

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

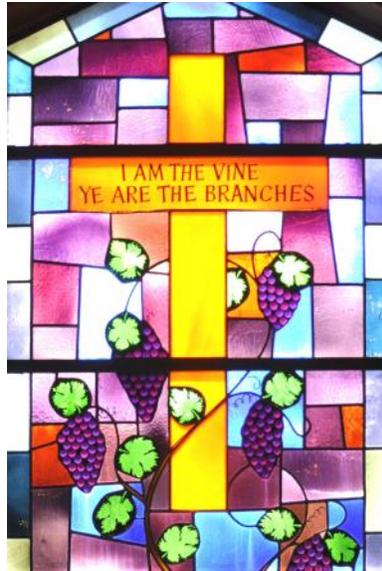
"As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:4-5

As you drive west on 108 toward Oakdale, have you ever noticed what looks to be a corral made of stones piled together? It was built sometime during the 1850s and currently is on the Rosasco ranch. Here's a picture: Notice how the rocks are fitted together-



er? They aren't just dumped into a heap; they have been carefully placed where they are. They are built into a corral that has stood for more than 160 years. Through time, through wind-storms, floods, animals and everything else that causes damage, it has stood the test of time. It's probably about the same age as our church is, give or take a few years.



In the same way, says Peter, God is building us, who are like living stones, into a spiritual house. This spiritual house is a temple for the worship of God. And we living stones, who are the walls and structure of the spiritual house, provide the worship. We offer spiritual sacrifices as priests do. We are set apart as holy, as priests are.

This Sunday, look around at your brothers and sisters. We haven't just been randomly piled up together. Our church is not like a heap of rocks that have been removed from a field and tossed away into the same general area. Our church is like a corral that has been carefully assembled. Each living stone – each one of us – has been intentionally selected and fitted together. God has deliberately called and built each one of us into his church. Why? To worship!

What if a vandal were to sneak in at night and scatter some of the rocks? The current owners would most likely

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repair the corral, since it's a historic landmark. In the same way, if evil forces were to sneak in and disrupt our church, God would repair us- if we living stones allow him to work in our midst. God has repaired our church any number of times during our 164 year history. We can trust him to continue doing so.

What if the corral stones could roll on their own, and make their own decisions? What if some of them decided to go off on their own, and rolled away from the walls? Then you'd have a partial corral that couldn't do what it was built to do – plus a whole lot of individual rocks doing nothing. In the same way, the church can't be and do what God calls us to be and do, if we ignore his intention to build us together. We worship God with an energy and passion that can only happen when we are together. We affect our whole community when we act together. A corral protects vulnerable animals from predators. Churches provide protection from evil forces too - plus also camaraderie, structure, introduction to Jesus, teaching the way of Jesus, and becoming part of Jesus' body on earth. Not to mention better health and a longer life! When we are a strong spiritual house, we are the hope of our communities through the power of God.

You have a place in this church. I hope to see you all in worship this Sunday.

Pastor Janet

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Church of the 49ers where God is the gold. We serve and worship God in spirit and in the truth of the scriptures. We live by faith and will be known by our love for others and our voice of hope.

August Session Highlights

Preceding the regular Session meeting on August 22nd, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) representative reported the completion of the CIF (Church Information Form). The form has been sent to Presbytery for approval, and after receipt of that approval, we can begin advertising for a new pastor to replace Pastor Janet as she retires - including putting the CIF on the church website.

Clerk Diane Brandt reported, with sadness, the passing of members Royce Rickman and Harry Rott.

The Building & Grounds Committee asked for a formal bid to replace the carpeting in the Sanctuary, including the balcony.

The Fellowship Committee is planning an outing to see "The Mousetrap" in Murphys on September 30 (Sunday matinee).

The Welcome & Evangelism Committee is planning to man a booth at the annual Tuolumne County Health Fair in October, and will need help.

The next regular meeting of the Session is scheduled for September 26th in the Lower Sanctuary at 2:00 pm, and members are welcome to attend. Check with the Office first for the correct start time as Session also is working on Succession Planning before the meeting begins.

