



# The Chimes

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



International Day of Non—Violence



Leanne Miller-Knippling is joyful that her spousal meeting with USCIS went well. The next step will be naturalization for her husband to become a US citizen!

Emily Gilstrap's marriage Sunday was a joyful event for her and her family.

Elaine is joyful that 10 persons joined to walk the labyrinth in honor of "International Day of Non-Violence."

Please pray for the Johnson family, as Norman Johnson, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away on Saturday afternoon.

Mimsie asks for prayers for her daughter Billie who remains in critical condition with COVID. Please pray for Billie's son, Mimsie's grandson Bryan, as well as the rest of the family who are so concerned.

Keep in your prayers all these joys and sorrows, and remember those who are left unspoken but remain in our hearts.



Last Saturday 10/2, ten people attended our walk for the International Day of Non-Violence. Some of our neighbors joined our church family for this special event. The glowing light of the of the luminaries lent a peaceful ambience in the cool of the autumn evening.

Consider participating in the next labyrinth walk, highlighting the International Day of Compassion. It will be on the 1st Day of Advent at noon on Sunday November 28 following worship. Hope to see you there.

-Worship & Spiritual Life Commission

Join us for worship  
**IN PERSON or ONLINE**  
*Meet us at the junction of reverence and free spirit.*



Come one, Come all to the Fall event for young and old alike....

It's a **Trunk or Treat!** Many of you may know about Trunk or Treat events, but some may not be familiar with them. Because of the COVID situation, we think this would be a safe, fun alternative to our regular Halloween Party.

This gathering will take place on **October 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**, mostly in the church parking lot. People in their cars gather, park in the lot, open decorated trunks and distribute candy and goodies to children who roam from trunk to trunk. This allows for safe trick-or-treating, a chance for folks to dress up in their favorite costume, and so much needed fun and games.

In addition to the candy distribution, beverages, popcorn and s'mores will be available in the outdoor setting. We are planning for activity booths in addition to the trunks, along with the marshmallow roasting.

We are looking for volunteers to bring cars, park them in the lot, decorate the trunks for Halloween and distribute candy while the trunk-or-treaters are making their rounds. Please consider joining this fun event for our youth and the surrounding neighborhood. You can sign up on the placard in the Church narthex or call the office.

If you are unavailable on the 30th, you can help by bringing a bag of candy by the church office between now and that Saturday night. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated!

**Break out the costumes, wear your Halloween masks and join in the fun!!!**  
~Christian Education, Fellowship and Recreation Commissions



Just a reminder that we have our fall All Church Workday from 9am til noon on Saturday October 16th. If you can spare a few hours come join us. Contact Bill Johnson at 209 522-0746 to sign up. Sign up board at the church the next 2 Sundays.

~Building and Grounds



# SERVICE SUNDAY

Please join in the planning of our first "Service Sunday"! The next meeting will be Monday, October 4 at 6:30pm (TONIGHT!) either via Zoom or in the library. Call Andrew for the Zoom link if needed.

## One Service Sunday Project

When Service Sunday starts, one choice is to join a group that will be in the Gathering Place. There will be four tables set up, one for cards and message writing, another for making cards. A third table will be set up as a phone call station. There will also be a children's table with coloring pages and materials to make bookmarks.

**To make these items, we will need donations of materials. If you would like to donate new cards, used cards, stickers, art supplies or stamps, there are three containers in the narthex marked for these donations.** Thank You, Marye Martinez

