

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

“(L)et **us** draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having **our** hearts sprinkled to cleanse **us** from a guilty conscience and having **our** bodies washed with pure water. Let **us** hold unswervingly to the hope **we** profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let **us** consider how **we** may spur **one another** on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging **one another** – and all the more as **you** see the Day approaching.”
(Hebrews 10:22-25, emphasis added)

From mid-September till mid-November, every worship service has had, or will have, a very brief testimony of where the speaker has seen God at work in our church. I’ve really enjoyed both speaking and hearing what different people say. God is doing different things, in different areas of church life; and it takes the perspective of different people to bring to light all of God’s work in our midst. I find myself thinking, “I never knew that! I’m glad to know about one more thing God is doing!” Perhaps you’ve felt that way too?

We may each have a sense of where God is at work in our individual lives, and feel grateful. But there’s so much more to thank God for in our church lives! He may be doing one thing in me. But he’s doing scores of things in the church!



Maybe that’s why the writer of Hebrews so strongly urges us to draw near to God as a congregation. Did you notice how often he uses plural pronouns? Even the “you” in verse 25 is in the plural form (Greek distinguishes singular “you” from plural “you.”) Hebrews is about how powerful the experience of God can be, together. WE are cleansed from our guilty consciences. WE hold to the hope WE profess and experience God’s faithfulness. WE are able to spur ONE ANOTHER on towards love and good deeds.

Which makes sense. As social creatures, we do influence one another’s behavior. Perhaps that is why God built a church on Pentecost, not 3,000 separate, individual believers in Jesus as the Christ. God knows that it’s difficult to live as his child in a fallen world, and so he has given us one another. He has drawn us together as Christ’s body on earth, and sent his Holy Spirit to dwell among us (plural), just as he breathed his spirit into human beings during creation.

When you decide to attend worship, “meet together” as Hebrews says, it benefits you. The mud of life, so to speak, gets washed off. You are better able to receive Christ’s strength. And, your presence benefits the other people in the worship service too! Oth-

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er people can see God at work in you and find their own faith strengthened. Together, it’s much easier to hold on to hope and to encouragement. When you attend, you are making a “together” possible. You are attending for their sakes as well as your own.

And besides, aren’t you curious? Wouldn’t you like to know where others see God at work in our midst?

May the peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Janet



With a pink rosebud on the pulpit, Gwen and David Harris proudly announced the birth of their first grandchild, Millie Zelma Fitzsimons, on September 28. Millie is the daughter of their daughter and son-in-law, Evie and Drew Harris-Fitzsimons.

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We are the Church of the 49ers where

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through August 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	\$158,833	\$158,123	(\$710)
Expense	\$159,503	\$144,605	(\$14,898)

*Net Ordinary Income as of Aug. 31: **\$8,518.31**
Mortgage Balance as of Aug. 31: **\$111,524.07**
August 2018 Mortgage Principal Payment: **\$1,205.04**

September Session Highlights

Highlights of the Session meeting on
September 26th include:

- Pastor Janet reported she has trained members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PCN) on interviewing skills in preparation for any candidates who respond to our advertised job opening for a pastor-- to replace Janet after she retires in 2019.
- Plans are being made for the 2019 Pledge Drive, and the Finance Committee is anticipating having a tax lawyer speak to the congregation about recent changes in the tax laws regarding donations to nonprofits.
- The Helen Johnson Community Dinner Committee is considering the purchase of a new 9-burner, 2-oven commercial stove to replace the frustrating one we have (temperatures in the ovens fluctuate too much).
- Per Treasurer Jeff Warren, it costs about \$10,000 per year to provide weekly meals for the Helen Johnson Community Dinner program, which currently serves more than 80 diners each Monday. There is enough in the church savings account for now, and in October we can submit another grant request to the Sonora Area Foundation for additional funds. Thanks to all who give for this community outreach program.
- The Welcome & Evangelism Committee announced the church's website has been rebuilt, and can be found online at churchofthe49ers.com.

- Buildings & Grounds is working to add a "Loading Zone Only" sign in front of Faith Hall, and a curb painted red to discourage people from parking near the fire hydrant to the right of the building.
- The Mission Committee recommended we take a special offering during worship on October 7, with all monies collected to be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Redding for their disbursement to people affected by the Carr Fire in Redding in July.
- Personnel Committee is planning to honor Pastor Lee with "Lee Week" October 23 - 28, culminating in a BBQ potluck lunch in Faith Hall on the 28th following worship. Potluck will be organized by the Fellowship Committee.
- Session approved PW's request to hold a fundraiser, titled "As the Leaves Turn..." on November 3. Proceeds benefit mission projects of PW.