Diane Brandt,
Co-Clerk of Session

Send your articles and Family News items for the October 2018 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by Sept. 25th to Leslie Davis at davisgold@gmail.com or call her at 532-6604.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through July 31, 2018 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

*Numbers exclusive of one-time donation of \$15,300 to be used to reduce the mortgage balance

	Budget	Actual*	Difference* Over/(Under)
Income	\$138,979	\$141,220	\$2,241
Expense	\$139,733	\$127,509	(\$12,224)

*Net Ordinary Income as of July 31: **\$13,710.78**
 Checking Acct. Balance as of July 31: **\$20,757.27**
 Mortgage Balance as of July 31: **\$112,729.11**
 July 2018 Mortgage Payment: **\$1,560.77**

Line Dancing

Carolyn Sylva teaches a FREE Line Dancing Class once per week in Faith Hall - from 9:30 to 10:30 am every Wednesday. If you're looking for a fun way to exercise, come on down to Faith Hall and join us. And bring your friends too!

49er Family News

Grieving

Family and friends of member **Kathy Brouillard**, who died August 25th at age 65.

Giving Thanks

Dear Church Family,

This past year you have been a great help and encouragement to Royce and I during a very difficult time in our lives. It is with heartfelt thanks that I extend appreciation for your warm welcome to us "new people" with love, caring, prayers, notes and cards.

Royce was not well enough to come to church and get acquainted with all of you, but he so enjoyed meeting the Christmas Carolers Group and the wonderful visit afterward. Dick Dyer and Ron Federly's visit for the inter-

view by the History Committee, Pastor Janet and Pastor Lee's visits, as well as the Threshold Choir visit were highlights for him.

Thank you all very much. You are an exceptional wonderful Congregation! May God bless you!

Marge Rickman

Editor's Note: Royce Rickman's death on July 16 was reported in last month's Golden Nugget. On Saturday, September 8, his memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm, and followed by a reception in Faith Hall.

Visitors for Millie

On August 14th, Judy Nason, Margie Fooshee and Kathi Lewis drove to Avalon in San Andreas to visit **Millie Batchelor**, who has been recuperating there from injuries suffered in a car accident. Upon arriving, the ladies discovered Millie already had three visitors (regulars at our Community Dinners). Then Patti and Doug Lau showed up too! They had a lovely visit with Millie, and before leaving prayed together and took this picture.



Off to College!

Weston Goularte is headed off for his first year at UC Irvine to study Engineering, and September 9th is his last Sunday with us before heading South. Let's wish him well.

He's certainly grown into a fine young man since this image was taken of Weston at Vacation Bible School in 2008!



September Birthdays

*Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you.
May the Lord bless you
And keep you,
Your whole life through.*

- Sept 5 Bob Morris
- Sept 8 Jackie Donges
- Sept 8 Cheryl Pittman
- Sept 9 Carolyn Stearns
- Sept 10 Barbara Lashbrook
- Sept 13 Shirley Stephens
- Sept 14 Sue Warren
- Sept 17 Lilian Graham
- Sept 18 Lukas Miller
- Sept 20 Nicholas Valenta
- Sept 22 Kathy Rudolph
- Sept 23 Dean Cunningham
- Sept 25 Patti Lau
- Sept 27 Nevaeh O'Dea
- Sept 29 Weston Goularte

Happy Anniversary!

Robert and Jeannie Baker
19 years on September 11

Ken and Deb Romberger
37 years on September 12

Bob and Carol Rogers
18 years on September 15



Parish Nursing

Valerie McCale, Parish Nurse, will provide free **Blood Pressure Checks** on Sunday, September 9th, following worship, right inside the door in Faith Hall.



The Choir Is Warming Up!

Beginning in mid-September, the 49er Church Choir will return to those old familiar church anthems for the worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month, plus special

Advent services. Would you like to join us? We have some exciting music planned! And we have a good time making music and making friends.

Rehearsals are in the Sadie Nicholls Room on Fridays from 10:30 to noon, and then we meet in the Sanctuary on the first and third Sundays at 9:00 am. We want to include everyone who'd like to sing with us for the praise of God. And it won't be long before we start rehearsing music for the Christmas season.

