



The Chimes

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



I must apologize for not sending you a Chimes last week. And I must admit that the reason for that lapse in sending the Chimes was that I and my computer were the victims of a scam.

A week ago Thursday, around 7:45 AM, I got a phone call from AT&T—or so I was told. I had been trying to get AT&T to fix our television reception for months, and I thought I was finally going to get it fixed.

The speaker told me that he would send me a refund to my AT&T account because I had been having poor reception. Before I knew it, the person on the phone had taken over my computer—I still don't know how. What I saw on the screen was my online banking with all my accounts showing. This, they said, was how they were going to reimburse me.

As I looked at my bank account, a large amount appeared on my checking account. The person on the phone then said that a mistake had been made, too much had been given to me, and the only way to give it back to AT&T would be to buy gift cards and send them the numbers. I should have realized that minute that it was a scam!

But I didn't. After an amount of money had gone to the scammers, I finally understood that I had been cheated, double-crossed, and conned. Part of my willingness to do what the cheaters wanted was that they had possession of my computer. I couldn't do anything with it until it was cleared of anything the scammers put on it. Several days with computer specialists had the scam off and everything back on my computer almost like new, except for chimes@modcob.org. That belongs to the church, not to me, and would take time to replace. For now, anything you want to send to me for the Chimes will have to go to:

luellacole@sbcglobal.net.

Please, don't ever fall for something like this scam that was clever enough to make me believe that it was someone who would fix my television reception.



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



Bonnie Munson has a joy that when she called her mother Sunday morning for her 87th birthday, she sounded so happy and strong and clear-headed. She has come through the fog and confusion that began two months ago following her eye surgery. She gives thanks for the prayers.

Lynda Sesser has a joy having her sister, Sylvia Nielsen, here from San Diego. She also had a joy being with family on Saturday, sharing memories of her Uncle Wes, who passed last December. He and her Aunt Norma were married for 64 years.

Rita Matthews has a joy that her daughter and son-in-law were here helping her, but they are returning to Utah this week, and would like prayers for safe travel.

We ask for prayers for Trevor Seever's family as they continue to grieve and find a sacred space to honor him here.

Mary Baucher asks for prayers for her friend Kathie Apel who is in Doctors Hospital, quite sick.



November Birthdays

- 1-Pat Royer
- 5-Sue Hay
- 8-Evan Campbell
- 10-Doug Harty
- 11-Karleen Daniels
- 21-Eldon Williams
- 22-Rita Matthews
- 24-Emily and Sarah Hazen
- 25-Matt Hazen
- 28-Cal Aukeman
- 29-Pat Easley
- 29-John and TJ Miller
- 29-Maya Wolfe

MORE



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



Take-Out!

It's time to sign up for another Wednesday night take-out dinner, **November 10**. Please call, text or email Peggy to get

your name on the list for another yummy Deborah Roberts meal. 209 815-3095 Dinners will be ready for pick-up at the back patio door at 5:30, \$5.00 each. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 7th.

Annual Paper Shredding Event



Happy Fall!



On Saturday October 16th we had a very good **work day** ! Gutters were cleaned , solar panels cleaned, plaster was patched, sprinklers replaced and some work was done in preparation for Trunk or Treat. Thanks again to the hearty crew who came out . Their picture is above.

Not pictured are Cal Aukeman, Karleen Daniels, Richard and Habiba Harvey, Caleb Katen and Bill Johnson. The donuts and maple bars from Mr T's were very good. We will see everyone again as we gather next Spring for our Spring work day.

Date:

November 6, 2021

Time:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Time Details:

8AM until 12:00PM (or until full)

Location:

11th & L Streets (Modesto Irrigation District Main Parking Lot)

Address:

Modesto, CA 95354

Contact:

209-577-5495



Items for the next Chimes

are due by 5 pm

Sunday, November 7.

Send to luellacole@sbcglobal.net

The Condensed Calendar



Monday-

November 10 - Take-out Dinner

Tuesday-

Pastor's Sabbath

November 19 - 6p FUN Event

Wednesday-

3:30p Bible Study/Zoom

Welcome Statement

Thursday-

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.

Friday-

Saturday-

10:30a Norm Johnson Memorial

Bedtime-Turn clocks back one hour!

Next Sunday - November 7th

11a Worship

Council meeting following Worship

6:30p Campfire Church



Barum Brethren? No, that's not us

Church of the Brethren Newline
October 26, 2021
By Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

A note to the reader: Since this article was first published earlier, TopBuzzTrends has issued an apology and a correction.

A bunch of websites are very confused. In reviewing *The Long Call*—a new ITV and BritBox TV show made from an Ann Cleeves book of the same name—they're identifying the fictional "Barum Brethren" as a Church of the Brethren congregation.

Topbuzztrends.com, Heart.co.uk, Flipboard.com, and Express.co.uk have now joined the list of media that have, over the years, mistaken the Church of the Brethren for someone else. It's a cautionary tale about how such mistakes are made and get shared way too widely. These posts appear to have taken details from our website and mixed them up with information from other groups, most likely the Plymouth Brethren.

But we're not the Plymouth Brethren either!

Plymouth Brethren—not us.

Exclusive Brethren—not us.

Open Brethren—not us.

Barum Brethren—also not us!

There are several Christian groups that are like distant cousins to us—the Brethren Church, Old Order German Baptist Brethren, Dunkard Brethren, Grace Brethren, Brethren in Christ—and none are related to the Plymouth Brethren.

So who are we?

The Church of the Brethren is a Christian denomination in the United States and Puerto Rico, with some 99,000 members in 24 church districts. We got our start in Germany in 1708, based in the Anabaptist and Pietist faith traditions. We are one of the three Historic Peace Churches along with the Mennonites and the Society of Friends (Quakers). We are a founding member of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and we work collaboratively with many other Christian groups.

Here are 7 things to know about the real Church of the Brethren:

Church of the Brethren congregations often are well regarded in their communities, and for attendees of all ages may be places to ask spiritual questions and delve deeply into the Christian faith.

Our gatherings (in-person or virtual) often succeed in transcending ordinary life through music and singing, prayer, sharing joys and concerns, reading the Bible, and learning about God.

Our denominational programs offer numerous opportunities to engage in disaster relief and service projects, develop and grow discipleship to Jesus Christ, and in other ways love our neighbors.

Across the US, there are Church of the Brethren congregations worshiping in at least five languages including English, Spanish, Haitian Kreyol, Arabic, and ASL.

There are other Church of the Brethren denominations in about a dozen countries, some very small, but all with connections to us here in the US.

Our seminary (Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Ind.) among its degree and certificate offerings includes a master's degree in theopoetics—the only one of its kind!

During the pandemic we have given COVID-19 grants to congregations and camps. We know it's going to be a "long call" to get these websites to acknowledge their mistake and take down the articles or make corrections. But if they do, we'll let you know.

In the meantime, you can help correct this mistake by sharing this article with family and friends and on social media. And find out more about the real Church of the Brethren at www.brethren.org.