The next regular meeting of the Session is scheduled for October 24th 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.

**Leslie Davis, substituting for
Diane Brandt
Co-Clerk of Session**

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

Vi Morgado and family and friends, after her husband **John Morgado** passed away on September 22 at the age of 95. A memorial service for John is scheduled for Friday, October 12, at 11 am. Both the service and reception will be in Faith Hall.

Vi wants to say thank you to everyone who sent cards to her and her family after John's passing, as well as for all the prayers for John's peace and comfort while he was cared for at Avalon over the past three years.

Thank You from the Federlys

Dear 49ers,

Ron and I wish to thank you for the wonderful sendoff you gave us on September 9th. We are blessed to have shared the togetherness we felt with you all and will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

*God be with you,
Pat*

Editor's Note: The Federlys have purchased a home in Menifee, CA (southeast of Los Angeles). Their email and cell phone are still valid, and their new address is available from the church office.

Thank you from Weston Goularte

Editor's Note: Weston Goularte sent the following thank you for the "nice send-off party and prayers for my going off to college."

Thank you to all of the members of the church who have always made me feel happy and welcome throughout the years as you all have continuously supported me with all of my endeavors. Whenever I needed something, you all were there to help me as well as helping me grow as a person. Once I go off to college, I will miss all of you so much, but I know that you will all be supporting me. I can't wait to come back and visit again.

Sincerely, Weston

It was reported in the *Union Democrat* recently that Weston Goularte and Katriina Thompson both received academic honors for their Advanced Placement classes at Sonora High.

Thanks from Weston's parents too:

Jeff and I would like to thank the congregation once again for their heartfelt prayers, supportiveness, love, and kindness. The prayers that Pastor Janet said for Weston and the "Going Away to College Party" will always have a special place in our hearts!

*In God's Peace,
Shelly and Jeff
Goularte*

Shelly also included a picture of Weston graduating from the 49er Pre-school.



October Birthdays

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

Oct 3	Teresia Wilson
Oct 4	Deborah Handy
Oct 7	Jim Lashbrook
Oct 15	Brian Annett
Oct 16	June Perea
Oct 17	Dana Avila-Youngborg
Oct 17	Marian Cramer
Oct 18	Peggy McConnell
Oct 20	Stacy Lien
Oct 24	Mary Wollitz
Oct 25	Beverly Everhart
Oct 26	Evie Harris
Oct 26	Kim "Rusty" Mayer
Oct 27	Valerie McCale
Oct 31	Sonja Harris

Happy Anniversary!

Jeff and Sue Warren
14 years on October 9



Parish Nursing

Valerie McCale, Parish Nurse, will provide free **Blood Pressure Checks** on Sunday, October 13th, following worship, right inside the door in Faith Hall.

Pastor Lee Week

The week of October 22 through October 28 will be an opportunity for us all to celebrate our friend, Pastor Lee, for his years of faithful and spiritual leadership of our church.

The Personnel Committee and Session will honor him at their monthly meetings during that week. On Sunday, October 28, we will culminate "Pastor Lee Week" with "special recognition" at the Sunday worship service. Please be certain to mark your calendar to come to worship on Sunday, October 28th!

Immediately following the worship service, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a scrumptious celebratory potluck lunch barbecue in Faith Hall. Contact Margie Fooshee at 532-5822 to advise her of your potluck contribution.

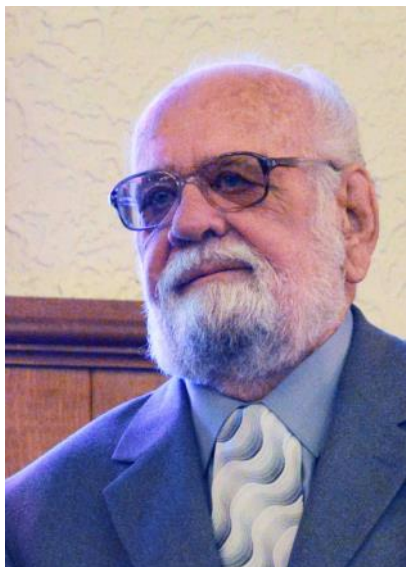
Pastor Lee knows about Lee Week - we don't have to try to keep it a secret.