If you have questions or ideas for the choir, contact Barbara Broad, at 962-7730 or bbroad226@gmail.com, or any choir member.



Contest Reminder

Remember the contest, to see who can bring the most visitors to church? You still have a couple more weeks! Sunday September 9th will be the last day of the contest, and the winner will be announced in church on September 16th. The prize will be lunch or dinner at whichever restaurant in your county that you choose.

When you bring visitors, please write down their names on the back of your yellow prayer sheet. Write your own name on the front, so I'll know who brought whom.

Thanks so much for inviting others,

Pastor Janet

Upcoming Sermons

September 2 Communion

James 1:17-27; Exodus 22:21-24;
Matthew 5:21-22
"Truth and Consequences"
Pastor Janet preaching

September 9

James 2:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21;
Matthew 9:10-13
"Powerful Honor"
Pastor Janet preaching

September 16

James 3:1-6; Proverbs 10:19-21;
Matthew 12:35-37
"Preventing Wildfires"
Pastor Janet preaching

September 23

James 3:13-4:3; Proverbs 8:12-14;
Matthew 5:3-10
"Unearthly Wisdom"
Pastor Janet preaching

September 30

James 5:13-20; Matthew 7:7-12
"Prayer of an Unrighteous Person"
Pastor Janet preaching

*Listen to scripture readings
and sermons on our website
at www.49erchurch.org.*



Seeking Booth Workers for the Tuolumne County Health Fair October 16-17

The Welcome & Evangelism Committee is trying something new this year -- we have signed up for a booth in the Tuolumne County Health Fair at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. We anticipate decorating the booth similar to the one we had at the Senior Expo in June, with lots of pictures of worship and church activities and events, in the hopes of encouraging people to stop by and chat with us. We will hand out our Visitors Brochure and a flyer about the Helen Johnson Community Dinners, and one about the health benefits of church attendance. The Health Fair runs from 7 am to 1 pm on two days, the 16th and 17th of October, and the W&E Committee is seeking church members/regular attenders to help us man the booth - in two-hour shifts. If you're interested, please contact Gary Davis at 532-6604 or davisgold@hub3.net, or sign up in Faith Hall during Fellowship Time.

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Fellowship News

Sadly, it's time to say farewell to the Federlys! Ron and Pat have been very active members of our church for the past four years, but now they are moving to Southern California. Ron is an usher most Sundays, has admirably chaired the History Committee, and created the Pastor's Wall display in Faith Hall. Pat sings in our 49er Choir, is a Co-Clerk of Session, and as Archivist (with Ron's assistance), has copied and catalogued many of the articles in our church archives for safe keeping.

And, Weston Goularte will be headed off to college at UC Irvine very soon, so we'll be wishing him well also.

To give Ron and Pat and Weston a proper farewell, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a Farewell Party on Sunday, September 9th, their last day with us. We will serve extra-special Fellowship Refreshments after worship and you can sign a card for them, or bring your own.

Mission Committee

Here's a thank you note received by the Mission Committee from the Board of Directors of Grandma's House:

"Grandma's House would like to thank the Mission Committee for donating a bench for our garden, and also thank Roger and Judy Haughton for delivering the bench. We know our kids will love our new garden bench. Thank you for thinking of Grandma's House."

If you are aware of any needs or worthy causes that you would like the Mission Committee to consider, please let us know. Better yet, new members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be August 21st at 3:00 pm in the Lower Sanctuary.

Judy and Roger Haughton, Mission Committee Co-Chairs

Children enjoying the new bench at Grandma's House



Theatre Outing September 30, 2 pm

Do you enjoy live theatre, but don't want to go by yourself? Or perhaps you need to keep entertainment expenses low? We have the perfect solution! The Fellowship Committee is organizing a theatre outing to see "The Mousetrap," a murder mystery written by the famed Agatha Christie. It is playing at the Murphys Creek Theatre in Murphys September 7 through September 30. Leslie is organizing a group outing to see the Sunday matinee of "The Mousetrap" on September 30 at 2:00 pm. If we have at least ten people signed up, tickets are \$18 each (otherwise \$24 adult or \$22 senior). Sign up during Fellowship Time or contact Leslie at davisgold@gmail.com or 532-6604 if you want to join us. And yes, we'll carpool!

