



The Chimes

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

Reflection:

Wisdom From Bayard Rustin



Bayard Rustin (March 17, 1912 - August 24, 1987) was instrumental with Martin Luther King Jr. in leading the Civil Rights movement. Below is some of his wisdom:

"We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers."

"My activism did not spring from being black...The racial injustice that was present in this country during my youth was a challenge to my belief in the oneness of the human family."

"Surely, I must at all times attempt to obey the law of the state... But when the will of God and the will of the state conflict, I am compelled to follow the will of God."

"If we desire a society of peace, then we cannot achieve such a society through violence."



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



Allison S. asks for continued prayers for her friend Candice's family and Brandy's family

Johnathan G. is joyful that his grandfather is recovering from COVID and is healing from his recent fall.

Marye M. gives thanks for your prayers

David and Linda O. received word that David's sister-in-law Michelle passed away Sunday morning, surrounded by her family, including her husband Larry, who had come home from the hospital on Friday. They ask for prayers for all of the family.

Carole G. asks for prayer for her daughter Dianne who has hives due to a health issue. She asks God to give Dianne relief.

Sandy W. and her mother, Barbara S. are thankful for the many puzzles that Mary B. shared with them that help keep their minds going.

Ginny H. is at English Oaks, and has been diagnosed with COVID.



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

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.)

Price? \$5 per meal/\$12 per family (donation)



February Birthdays

Gary Lawrence-7

Joshua Gilstrap-Katen-9

Zachary Roy-23

Linda Owen-27



MENU

Baked chicken

Roasted red potatoes

Coleslaw

Roll

Valentine 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!** **As you can see, the deadline has passed!** You might call or text Peggy Hoover at 209 815-3095 and see if there are any extra dinners!



Lent

"Bless This Mess"

Lent is a 6-week journey of transformation...and this process can be messy. You will soon receive a Lenten packet in the mail to help you and your family to "bless this mess" along the ups and downs of these uncertain times.

Inside you will find some illustrated cards with explanations for simple, engaging activities to use along the 40-day journey. From caring for God's creation to advocating for racial justice and equality, the Lenten calendar's themes and activities are both accessible and challenging. May these opportunities for reflection and concrete action be helpful as you anticipate the promise of renewal and new life that Easter brings. --The Worship & Spiritual Life Commission

*Articles and photos for
the next issue of Chimes
are due by Sunday,
February 14*

*Email to:
chimes@modcob.org
The Editor thanks you.*

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.

