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

Love

Agape is understanding, redemptive goodwill for all men. Agape is an overflowing love, a spontaneous love, which seeks nothing in return. And theologians would say that it is the love of God operating in the human heart. When you rise to love on this level you love all men, not because you like them, not because their ways appeal to you, not because they are worthful to you, but you love all men because God loves them. And you rise to the noble heights of loving the person who does the evil deed while hating the deed that the person does. And I think this is what Jesus means when he says, "Love your enemies."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



February 16: We will be looking at Matthew 5: 21-32 and Isaiah 30: 19-21. The passage in Matthew calls us to move beyond just following the "letter of the law" to being aware of and accountable for a deeper layer of thoughts and actions. But HOW do we do that when our minds are wrapped up in judging? Pastor Andrew will be out of town; Anna Hazen will be preaching.

February 23 - Transfiguration
Mark 8:27--9:8 Pastor Andrew will preach.



Greeters for February

February 16th -- Bev Jefferies & Donna Heiny

February 23rd -- Jonathan Goodrich & Eddie Hernandez

Happy Valentine's Day!



Joys and Concerns

February 9, 2020

Al and Elaine were able to talk with Michael Fletcher after his surgery for a brain tumor. He is home and doing well.

They also visited Al and Pat Wiley

Bill Johnson is glad to be at worship-upright!

Terhesa reports that her dog Rommie is doing well, and her friend Robert is taking many classes while in jail and is thankful for prayers.

Eddie's brother Rudy is in the hospital with pneumonia and is also dealing with Parkinsons.

Larry Cole is working hard at Garden City, learning to live with one leg.

Shaun is enjoying being a parent.

Items of Note

Gratitude Fills Me

I want to express my gratitude to so many of you, my church family, who were supportive and loving always, but especially during the last weeks of Gene Palsgrove's life. For awhile, even though his mobility was not good, Gene came to church in a wheelchair. Soon it got so he could not even do that. Then, in the early morning of November 25, my dear husband Gene passed away in his sleep.

My wonderful church family gave loving support to Gene's family with cards, calls, prayers. Then again, as the family developed the Celebration of Life service for January 19, many of you stepped up in various ways to help make that event meaningful to our congregation and community. Again, my heart is full of gratitude for all your love and blessings. ~Mary Baucher

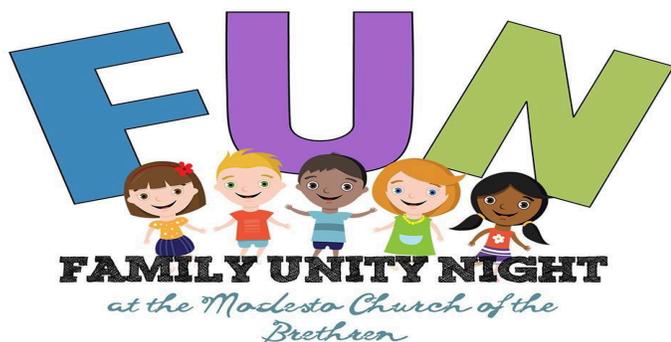


Calling Habitat Concert Singers

The 2020 Habitat concert is coming up on February 29/March 1. We are singing six titles, some of which we've sung before, with three new ones. If you're interested in singing in the combined choir, I would offer to lead some sessions to learn these titles. I would suggest the following...All Wednesdays of February, 5-6 pm
All Thursdays of February, 5-6 pm
Let me know if you're interested; Call Stephen Reddy at 527-7354.

Discussion on 9th and D Shelter Meals

In December, the Witness Commission decided that we did not have the ability to continue serving meals at the 9th and D shelter. Another look at the possibilities will be held on Sunday, February 23, after worship. If you are interested in how we might be able to continue serving at 9th and D, please join the conversation on February 23 at 12:15 in the Library.



With Glad and Generous Hearts

Stewardship Introduction to 2020...

Glad and Generous Hearts is our chosen theme for the year. Webster says "glad" means pleased, happy, delighted. He defines "generous" as giving of time or money beyond the necessity or more than expected.

Family Unity Night (F.U.N) is coming up on Friday February 21, in the gathering place. F.U.N. is based on the teachings of Marilyn Price Mitchell PhD., and her program Roots of Action.

"Inside all children are the roots of action and a compass that guides them toward success."

This month we will focus on the compass trait of resilience. Resilience is the ability to meet and overcome adversity in ways that promote or maintain well-being. (rootsofaction.com)

Families with children from K-5th grade are invited to attend. We start with dinner at 6:00 and table talk. After dinner are hands-on activities for children and parents to engage in together.

Younger siblings are welcome and will have activities of their own at the same time. Children usually have a completed project to take home at evening's end. We end with group singing and disperse at 8:00. If you have grandchildren in this age group, or your children would like to invite a friend, you are welcome to join us. Some evenings we have time for a short parent education/discussion on the topic of the evening. Look for our upcoming flyer in the church bulletin.