Plans for the Choir

This time of the year we begin talking about the wonderful music we get to sing during the Christmas season. Unfortunately some of our women singers have recently left us, for good reasons, like moving away. We're always looking for new members, but right now we really, really need some new women, both sopranos and altos.

Do you know anyone who might be interested? They don't need to be members of the church, and it could be just for the Christmas season. Or might you be interested?



Here is Pastoral Assistant Rev. Lee Warford when he was introduced to the congregation March 10, 2013.

Please bring cards and notes expressing what Pastor Lee has meant to you and this church. Also, if you would care to donate to a gift, contact Sharon Poff at 736-2085 for her address.

Upcoming Sermons

October 7

Communion

Hebrews 1:1-4, 12:18-29;

Exodus 19:16-19, 20:18-21

"Why Worship? Because of Who God Is"

Pastor Janet preaching

October 14

Hebrews 2:1-4, 10:19-25;

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

"Why Worship? Because of Who We are"

Pastor Janet preaching

October 21

Hebrews 6:20b-7:25;

Genesis 14:13b-20

"Why Tithe? Because God Deserves It"

Pastor Janet preaching

October 28

Hebrews 13:5-8; Deuteronomy 31:1-8

"Why Tithe? Because It Helps Us Trust"

Pastor Janet preaching

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

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

Rehearsals are in the Sadie Nicholls Room on Fridays from 10:30 to noon, and then we meet at 9 am in the Sanctuary to sing on the first and third Sundays of the month. During the Christmas season we sing more often.

And there's the bell choir! Jim and Diane Brandt will be starting rehearsals for them in a few weeks. It's possible to do both!!

Come and join us in producing beautiful music! Contact Barbara Broad at 962-7730 or bbroad226@gmail.com.

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As the Leaves Turn...

Sat, Nov 3
4 - 6 pm

Featuring Musical Entertainment
by "The Shenandoahs"
and buffet chili dinner

Faith Hall - Church of the 49ers
11155 Jackson St, Columbia

\$15 adults, \$5 ages 6-12, free for wee ones
Call 532-6604 to purchase or reserve tickets



Proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women mission projects

All-Church Cookbook

The Fellowship Committee is creating a cookbook full of recipes submitted by members and friends of the Church of the 49ers. Profit from cookbook sales will be split between the Fellowship and Welcome & Evangelism Committee budgets.

We are searching for favorite recipes, in any category, such as: 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. Submit your recipe(s) to Leslie Davis at davisgold@gmail.com, or hand-written. So that we can publish the cookbook by early December, deadline for submission is November 18.

Presbyterian Women

All women are invited to attend the PW General Meeting on **Thursday, October 4, at 11:00 am in Faith Hall**. Bring a potluck dish to share and we'll dine together after a short business meeting. We're doing a craft project also - to create table decorations for the November 3rd PW fundraiser. We'll be decorating pumpkins - contact Cathy Crawford if you can bring craft supplies.

Mark your calendar for November 3rd for "As the Leaves Turn..." fundraising event. Volunteers are needed for decorating, ticket selling, cooking and serving dinner, clean up, etc.

Our new Bible study books are available for \$12, titled **Daring Faith, the Key to Miracles** by Rick Warren. The three PW Circles will meet Thursday, October 11, for Bible study.

Gwen Harris, PW Moderator

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Mission Committee

The Mission Committee had a very busy and productive meeting in September. We began by welcoming Suzanne Williamson to our group. Thank you for joining us, Suzanne. Information was shared about the assistance needed as a result of the Carr Fire in Redding and Hurricane Florence. Because of the generosity of our church, we will be sending a total of \$800. to two churches in Redding so they can help with specific needs, which resulted from the fire. Another \$500. will go to Hope Community Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. This is a church actively involved, year round, with sharing the good news of Jesus with the people of Wilmington. Our donation will help with recovery efforts. A donation was also made to Nancy's Hope and Vets Helping Vets, both in Tuolumne County. Rosie brought to our attention the Delgado family, who owns the El Jardin

restaurants in our county. They have a daughter and son-in-law working in Chile as missionaries. They bring the message of salvation via radio broadcasts and in person to families and specifically orphans living in southern Chile. We will send them a donation to support their efforts.