All-Church Cookbook !!! Do you have favorite recipes to share?

The Fellowship Committee is creating a cookbook full of recipes submitted by members and friends of the Church of the 49ers. Deb Handy is chairing the project, with assistance from other members of the committee. Session has approved the cookbook as a fundraiser, with proceeds to be split between the Fellowship and Welcome & Evangelism Committee budgets.

We are searching for favorite recipes, in any category. Possible categories

are: appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, meats, poultry, seafood, vegetables, breads, rolls, beverages, and desserts including pies, pastries, cakes, cookies, confections.

Cooking for a Crowd recipes are also desired - for instance, recipes used for our Helen Johnson Community Dinners.

But please, send in only recipes you have already tried and like—your favorites. To submit a recipe(s), print legibly

or type, add your name, and give to Deb Handy or John Malaspino on a Sunday, mail to the church office, or give or email to Leslie Davis at davisgold@gmail.com.

After all the recipes are compiled, we'll get the cookbook printed and offer it for sale at the church and to our friends and neighbors.

Everyone has a favorite recipe to bring to potlucks. Won't you share yours?

The Lincoln Eulogy

Part 2

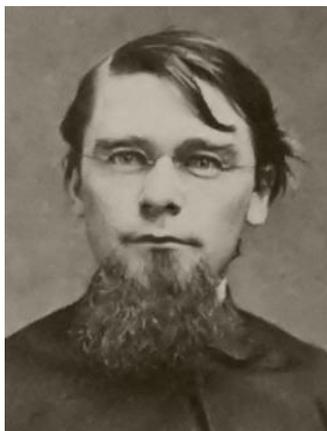
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By Dick Dyer

This is the conclusion of an article printed in the August *Golden Nugget* describing the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865. After a few days the news report reached distant Columbia about the shooting by “half-crazed” John Wilkes Booth. It was considered a diabolic atrocity by citizens of the Mother Lode communities. As I understand Apostle John, Booth’s crime was a heinous “act of sin” against God and also flagrant treason against the lawfully established State.

Meanwhile, we need to be reminded that mature Columbia of the 1860s was no longer the “camp of the colorful cradle days” (early 1850s). The exciting Golden Age was no more. Rev. David Henry Palmer had arrived to assume the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. The Palmer family must have been unprepared for the commotion awaiting their presence. It was a time of unrest. The Sabbath was routinely overlooked as the miners assembled in boisterous gambling halls.

Throughout the camp, church attendance declined. Persistent ethnic friction was rampant among the various groups. California’s prejudicial Foreign Miners Tax



Rev. David Henry Palmer, our pastor in 1865

of 1850 forced many miners to abandon their claims around gold-rich Columbia. During those stressful years, Sonora resident Robert Stoddart’s newspaper “histories” pointed out that a majority of the mining camp’s residents were foreigners. He wrote, Columbia “never recovered from the immense drain on their population....” In Edna Buckbee’s popular history of the area, she wrote, “By 1865 Columbia, ‘the Gem of the Southern Mines,’ lay tortured and disfigured upon the benevolent breast of Old Tuolumne (exaggeration?). Needless to say, it was apparent that the historic camp by 1860 was “decaying with the decadence of her mines....” (Lang, ed.)

After the news of the president’s assassination was received, Columbia’s civic leaders announced a “Day of Mourning.” Rev. Palmer agreed to present the eulogy. Patriotic citizens and military groups marched in a solemn procession along Washington Street to the Presbyterian Church. It was Wednesday, April 19, 1965.

