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

From the Pastor's Desk

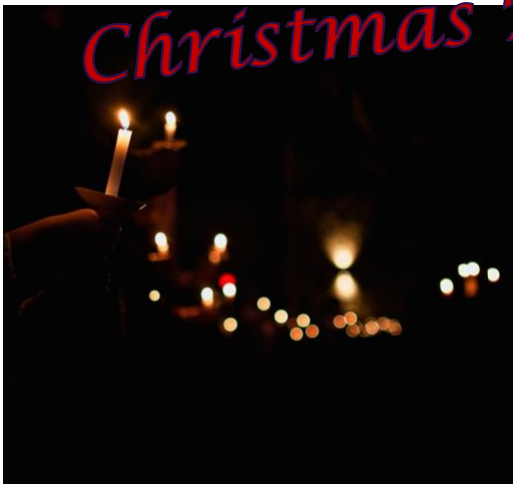
Communal Connection



Recognizing how enjoyable and appreciated it was to see one another in the Zoom meetings; the worship coordinators would like to invite everyone to meet after worship on Sunday, December 6 at 11:45. After a brief welcome, several rooms will be created around that time and 3-4 people will be randomly assigned to each room. People can come and go as they please as the Zoom will be open indefinitely. You can also bring something to eat and/or drink if you so desire. We will host a monthly, “Communal Connection” on the first Sunday of each month! Zoom information will be sent on the Thursday before the call. If you cannot find the information, please check your junk folder and if you still cannot find the link please email or call Pastor Andrew (but not on Sunday, please). And this is a private call so please do not share the codes on social media!

Christmas Eve Service

This year you can enjoy and participate in the Christmas Eve service from the comfort of your own home! The service is December 24 at 7:30pm and will include hymn singing, instrumental music, and candle lighting. If you would like to sing and/or play for the service please contact one of the worship coordinators – Kim Boardman, Kelly or Shaun Gepley, Mary Pieczarka, or Stephen Reddy. More information to come in upcoming *Chimes*, Facebook and Instagram!





Please join us for worship on the Modesto Church of the Brethren Facebook page at 11 AM each Sunday.



Merritt Hulst, brother of Trish Galt, passed away a week ago Friday at his family's historical home in New York. He was a former pastor of Waterford Church of the Brethren and was involved with Camp Peaceful Pines and agricultural research with his brother before he moved in 2008 back to New York.

Margaret J. is relieved that her son Patrick is recovering from COVID but is concerned that two more at his group home now have COVID, and one is hospitalized.

Luella C. is concerned that her daughter Kate's family all have symptoms of COVID and both children have been tested positive.

Monique S. asks for prayer for her son Alex who is very sick with flu symptoms and is waiting for a COVID test result.

Friends,
Are you looking for something to do? Need a puzzle or two? Maybe you would like to swap a few. Whatever, we have many puzzles that need a new home! Please call us.....we can bring them to you and you can have your pick (from the trunk of our car) or come on over and view the selections on our front porch!
Eldon and Linda Williams
524-2724, or 499-5010



December Birthdays

- 6 Marquis Thomas
- 8 Harley Edwards
- 15 Mark Wolfe
- 18 Sandy Lawrence
- 19 Jim Martinez
- 24 Tobias Gilstrap-Katen



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Hello everyone,

Due to the recent LA County Safer-at-Home order, we have cancelled our wedding ceremony on December 12th. Cassidy and I will still be getting married that day, but will not be projecting a ceremony via Zoom.

We apologize for this change and we appreciate all of your support. We will be keeping our website active if you are interested in visiting.

[Kyle and Cassidy's The Knot page](#)

Again, thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,
Kyle and Cassidy

RITA'S 90TH



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.

SERRV

Call and arrange for your personal shopping experience.

Jim and I are available to let you into the SERRV shop at your convenience between now and December 15th. Just call us at 523-0449 and we can set up a time. ~Marye Martinez

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REMINDER!



John McCutcheon's Virtual Left Coast Tour
Part 1 Saturday, January 9, 2021 4 PM PST

From John McCutcheon:

"Every January for over thirty years I've been touring in California. It's a family reunion, a gathering of the tribe, a post-holiday celebration, an annual check-in...and a restorative joy for me. I couldn't imagine missing this year. Especially this year. I've been writing up a storm, so there'll be loads of new songs and stories, plus plenty of old favorites. So please, buy your ticket(s) since a portion of every ticket sold will help to support the people and organizations that have brought us together so often...(THE PEACE/LIFE CENTER)...that way some of the bounty will remain in your community. It's some of the best kind of recycling."

General Admission: \$20

Family/Household: \$30

Student Pricing: \$10

Unemployed/Laid Off Pricing: \$5

Go to

<https://boxoffice.mandolin.com/collections/john-mccutcheon/products/john-mccutcheons-virtual-left-coast-tour-part-1-19>

*Articles and photos for
the next issue of Chimes
are due by SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 6*

Email to:

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The Editor thanks you.