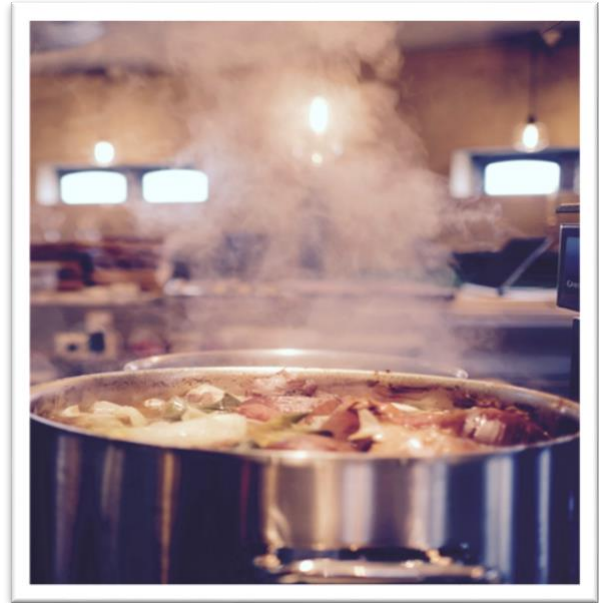


## Take-Out Dinner

Well, we had 30 wonderful people participate in the take-out dinner in September, so we are going to try it again this month.

Put October 13th on your calendars for a **Fun with Pasta** night. Take-out dinner ready at **5:30 pm at \$5.00** per dinner. Please reserve your dinner with Peggy at 209-815-3095 or with the church office.

## 9<sup>th</sup> and D Helpers



One way that we reach out to the community is by fixing meals each month for the people at the 9<sup>th</sup> and D Shelter and serving them during non-COVID times. Currently, the groceries for the meal are delivered during the week ahead, meal preparation starts around 2:00, and the meal is delivered to the shelter around 5:00. The meal serves around 140 people!

We are looking for people to help with meals for the shelter on the third Friday (October 15, November 19, and December 17). This is a good opportunity for students who need service hours for graduation. No experience necessary!

We need: grocery shoppers, cooks, cookie or dessert bakers, and drivers. Please contact the church office if you can help at: 523-1438 or Pastor Andrew ([andrew@modcob.org](mailto:andrew@modcob.org)) if you have questions.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4-Taj Wolfe
- 22-Jacob Johnson
- 24-Jim Boardman
- 25-Bonnie Munson
- 27-Eddie Hernandez
- 29-Romy Mueller
- 30-Leslie Wilkinson

## MORE



**Please keep sending Milestones: Birthdays, (are there more October 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! There is a constant need for all these items.**



**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!!!**

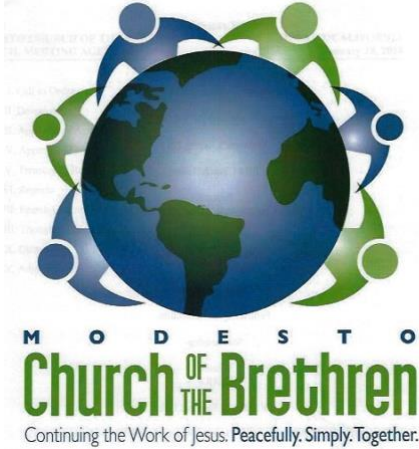
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- Please bring or mail your pledge cards to the church office this week or email it to: [office@modcob.org](mailto:office@modcob.org) for the Stewardship Drive.
- Please have announcements to the office by Wednesday afternoon each week.
- Board meet on October 11 at 6:30
- Fellowship and Rec's next drive through dinner will be October 13. Please call Peggy or the church to RSVP.
- All Church Work Day is October 16.
- Service Sunday will be October 17 starting at 9:00am. See the next page for a preview!
- Trunk or Treat will be October 30 from 6-8pm



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.



# Service Sunday

The first Service Sunday is October 17 starting at 9:00am with the choice of three projects and then worshipping together at 11:00 in-person and online. When COVID numbers have declined there will also be lunch served after the worship service. Here is a brief overview of the three projects.

## *Letter writing*



Taking time to make cards and write letters to friends from the congregation as well as to healthcare and public service workers to thank them for all that they do. This activity will be at the church.

## Park clean-up



Helping to make some of the public spaces around the church cleaner for all people to enjoy. This will take place at either Sharp or Martone Park. Bags will be provided but bring gloves if you would like.

## Conversation



Meeting in the sanctuary we will talk about the idea of Service Sunday, how it came to be, and ways to be involved in the future. We will also try to answer your questions.