



The Chimes

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Dear Friends,

On Thursday, March 25 several members of the Church Board, healthcare professionals from the congregation, and Pastor Andrew met on Zoom as Stanislaus County officially moved into the red tier two days before. We had made the commitment to revisit the conversation about worship and church activities when this goal was accomplished. The overriding concern is the safety, health, and well-being of the congregation.

Therefore, we would like to extend an invitation to all who wish to participate in an Easter morning prayer time at 9:30 AM near the courtyard. The Easter morning prayer will be approximately thirty minutes long to ensure that people can return to their homes and login into the Easter worship service on Facebook. We ask that those coming to abide by several guidelines regardless of whether or not you have received the vaccine.

- 1) RSVP to the church office.
- 2) Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
- 3) Maintain a 6' distance from those who do not live at your home address.
- 4) Refrain from hugging, kissing, and other physical contact with those who do not live at your home address.
- 5) Bring a chair, blanket, etc. to sit on during Easter morning prayer.

Our worship will remain virtual on Facebook and YouTube as we continue to monitor the infection rate and more people receive the vaccine. Thank you for continuing to be flexible and patient as we continue to navigate this unknown territory.



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





Margaret and Bill Johnson are grieving the loss of Ava, their 18 year old granddaughter, who had battled brain cancer for two years.

Allison Sampson continues praying for her friends Candie and Shelley.

Monique Sanders asks for prayers for Marquis and his brother as they are flying back from Maryland.

Evan Campbell asks for prayers for a healthy and productive final quarter of the school year in all school districts.

A message from Ginny Hollis: "Thank you to everyone who has sent prayers and well-wishes. I have been having difficulty reading, so my daughter has been reading all your posts to me and they are all very appreciated.

😊 All the changes in my life recently have been challenging, but the support of my family and friends makes each day a little easier! If anyone would like to call and read to me I would really appreciate your time. I miss being able to read."

Steve and Sara and their son John Miller have a joy! This spring John is completing his Master's Degree in Fine Arts.

Always keep in your prayers those whose concerns are too deep for words.

Love Feast Meal Reminder



This a reminder from your Deacons that we are preparing a meal as part of Love Feast. The meal consists of vegetable soup with beef broth or a vegetarian version, a roll, fruit, cookie and Communion bread and cup for each person in your house as well as a prayer from Pastor Andrew. Please call or email the church office with your order by Tuesday noon. Give us the number of meals needed and whether vegetarian or beef broth vegetable soup.

The meals can be picked up Wednesday March 31st or Thursday, April 1st from 8:00-noon each day. Delivery is available by calling (209) 523-0449. The meal is available whether or not you choose to participate in the worship service.

For those who wish to view the PSWD Maundy Thursday Service by You Tube, the link is provided below:

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_9v4N-GBE6UCUENoAylf_g

To register for the Zoom service and receive the Zoom link by email use this link: <https://bit.ly/3pnl5UI>

Take Out Dinner

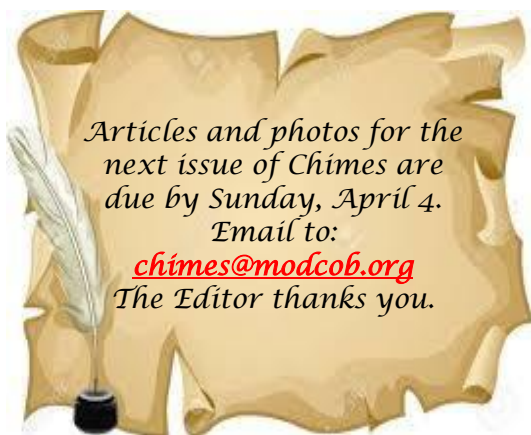


Well, it looks like we had a very successful Take-Out dinner last week with people getting into the habit of seeing a few folks while picking up a good meal. Glad so many of you are taking advantage of this chance to get out.

We are looking at April 21st for the next Take-Out event, so put it on your calendar and take a break from cooking.

Hope to see many of you there...

Peggy
Fellowship & Rec



Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Sunday, April 4.

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.



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