As we enter this new year/new decade, we can be grateful for much in our lives. A recently published book told the story of a young woman who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and felt her life was over, but then she received an uncommon prescription from a friend who advised her to give 29 gifts in 29 days. By giving, the friend said, you are focusing on what you have to offer others, inviting more abundance into your life. The woman was amazed by what unfolded during her month -long journey.

This act was the beginning of a worldwide goodwill movement. This is an example how acts of generosity can change lives. When you do a generous act, do you feel glad that you were able to do such, or do you act generously because you are glad? Maybe our generous contributions don't change a life, but maybe they change us. Maybe we can live more joyously. And when we feel glad, are we more likely to give of our time and resources? Think about these things as you go about being a Jesus follower this year. Go with a glad and generous heart. ~Stewardship Commission



Senior Ministry Event

If you are planning to go to Sonoma to see Camelot on March 12, you will need to purchase the tickets from Linda Owen by **Sunday, February 16**. Linda will be in the foyer with her sign-up sheet before and after church on February 16. She is also available at 505-3774 or at dlo2@sbcglobal.net



MEATBALL ROLL!

Fellowship and Recreation is getting ready for our first event for this year and we need you to help make this successful!

On Sunday March 1st following morning worship we invite you to our

MEATBALL ROLL

This will replace our Wing Ding that we've done in the past. Like before we need competitors, how about you?

Let us know if you would be willing to do your favorite meatball recipe to share with us all. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. This helps us to be sure we have enough food for all.

We will provide other food to go with the meatballs. All you have to do is sign up to let us know you'll be there, or tell the committee that you are willing to prepare your favorite meatballs.

Oh, and there will be fabulous prizes for the winners! Sue Messamer
Chair Fellowship & Recreation



SENIOR MINISTRY'S HOBBIES, COLLECTIONS AND TALENTS EVENT

Thursday, February 13 at noon we will be entertaining ourselves with our Hobbies, Collections and Talents. Lunch in the Gathering Place will be \$7.00. Sign up for lunch in the foyer.

BE PREPARED TO BE IMPRESSED!!!!



Continuing the Sock Project

The need for clean socks for the clients of the Cleansing Hope Shower Shuttle continues. The Witness Commission has decided to keep the Sock Boxes in the Narthex for continued donations of socks. Please be generous.

Clean, new socks are vital for homeless folks, to keep their feet healthy. Many are on their feet most of the time, and worn or no socks can cause many foot ailments. So... Please!

Give
SOCKS

PICTURE DAYS For NEW 2020 Directory

February 19th

Faith Bites

February 23rd

Following Worship

March 1st – Faith Bites

March 4th Following
Worship



*Smile
Please!*

Everyone needs to have a new picture taken for the 2020 Directory as we are changing the format. You will be able to view the directory on your computer, phone or tablet. Printed copies will also be available!

Please look at the 2019 Directory on the table to correct any address, phone number or e-mail changes. Please mark if there is no change.

Thank 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 and worship of our church.

*Articles and photos for
the next issue of Chimes
are due by Saturday,
February 22.*

Email to:

chimes@modcob.org

The Editor thanks you.

The Condensed Calendar



Monday, February 10
6:30pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11
11am Young at Heart exercise group

Wednesday, February 12
12:20pm Caffeinated Church-
Bright Side, 1125 K St.
6pm Faith Bites
7pm Choir

Thursday, February 13
Pastor Andrew away until Feb. 16
11am Young at Heart exercise group
12pm Sr. Ministries event: Hobbies,
Collections & Talents

Friday, February 14
Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday, February 15

Next Sunday, February 16
9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship

♥ FEBRUARY ♥

February 17 President's Day-Office closed
February 18 7am Men's Group-Perkos
February 19 1pm Caffeinated Church-
Surla's- 431 12th Street
February 20 5:30 Ladies' Night Out-
Javi's on Standiford (across from Raleys)
February 20 5:30 Men's Night Out-Papapavlos
1320 Standiford Ave
February 21 6 pm F.U.N. Night
February 23 12:15 Conversation about
Serving at 9th and D
February 26 1pm Caffeinated Church
Grill Mi-3848 McHenry Ave.
February 26 Ash Wednesday Service
February 29 Leap Year Day!

☘ MARCH ☘

March 1 Meatball Roll Dinner after worship
March 1 4pm Habitat Concert
March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins-
Turn clocks 1 hour ahead
March 9 6:30pm Board meeting
March 10 7am Men's Group-Perkos
March 12 11:30am Sr. Ministries "Camelot"
March 19 First Day of Spring
March 20 6pm F.U.N. Night
March 22 Prospector Potluck-Johnson's
March 24 7am Men's Group-Perkos
March 28 9am All Church Workday