



The Chimes

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



Only the front doors will open at 10:45. Please stop to have your temperature checked and sanitize your hands. Don't worry, you won't miss worship!



May 2, 2021 was a milestone for the congregation of Modesto Church of the Brethren! This day marked the first Sunday of in-person worship in our sanctuary since March 8, 2020.

"Worship in our sanctuary for the first time after having no worship together for the last 50 weeks was a joyful time. There was a deep feeling of love and rejoicing as we had not seen some of our faith family for over a year.

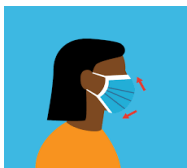
Even though we all wore face masks and didn't touch each other, we could still talk and share our happy feelings." ~Mary Baucher

Future worship services will follow the rules given us in the Chimes last week:



Use "hellos," bows, and other non-touch greetings

Keep a 6' distance from those not living at your address



Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose



We will not be having a coffee or snack time before or after the worship service.

In accordance with health guidelines, capacity for worship will be 75 (25% of the capacity)



Get the vaccine as soon as you can!



Sunday worship continues to be live-streamed at 11 AM via the Modesto Church of the Brethren Facebook account in addition to in-person worship. See the next box for instructions.

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



Norman Johnson is grateful for all the love, prayers, and support he has received from the congregation this week and from the pastor. He's grateful for each day of life.

Elaine and Al Forcier have a joy: Al had good results from his PET scans indicating he is cancer free.

Sandra, the owner of Trinity House, where Tammy Firch is a resident, appreciates all that the church family has done to be supportive during their lockdown.

Prayers for Sue Messamer, recovering from a back procedure and looking forward to being more able bodied.

There were several anonymous expressions of joy at being at worship together:

"JOY. JOY. JOY
for worshipping together!"

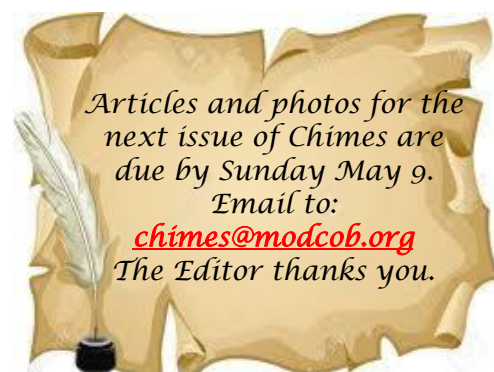
"I am very thankful for love that is really in this room—and lots of it!"

"I have been painting and found that it gives me great joy. What a gift from God!"

Pastor Andrew: "We light a candle for those members of our community who have journeyed from this life to the next. We also light a candle for the joys and concerns that have not been shared here today but that are known to God."



The members of the Board have decided that the May Board Meeting has been cancelled. The few items that need to be considered will be dealt with via email. The Board will meet again on Monday, June 14 at 6:30 via Zoom.





Fellowship and Rec will have boxed dinners available on May 12 at the rear patio. You may bring a lawn chair, blanket, or something to sit on and join us outside the Gathering Place with your meal(s) or you can take your meal(s) home. Please wear a mask when you are not eating. Cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Contact the church, 209-523-1538 or Peggy at 209-815-3095 to RSVP by 5/9.

Last week, Casa de Modesto held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for the new Independent Living Apartments on the corner of Norwegian Avenue and Eldena Way. In the ceremony, the Executive Director, Curt Willems, acknowledged that Casa de Modesto was originated in 1965 by members of the Church of the Brethren. Casa de Modesto is a member of the Church of the Brethren's Fellowship of Brethren Homes.

The new apartments have studio or one bedroom floor plans with kitchenettes and their own laundry facilities. The new apartments are smaller than the apartments in the Casa de Modesto's three-level buildings, but are also for active seniors who remain independent but no longer want the stress of home ownership and maintenance.



Dear Campers,
We're Open!
Registration is now open for camp! Mark your calendars and get ready for a great summer season!

Visit www.camppeacefulpines.org for camp dates, more information and additional opportunities to enjoy His kingdom!





May Birthdays

Michelle Beaton-6

David F Messamer-26

Jaime Farrar-31

Cindy Cearley-31

Please continue to send your Milestones!



Last year, before COVID confined us to our homes and few of us ventured out to visit the church, the Witness Commission sponsored an outreach project for the Shower Shuttle. We had boxes in the narthex into which members of the congregation put packages of socks to be donated to guests of the Shower Shuttle. Like every church, restaurant, and most every other business, the Shower Shuttle had to close for part of the pandemic. But it is now back in operation on a reduced schedule. And the guests need socks! And underwear!

The Shower Shuttle boxes are back in the narthex, and this year, we are asking that members of the congregation donate not only socks, but—underwear! After a refreshing shower, guests of the Shower Shuttle need clean socks and underwear to feel clean. As well as socks, the Shower Shuttle needs men's boxers, sizes Small, Medium, and Large (NO brief-style tighty-whitey's) please! Women's panties sizes Small, Medium, and Large. Any style. (Please note: Most of the women guests tend to be on the smaller side)

Your donations may be placed in the Shower Shuttle boxes in the narthex if you visit the church. If you would like to donate, but can't get to the church, call Jim Costello at (209) 402-9191 or Luella Cole at (209) 402-2915 and we will pick up your donations.

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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