On September 24, the Mission Committee sponsored the Helen Johnson Community Dinner in conjunction with Chris Lytle and *Spiritual Roads* (addiction recovery program). Pizza, salad and ice cream were served to the guests - almost 100 people! Nicholas Domingo (aka Captain Encouragement) of *Call to Inspire*, spoke to the group about overcoming life's challenges.

At our next meeting, we will be discussing the Alternative Christmas Fair. We praise God and are grateful to Him



September 24, 2018 Community Dinner: Pastor Lee Warford, Ken Minett, Lilian Graham, Nicholas Domingo, Gary Davis, Roger Houghton, Chris Lytle, Suzanne Williamson

for providing us with the resources and guidance so that we are able to serve others in our community, our nation and abroad.

Judy and Roger Houghton, Mission Committee Co-Chairs

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SONORA BACH FESTIVAL -- 4 concerts in October

Salon Concert--Sat., Oct. 6, 3 pm, St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Sonora. Reserve tickets in advance: \$35 536-6330

Youth Finalists' Concert--Sun., Oct. 14, 3 pm, Church of the 49ers Sanctuary in Columbia. \$5

Locals' Concert--Sun., Oct. 31, 3 pm, Church of the 49ers Sanctuary in Columbia. \$15

Bach's Brunch--Sun., Oct. 28, 12:30 pm, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Sugar Pine. Reserve tickets in advance: \$35 536-6330

LOCAL CRAFT/VENDOR EVENT--Saturday, October 13, 9 am to 3 pm

This is a fundraiser for Sierra NonProfit Services, and features fun, food, crafts and vendors in Faith Hall, Church of the 49ers in Columbia. 533-1093

GARDEN TOUR--Sunday, October 14, 10 am to 3 pm

The garden of church member Carol and Bob Rogers is on the 23rd annual Master Gardeners Garden Tour. Tickets (\$12) may be purchased online from ucanr.edu/tuolumnegardentourtickets or at Columbia Mercantile or Antiques, Etc.

COLUMBIA'S HARVEST FESTIFALL--Saturday-Sunday, October 13-14, 10 am to 5 pm

Contact Leslie Davis for more information about this free crafts fair and harvest festival in Columbia State Historic Park.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HEALTH FAIR--Tuesday-Wednesday, October 16-17, 7 am to 1 pm

at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora

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News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Thank you for being a part of my ministry with Reach Beyond. Thanks also for praying for the media training in Sierra Leone. It was an intense, but very productive time. We had people representing stations from Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia.

The new Arabic online ministry continues to receive good response. In fact, our local partner has shifted the hours for the follow-up center until 2 AM local time since many people are contacting the center late at night. We know of at least one person who has come to Christ because of this new ministry. Praise God! Please continue to pray for the producers of the programs and for those who interact with the listeners when they contact the station, mostly through social media.

The Ephraim Project is also having steady impact. However, I have received word from two of the producers that persecution of believers is growing. Please pray for God's protection over our brothers and sisters in this

very closed country. Pray that they will have wisdom in how, when and with whom to share their faith in the one true God.

Last year you were praying for my visa to live and work in Spain. Now it is time to pray for the renewal of my visa! I will submit the paperwork the first part of October and hope to have an answer by the end of the month, or early November.

A new couple has just joined our team after serving many years in Australia.

Please pray for them as they adjust to the Spanish culture and their new ministry assignments with our local FM station, Radio Vida.

As always, I would like to share more details with you, but due to the work in many closed countries, I cannot do so in writing. Thanks for your understanding and for your prayers for me, our team, and, above all, the current and future believers in the countries where we are ministering or hope to do so as God opens the doors.

Allen



Media Training in Sierra Leone



Dick Dyer saying farewell to Weston Goularte and to Pat and Ron Federly September 9th



Thank You Note from Habitat for Humanity

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Columbia,

Thanks to you, Jeff and his family now have a place to call home.

Can you imagine growing up in the foster system, never having a place to call home? This is what Jeff experienced as a child, and all he ever wanted was a safe, stable place called home for his wife and daughter.

Your generous sponsorship is what helped make Jeff's dream a reality. Thank you for your contribution of \$500. Your gift is not only providing hope and dignity for families, but making a tangible impact for generations to come.

My sincere thanks for your support through the years.

