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



Children's Disaster Services at Texas Border

Linda Owen texts that while she finds her work with the migrant children in Texas rewarding, she is saddened to hear about their hardships getting to this point. She is happy for them as they travel to their sponsors in other parts of the United States.

 CDS teams continue serving at the border this week. There are rarely less than 10 children at the Play-doh table and art is a popular spot. The children are happy for the opportunity to play.

CDS has been in conversation with many partners in various locations across the country handling the influx of children and families from the border over the past few weeks. These conversations are helping to discover ways CDS can contribute to the care of these minors, especially ages 4-12. CDS will continue to monitor the humanitarian situation and continue these vital conversations as we move forward.



Remember the protocol for in-person worship:

Wear a mask that covers mouth and nose

Please stop to have temperature taken and sanitize your hands as you come in.

Use "hello", bows, and other non-touch greetings.

Keep a 6' distance from those not living with you.

There will be no coffee or snack time before or after the worship service

Capacity for worship will be 75 (25% of the capacity of the sanctuary).

Get your vaccine as soon as you can!



If you prefer to come to worship online, here is the computer address to use.



Sandy Whitby asks for prayers for her mother Barbara, who was taken to Memorial Hospital with shortness of breath. She has some blood clots in her lungs and is receiving medication.

David Owen asks us to keep Linda Owen in our prayers as she is finding work with Children's Disaster Services at the Texas border rewarding.

It is with a heavy heart that we extend our love and prayers to the Kelly and Shaun Gepley family following the loss of their daughter, Reagan. We ask that out of respect for the family's privacy that there not be visitors or phone calls at this time, however, cards are certainly welcome. The Gepley's address: 180 N. Santa Ana Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Mimsie Farrar is finally home after several weeks in New Orleans caring for her father, selling his home, and finding a care home for him.

The Martinez family asks for prayers for their friend Blythe in Boise.

Pastor Andrew wishes a belated Happy Birthday to his Mom.

Keep in your prayers all those whose concerns are too deep for words, but they are known to God.



Looking to get some fresh air? Consider helping with opening Camp Peaceful Pines on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday - Monday morning). Please contact Lynda Sesser or message the church and we'll relay it. It is important to get an accurate meal count for all meals and especially for Saturday's BBQ

The summer camp schedule at Peaceful Pines can be found on their website www.camppeacefulpines.org along with costs, registration forms etc.



Our Tuesday morning men's 8 AM zoom group has been meeting weekly for over a year now. Until just recently we have been seeing each other as tiny little squares on our computer screens. Last Thursday night we gathered together (with spouses) for a grand BBQ with grilled sausages, great homemade ice cream, some good salads, but also a wide array of pies and cakes. It was a good outing with mild weather. We look forward to the continued reopening of the church and the continued easing of pandemic guidelines as they occur.

From Bill Johnson

Cash Receipts/Expenses 2021

January \$15,322.00

February \$14,191.00

March \$12,699.68

April \$25,724.00

Total \$67,936.68 *

* This giving reflects 23% of our 2021 budget with 33% of the year elapsed. Our disbursements to date have been \$74,610.71, for a deficit of \$6,674.03.



If you haven't been a part of our children's program here we have a lot of fun!!! If you or a loved one is interested in joining, please look forward to our upcoming Peace Week activities!!



I recently saw a picture in the Chimes of a ladies' yoga group taking advantage of the outdoors at the church for group exercise. MCOB golf has likewise weathered the pandemic and continues on. Currently we are meeting at Jack Tone golf course on Monday mornings at 9 AM (tee time). Any and all are invited regardless of experience. If you are thinking of playing just give me a call so I have enough tee times. Bill Johnson (home 522-0746, cell 498-0908)



YOGA

Now that the weather is warming up, Jolie LaPora is leading our small yoga class outside under the peaceful redwood canopy. Please join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45-ish. All skill levels are welcome. Come and see what's it's all about. For more info, contact Elaine Forcier at (209) 345-8015



THE TIME TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES IS COMING

It has been a tradition of our church to send off our high school seniors to their new venture in life with a Brethren hymnal signed by church members, with the page number of their favorite hymn. Next time you are at church, take a little time to stop by the graduates table that is set up in the entry of the church, and sign the cards and gift hymnals for our graduates.

We will be honoring Jacob Johnson, who graduated from high school last year during the COVID isolation, and high school seniors Maddy Beth Harty and Raeann Davis who are graduating this year. We also have cards for the 8th grade graduates who are Maya Wolfe, Grace Sesser, and Adrian Bates. Our celebration to honor them will be on Sunday, May 23rd during the worship service.



May Birthdays

Michelle Beaton-6
Fran Atkins-13
David F Messamer-26
Jaime Farrar-31
Cindy Cearley-31
Al Wiley-31



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

