



The Chimes

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



Why Now for Service Sundays?

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share why I think Service Sunday is important at this time in our congregation's story...

For me, Service Sunday has two main missions:

The first comes out of the Future Church Summit and coaching sessions in which many from the board and others participated. Out of those conversations came a renewed desire to know our church neighbors; to not only be a building on Woodland Avenue, but be part of the community and know the people who live here and have them know us.

The second has to do with the idea that we have long identified ourselves as a church that serves-and many do serve others in innumerable ways. However, many of the larger congregational service efforts, such as Family Promise, do not continue as they used to.

I sometimes feel that we, as a church, are resting on our laurels. As followers of Jesus, we owe it to ourselves, our children and our neighbors to know what it means to serve, in the name of Jesus, now!

My hope is that Service Sunday each 3rd Sunday of the month can be a way for each of us--young, old and everyone in between--to connect with the community and serve together in a new way. Please consider joining us for our first Service Sunday for letter writing or park clean up on October 17 at 9am. At the same time, there will also be a question/answer group led by Pastor Andrew, where he will share about the concept of Service Sunday. Of course, you are also invited to stay for worship at 11am. There is no need for a change of clothing. All are welcome as you are!

God's peace be with all of you.

Kim Boardman



And Service Sunday Each Third Sunday!

Sunday in-person worship continues weekly at Modesto Church of the Brethren. If you prefer, you may continue following worship online at www.facebook.com/modcob



The family of Mike Castaneda, who died October 6th after a long battle with cancer, is requesting prayers and support as they grieve his passing. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary, with light refreshments following in the Gathering Place and the courtyard. Condolences can be sent to Peggy Hoover, Garland Castaneda (4213 Terrace St., Oakland, CA 94611), and/or Vincent Castaneda (2212 Laguna Dr., Modesto, CA 95350).

Allison asks for continued prayers for the Gepley family as well as prayers for healthcare workers and prayers for those dealing with health concerns.

Leanne Miller-Knippling's husband has been notified he will be furloughed from his job at the end of the month. Pray that he may find alternative work quickly.

Rita Matthews asks for prayers for her as she faces a difficult dental procedure today.

Renee Gokey is much better since she fell 4 months ago. She's been told her joints are that of a 100 year old, although she is only 63.

Let us continue to remember all the refugees who are facing many unknowns here in our country...and all those who are working with them, including teams of Children's Disaster Services volunteers.

Continue prayers for the Johnson family after the death of father and grandfather Norman Johnson. A celebration of his life will be held November 6, at 10:30 AM at the Modesto Church of the Brethren.

Hold in your prayers the family of Billie Farrar, who passed after a long battle with COVID. Her son, Bryan and family, Mimsie, Ken, Carlee and Jaimie are grieving her loss.

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



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.



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. Because of Mike Castaneda's Memorial service at 3pm that afternoon I'm asking everyone after they have finished their task to put the tools away and go home especially if they are planning to attend Mike's service at 3 pm.

~Building and Grounds



9th and D Helpers



One way that we reach out to the community is by fixing meals each month for the people at the 9th 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) if you have questions.

Take-out Dinner.



Change of menu for the October 13 Take-out Dinner

I know we advertised a pasta dinner, but Deborah wants to dazzle your taste buds with her October Fest

Fare. So, you can expect to dine on sausage with Spaetzle, apple slaw with a warm pretzel roll, raspberry jello salad and chocolate stout cake for dessert.

You may still sign up for this fall treat on Monday, October 11 if you hurry and give Peggy a call or text @ 209 815-3095.

Dinner will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, October 13 at 5:30 pm. \$5.00 per dinner please.

Peggy, for Fellowship & Rec



Thanks to all who are bringing items for the Shower Shuttle. Keep those socks and undies (for men and women), coming! Don't forget the grocery bags! There is a constant need for all these items.



2021 District Conference –
November 7-14, 2021

Has become a virtual conference only.

Business is on Saturday, November 13

Moderator Al Clark's theme:

Together / Juntos – Acts / Hechos 2

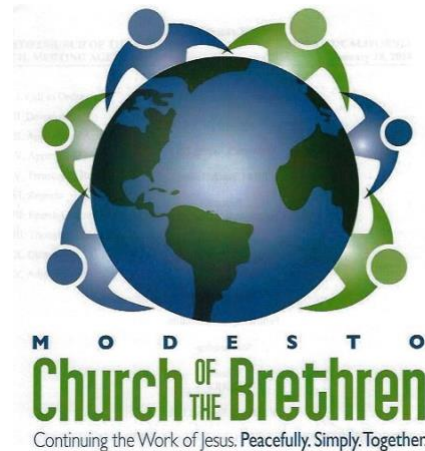
Registration is open Sept. 7 through Oct. 24

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!!!**

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.



The Condensed Calendar



What's happening at MCOB?

Week of October 10th:

Monday:

6:30p Board Meeting - Library

Tuesday:

Pastor's Sabbath

Wednesday:

2 p Bible Study-Zoom

5:30p Take-Out Dinner

Thursday:

Friday:

Serve at the Shelter

Saturday:

9a All Church Work Day

Next Sunday - October 17th

9a Service Sunday

11a Worship

October 17 - Service Sunday 9a

October 30 - Trunk or Treat 6p