Warmly,

Trinita Abila, CEO

"Whatever good things we build end up building us." Jim Rohn

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Oral History Series: Helen Johnson Interview

Editor's Note: Long-time member Helen Johnson founded the Community Dinner Program at the Church of the 49ers in the Spring of 2004 - at the age of 82. As part of the Oral History Series conducted by the church's History Committee, Helen was interviewed by Betty Sagaser in 2013. The taped interview was transcribed by Bob Rogers. Due to space constraints, only excerpts taken from the interview are printed here, and clarifications have been added by the editor in parentheses.

BETTY to HELEN: Tell me about the Monday night dinners, or Tuesday or Friday dinners, and how they came about.

HELEN: Well, we'd been trying to reach out to the community more and we asked the congregation to please come up with some ideas. And...one day in church Patty Burchell...asked everybody to come up with an idea and then let her know. We all got together and there was half a dozen of us that came up with the same idea, like having dinners for people and inviting anybody who wanted to come.... So, I volunteered to do it because it was something I really loved and I really wanted to do....

So it worked out all right (*the first dinner*), but I cooked for a hundred and figured on spaghetti because everybody likes it. It goes far. We were really shocked when only 25 showed up. We had all this spaghetti, you can imagine how much we cooked, and everybody

had spaghetti to take home. We were disappointed that we didn't spread the word more. We didn't know how to go about it then, but we just kept putting signs around the town. Everyone we asked to put the signs out, they were glad to do it. We gradually worked up to having a hundred people, but it took quite awhile. Say it took about a year.

Other than for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, they were always packed full. We had so many people offering to help. That was just a blessing because it gave them [an opportunity] to be with fellow Christians over the chopping block and over the dishpan. It also gave us the chance to serve people more and more each week. We were all thrilled about this. Nobody grouched about anything. If they were stuck with doing all the dishes it didn't bother them at all. They just all loved being together. There wasn't a time that I know of in eight and a half years that there was a discussion that wasn't a happy one. There were no arguments. There was nothing except love shown for everybody there. And ideas put forth and people coming in and volunteering. It was just a wonderful opportunity for people to share the work of God and to be able to feed people who were hungry and didn't have jobs. We kept that up for eight and a half years.

...The dinners were passed on in a different way of giving them, but it has been very successful. Many, many people have learned the happiness of serving those people out of our kitchen.



Helen Johnson honored at Community Dinner May 7, 2018

BETTY:

Thank you, Helen. And it's quite appropriate to use this as training for the new season for this year, for the cooking.

Editor's Note: In 2012 after more than 8 years, Helen stepped down from being the meal planner, buyer, chief cook, and volunteer coordinator for the Community Dinner Program - to take care of her beloved husband, Ray Johnson, who passed away in 2013. Helen is now 97.

Renamed the Helen Johnson Community Dinner Program in 2013, many volunteers continue in Helen's footsteps to cook and serve approximately 80-100 free dinners to people in the community every Monday at 6 pm in Faith Hall.

Are You Interested in History?

This church has been dedicated to maintaining its long history and has a committee dedicated to researching, documenting and archiving various forms of historical data. Pat Federly became the church's first Archivist in February 2015 and has been working to copy, scan and print the items stored in the History Archives; she has completed over half

of the task. With the Federlys recent move to Southern California, the committee needs someone to carry on her efforts. The requirements are few: comfortable with copying, scanning and printing; enjoys organizing data.

The History Committee could sure use your help to carry on this important task within the church. If interested, or for more information, contact Dick Dyer.

Helen Johnson Community Dinners

As I mentioned last month, our Community Dinner Program was funded this past year by a grant from the Sonora Area Foundation. In addition, we received some money from the Mission Committee of our church, some donations from church members directly, and also donations from the people who attend. The funds from the grant were required to be spent within the year (September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018). The focus of this article is to briefly touch upon the use of the grant money and point out other financial matters that may be of interest.

The amount of money spent from the grant funds on food and supplies for the year was \$7,235, which averages out to \$139 per weekly dinner. As most of you are aware, we receive donations of bread and desserts from Safeway for most of our meals which keeps our costs down considerably. Also, several church members generously assist with the costs of paper and plastic products and many from our church family donate turkeys, hams and pies every holiday season! Everything helps and is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the weekly meal costs, we spent \$2,563 on student interns we hired from Columbia College. Many of you had the privilege of meeting and working with them, and these students proved to be a great asset to our program. \$2,000 of the grant will be applied toward the overhead (utilities and maintenance) of Faith Hall, and the remainder of the grant, approximately \$3,000, will be used toward the purchase of a new stove in the near future.