Friends, it would be a miraculous revelation to introduce to you “Rev. David Henry Palmer” for his rendition of those agonizing days as he struggled to write and deliver an appropriate message of comfort for a grieving community. This is not possible. However, your History Committee sponsored an honorable alternative. At a special Sabbath service on February 15, 2004, church pastor Rev. Bill David introduced Parish Associate Rev. Jerry Vanover attired in customary clerical garb and with an interesting facial embellishment---noooo, not the novel Palmer hairstyle, but a not-too-convincing beard. (Unfortunately, an exact “look alike” was unavailable.) While at the historic Dobbins Pulpit, Rev. Vanover read the entire Palmer eulogy (3,200 words) to a generally attentive congregation. The second read-



Rev. Jerry Vanover reenacted the Lincoln Eulogy given by Rev. David Henry Palmer

ing of this remarkable eulogy is still remembered by several 49er Church ministers who were present at Rev. Vanover’s oration.

During the many years of teaching American History at Columbia College, I had often believed my celebrated colleagues had a habit to unwisely “rank” too many things—first to last; strongest to weakest; richest to poorest; best to worst. Among the many rankings was our presidents. About every ten years a revised presidential ranking is published. These subjective rankings usually include only a few changes through the decades. I have the 2000 and 2009 documents compiled by many “prominent scholars.” As expected, the “Great Presidents” list of 2009 remains virtually unchanged—Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt. Interestingly, in the 2000 survey by “78 intellectuals,” Ronald Reagan has continued to advance within the “Near Great” category. Conversely, John Kennedy has been declared the “most overrated by a wide margin,” fading into the 18th position (credible?)

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News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello, dear Church of the 49ers family. I trust you have had an enjoyable summer, but I'm certain we are all anxious for cooler weather.

Last month, I told you about our new social media outreach called The Ephraim Project. Do you remember why we chose this name? Ephraim in Hebrew means 'fruitful' and I asked you to pray for a fruitful outreach.

Both components have now launched and we are already seeing fruit, so thanks for praying! We are using social media to reach into

one of the most closed countries in the world for the message of Jesus Christ. People there are dissatisfied and disillusioned with their state religion, and we are seeing hearts open to the love of Jesus. Please pray for our staff and volunteers as they respond to the messages and questions that we receive.

Praise God for the launch of a new Arabic online radio ministry that replaces what we have traditionally done via satellite. We are working together with an Arabic television broadcaster based out of Sweden. Within the first week of the new service's Facebook presence, there were more than 7,000 people interacting with the team, indicating their excitement for the messages and music they are hearing. Several people

have reached out to our follow-up team with deep personal, emotional and spiritual questions. Please pray for wisdom as the team answers the questions and that each conversation can be an open door to talk about Jesus. Try out your Arabic in the logo for the new online station!

Please pray for me as I travel this month to do training in Sierra Leone hosted by our longtime local broadcast partner, Believers Broadcasting Network. I will serve along with other trainers in an event organized by a joint-ministry group called Africa by Radio. Reach Beyond is one of the founding members of ABR. I'm honored to be able to be a part of this event.

Thanks so much for praying! It is awesome to serve together with you!

Allen



Interfaith News

Fall is just around the corner, so I wanted to ask, if you know of a church member who is a client at Interfaith and they need some wood for heating this winter, they need to come in and sign up before the end of September. It is on a first-come basis.

I want to welcome our newest volunteer from our church, Melissa Schultz. She is working in the pantry area on Fridays. If you know of someone who could help out in the pantry area on Thursdays (they don't have to attend our church), there is a real need on that day. Please let me know and I can put them in touch with Cathy, our director.

Also, it has been brought to my attention that I should tell you that it is because of Interfaith that our church has been given all bread, etc. items each Saturday and Sunday, to enjoy or pass along to others.

I want to continue to thank everyone for their generous donations each week. Everything you give goes to help others in our community.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

"Eulogy"

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Internet Surprise! In recent months some "historians" now rank Kennedy and Reagan with the ten "near great" presidents. (politics?)

As a conclusion about the first assassination of an American president, I shall defer to two who were present during this despicable deed. First, the Rev. David Henry Palmer's memorable eulogy: "The splendor of his deeds will forever illuminate American history." Also, he wrote as his last sentence, "Embalmed with the nation's tears, may they abide in the nation's love, until the stupendous sorrow which burdens hearts today shall have grown old with centuries." And finally, my research led me to Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War (Defense), Edwin M. Stanton, a frequent critic of the president. He remarked while at the president's deathbed, "Now he belongs to the ages." (It was probably the most admirable thing he ever said about Abraham Lincoln.) Yes, Abraham Lincoln's message about a UNITED STATES is relevant today.

