



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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



Chick, chick, chicks, and more chicks!  
During Lent this year, the Witness Commission and the Christian Education Commission are sponsoring an outreach project to benefit the hungry people around the world who receive flocks of chicks through Heifer International.

A flock of 20-40 chicks costs \$20. As the chicks grow, the family who receives them will have eggs to eat and sell. A hen can lay as many as 200 eggs a year, providing protein, vitamins and income. Some eggs might hatch and provide more chicks! Chickens are easy to care for and don't take up much space. The families who receive a flock of chicks improve their health and income, thanks to the eggs they get from their flocks.

Please consider helping to fill the Easter basket in the front of the sanctuary during the offering. Parents are encouraged to give their children tasks to do for which they are paid, so they can put money for chicks in the basket also. The donations for chicks will be kept track of on a board in the narthex. So please, fill the Easter Basket for chicks!

## Invitations To Worship

**March 15** - Parable of the Tenants [Taxes to Caesar]  
Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

**March 22** - Great Commandment  
Mark 12:28-44



March Greeters:

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Russ Davis & Raeann

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Gary & Sandy Lawrence

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Eddie & Gayle Hernandez





March 1:

Larry Cole thanks everyone for prayers.  
Kelly Gepley is assured of a job for next

year

March 8:

Luella's cousin Marilee Heaston passed away on March 5. Her service will be on March 26 at Allen Mortuary in Turlock.

Mary Baucher took a fall last week, but had no major injuries.

Karen Cosner welcomes her third great-grandchild.

Joann Ewert is ill with a cold.

Darlene Mathias has been happy to be in Modesto, but it is time to go back to Bellingham, Washington.

Terhesa Gamboa is heartbroken about the death of her dog, Rommie.

Felton Daniels urges all to attend the council meeting to change the quorum next Sunday.

Shaun Gepley gave thanks to Karleen for help with parenting.



We still need 2 more volunteers to assist in closing up the church on Sundays (we have 3 volunteers now). If you think you may be interested and have questions, call Bill Johnson ( home # 209 522-0746, cell # 209 985-0908.

## Empire Church of the Brethren Heaven's Bounty Thrift Shop

Located in the old school buildings beside the church at  
5101 Yosemite Blvd., Empire, CA



**Saturdays 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**Building A Attic Treasures**

**Building B Basement Bargains**

Supporting the missions & ministries of the church:

- Empire pool, parks & library
- Modesto Gospel Mission
- Cleansing Hope Shower Shuttle
- Brethren Disaster Ministries
- Redwood Family Center-Addiction Recovery
- Navajo Blanket Ministries, Lybrook, NM
- Back-to-School back-packs & supplies
- Family Promise Modesto
- Children's Crisis Center
- Interfaith Ministries
- World Relief Modesto
- Society for Disabilities
- National Night Out
- Salvation Army, Modesto
- Camp Peaceful Pines



Empire Church of the Brethren has been slowly developing a new ministry to the local community now dubbed Heaven's Bounty Thrift Shop. Come and see! Come and shop! Come and Donate! Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
~ Pamela Warner Franklin



Fellowship and Recreation would like to thank you for all who joined us on March 1. We served about 60 folks lots of good

meatballs. Hope you all had fun and a good lunch. I was so happy to see that Jason won, because he usually is the first one to volunteer for these events. Congratulations also Monique who won second place. We appreciate all those who volunteered to make the meatballs for us. These were our competitors:  
Jason Davis, Russ Davis, Monique, Cal & Mary Sue, Peggy, Andrew, and Sandy.  
Thank you all!



## Council Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>

The Moderator and the Board have called a special Council meeting for **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** immediately following church and will consider one item of business: Changing the requirement for a quorum at our Council meetings from fifty to thirty-five. We were not able to vote at the last Council meeting because we did not have a constitutionally valid quorum and there have been other times when we could not hold the meeting because not enough members were present for a quorum. We would like to lower the number to more closely represent the members that are attending.

