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Autumn Council Meeting And Soup!

Each November brings the return of Standard Time, noticeably shorter, cooler days, Thanksgiving, and--the Church Council meeting! This year, Council will meet on **Sunday, November 17**, after worship.

The Autumn Council meeting may be the most important meeting the congregation has during the year. This is the meeting where we make decisions for the coming year: We elect the Commission and Board members and Deacons for the coming year, and vote on the budget that will fund the work of the church for 2020. All members' votes are vital. Please plan to stay after worship on November 17 for Council.

Sue Messamer and the Fellowship and Recreation Commission are planning a lunch for us based on congregation members bringing crockpots full of delicious soup! So far, Sue has only TWO persons who have promised to bring a crockpot! She is wondering where all the crockpots are, as last time we did this, there were 10 crockpots full of a variety of soups.



Unless you want to eat only salad, rolls, and dessert for lunch, please get out those crockpots and soup recipes and let Sue know what kind of soup you're going to bring! Call or text her at 209-505-0222.

Invitations to Worship

November 10

Title: A Season of Thanksgiving

Summary: We inch ever closer to Thanksgiving, and what are we grateful for? How has our notion of gratitude changed over the years? Let us hear from a variety of voices, as well, as share our own thoughts in this topic.

Date: November 17

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Title: "All Play and No Work..."

Summary: This Scripture was one of my dad's favorites, and he recited it frequently around harvest time! I think it was more about trying to motivate my brother and me to work harder and longer than encouraging us in our faith. With Dad's voice echoing in my memories, I wonder more about why Paul is writing this to a group of believers that he knows quite well. The verse that really gets my attention is 13: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right," even more than the rest. How encouraging it can be in working for the common good!

Something New for Worship

During the Sundays of Advent through Epiphany we will be using the screen exclusively in lieu of a printed bulletin. However, there will be a printed calendar of events available as we currently have. This is a trial and the Worship Committee will evaluate in January. If you have questions or concerns please talk to any members of the Worship Committee: Elaine Forcier, Jolinda and Stephen Reddy, Linda Hunter Or Pastor Andrew.

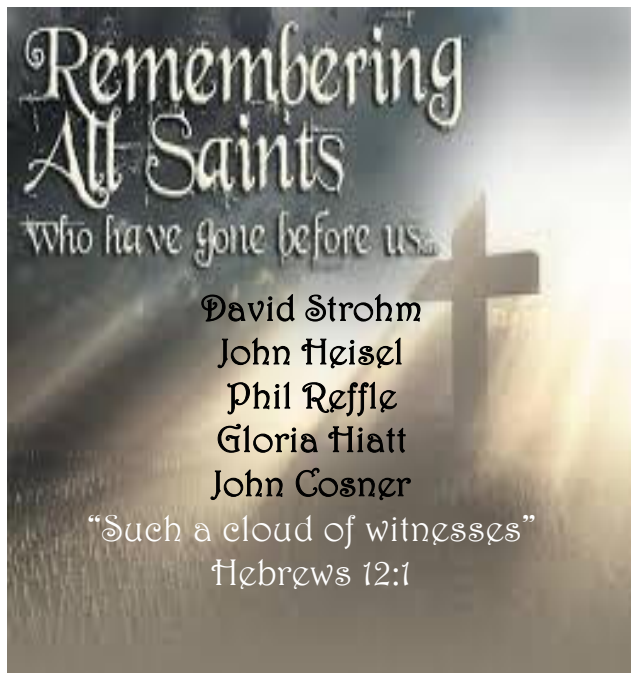


Greeters for November:

November 10 Karen Seip and Barbara Switzer

November 17 Jim and Marye Martinez

November 24 Sylvan Bupp and Judy Webber



Hold Pastor Andrew in your prayers as a family friend in Ohio passed, and he officiated at the memorial.

Mary Baucher reported that Gene had been in the hospital and couldn't walk when he got home, but in a week, he was walking.

Marye Martinez's brother was evacuated from the wildfire in Santa Rosa.

Joann Ewert is thankful for the doctor who was able to fix her eye, and that it has taken only 2 weeks instead of 4 to recover from the surgery.

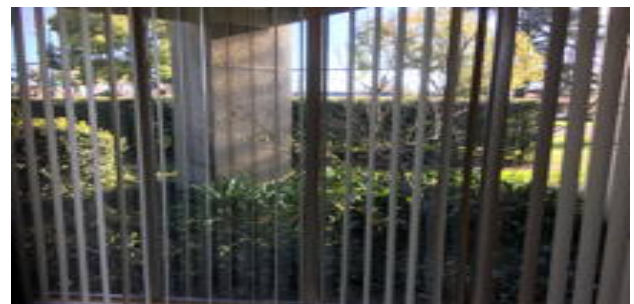
Joann also had news about Judy Benner, who some may remember, as she formerly attended Modesto Church of the Brethren. Judy was in hospice care, and has since passed away.

David Messamer reported that Sue has an appointment with a pain specialist.

Maryco Graff is glad whenever she can come to church.

Shaun Gepley is enjoying the experience of being a dad; it's overwhelming but wonderful.

