



The Chimes

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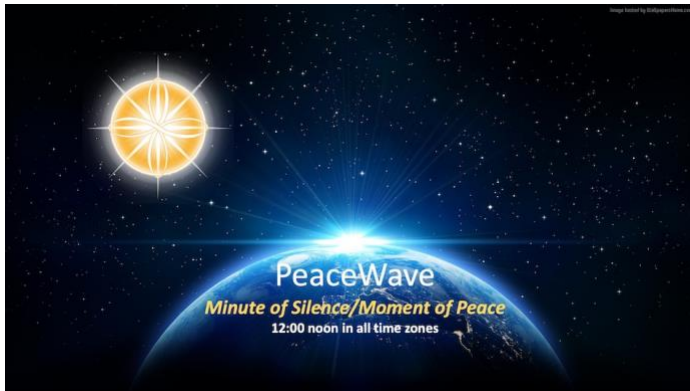
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Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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

Minute of Silence/Moment of Peace: "The Peace Wave"

~ Noon in all time zones
21 September



The PeaceWave began on the first observation of the UN International Day of Peace: 21 September, 1982, and has continued to spread throughout the world in multiple ways. The PeaceWave is for Humanity to use as a unitive act of Peace on Peace Day and every day.

PEACE BE STILL...

"Peace, be still and know that I am God" are lyrics to a familiar song we sing in worship and are also included on our new labyrinth sign. Our congregation has always had a focus on 'peace'.

Consider our Church's denominational tagline, "Continue the work of Jesus SIMPLY, PEACEFULLY and TOGETHER". On **Tuesday, September 21, the International Day of Peace**, we have a golden opportunity to focus on peace.

Here's a couple simple suggestions for ways to commemorate this Sept. 21st Day of Peace:

- **12:00 pm A 'Minute of Silence' PEACE WAVE** around the world at **NOON** in each time zone at our Peace Pole (by the COB front entry) or during your lunch break at work or home OR ⇨

- **6:30 pm Meet at the labyrinth for a Walk**

- **Engage someone in conversation** to listen for common ground within differing viewpoints.

This special day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can do individually and together. Let's each do a little something to find peace within, in our community and beyond.



We hope that you are as excited about our new service and worship that we are calling, "Service Sunday!" On the third Sunday of each month we will be volunteering at one of multiple projects from 9:00-10:30 then returning to the church for worship and lunch. There will be various projects for various ages and various ability levels.

We would really like to hear your ideas, see how you would like to be involved, and help us build even more excitement! Our next meeting is Monday, September 20th at 6:30 in the library but with the Gathering Place reserved for an additional meeting space. If you would like to join by Zoom please let us know.

~Pastor Andrew

"May the journey be

long and interesting"



**"Service Sunday" Planning Meeting
Monday, September 20 at 6:30pm**

The next meeting to move forward in the planning of "Service Sundays" will be Monday, September 20 at 6:30pm in the church library.

This is an exciting new community ministry that has emerged from leadership discussions in the Future Church Summit and coaching throughout last spring. The idea is that on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9-10:30am, all of us will have the opportunity to participate in community service projects.

We are working to consider varying options for all physical abilities. Examples include: trash pick-up in the area, letter writing to shut-ins/prisoners/elected officials, meal preparation for the 9th & D shelter, and lunch prep for the congregation.

This is a new adventure for our congregation that we hope will build many new relationships with our church community. Please contact us for more information-- or better yet, join us for the planning!

Kim Boardman, Board Chair
Andrew Sampson, Pastor



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.



Mimsie asks for prayers for her foster daughter, Billie, who is in serious condition in the hospital with COVID.

Leanne Miller-Knippling asks for prayers for a friend and her family in Indiana that just lost their father to COVID

Allison asks for prayers for her family as her dad is healing from radiation, for her cousin, Patty, who died of COVID, for her cousin, Susanne, who also has COVID.

Prayer for the friend of Jenny's family.

Continued prayers for the Gepley family.

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Lila asks us to remember her dad who has been in the hospital with COVID for a month and now has pneumonia that is getting worse.

Prayers for Adrian's father who is also in the hospital with COVID.

Jeff Glass shares the joy that after a visit to the doctor that his heart is healthy, and he is doing well in Hawai'i.

Richard and Habibah share the joy of having a new grandchild who was born this week!

Rachel Duenas would please like to ask for prayers for her friend who lost her dad on Monday. She would like to thank those who have reached out and sent condolences for her brother. She is grateful for her children who are healthy, energetic and exhausting.

Larry and Luella are relieved that Larry is now home from the hospital, without a definite diagnosis, but he has to have an oxygen mask all the time.



F.U.N. with Grandparents!

Grandparents Day was Monday, September 13th, 2021. Congress declared it a National Day in 1978 and former President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.

This Friday, September 24th, we will be celebrating Family Unity Night with our grandparents. The evening starts at 6 PM.

September honors cheese pizza and chocolate milk, so dinner will be cheese pizza, salad, and chocolate milk. There will be games just like grandma and grandpa played, children's books honoring grandparents to read, letters to write to grandparents who are present and those who could not come.

We will encourage a little oral history with questions to ask our Nona's and Pappas during dinner, or if they could not be with us, for grandchildren to call and ask the questions of them and share the answers that evening. You may also bring a picture of you with your grandparents to share with the group, especially if your grandparents couldn't come or are no longer with us. Songs will be sung, a video shared and a good old fashioned game of Bingo played. A good time will be had by all. Please consider joining us!

September Birthdays

7 Anna Hazen
7 Jeannie Canter
15 Tammy Firch
22 Dave Owen

MORE



Please keep sending Milestones: Birthdays, (are there more September birthdays?) anniversaries, graduations, new jobs, retirements, and other milestones in life.



Thanks to all who are bringing items for the Shower Shuttle! Keep those socks, undies, and grocery bags coming!



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.



Take-Out Dinner

9/22/21



Well, it is Fall now and time to try the Take-Out dinners once again. Since the potluck was not well attended in July, we decided to revisit the Take-Out format in September.

So, mark your calendars for September 22 at 5:30 to enjoy a fabulous dinner prepared by Deborah Roberts...Fried Chicken, baked potato, salad and strawberry shortcake!! The dinner will be served in a carry-out box and can be picked up at the back covered entrance, as before. We look forward to seeing you!!!

Please reserve your dinner by September 19. Call or text Peggy at: 209-815-3095.



2021 District Conference –

November 7-14, 2021

is a hybrid, in-person & virtual conference.

Business is on Saturday, November 13

Moderator Al Clark's theme:

Together / Juntos – Acts / Hechos 2

Registration is open Sept. 7 through Oct.18

Cost to Congregations

This year there will be a flat rate of \$200 per congregation to register delegates for District Conference. And for that fee, anyone else in the church is welcome and encouraged to register and join in all of District Conference. That's right - \$200 covers everyone in the congregation!!!

Fall Work Day. Saturday October 16th from 9am to noon

It's that time of year again to clean off the solar panels, blow out the rain gutters, wash some windows and a few other chores, like get the bugs out of the hallway lights. Below are a few pics from our Spring event. To sign up just call Bill Johnson at 209 522-0746 or his cell phone 209 985-0908. Due to COVID we will not have a lunch but coffee, donuts and cream filled maple bars will be there for the early birds :)



