



The Chimes

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



Dear Coordinators and Friends,

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, all of us at Family Promise want you to know how grateful we are for you. We definitely miss seeing all of you in person! Your generosity to our guests and program have provided encouragement and resources that allowed us to support families facing homelessness during the pandemic. While we anticipate that we will continue our "non-congregate" shelter model into the new year, we look forward to connecting with you as we explore options for the future.

We are happy to introduce some new members of our team: Rebecca Gray is our Program Manager overseeing case management and landlord engagement; Sequaisa Mcphearson is our Housing Stabilization Case Manager and Tricia Walton is our Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant. You'll be hearing from one of us in the next few weeks as we update our contacts and check in with our congregation partners.

Some of you have reached out about sponsoring holiday gifts for a child or family. We still have four small families in our shelter program that we would love to see get sponsored this holiday season. If you would like to help, please email Rebecca at rgray@modestofamilypromise.org for more information.

Thank you again for all you give to help families in our community overcome homelessness.

We wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Tamra Losinski

Executive Director



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



It was a joy to welcome the Fletcher family to worship as they came from Southern California and participated in the service.

Renee is grateful for the Service Sunday, as she now has a yard again. She also asks for prayer for her mom Gaile and Mark's widow.

Jim Feeney asks for prayers for his sister Mary Pat Feeney, who suffered a third brain bleed. She is stable now and in a care facility in Auburn.

Rita also has a joy that the Fletcher family were with us in worship. She asks for prayers for her son, Steve, who is now out of ICU and the hospital after suffering a brain bleed last Monday. He is doing well.

Fran asks for prayers for her friend June V. who was an anti-vaxxer who is now recovering from COVID-19 after spending a month in the hospital. She will be under Home Health Care for quite some time.

David and Linda Owen with thankful hearts share the good news that their brother-in-law Derek Waring's heart surgery last week was successful and his recovery has been smooth. He'll be home from Stanford early this week.

Johnathan Goodrich has a joy that a close friend is going into rehab Monday.

Allison is thankful for time with family, and is grateful for wet socks from doing work in our neighborhood.

All of us hold within our hearts both joys and sorrows, some which we share aloud and some which we hold silently in our hearts.



The Healthy Aging Association would like to provide a wrapped Christmas gift for every senior shut in living in Stanislaus County this year. The gifts are to be shoe box size and wrapped and marked for a woman or man, and brought to the church by December 10th and left in the marked box in the workroom.

Marye Martinez will deliver the gifts to the association. Some suggested items are slippers, thank you notes, pens, hand towels, puzzle type books, paperback books, soaps, lotions, etc.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to others in our community as a form of witness and a side bar to service Sunday.

~Marye Martinez, member of the Commission on Aging





Please join in the festivities of a holiday dinner on Sunday, December 5th.

A wonderful meal will be available to take home with you after church to enjoy with your family or to share with a group of friends. A pork roast dinner with all the fixings will be prepared by Dave Messamer and company.

There are three ways to participate listed below. Please make that call to join in the fun!

- 1) Reserve dinners by calling Peggy, 209 815-3095, or the church office, 209-523-1438, for you and your family. Be sure to mention the number of dinners needed. These dinners will be available after church on December 5th for you to **pick up** at the kitchen window in the hallway.
- 2) Call in to Peggy or the office to order a meal **to be delivered** to your home. You can enjoy this wonderful meal that will be brought to you by a church member or by someone else that you arrange.
- 3) Let Peggy or the office know if you can **deliver meals** to shut-ins. You can pick up the meals at the church after worship on the December 5th, approximately 12:00 pm, and deliver them to our home-bound brothers and sisters.

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Hopefully there will be one of these options that will work for all persons in our congregation. Breaking bread together is one of the ways we stay connected and practice Christ's admonition to practice hospitality and community. Happy Holidays!



Fellowship & Recreation Commission

HISTORY OF MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE



Felton Daniels has recorded a new episode for the Peace/Life Center's radio station KCBP. It is entitled **MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE, SERVING STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY FOR 100 YEARS**. This is his 9th episode of "Where We Were" which is a series of broadcasts about our community's history. You can listen to it on your radio or smartphone at KCBP 95.5 FM at the following times: Sundays 11 AM and 4:30 PM, Mondays and Thursdays at 9 AM; or Fridays at 8:30 PM. A word to the wise, sometimes the segment is broadcast a few minutes after the reported time.





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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6-Marquis Thomas
- 8-Harley Edwards
- 15-Mark Wolfe
- 18-Sandy Lawrence
- 19-Jim Martinez
- 24-Tobias Gilstrap-Katen

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.



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

The Condensed Calendar



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday-

Andrew on vacation thru the 26th

Tuesday-

Pastor's Sabbath

Wednesday-

Office Closed

No Bible Study

Thursday-

Happy Thanksgiving!

Office Closed

Friday-

Office Closed

Saturday-

Next Sunday - November 28th - First

Day of Advent

11a Worship

12p Labyrinth Meditation and

Seever Bench Dedication

November 29 - 6p Service Sunday
meeting over ZOOM

December 5 - Holiday Dinner

December 5 - 6:30p Campfire Church

You may also check Facebook for
future events.