



The Chimes

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FRESH EXPRESSIONS



The Future Church Summit in February

On February 19th & 20th eleven members of our MCOB and 5 other churches from the PSWD, attended a virtual church summit presented by Fresh Expressions, freshexpressionsus.org. Here is a summary of some of what we took away from those two days:

We need to be mindful of our church's core values, realize that we can hold onto those values and adapt to our current times and address the need of our wider community. Our culture is finally catching up to the idea of social justice through peace. We are a progressive church and the progressive movement is taking hold.

We were challenged to break down the walls of the church building and bring the church into our neighborhood and community. How do we meet the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of our neighborhood?

How do we create a thriving mission in a polarized, post pandemic and hyper connected world? The church needs to leave the building and revitalize our congregations from the outside in, by making our welcome statement a reality, and nurturing our people's passions

to connect with the needs of our community, and by realizing the internet is the new front door to our church.

Our church is a family built on relationships and the history and stories of our church we hold dear; stories and relationships that have affected our lives.

Before we do anything, we must focus on our belief in Christ and allow that belief to motivate our thinking and actions. To go out into the world in the spirit of loving service, while keeping Jesus at the center of our lives, the world will be richer for it.

We have much to offer with already existing programs. How can we expand those programs to reach out into our community?

We will continue this discussion with our church membership and a coach offered to us by Fresh Expressions. We are open to questions and comments.

Participants: Ann Marie Washington, Kim Boardman, Karleen & Felton Daniels, Jonathan Goodrich, Bill Johnson, Elaine Forcier, Andrew Sampson, Linda Hunter, Jim & Marye Martinez.





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

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



Pat Wiley
February 12, 2020

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Author Unknown

The editor apologizes for the lateness of this remembrance.

Carole Greathouse asks for prayers for her brother, Jeff Glass, who is in a hospital in Bogota, Colombia, awaiting heart surgery.

Keep James Singh's family in your prayers as they have his service March 8 at Lakewood. Service is at noon.

Colton James was born to Justine, giving Marye and Jim Martinez their 12th grandchild.

Allison asks for prayers for her friend Cheryl Bennett and family during the mourning period, She asks for prayers for her friend Candice and her mom, and Brandy during hospice

Maren McCourt asks for prayers for Ben Garst who has suffered the loss of his dear wife, Starla.

Ginny Hollis is now at Casa de Modesto in room 917C. While she cannot have visitors at this time (due to CA state COVID restrictions) she is able to accept phone calls, Facetime calls and Messenger calls on her cell phone (209) 604-6087. She can also receive texts, but is not able to respond to texts or Facebook messages at this time. She can have visitors outside her window at Casa de Modesto, but visitors need to contact Casa de Modesto activities to schedule an appointment before visiting.



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.



Save the date for the 1st Work Day of 2021 which is scheduled for April 17th from 8am until noon. We will have some coffee and maybe some good donuts but not much else in the way of food. This will be another slimmed down Work Day where we will focus on exterior outside areas only such as solar panel cleaning, gutter cleaning, and maybe some exterior window washing (especially the office windows). Once your task is completed you are free to go home (no noon lunch this time).

If you wish to work on the April 17th Work Day just call Bill Johnson at 209 522-0746 or email Bill at willima0746@icloud.com. Let Bill know which area that you wish to work (solar panel cleaning, washing windows or gutter cleaning). For gutter cleaning you should be under 60, have power blower and OK with working from the roof.

We are looking forward to getting together, even in a small way, on April 17th.



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.



March Birthdays

Alex Sanders-10

Linda Williams-11

Karen Seip - 13

Matt Roy-17

Kim Boardman-21

Mary Baucher - 21

Rachel Gilstrap-Katen-24

Please let me know if any March birthdays have been missed!

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

*Email to:
chimes@modcob.org*

The Editor thanks you.