



The Chimes

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The Bridge Builder

BY WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
Through which was flowing a sullen tide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building
here;

Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me to-day
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

(Read at November Council Meeting)



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



Elaine Forcier asks for prayers for
husband Al as he fights another lung
infection.

Al and Elaine encourage us to celebrate
Autumn by taking a ride down Rumble Road in
honor of John Heisel. Every fall he would take
the microphone to encourage us to enjoy the
vivid colors while they last.

Leanne Miller-Knippling has a joy for the
upcoming wedding of her brother-in-law and
soon to be sister-in-law.

Joys and Concerns continue on the next page.

Both Jim Costello and Leanne Miller-Knippling ask for prayers of comfort and support for the family and friends of Shelly Scribner, long time peace activist, who died last Saturday.

Barbara Burton asks for prayers for her good friend Michael Martin who was just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

We all hold within our hearts both joys and sorrows, some of which we share aloud and some which we hold silently in our hearts. Keep in your prayers all these joys and sorrows, and remember those who are left unspoken.



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

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

Take-Out Dinner



If you signed up by November 7, your yummy Deborah Roberts dinner will be waiting for you at the back patio door at 5:30. Drive up and have your \$5.00 ready!



It is that time of the year when the Stewardship Commission lets the congregation know where we are--when we need to take a look at the church's finances in terms of our year-to-date budget and what the expected income and expenses for these last two months will be. If we are to meet our last two months' expenses and meet our outreach budget, we will need to receive in giving and other income roughly \$30,000 for these next two months. To date we have paid only \$5,000 towards our outreach budget, with a remaining balance of \$27,120.

We want to express our gratitude for the financial support our church has received from church families to this point. As Stewards it is our job to make the congregation aware of the state of our finances. Talking about money is not the most comfortable subject, but it is our responsibility as a church family to decide how and what we contribute to the life of the church and all the projects we support here in our local community as well as in our denomination and in worldwide outreach.

Blessings!

Stewardship Commission

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 (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.



WHAT SHOWER SHUTTLE DOES

We provide more than 1000 showers each month and every pair of underwear that YOU provide helps stretch our budget and continue providing these life-changing showers. Together, WE are waging war against homelessness and poverty right here in our hometown while fulfilling the command to help "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

We collaborate with existing agencies 4 days a week at 6 different sites to provide hot showers, underwear, SOCKS, and hygiene kits to the homeless and working poor men, women and children in Stanislaus County. Our 2 Shower Shuttles average 50 showers each which means 100+ pairs of underwear, socks and hygiene kits ... EVERYDAY!

What we need Men's boxers or boxer briefs, sizes Small, Medium, and Large (No brief-style (tighty-whitey's) please! They may be lower in price but they are not a good value as our guests simply do not get a week's wear out of them) Women's panties, sizes Small, Medium, and Large. Any style. (Please note: Most of our women guests tend to be on the smaller side) * We currently have an ample amount of children's sizes and styles, so we are not asking for these.

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.

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?



Monday-

November 15 6:30p Board Meeting

November 19 Serving at 9th and D

November 20 6p FUN Event

November 21 Service Sunday

November 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28 First day of Advent

Tuesday-

Pastor's Sabbath

Wednesday-

3:30p Bible Study/Zoom

5:30 Take-out Dinner

Thursday-

Friday-

Saturday

Next Sunday—November 14th

11a Worship