

# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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#### "WHAT ARE WE?"

Recently a member of our Children's Church was at dinner with friends. The family crossed themselves while praying before their meal. After the child went home, he asked his mother why the family crossed themselves. The mother answered because they are Catholic. The child asked are we Catholic? The mother answered no. The child then asked "What are we?"

After hearing about this great question, I have decided to start a series during Children's Church on stories about the beginning of the Church of the Brethren, some of our great leaders, and come up to our present-day "little church with big ideas". I will be using "Whatza Wissahickon, A Heritage Curriculum for Children" by Linda Logan, which I found in our church library.

So far, we have learned that we are attending the Modesto Church of the Brethren, so that means "WE are Church of the Brethren". We learned how to draw our Church of the Brethren logo and learned what it meant.

This week we will start a time line with a little history about how the Church of the Brethren started in Germany and about the founder of our church, Alexander Mack. I will send home updates on the class, as we move along, to enable parents to be informed as well, since some newer members in the church have not heard the Church of the Brethren story.

It's such a pleasure to hear our children's terrific questions. They are a group of great thinkers!

Teacher of Children's Church Karleen Daniels



Sunday in-person worship continues weekly at Modesto Church of the Brethren. If you prefer, you may continue following the worship service online at the address below.





Joann Ewert sent this joy: Kendall Ewert, her granddaughter, is back home in Cincinnati after doing an internship in Logan, Utah in early summer. She was doing a project in her field of studies, which is biotechnology, enduring the hot summer with no air conditioning. She will continue her studies in the Fall at Kent State University. Kendall is Harlan and Vikki's daughter.

Bob Vardaman asks for prayers for his friend Rosa, who had a car accident and broken ribs. She is in the hospital but will likely go home today,

The Boardman family had the joy that most of the family came together to remember and celebrate the life of Jim's mother, Dorothy Boardman (Kate).

Mimsie has a joy—a new dog from the shelter. He is being treated at the shelter and they hope he will come home Friday.

Mimsie's daughter Carly asks for prayers for her boyfriend's mother, who has cancer.

Joann prays for safe travels for her family.

Evan Campbell asks for prayers for his mother Pat Easely as she recuperates from ear surgery.

The Daniels were home with a cold this Sunday. Prayers for a quick recovery.

Luella spent Sunday afternoon at the ER to find that the pain she is having is not serious, just annoying. Thanks for the rides!

Apologies for any errors in these joys and concerns; they were done by listening to worship on Facebook.



#### July Birthdays

1-Trish Galt
3-Chelsea Feeney
5-Dana Roy
8-Larry Cole
16-Sue Messamer
19-Chuck Messamer
20-Caleb Katen
24-Elaine Forcier
27-Shaun Gepley
31-Renee Gokey

### August Birthdays

13 Syl Bupp
13Dave Hunter
16Steve Miller
23Jamie Campbell
23Sara Miller
27Carole Greathouse
30 Al Forcier
31 Marye Martinez

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Please keep adding milestones to the Chimes! Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, new jobs, retirements. Send any other milestones in your life that you would like to see here. Send any birthdays that have been missed!



COME ONE, COME ALL to the potluck this coming Wednesday, July 28th.
5:30 is the dinner bell so don't be late.

Please bring your own tableware to keep waste down and cleanup short.

Bring a summer vacation story to share!

Peggy for Fellowship and Recreation

Items for the next Chimes are due by 5 pm
Sunday, August 1.
Send to chimes@modcob.org

# 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