### AMENDMENT TO: ARTICLE V. CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING (COUNCIL)

E. Quorum: Although it is desirable to have as many persons present as possible for the Council, a minimum of fifty, or ten percent of the membership, whichever is higher, shall be required in order to conduct business.

Change to the following:

E. Quorum: Although it is desirable to have as many persons present as possible for the Council, a minimum of **thirty-five**, or **twenty percent** of the membership, whichever is **lower**, shall be required in order to conduct business.

The wording and numbers that we used in the Amendment were used on the advice of the legal counsel for the Pacific Southwest District.

In order for this Amendment to pass we will have to have at least 50 members present to vote. So please put the date on your calendar and come to church on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Karen Cosner, Board Chair

Linda Hunter, Moderator

**Some Helpful Information to Share with My Brothers and Sisters** (Abridged from an article by James Robb, MD FCAP; sent by Carole Greathouse)  
(The entirety of Dr. Robb's article is available in several places on the internet. Just search for the doctor's name.)

"As some of you may recall, when I was a professor of pathology at the University of California San Diego, I was one of the first molecular virologists in the world to work on coronaviruses (the 1970s). I was the first to demonstrate the number of genes the virus contained. Since then, I have kept up with the coronavirus field and its multiple clinical transfers into the human population (e.g., SARS, MERS), from different animal sources....

"Here is what I have done and the precautions that I take and will take. These are the same precautions I currently use during our influenza seasons.

- 1) NO HANDSHAKING! Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc.
- 2) Use ONLY your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc. Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove.

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3) Open doors with your closed fist or hip - do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors.

4) Use disinfectant wipes at the stores when they are available, including wiping the handle and child seat in grocery carts.

5) Wash your hands with soap for 10-20 seconds and/or use a greater than 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involves locations where other people have been.

6) Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances. AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.

7) If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more!"

~By James Robb, MD, FCAP



## Good News for the 9<sup>th</sup> and D Shelter:



On Sunday, February 23, fourteen members of the congregation took the time to attend a short meeting concerning cooking and serving at the 9th and D shelter.

The decision to drop this local outreach saddened some of our volunteers, so we took the opportunity to have another conversation. It was decided to continue our service to the shelter with some changes which should make things easier.

1. We will be using the same meal each time so quantities are known and we can shop when something is on sale because we know what is needed.
2. We will be cooking at the shelter so no more transporting food across town.
3. For March, April, and May we will be cooking on Thursday so choir singers can help if they wish.
4. The shelter will clean up pots and pans so no transporting and late night scrubbing!!

Right now you can help by volunteering to fill these slots. Contact the church office to volunteer.

1. Head cook
2. Cook's helper-3 per week
3. Substitute server if a member of Monique's crew can't make it.
4. Dessert maker when needed

In this effort we are literally feeding Christ's sheep and tending His lambs.

~Jolinda Reddy, for Witness



The Special Lecture scheduled for MARCH 18 featured in the last Chimes: "Divine Violence in the Christian Bible" with John Dominic Crossan has been CANCELLED.



**LENTEN THEME-Encouraging Empathy Services and Activities**

**Sunday April 5 Palm Sunday Worship Service 11am-noon Children's Processional w/ palms**

**Thurs. April 9 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Love Feast and Communion**

**Friday April 10 7:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service at College Avenue UCC Church**

**Sunday April 12 Easter Celebration  
9:15am - 10:15 Breakfast  
10:15am-10:45 Egg Hunt  
11:00am-noon Easter Worship Service  
Children's Flower Processional**

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT EVENT AT MJC WEST CAMPUS**

