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

Reflection: John Lewis

Many of us remember being fortunate enough to have heard John Lewis speak in person at the yearly Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration several years ago.

John Lewis, one of the youngest to become part of the nonviolent civil rights movement, dedicated his life to promoting civil rights for all, and to opposing systemic racism. In that effort, he was beaten and arrested several times. In 1987, he was elected to Congress and continued working for equity until his death on July 17.

Here are some examples of John Lewis' wisdom:

"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something."

"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America."

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light...Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won."



Walking for Justice

Remember, beginning on
September 13 at 9:30 am we

will have a Sunday school class in which we take a closer look at our Church of the Brethren's history with a focus on how we have been complicit to racism.

The following week we will have a time for further conversation. At this point, we are planning on having this be a video series that you can watch at your convenience one week, and then have a conversation with Zoom the following week. (but we are watching the pandemic and will modify as needed)

September 13 - An uneasy awareness

September 20 - conversation

September 27 - Adjustment

October 4 - conversation

October 11 - $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$

October 18 - conversation

October 25 - Splitsville

November 1 - conversation

November 8 - Becoming mainline

November 15 - conversation

November 22 - Two worldviews

November 29 - conversation



August 2, Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21
"You Are Enough". Anna Hazen preaching

August 9 The Church Begins to Grow
Scripture: Acts 19:1-12

Pastor Andrew is on vacation until August 8,
so there is no Zoom Bible study next
Wednesday.



Keep in your prayers Al Forcier's
granddaughter Katie, who has COVID, and his
son-in-law Bill diagnosed with cancer.

Keep in your prayers Sandy Whitby's
nephew's mother recovering from COVID-
without going to the hospital. Sandy also had
the joy of having Ed's grandson with them for
the weekend.

Keep Michael Fletcher and family in your
prayers. He is at home after surgery, and is
now in hospice care. Send cards to:

Michael & Becky Fletcher
43100 Palm Royale Drive Apt. 1024
La Quinta, CA 92253

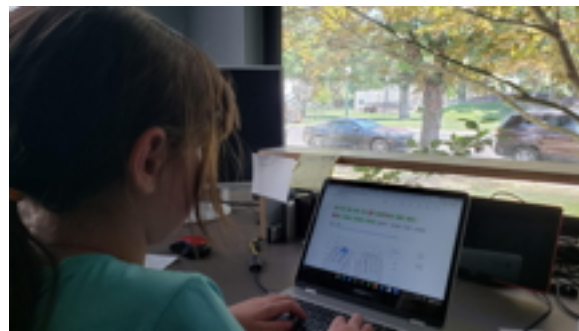
Evan Campbell asks for prayers for school
districts across the nation as they make
difficult decisions regarding the start of
school.

Carole G.'s grandson was hit by a truck
while riding his bike, but had only bruises and
scrapes-not as bad as it could have been.

Allison's first day working at MJC is
Monday. She asks for prayers for all those in
healthcare as we navigate this horrible virus.

Keep Luella and Larry in your prayers as
Luella is waiting for the results of a COVID
test.

Derek and Jenni's granddaughter Marley
cannot start 4th grade at Enslin for the
foreseeable future. Online starts in a couple
of weeks (which she will do in the mornings).
In the afternoons Derek has started this
week as her afternoon teacher. He is doing a
variety of subjects with her: Spanish
(including talking to Derek's Spanish teacher
in Guatemala once a week), touch typing ,
running (gradually increasing the distance
each week so she can run a 5k fun run in 6
months), music: including piano and recorder
(maybe guitar). It will be a challenge for this
student to put up with her new teacher. But
hopefully both will benefit from the
experience.



Invitation: If you have school age children or
grandchildren, let us know how they-and you-
are managing online school lessons with them,
and if you are doing any additional activities.

Outreach Opportunities

Please donate and help us to support these organizations in our community and around the world which work to meet direct human need, locally and globally, and challenge injustice that works against the reign of God.

