



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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



Dear Friends,

I gathered with Kim, Bill, Marye, Linda Hunter, Allison, and Jim Costello to further discuss the who, what, when, where, and how of the Covid pandemic. We recognize that the past year has been trying, but we feel that we have become a closer and innovative community. We also feel the deep desire to be together being tempered only by the concern over the health and well-being of each person.

We will continue to monitor the situation for improvements; however, we do not believe we will be able to resume normal in-person worship until the end of the summer. Therefore, we recommend that we continue with virtual worship and refrain from large group gatherings until Stanislaus County has reached the red tier.

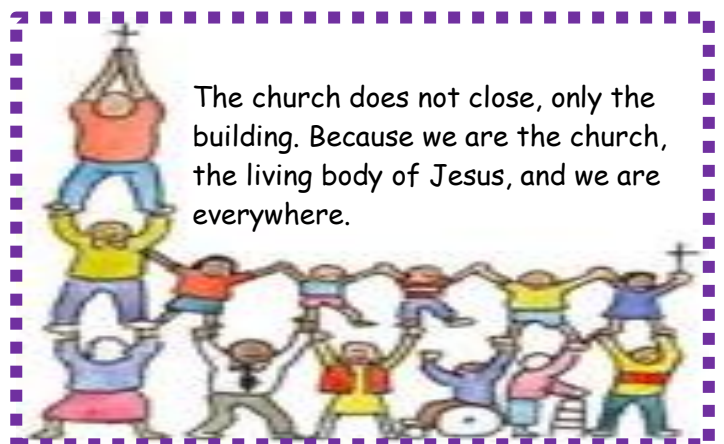
To find what tier the county is in please visit:

- <https://www.modbee.com/news/coronavirus/>
- <http://www.schsa.org/coronavirus/stats/>
- Call the church office
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\*The church office will also send an email notification and announce the change of tier on Facebook and/or Instagram

Once we have reached the red tier then outdoor gatherings and worship services may resume provided that members follow the following guidelines:

1. Call the church office to reserve their meeting location and resolve any potential scheduling conflicts.
2. Maintain a 6' minimum distance between persons outside of their household.
3. Each person wears a mask even if they have received the vaccine unless eating or drinking.
4. Not share food and/or drink with persons outside of their household.
5. Refrain from singing, hugging, and other activities which significantly increase the risk of spread of Covid-19.





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

Visit  
[www.facebook.com/modcob](http://www.facebook.com/modcob)  
on Sundays at 11:00 PST for  
worship! No account required!



James Singh passed away last Wednesday night. Please keep the Singh family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Jeff Glass in your prayers. He will need a heart valve replacement. You can reach him at [konajeff@gmail.com](mailto:konajeff@gmail.com)

Continue to keep Ginny Hollis in your prayers as she recuperates at English Oaks.

Kim Boardman asks for prayers for her friend Laura having shoulder surgery this Thursday.

Thanks for the team of church members who participated in the Future Church Summit last Friday and Saturday. There is much for us as a congregation to prayerfully consider as we move as the body of Christ.

Monique Sanders is in Southern California getting together in memory of Michael Hurtado.

Evan Campbell is glad that his mother has received her second COVID vaccination.

Pastor Andrew asks for prayers for family members in Texas.

Keep in your prayers all those whose concerns are too deep for words.



### February Birthdays

Bob Bordona - 7

Gary Lawrence-7

Joshua Gilstrap-Katen-9

Ginny Hollis -10

Pastor Andrew Sampson - 18

Zachary Roy-23

Linda Owen-27





## March Take-Out Dinner

Dearest Church Family...

We had such fun on Valentine's Day with the first COB Take-out Dinner that we want to try it again. This time it will take place on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. We are planning a yummy ham and scalloped potato dinner to celebrate the festivities.

You can provide your own green beverage!

So, you can start calling or texting your reservations to the church or to Peggy @ 209-815-3095. Let us know how many dinners to reserve.

\$5.00 donation/dinner or \$12.00 max for a family.

Dinners will be ready for pick-up after 5:30 pm at the back covered patio. Hope to see you all there!

Peggy, Fellowship & Recreation Commission.



## Giving 2021 Cash Receipts 2021

January \$15,322.00

Total \$15,322.00\*

**\* This giving reflects 5.2% of our 2021 budget**



### 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.



*Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Sunday, February 28. Email to: [chimes@modcob.org](mailto:chimes@modcob.org)  
The Editor thanks you.*



Annual Conference  
Church of the Brethren



## Online worship gathering' Venturing Forth Boldly as a Faith Family" - Feb. 27

Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. (Eastern time).

Go to [www.brethren.org/ac/online-worship-2021](http://www.brethren.org/ac/online-worship-2021) to watch!

A bulletin will be available to view or download.

### Editor's Note:

This week I received publicity for the two events described on this page. I wasn't able to include all of each poster, but the information for joining each event is included. Unfortunately, the events are taking place the same day, at nearly the same time. Both are online events. Click on the indicated sentences in each description to join the event.



## 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration

7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27th

### [Join the Zoom Webinar Event](#)

The MLK Commemoration has a long history. For the past 27 years some amazing civil rights speakers have been on Modesto's stage. Every year, these speakers regaled the audience with wisdom, history, modern application, and as always, a bit of humor. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a very special program will be presented like no other in the history of this event.

Judge Ruben Villalobos will return as the host and will help look back on some of the inspirational speakers that Modesto has had the privilege of meeting and hearing on the Modesto Junior College auditorium stage. Some of them, sadly, are no longer with us. There will be clips of Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., "Good Trouble" Congressman John Lewis and beloved Maya Angelou who spoke to a standing room only audience in the MJC gymnasium in 2001. There will also be many other clips of past speakers.