emerald Avenues, for a delicious Italian dinner. RSVP to Luella.



District Conference November 8-10, 2019
Franciscan Renewal Center
Scottsdale, AZ

The District Conference Program Committee has selected Refugee Aid as its service project. The offering will collect:

- New socks and underwear for children and adults (Small and medium sizes)
- Gently used clothing for children and small adults
- Monetary donations can be made by check to PSWD.

If you are not going to District Conference, contact Eddie and Gayle Hernandez for assistance in getting your donation to AZ.



Woodland West Community Neighborhood will be holding a Public Meeting on the SR 132 Bypass Project Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6 pm at Modesto Church of the Brethren.

This project will greatly affect our neighborhood. Many of our elected officials will be with us. Everyone interested is welcome to come to this meeting. Questions? Contact Terhesa Gamboa.

**Golden State
ROAD
WARRIORS
Wheelchair Basketball**

**Saturday, October 26
Enochs High School Gymnasium
3201 Sylvan Avenue, Modesto CA
3:00pm**

To benefit Modesto Peace/Life Center community radio station 95.5 FM. It will include audience participation against the professionals, door prizes, entertainment, VIP guests, and much more!

Tickets are \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 for Students, Seniors, and disabled.

Tickets available at the door, online at www.kcbpradio.org, or call Jocelyn Cooper at 209 232-5845.

FAITH BITES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 23 POTLUCK

October 30th Regular Faith bites

November 6th Deborah Gowans will be our chef

November 13th 9th and D Shelter serving

Sign up to serve!

November 20th POTLUCK-FAMILY PROMISE

November 27th No Faith bites

COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17

We hope you all have November 17th on your calendars for Council Meeting, following morning worship. Of course, there will be lunch before the meeting. We thought it would be fun to do the crock pot soup lunch again. I need to know if you would be willing to bring a crock pot of soup and the kind you will be preparing. You can send me an email at dsmessamer@att.net. (continued above)

You can also call my cell at 505-0222. (If there's no answer please leave voice mail). You can also call my landline, 523-9754, and leave a message. Or text me at 505-0222.

Fellowship and Rec will provide warm bread, salad and dessert.

It is important for all of us to attend council meetings. At this meeting we will elect commission members, deacons, and approve the 2020 budget. See you there, Sue Messamer



Our next Family Promise hosting week will be November 17-23. The Family Promise sign-up board is up in the narthex now, so please consider signing up to be an evening host or an overnight host. Most of the dinner prep will be done by our Unitarian co-hosts, but we still need a cook for Sunday, November 17.

*Articles and photos for
the next issue of Chimes
are due by Saturday,
November 2.*

Email to:

chimes@modcob.org

The Editor thanks you.

The Condensed Calendar



Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

11am Young at Heart Exercise

1pm Bible Study

Wednesday, October 23

1pm Caffeinated Church-Bauhaus

6pm Faith Bites—**POTLUCK!**

7pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

11am Young at Heart Exercise

6pm Fall Book Club

5:30pm Ladies Night Out—Bel Piatto

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

3pm Modesto Peace/Life Center

Golden State Road Warriors

Wheelchair Basketball-Enochs H.S.

5:30pm Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 27

9:30am Sunday School

11am Worship



October 30 1pm Caffeinated Church

The Stop Café, 4742 McHenry

October 31 Halloween



November 2 3pm Memorial Service for

John Cosner

November 3 Daylight Savings ends!

Turn clocks back one hour

November 5 School District Election

November 8-10 PSWD Conference, Arizona

November 11 Veterans Day

November 15 6pm F.U.N. Night

November 17 12:15pm Council Meeting

November 17-23 Family Promise Hosting

November 19 5:30pm Woodland West Meeting

On SR132 Bypass Project-Sanctuary

November 25 Interfaith Council Thanksgiving

Celebration at Emanuel Lutheran, 324 College

November 27 **NO** Faith Bites

November 28 Thanksgiving-Office closed

November 29 Office closed

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.