Dick Dyer, Church Historian

September Community Events

7th Annual Glenn Bass Run/Walk - Saturday, September 8

Features a one-mile run/walk at 8 am and 5K at 8:30 am, at the Wildcat Ranch at Tuolumne Road and Wards Ferry Road, Sonora. Benefits the Sonora Lions and Sonora High School Cross Country. Contact Pirkko Dyer for more information.

Back to School 1861 - Saturday, September 15, 4 to 7 pm, near the Columbia Cemetery

If you've ever wanted to see the inside of Columbia's historic two-room schoolhouse up on the hill, you'll want to attend "Back to School 1861" hosted by Columbia State Historic Park docents. The schoolhouse is open to the public only once per year, and this is it! This free event includes tours, "lessons" taught by docents inside a classroom, historic games, music, hand-cranked ice cream on the school grounds.

Columbia Fine Art Show - Sunday, September 16, 9 am to 5 pm, Columbia State Historic Park

Free admission. Features approximately 50 local painters, potters, sculptors, photographers displaying/selling their art.

Fiddle & Bango Contest - Saturday, September 29, 10:30 am to 5 pm, Columbia State Historic Park

All-day music contest in Columbia's gazebo, featuring musicians singing and/or playing fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, harmonica and other instruments. Juried, with a gold nugget for top prize.

For more information about the events in Columbia State Historic Park, contact Leslie Davis, representative for the church at Columbia Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Sonora Sings Classical - Sunday, September 23, 3 pm at the Red Church, Sonora

Do you love to sing the old classical choral music, like "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Brahms and the Introit and Kyrie from "Requiem" by Fauré and "This Little Babe" from "Ceremony of Carols" by Britten? Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 23 at 3 p.m., for Sonora Sings Classical at the Red Church. Join us for an afternoon of just enjoying music, just singing the classics for fun. You can also just come to listen. There is no admission charge, just a donations basket. No rehearsing, just singing. Local pianists Dorothy Arndt and Diane Day will accompany, and John Carter will be leading. Contact Barbara Broad for more information.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Now that Fall is here, it's time to resurrect the monthly no-host breakfasts enjoyed by the men of the church. All men are invited to meet on Saturday, **September 8, at 8:00 am at Brooks Ranch** on Mono Way in Sonora.

Contact Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for more information.

About Sexton Steve Ames

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Sexton of a church? Steve Ames has been the Sexton of the Church of the 49ers for over 3 years. As you all know, he is a hard worker, skilled in many maintenance and handyman duties, terrific in the kitchen, and really knows how to clean and polish a really big building – Faith Hall. Steve and his side kick, Dexter, have done a superior job of preventing vandalism and keeping homeless people off the campus after hours.

As you can imagine, our Sexton, Steve, has a BIG JOB AND A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITIES. The LAST thing that he needs is for people continually asking him to do "other" things at church, that are not on his already crowded "job description."

There is a protocol and PLEASE FOLLOW IT for getting things done at church. If you see something that needs to be done, PLEASE go to Deb Johnson in the church office, who will give you a form to fill out. After filling in the blanks submit the form back to her. Deb will see that the form goes to the appropriate person to have the chore observed and completed.

Steve certainly deserves our consideration in not being constantly "bombarded" with requests for "unapproved-chores."

Sharon Poff, Personnel Elder

Presbyterian Women

After taking the summer off, Presbyterian Women will resume their monthly General Meetings on Thursday, **September 6, at 11:00 am in the Lower Sanctuary**. Bring a potluck dish to share and we'll dine together after discussing plans for the next nine months. Moderator Gwen Harris will introduce our new Bible study books titled "Daring Faith, the Key to Miracles" by Rick Warren. **Gwen Harris, PW Moderator**

Helen Johnson Community Dinners and Spiritual Roads

This past year the Community Dinner Program has been fortunate enough to be funded with support from the Sonora Area Foundation. The grant was for \$15,000 and began September 1, 2017 and was to go through an entire twelve months...ending August 31, 2018.