Those of us who serve the Lord by working on Monday nights have been privileged to witness the appreciation

of our guests throughout the years. During the past twelve months we collected an average of \$68 per week. It is amazing to witness the generosity of those who attend the dinners – some each week, and some less often. Personally, what I can tell you is that without a doubt these men, women and children are appreciative and thankful! It is truly a blessing to serve these people, and our church is making a huge difference in their lives.

Because of the continued weekly donations and also support from the Missions Committee and possibly **YOU**, we will be able to continue opening our doors on Monday nights to our neighbors.

**Margie Fooshee and
Suzanne Williamson,
Co-Chairpersons**

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited to meet on Saturday, **October 13, at 8:00 am at Brooks Ranch** on Mono Way in Sonora. Contact Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for more information.

Grandma's House Needs Help

Grandma's House in Columbia is looking for someone to help with office work. This person would be paid \$10 an hour, have a flexible schedule, working 3 to 4 hours a week.

Tasks would include some computer work (basic computer skills required), light bookkeeping (basic bookkeeping skills required), letter writing, and filing.

If interested, please contact Nina Collins, founder of Grandma's House, at 536-4916 or 352-7056. Feel free to share this information with others.

Grandma's House is a non profit that provides free, volunteer-run tutoring and mentoring for students who are struggling in school. It is located two doors to the right of Faith Hall.

We're in the Tuolumne County Health Fair!

The Welcome & Evangelism Committee will have a booth at the 2018 Health Fair, scheduled for **October 16 and 17, from 7 am to 1 pm** at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora (won't be open until 3 pm as in the past). The Health Fair is a free service hosted by Tuolumne County, for the purpose of promoting physical and mental health of our citizens. Visitors may have a blood panel screening (must fast, costs \$20), get their flu shots; and have free screenings for blood pressure, eyes, hearing, bone density, lung function, etc.

The Church of the 49ers booth will display pictures of our worship services, activities and outreach programs, and volunteers will distribute the visitors brochure, *Golden Nugget*, and flyers inviting people to the Community Dinners. In addition, we'll offer a handout outlining the physical and mental health benefits of being a Christian involved with a church congregation. We can use a few more booth workers - if you can take a two-hour shift (9-11 or 11-1), please contact Leslie or Gary Davis at 532-6604. And when you visit the Health Fair, be certain to stop by and say hello!

October Calendar

- 1 History Committee 9:30 am in RR; Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 2 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR
- 3 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 4 PW General Meeting and Potluck 11 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 2 pm at Sonora Hills
- 5 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SN
- 7 Bible Study 9 am in RR; Worship 10 am, Communion, 49er Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in RR
- 8 Buildings & Grounds 10 am in RR; Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 9 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR
- 10 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 11 PW Circles meet
- 12 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am in SN; John Morgado memorial service and reception 11 am in FH
- 13 Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8 am at Brooks Ranch
- 14 Bible Study 9 am in RR; Worship 10 am; Blood Pressure Checks in FH following worship; Deacons 11:30 am in RR; Bach Youth Concert 3 pm in sanctuary
- 15 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS

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)

- 16 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR
- 17 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Finance Committee 1 pm in office
- 18 Men's Bible Study 2 pm at Sonora Hills
- 19 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 21 Bible Study 9 am in RR; Worship 10 am, 49er Choir Sings; Bach Local's Concert 3 pm in sanctuary
- 22 Welcome & Evangelism 2 pm in RR; Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 23 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR; Mission Committee 3 pm in LS
- 24 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session 2 pm in LS
- 25 PW Coordinating Team 10 am in RR; Men's Bible Study 2 pm at Sonora Hills
- 26 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 28 Bible Study 9 am in RR; Church Heritage Sunday, Country music; Pastor Lee Warford Special Recognition BBQ Potluck following worship in FH
- 29 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 30 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR
- 31 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH

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.

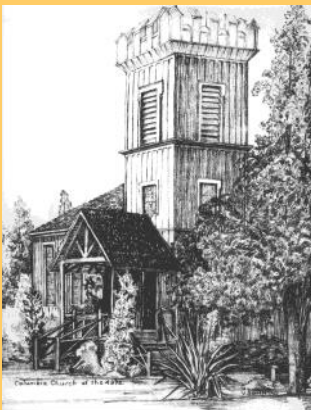
Tuesdays

9 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Janet's Office

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