



The Chimes

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

Fall Council Meetings



Zoom!

If you missed the family reunion (council meeting) last Sunday, you will have another chance. Our regular Council meeting for calling church officers and adopting a budget will be November 15, via Zoom. We will also be looking to adopt a new/amended constitution. With more business items to address, it will be a longer meeting, so there will be a lunch break after church, before we start the meeting. Sorry, Sue is not cooking. There will be two opportunities the week before council to meet (via Zoom) to ask questions and discuss concerns. Those meetings will be on Tuesday and Saturday. It truly was wonderful to see everybody in the meeting Sunday. I hope to see all of you again in November! Stay safe and wear those masks.

Linda Hunter, Church Moderator



Hurray for the October 18th Zoom Council meeting, and hurray for all whose faces and/or names are in these screen shots. And thanks to Pastor Andrew for recording all who were able to join on Zoom for all of us to be able to see each other, perhaps for the first time since the month of March! And we had a quorum!



Worship Scriptures

October 25 -Revelation 7:9
 November 11 Timothy 4:12
 November 8 Amos 5:18-24
 November 15 Matthew 25:14-30
 November 22 Ezekiel 34:10-16, 20-24



Sandy and Ed are happy that they can start roaming the island of Kauai after a 14-day quarantine. First stop-Turtle Bay!

Sheri S. wishes Eli S. a Happy Birthday!

Johnathan G.'s mother was hospitalized with COVID, but she has been released this week.

Jeannie C. has a joy that this is the first time connecting to worship online. She says a big Thank You to Pastor Andrew and others for the faithful ministry and our spiritual growth during this difficult time of COVID.

From Eddie and Gayle: Dear Modesto Church of the Brethren faith community: It is with very mixed feelings and emotions that we announce that we will be officially leaving. Our home is in escrow and we will be moving to Idaho. We will be actually leaving on 11/16/2020. We have had a great time serving our Lord and His church with you.

The joys, challenges and blessings we have shared with you will be forever in our hearts. Once we get located in Idaho, we will send our address and we will look forward to having many of you come to visit us.

Peace and Blessings

From Trish Galt: I think it might be good to put my brother Merritt's address in the Chimes so if folks would like to send him a note or a card they could. It is:

Merritt Hulst
 167 NYS Route 74
 Schroon Lake, NY 12870

I am sure he would love to hear from friends at the Church and Camp Peaceful Pines.

All of us hold within our hearts both joys and sorrows, some which we share aloud and some which we hold silently in our hearts. Keep all of these in your prayers.



October Birthdays	November Birthdays
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| 10 Jim Feeney | 1 Pat Royer |
| 18 Eli Sampson | 5 Sue Hay |
| 22 Jacob Johnson | 8 Evan Campbell |
| 24 Jim Boardman | 10 Doug Harty |
| 25 Bonnie Munson | 11 Karleen Daniels |
| 27 Eddie Hernandez | 21 Eldon Williams |
| 28 Taj Wolfe | 24 Emily & Sarah Hazen |
| 29 Romy Mueller | 25 Matt Hazen |
| | 28 Cal Aukeman |
| | 29 Pat Easley |
| | 29 John and TJ Miller |
| | 29 Maya Wolfe |





UPCOMING F.U.N. EVENT
Friday, October 30th

We will be holding a virtual Halloween party on Zoom as a Family Unity Night activity. Wear your costumes and bring a pumpkin to carve and join us at 6:15 to play games and show off costumes and pumpkins. You will receive a Zoom link in your email that week. We will also be dropping off treat bags to your children after the 28th.

Have you been working on your family manifesto poster project? If so we will give each family that received materials from us, an opportunity to show off their creative work before we start the festivities on the 30th. I know the world day of peace was September 21st. As one of my Christmas cards once said, peace is not a season; it's a way of life. We can certainly try to shape peace together in our community and family, every day.