One of the requirements of the grant was to submit a report to Sonora Area Foundation which requires answering several questions and providing an accounting of the funds. The questions were:

- What was the purpose of the original request and what were the intended objectives?
- Who were/are the beneficiaries of this program? Include the number of clients served.
- How have grant funds been spent and what functions and purposes have been fulfilled?
- What other sources and funds have been used to support the program?
- How have these grant funds impacted the quality of life of the people for whom your organization exists?
- Share a difference this program has made with a success story.
- What are the plans for sustaining this program in the future? What are your future funding sources?

Over the next few months I will attempt to share briefly parts of the grant report so that perhaps you might gain some insight to this program...and possibly even understand why those of us who serve weekly are so passionate about what we do.

Although this is just the opinion of the

writer, I think I can speak for most of the volunteers who work on Monday nights...that the people we serve (the beneficiaries of this program) are the reason we do what we do. The average number of guests that we have served this past year is 66 (excluding our Christmas dinner on December 18, 2017 where we served 192). The average attendance has increased from fifty guests two years ago, which continues to demonstrate to us the need for our program. In addition to the evening meals served in Faith Hall, we have provided an average of 18 take-out meals per week.

Beginning in March of 2018 an addiction recovery program, **Spiritual Roads**, under the leadership of Chris Lytle, began meeting directly following our dinners each Monday evening. Many of those who attend meetings have also been attending dinners, and some of these guests have been volunteering their help, and new friendships are continually being made. In addition we have the pleasure of some great music by Alex Kash, who plays each week for about an hour...wonderful songs and music which is a delightful treat for all of us.

There are many ways to help out in this program - which was begun by Helen Johnson in 2004.

If you have not had the chance in awhile to attend, please think about joining us on a Monday evening. One of the best things you can do is have dinner with a new



Serving Community Dinner in December 2017

friend...talk to that person...reach out. Who knows...you might find it is something you really enjoy. Remember, dinner is served at 6:00 pm each and every Monday in Faith Hall.

Look in the Nugget next month for more inside information about the Helen Johnson Community Dinner Program. The plan is to address all of these questions over the next several months!

Margie Fooshee and Suzanne Williamson, Co-Chairpersons



Chris Lytle leading a meeting of Spiritual Roads

September Calendar

Sunday meetings begin 30 minutes after worship ends

RR = Ramont Room FH = Faith Hall CE1 = Christian Ed Bldg
SNR = Sadie Nicholls Room LS = Lower Sanctuary (basement)

- 2 Worship 10 am, Communion, Summer Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in RR
- 3 LABOR DAY - office is closed. Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, followed by Spiritual Roads in LS
- 5 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 6 PW General Meeting and Potluck 11 am in LS
- 8 Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8 am at Brooks Ranch; Royce Rickman memorial service 2 pm in sanctuary, followed by reception in FH
- 9 Worship 10 am; Blood Pressure Checks in FH following worship; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in RR; Farewell Party for Ron and Pat Federly and Weston Goularte during Fellowship Time
- 10 History Committee 9:30 am in History Room upstairs in FH; Buildings & Grounds 10 am in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, following by Spiritual Roads in LS
- 12 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 14 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 16 Worship 10 am, 49er Choir Sings; "Just Dance" 1-4 pm in FH
- 17 Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, followed by Spiritual Roads in LS
- 19 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Finance Committee 1 pm in Office
- 21 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 23 Worship 10 am, Country Western Sunday; Fellowship Committee 11:30 am in RR
- 24 Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, followed by Spiritual Roads in LS
- 26 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session meets 2 pm in LS
- 28 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 30 Worship 10 am

Sundays 10 am – Worship Service in Sanctuary, followed by Fellowship Time in Faith Hall. **Children's Sunday School** – Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Moment in worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays). Nursery is available every Sunday.

Mondays

6 pm — Community Dinner served in Faith Hall. All welcome.

Tuesdays

9 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Janet's Office

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