



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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

## Fall Council Meetings

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 action item for the October 18 meeting will be to change the quorum for conducting business, as printed below:

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.*

The second council meeting on Sunday, November 15, is the major council meeting of the year, where we pass a budget and elect officers for 2021. This year we will also consider the rewrite of the church constitution, to reflect changes we have made since the last version was adopted in 2011.

You may have received an email from the church office containing a copy of the proposed constitution with the current text and the proposed changes. These changes will be considered at the council meeting on November 15. A copy of the constitution will accompany this Chimes.

**Linda Hunter**  
Church Moderator

### 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 - Tuesday, October 10 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. (More information on the next page)

Emails will be sent on Wednesday, October 14 and Saturday, October 17 with instructions for logging onto Zoom for the practice sessions. Please check your spam or trash folder on your email if you do not see them in your inbox!

On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 AM there will be information sessions about the November Council Meeting.

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



October 11 – Galatians 3:26-28

October 18 – Luke 1:46-55

October 25 – Revelation 7:9



Joann Ewert asks for prayers for the Ewert family as her son-in-law, Chuck LaRosa, is having increased mobility problems and will be receiving a wheelchair as he deals with his disease.

Keep in your prayers Joseph Alcala and Brigette Franco on the death of their father, Rolando Alcala. (Bob Sesser's brother-in-law and niece and nephew)

Keep Cal A. in your prayers as he travels to Pennsylvania.

Rejoice that the solar panels are clean!

Elaine and Al F. have a new dog, Charlie.

Pray for the firefighters and those affected by fire and smoke.

Elaine F. gives gratitude for Karen C.'s years of service and love to our faith community.

Keep all in your prayers those who cannot voice what is too deep for words.

# Cash Receipts 2020

January \$18,172.65  
February \$16,342.00  
March: \$8,027.66  
April: \$16,061.00  
May: \$22,900.00  
June: \$15,286.00  
July: \$36,781.48  
August: \$19,121.00  
September: \$24,721.25  
Total \$200,313.04\*

\*This total reflects 65.5% of our budget total with 75% of the year elapsed. Also, more than half of the Witness outreach budget has already been paid!



## October Birthdays

19 Lynda Sesser  
22 Jacob Johnson  
24 Jim Boardman  
25 Bonnie Munson  
26 Bob Sesser  
27 Eddie Hernandez  
28 Taj Wolfe  
29 Romy Mueller



Jeannie and Harold Dean Canter rejoice at the graduation of their granddaughter Josee Beauchamp from Keene State College in New Hampshire. She now lives in Fairbanks, Alaska.



## A COVID Song By Joann Ewert

I was minding my own business  
When along came coronavirus  
Interrupting my re-tir-ed life.  
Couldn't visit, no more shopping,  
Couldn't see my sis and brothers  
In the beautiful Sunflower State.  
And it made me so mad!  
I will really be glad  
when I once more can go as I please.  
I will visit, I'll go shopping.  
I will see my sis and brothers  
In the beautiful Sunflower State.  
(Anybody want to go to Kansas with me?)  
(To be sung to the tune of Tennessee Waltz;  
Click on link below to hear the tune!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt7JTPrge5Y>

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini Work Day

On Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> we were able to get in a mini work day where we addressed some solar panels that were covered in grit as well as addressing our rain gutters that were filled with dirt and leaves from last winter. We are now ready for rain. Thanks again to the hearty crew that came out. I owe them all a cream filled maple bar :-)

Bill



### 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.

