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Coming up.....

Important Church Council Meetings!

On Sunday, October 18, there will be a short council meeting at 11:45 (right after church) via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold: First, to amend the current constitution with regards to the quorum number required to hold a meeting. Second, to have the experience of a large Zoom meeting before the most important November council meeting, where we pass a budget, elect officers, and, this year, consider the rewrite of the church constitution to reflect changes we have made since the last version was adopted in 2011.

If you have already participated in a Zoom meeting, you are set! If you have not, please download the Zoom app to your smart phone, tablet, or computer ahead of time. **Now would be great!** (More info later in this Chimes)

If you will be connecting by a non-smart phone, you will be sent (or you can request from the church office) a phone number and security code to join the meeting.

The action item for the October 18 meeting:
The current constitution, Article V section E, reads:

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.

The proposed change: Article V section E reads:

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

Linda Hunter

Church Moderator

To download Zoom to your device:

Click the appropriate link to download Zoom on your device.

Windows & Mac : <http://zoom.us/download>
(download the Zoom Client for Meetings)

iOS:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/id546505307>

Android:<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings>

From Pastor Andrew: Learning to Use Zoom

For our Council Meetings this year we will be using Zoom to gather electronically. There have been quite a few questions about how to access Zoom. We will have two practice sessions - Wednesday, October 14 from 3-5pm and Saturday, October 17 from 6-8pm. If you have questions while you are practicing; please call Pastor Andrew (909-525-7550) for help.

An email will be sent on Wednesday and Saturday for the practice sessions, and on Saturday evening for the Council Meeting. Please check your spam or trash folder on your email if you do not see them in your inbox!

Detailed directions for how to be a part of each meeting will be sent via email shortly before the meeting .

Let's fill the zoom screen for our Council Meeting !



Worship Online!

October 4 – John 6: 22-35
Anna Hazen speaking-
“Bread of Life”
World Wide Communion
October 11 – Galatians 3:26-28

October 18 – Luke 1:46-55

October 25 – Revelation 7:9

Remember that World Wide Communion will be observed during worship this Sunday. We will partake of the bread and the cup. If you have not requested a packet of the communion elements, and you intend to participate in the Communion ritual, you will need to prepare bread and cup from your own pantry.



Some long-time members may remember Tony Tripp. On Wednesday Sept 29th, 2020, Tony died at age 75 of complications of Agent Orange. He was living in Nampa, ID. He leaves behind his wife, Noreen Tripp, son Justin and granddaughters Aubrey and Chloe, in Rancho Cordova, and Daughter Brie, in Modesto. Tony enjoyed his involvement with the Church of the Brethren when Justin and Brie were young.



At Sunday worship on September 27, Karen C. reflected that it was one year ago to the day that she lost her love and best friend, her husband John. She says it has been quite a year, but she knows John is in a better place, and she is beginning a new journey in a few weeks.

Allison asks for continued prayers for Candice who is seeking a diagnosis for medical concerns, and for her friend Kristen's sister, whose newborn was rushed to the hospital with circulatory issues.

Monique S. asks for prayers for her friend Agnes, who lost her Uncle Joe, her second loss in 6 days, all COVID related, a heartbreak for her.

Sandy's mother Barbara wants to remember her cousin Peggy in Tennessee, whose husband passed away after having Alzheimer's for several years.

Mimsie F. asks for prayers for her dear friend Dora's whose sister Gracie died of COVID last Sunday. Also, one of Mimsie's co-workers lost her dad of COVID a few weeks ago.

Mary P. asks for prayers for their nephew Graham and his family, as his lung cancer has spread and is inoperable..

Libby H. is asking for prayers for her sister, Laneya, who lives in Mesa, AZ. She is in the hospital with pneumonia, sepsis, Influenza A and a severe UTI. She was in poor health already.

Please keep in your prayers all those whose concerns are too deep for words.

October Birthdays

22 Jacob Johnson

24 Jim Boardman

25 Bonnie Munson

27 Eddie Hernandez

28 Taj Wolfe

29 Romy Mueller

More Milestones, Please!

There almost certainly are more Milestones amongst the congregation than have been sent to the Chimes lately! Please send your anniversaries, new babies, graduations, retirement, or any other changes in life that you are willing to share! And please, let me know if there are birthdays left out or misplaced in the birthday list.

You might also consider a change in address or email address a milestone!

Please note that Gerald Moore's email address in the new directory was incorrect.

Correct email: MooreGerald730@gmail.com

Please correct your directory.