Also on Sunday, **November 1st** we will be having a special children's service with Sunday school songs, and one of our youth members will be reading the scripture that day. We will acknowledge each family with children by name throughout the service. We would also like to make a collage of our families with children, using our church directory, chalk art pictures from last spring, and camp pictures from last year, to display as the opening picture for the service.

If you don't want your family pictures displayed please email Pastor Andrew at Andrew@modcob.org to let him know not to use your pictures.

Hope you will tune in to our Modesto Church of the Brethren Facebook page and join us for service that day.

Patiently waiting for the day we can see you all in church again,
The Christian Education Commission



The 24th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday, November 22
5 PM

This year, at this time of physical distancing, you are invited to join us on-line for the screening of a brand new locally produced video featuring many people in our local area giving thanks within different faiths and ethnic groups

To be included in the video, members of our congregation will have to create a short video. Video instructions and tips are below:

We need submissions of your short videos (30 - 90 seconds long) by October 31st so they can be edited into an hour long film. Videos should ideally be filmed in one's community or professional setting. Below is a short list of pointers to guide you on your video production:

- Have good lighting; avoid "backlighting" the person.
- If using a cellphone, orient the cell phone in "landscape" rather than "portrait" orientation. That is because every computer screen is set in landscape, usually widescreen (Continued on next page)

Orienting in Landscape also presents opportunities to have a vase, or wall hanging, etc. that can interest the viewer's eyes in addition to the "talking head."

- Speakers should speak forcefully. Whispers don't come through.
- Keep the camera steady.
- Avoid background noise.
- This one is hard to express quickly. When filming, start the camera rolling for a second, then the person starts to speak. When they are done, turn off the recording about a second after they stop. Those extra seconds give the editor some frames to work with, so no sound is cut off in editing.

While we probably agree that these current times are tough, we still have so much to be grateful for. We thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us make our vision of this film and celebration a reality.

Please send a 60 - 90 second video clip to:

Richard Anderson <andersonr@yosemite.edu>

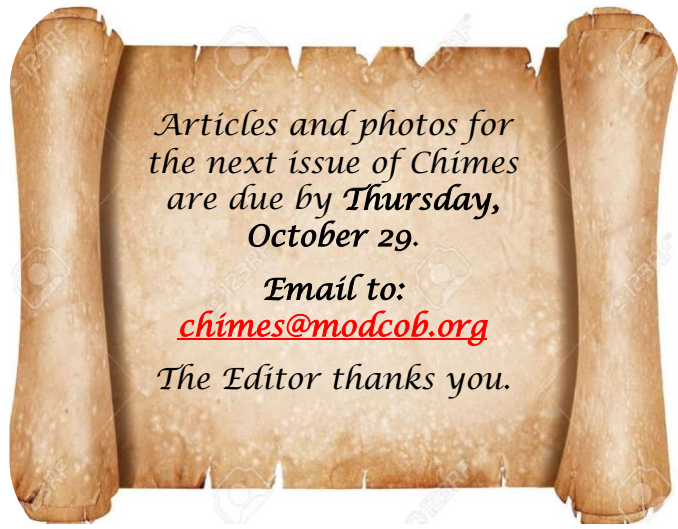
Videos need to be received by October 31



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.



Modesto Church of the Brethren Special Council Meeting (online)

October 18, 2020

Call to Order: Linda Hunter, Moderator

Business: Action item presented by Linda Hunter in the absence of Board Chair

Action item: To change the existing language of the church constitution concerning a quorum

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.

Comments/questions:

Question asked by Pat Royer: Why does the original wording say "...whichever is higher...", while the proposed wording says, "...whichever is lower..."?

Response from Linda Hunter: Our current membership is approximately 200. At 20%, 40 people would be higher than the minimum of 35 required for a quorum.

Call for the Question: Felton Daniels

Vote by show of hands: Proposal passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am. However, it is worth noting that this congregational meeting via Zoom was the first time many of the members had seen each other's faces since the Covid pandemic closed churches in March, 2020. People were reluctant to leave the meeting as they rejoiced in being together, again!

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boardman, church clerk