Elaine Forcier remarked on how beautiful the sanctuary was with the blinds open, flooded with light.



This article was featured in the last issue of the Chimes, but the need still exists! Please consider helping Karleen with Children's Church.

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.

We desperately need 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 Karleen at 484-3163



Faith Bites Schedule for November

November 6th: Deborah Gowans will be our chef

November 13th Faith Bites/9th and D Shelter Serving

Sign up to serve at the shelter!

November 20th Potluck

November 27th No Faith Bites

News from Fellowship & Recreation:

Several months ago, when we were scheduling events for the year, we put the **Holiday Extravaganza** on the church calendar for December 1, not realizing that was the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. We know that is a big family weekend and we don't want to take time away from your family. We thought about having it on the following weekend, but many of our commission members aren't available that weekend.

SOOO for all the above reasons we are canceling this event

Instead we invite and encourage you to join us at Carols and Candles on December 15th evening. In addition to all the wonderful choral music we will have an extravaganza of delightful goodies for you to enjoy.

Remember to join us on Sunday December 15th for a wonderful evening together.

~Fellowship & Recreation

Announcement! Announcement!!

New book study title for the Advent season: **Light of the World** by Amy-Jill Levine.

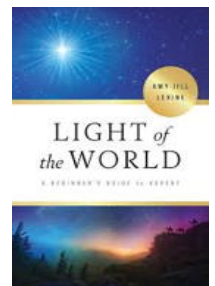
The group will be meeting on
Thursdays,
November 21,
December 5,
December 12,
December 19

from 6:00-7:30 Call or e-mail Jolinda and Steve 527-7354 or email

jostreddy@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

Books are available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Hope to see you there.

~Jolinda and Steve





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.

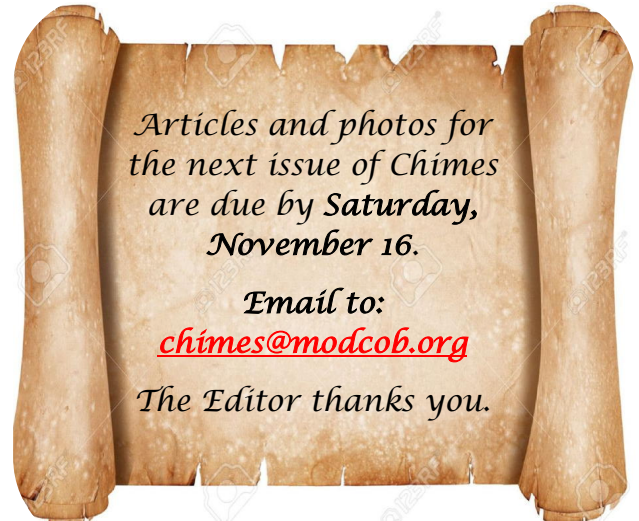
This project will greatly affect our neighborhood. Many of our elected officials will be with us. Everyone interested is welcome to come to this meeting. Questions? Contact Terhesa Gamboa.



SENIORS TO TOUR WORLD OF NATIVITIES - Friday, Dec. 6

"Away in the Manger"~What captures the beauty & wonder of Christmas better than the scene at the manger? People of countless cultures have shared their visions of that holy place and moment for centuries. A local woman has made it possible for us to be awed and inspired by some 800 nativities from all around the world - without leaving Modesto! On **Friday, December 6**, you are welcome to join our Senior Ministries group as we visit Toni Conway's House of Nativities on Carpenter Road in Modesto. We'll gather at the church at 10:00 to travel together to visit this amazing display.

After touring the free, heart-warming exhibit, we will continue to fellowship over lunch at the Black Bear Diner. You'll find a poster for this event in the narthex. Please sign-up & note whether you'll be joining us for lunch as well as the tour.



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, November 4

Tuesday, November 5

District Election Day

11am Young at Heart Exercise Group

1pm Bible Study

Wednesday, November 6

1pm Caffeinated Church-Food Fix
938 11th St.

6pm Faith Bites

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

11am Young at Heart Exercise Group

Friday, November 8

PSWD Conference, Arizona Nov. 8-10

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

9:30am Sunday School

11am Worship

November 11 6:30pm Board Meeting

November 11 Veterans' Day

November 15 6pm FUN Night

November 17 12:15 Council Meeting

November 17-23 Family Promise Hosting

November 19 5:30pm Woodland West-Public
Meeting on SR132 Bypass Project

November 27 **NO FAITH BITES**

November 28 Thanksgiving-Office closed

November 29 Office Closed



December 1 **NO HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA**
--CANCELLED!

December 2 5:30 Bldg & Grounds meeting

December 2 Personnel meeting

December 6 10am Sr. Ministry-Tour World of
Nativities/Lunch Black Bear Diner

December 14 6pm Prospector Christmas
Party—Williams' Home

December 15 5pm Candles and Carols

December 20 6pm FUN Event

December 24 Christmas Eve-Office Closed

December 24 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 Christmas-Office Closed

December 31 New Year's Eve-No Faith Bites

January 1 New Year's Day-Office Closed