



The Chimes

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The Hill We Climb (excerpt)

We close the divide because we know, to put
our future first,
we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true,
that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped,
that even as we tired, we tried,
that we'll forever be tied together,
victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat,
but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine
and fig tree

and no one shall make them afraid.

If we're to live up to our own time,
then victory won't lie in the blade.

But in all the bridges we've made,
that is the promise to glade,
the hill we climb.

If only we dare.

**By Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet
Laureate**

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



Allison asks for prayers for her friends,
Candice and Brandy.

Allison and Andrew are celebrating their
anniversary, the children's Fun Night, and
that their family members feel better.

Dave and Linda O. ask for prayers for
Dave's brother Larry, who is hospitalized with
COVID; and for his sister-in-law Michelle,
who is in hospice care in the late stage of
dementia.

Information from the Modesto Bee

Habibah H. is requesting prayers for the safety of their home. Sunday evening the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office issued an evacuation warning for the Harvey's area due to the "forecasted weather and potential life-threatening debris flow." Rich and Habibah have booked rooms in Palo Alto .

Evan C. is joyful that his mother was able to get her COVID-19 vaccination.

Monique S. has the joy of celebrating her "little" sister's 50th birthday. She is also joyful that her parents received their vaccinations.

Sandy W. rejoices that her mother Barbara S. received her first COVID vaccination, and that she took Mary B. to get her first COVID vaccination.

Fran A. was glad to get her first COVID vaccination last Thursday.

Bonnie M. offers prayers for our nation's new administration and prays that their words of inclusion and hope will come to pass.

Ginny H. is rehabilitating at English Oaks from a fall.



Late January Birthdays

Peggy Hoover - 26

Linda Hunter-28

February Birthdays

Gary Lawrence-7

Joshua Gilstrap-Katen-9

Zachary Roy-23

If your birthday should have been in this list, please let me know! I will put it in the next Chimes, even if it is belated!

What: **Love Our Neighbors Senior Food Program**

When: Through March 30

Where: Zoom

Info: Love Our Neighbors, a program of Love Stanislaus County, has received a grant from SCAN Health to provide senior citizens in Stanislaus County free food from local food pantries each week. Stanislaus County senior citizens 55 years and older can sign up by calling 211 (1-877-211-7826) or visit www.stanislauscounty211.org.

This grant will allow members of the senior citizen community to receive additional support without having to leave their homes, as Love Our Neighbors community volunteers will deliver the food pantry groceries at no cost. COVID-19 guidelines will be adhered to with no contact upon delivery. This program is a pilot program that is expected to run through March 30.

What: **Healthy Aging Association Walking Maps**

When: On your own

Where: Modesto and Patterson

Info: Healthy Aging Association encourages seniors to walk safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. S.T.E.P.S Safe Walking Routes for Modesto and Patterson complete with map and walking tips are available. Call 209-525-4670 and the association will mail you the map of your choice. Spanish-translated trifold maps are also available.



It is time to start or renew your *MESSENGER* magazine subscription. This is our denominational magazine and resource for keeping us informed of happenings in the denomination.

Your subscription expiration date is on your mailing label just above your name. If it is 03/2021 you will need to renew, or you can phone Jill (in the church office, 523-1438) or Romy (526-5999) to get that info.

Due to our current lock down situation, you will need to send your payment to the church office by **FEBRUARY 7, 2021**. Jill will have a list of those needing to renew. Make your check out to Modesto Church of the Brethren and in the memo line write Messenger renewal.

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Thank you for understanding and may we all stay well.

~Romy Mueller, MESSENGER Representative



Take-Out Dinner

We know you have been missing the regular Wednesday night meals at the church, and we have missed seeing you.

So, here is an opportunity to enjoy a good dinner and see just a couple of your friends from church.

What? Take-Out Dinner

When? Wednesday night, February 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Where? The covered porch at the back of the church. (Wear your mask and stay in your car.)

MENU

Baked chicken

Roasted red potatoes

Coleslaw

Roll

Valentines cookie. Yummy!

We are excited to start spreading some cheer by providing a meal for the church body. **Don't forget to make your reservation by Sunday, February 7!** All you have to do to reserve a dinner is to call the church office at: 209 523-1438 or call or text Peggy Hoover at: 209 815-3095. (Please specify any dietary needs you may have.)

Let us know how many dinners to reserve and they will be waiting for you at the back door in a transportable container.





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.