The vision of **Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests** is, "The mission of BMC is to cultivate an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community."

The mission of BMC includes:

For our community we will:

- Visibly advocate for justice on behalf of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (lgbt) people.
- Reach out to lgbt persons and allies who share a connection with Mennonite and Church of the Brethren heritages.
- Provide opportunities for lgbt persons and allies to nurture relationships, celebrate community, and build networks of solidarity, empowerment, support and care.
- Provide intentional support and advocacy for lgbt youth and young adults.
- Connect people with lgbt-positive theological and spiritual resources.
- Acknowledge the limitations of our worldviews and commit to broadening our understanding and appreciation of human diversity.

For the church we will:

- Be a persistent voice for an open and inclusive church.
- Call congregations to be actively open and inclusive communities.
- Hold denominational leadership accountable to their denomination's vision of social justice, expecting fair play, honesty, integrity, risk and courage.
- Develop denominationally sensitive theological, biblical and spiritual resources.

For society we will:

- Participate in the broader social justice movement for lgbt people by building alliances with other denominational and secular organizations who share similar concerns.
- Responsibly advocate for religious practices and policies that support democratic visions and an inclusive society.
- Intentionally connect our experiences of injustice with other forms of social discrimination and commit ourselves to resist oppression in all its forms.

Borrowed from their website, <https://www.bmclgbt.org>



Camp Peaceful Pines is the Church of the Brethren camp that the Modesto congregation supports with volunteers and financially, serves as leadership both on the Board of Directors and for various camps, and encourages in its ministry by participating in the various camps and activities that are offered.

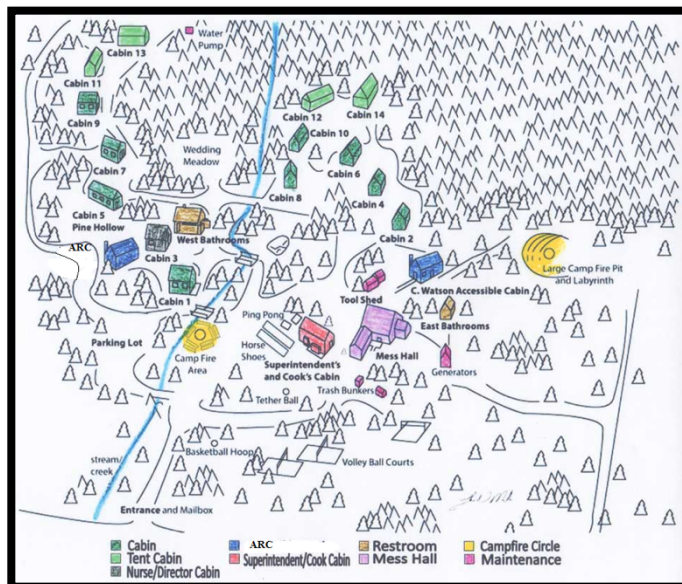
Camp Peaceful Pines stands as a symbol of Christian Ministry, continuing as an affiliated summer camping program of the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren for 64 years. What makes Camp Peaceful Pines a great place to go is the outdoor setting adjacent to the Carson Iceberg Wilderness and the experiences of faith through the various camps from Junior to Senior High, Family Camp, Discovery Camp, women's retreat .

Our program committee has filled the schedule with all ages and stages of camps with rock solid leadership!! We have camps to meet to the interests of all people who enjoy nature and the outdoors.

Camp Peaceful Pines supports a physical property including buildings, kitchen, power supply, water system, roofs, and many other items.

Camp Peaceful Pines expresses thanks to all who have faithfully contributed financially to the Camp during the past sixty years. To the churches that have put Camp Peaceful Pines as a line item in their church budgets thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!!

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Note: Alpine County did not allow any camps at Peaceful Pines this year. Watch the Chimes for further information regarding Peaceful Pines.