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



Let's Picnic!

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.



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.



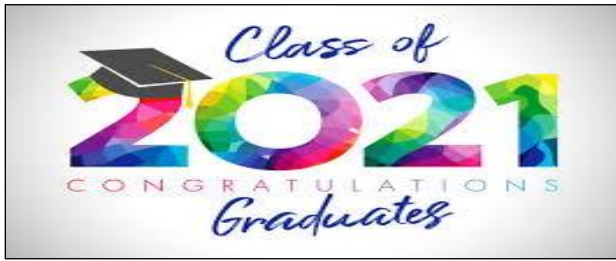
Jim Feeney asks for prayers for Chelsea and their family.

Keep in your prayers those who are living in areas of conflict.

Keep Linda Owen in your prayers as she travels to the border of Texas and Mexico to work with Children's Disaster Services.

Jolinda Reddy asks for prayers for healing.

Remember those who share their concerns only with God.



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



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.



Felton Daniels has recorded a new episode for *Where We Were*, a series of radio programs about Stanislaus County. This episode entitled "News about the News" is about the history of the Modesto Bee. It plays on KCBP, the Peace/Life radio station at 95.5 FM. Times it plays are Sunday 11 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday and Thursday 9 AM and Friday 8:30 PM.



Calling all able-bodied Camp lovers to help out at Work Camp, May 28-31! We will be open for business this summer!!!

Arrive anytime Friday afternoon or evening ready to work. Stay as long as you like -- most work gets done by Sunday afternoon. Or just come up for the day on Saturday to lend a hand.

Thanks in advance. Please bring your own food. Rod Weaver will provide BBQ tri-tip on Saturday night. And bring your own bedding, gloves, favorite tools, hat, sunscreen, work boots, etc.



Children's Disaster Services deploys team to work with children at border

Church of the Brethren Newline May 1, 2021

By Lisa Crouch

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has deployed a team to work with children along the US/Mexico border in Texas. This CDS team will be on location for two weeks, providing creative play opportunities for the children and much needed rest for their parents before the next leg of their journey. Since arriving in Texas, the team has been averaging 40 to 45 children per day in the CDS center.

Since the beginning of 2021, the growing humanitarian crisis along the southern US border has led to increased pressure on systems to help migrant families seeking asylum. The struggle with poverty and violence in Mexico and Central America has led people to flee for decades. However, the numbers of unaccompanied minors and families seeking refuge have skyrocketed, due partly to a pair of devastating hurricanes that hit Central America in November 2020 and changes in US border policy. The US government picked up nearly 19,000 children traveling alone across the Mexican border in March, the largest monthly number ever recorded.

Over the past few weeks, CDS has been in conversation with many partners in various locations across the country that are handling the influx of children and families from the border. These conversations are helping to discover ways CDS can contribute to the care of these minors, especially ages 4 to 12.

CDS will continue to monitor the humanitarian situation and continue these vital conversations as we move forward. CDS expects to respond to additional locations in time, with this initial deployment being the first step in serving with this important humanitarian work. — Lisa Crouch is associate director of Children's Disaster Services, a program of the Church of the Brethren within Brethren Disaster Ministries.

Linda Owen says "I'm stepping out of my comfort zone and going to Texas on May 10th to spend 2 weeks with Disaster Child Care."



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Sunday, May 23rd, 2:00PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83564602720?pwd=R2tCT0xvaTIxc1V6TUE3QkpCekE3dz09>

Please join us on **ZOOM** while we learn more about each other and the ways we experience faith in this first of a series of pre-recorded presentations followed by a live Q&A session with our presenters. Our first six presenters are:

*Stanislaus Supervisor Mani Grewal
Pastor Lyn Crase
Rabbi Shalom Bochner
Pastor Wayne Bridegroom
Imam Ahmad Kayello
Karen Kincheloe*

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