### **Richard Rothstein Lecture**

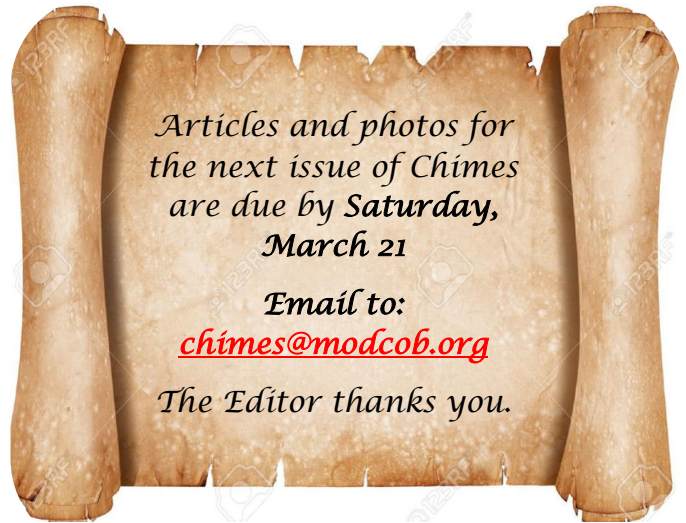
**Wednesday March 25, 7-9 pm  
in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building  
(West Campus)**

Richard Rothstein is a distinguished fellow at the Economic Policy Institute and a fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He resides in California, where he is a fellow of the Haas Institute at the University of California, Berkeley. His book *The Color of Law* was nominated for a National Book Award for best nonfiction book in 2017.

In *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, Richard Rothstein focuses on mid-twentieth century government policy that was used to enforce residential racial segregation. His research suggests that many inequities African Americans face today are the result of this history of injustice. According to Rothstein, "The core argument of [my] book is that African Americans were unconstitutionally denied the means and the right to integration in middle-class neighborhoods, and because this denial was state-sponsored, the nation is obligated to remedy it."

Following the lecture will be a Q & A session with Rothstein and a panel of invited guests: local activists Dave and Sharon Froba and the NAACP President of Stanislaus County, Wendy Byrd.

**THIS EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO  
STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC \***



Hey Prospectors! Please put this on your calendar.

#### After-Church Potluck

Sunday, March 22

At the home of Bill and Margaret Johnson,  
3504 Sagewood Ct. Modesto

Bring a dish to share.

Join us for some great food and conversation.



#### Sign Up for Workday!

The sign up board for the upcoming **All Church Work Day** on Saturday, March 28th is in the Narthex. Get your friends and family and sign up for your favorite project. Any questions call Bill Johnson. Home # 209 522-0746, cell # 209 985-0908



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, March 9**  
6:30 Board meeting

**Tuesday, March 10**  
11am Young at Heart exercise group

**Wednesday, March 11**  
12:30pm Caffeinated Church-  
Bagels N More (1532 Lakewood)  
6 pm Faith Bites  
7 pm Choir

**Thursday, March 12**  
11am Young at Heart exercise group  
11:30 Sr. Ministry trip-"Camelot"  
MEET AT THE STANDARD POUR  
IN SONORA

**Friday, March 13**

**Saturday, March 14**

**Sunday, March 15**  
9:30am Sunday School  
11am Worship  
12:15pm Council Meeting

March 17 St. Patrick's Day  
March 17 7am Men's group-Perkos  
March 18 1pm Caffeinated Church-  
Brighter Side, 1125 K St.  
March 19 First Day of Spring  
March 20 6pm FUN Night  
March 21 9am Men's Group  
March 22 Prospector Potluck-Johnson's  
March 25 1pm Caffeinated Church  
The Tipping Point-3401 Oakdale Rd.  
(Inside the new Save Mart)  
March 28 9am All Church Work Day



April 4 9am Men's group  
April 5 Palm Sunday  
April 7 7am Men's Group-Perkos  
April 9 6:30pm Maundy Thursday  
Love Feast and Communion  
April 12 Easter Sunday  
9:15am - 10:15 Breakfast  
10:15am-10:45 Egg Hunt  
11:00am-noon Easter Worship Service  
April 13 6:30 Board Meeting  
April 16 12pm Sr. Ministry event  
Mediterranean Odyssey  
April 17 6pm FUN night  
April 18 9am Men's group  
April 21 7am Men's group  
April 22 Earth Day