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



CAMP PEACEFUL PINES REFLECTIONS

2021 has been a successful camping season so far with good participation from Modesto in the June Discovery Camp, July Women's Retreat, Jr/Jr High/Youth Camps and Family Camps.

There was lots of great food, fun, fellowship and spiritual inspiration up in the beauty of the majestic High Sierra mountains. And there's one more opportunity to go camping: a 3-day "Bug Out" camp led by an expert on bugs. Some of our Modesto folks have already signed up.

It's not too late to register for the August 20-22 weekend camp. Go to the website home page: www.camppeacefulpines.org. If you have questions, ask board members Elaine Forcier, Peggy Hoover or Lynda Sesser, registrar.

~From Elaine Forcier



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.



Prayers are raised for baby Mckinna Torkelson as she was born with so many problems. May she heal and her parents be given strength and knowledge to help her and each other.

Monique Sanders asks for prayers for her friend Agnes Perez and her family, as her mom passed from cancer last Thursday, July 29.

(More Joys and Concerns on the next page)

Allison Sampson asks for prayers for her dad as he starts his invasive radiation therapy to his liver this week.

One person says, "I give thanks for all the people in this congregation, my faith family."

Prayers for those returning to school, for the teachers and other staff, along with all the students.

Prayers for Roland Johnson who has been in the hospital this past week, with heart issues.

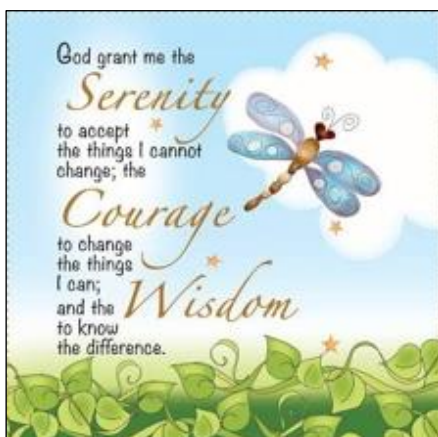
Bev Jefferies says she has "joy in having the opportunity to know you and worship with you."

Prayers for Chelsea Feeney, who struggles with weight and mobility issues.

Luella Cole is feeling much better, and was found to have no major problems after having a CAT scan.

Renee Gokey says, "the orthopedic MD says I have the shoulder of an 85 year old. Since I have had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 5, that makes sense. According to the doctor when I was 13, I wasn't supposed to live as long as I have. I'm blessed to still be here!

Keep in your prayers all the joys and sorrows which are left unspoken but remain in our hearts.



August Birthdays

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

MORE



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.





Future Church is the name of a planning service our congregation is using to develop an intentional plan to help us move into the future after the pandemic. Much of the conversation has to do with relating to others, especially those living around our church building. At our last meeting our leader, Jim Pace, suggested three priorities for us to work on. The list is:

1. Develop training classes to help us talk to others about our faith and our congregation using either a book or a trained leader.

2. Study the existing demographic material of the neighborhood around our building to try to better understand what needs and interests our neighbors may have.

3. Have a few volunteers actually walk around the neighborhood and look for indications of interest.

There are eleven of us attending these zoom meetings and we are eager to include everyone in this discussion, so if you have thoughts or questions please call the church office and one of us will get back to you.

Felton Daniels

We bring you greetings from Stan and Joyce Cunningham, now living in Santa Cruz after moving from Modesto 8 years ago. On July 20 we enjoyed a very pleasant visit in their home and were treated to a walking tour of their Santa Cruz neighborhood, which covers almost all of the places they frequent.

They are both doing well and are happily involved in the Peace United Church of Christ as well as projects like Santa Cruz's Homeless Garden, the Veterans' Center, and the Zen Center (just across the street and up 73 steps from their home.) They wish us all well. ~Dave & Linda Owen





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)

Another item that the Shower Shuttle can use is **grocery bags**. They can use both plastic and paper bags. If you have those, they can be placed in the boxes or under the table that holds the boxes.

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.

The knitting/crocheting group meets every second and fourth Monday at Pat Royer's apartment, Casa de Modesto, #1004, gate code 1234. at 2 PM. Some knit, some crochet, and we all share our projects, learn new ideas, and chat.

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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