

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take this opportunity of my first newsletter article to tell you all a bit more about myself. I am the son of a preacher, my dad has been a pastor in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for almost 40 years; so, I grew up going to church every Sunday, every Wednesday, and pretty much every other time that the doors to the building were open. I first felt God calling me into the ministry when I was 14 years old at a youth conference in Nashville, TN called "Acquire the Fire." Initially, I was very excited about this call and eagerly began telling everyone in my church that God had called me into the ministry. However, as I got older and more aware of everything that is involved with being the pastor of a church, I became less enthusiastic about the call. By the time I got to college, I had stopped attending church and began trying to run away from the call that God placed on my life. This running continued for about a decade, during which time I received my bachelor degree in Public Relations from Murray State University in western Kentucky. Then, I met Karla and her daughter, Hailey, in 2013. When Karla and I began to talk about getting married, God used both the love I felt for her and Hailey and the fact that I needed to be able to provide for them to lead me back to His call on my life.



The Reid Family: Pastor Keith with wife Karla and daughters Ella (3) and Hailey (9)

Shortly after we married in June 2014, we moved from Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Marietta, Georgia and I was enrolled in seminary to obtain my Master of Divinity degree.

During my time in seminary, God led me to the ECO movement through one of my professors; we began attending his church and God called me to seek ordination in this denomination.

The other three major events in my life that took place during my time in seminary was the birth of our daughter, Ella, in October of 2015; Karla becoming pregnant with our son, Travis, who is due on July 23; and my being diagnosed with a form of arthritis called ankylosing spondylitis. This type of arthritis causes my vertebrae to try to fuse together, and it has already caused some significant damage to my neck; as you will be able to see in the fact that I can't turn my head, or look up, very far. Satan used this diagnosis to try to discourage me and knock me off the path of following God's plan for my life; however,

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I kept my eyes on God and He has taken care of providing me with medicine to control the disease and acceptance of the damage it has already done. I have refused to allow Satan to use my disease to tear me down or slow me down; I continue to put my faith in God and move forward trusting in Him.

I graduated with my Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Marietta, GA, which is a suburb of Atlanta, just this past May and feel so blessed that God has called on me to be the pastor at the Church of the 49ers. I know that I have some big shoes to fill with Pastor Janet's retirement, but I also know that God brought my family and I to you all at this time for a reason, and I truly believe that He is going to accomplish great things through this church and our ministry together. My promise to you is that I will seek to follow God's will in all that I do in my position as your pastor; that everything I do will be for His glory and not for my own; and that I will do all that I can to serve you well by serving you in His strength and not in my own. I am sincerely looking forward to getting to know all of you, ministering and worshiping with you, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Keith Reid

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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.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through May 31, 2019 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$101,344	\$102,543	\$1,199
Expense	\$95,306	\$94,656	(\$650)

Net Ordinary Income as of May 31: **\$7,887**

Mortgage Balance as of May 31: **\$82,646.02**

May 2019 Mortgage Principal Payment: **\$827.65**

June Session Highlights

Highlights of the June 26th Session
meeting include:

Pastor Keith Reid will be participating
in the Presbytery program *Flourish-
ing Churches* where he will meet
with other pastors three times a
year. He will get to learn how other
pastors help their churches *Flourish*.

Another Congregational Meeting is
scheduled for July 21, 2019, for the
purpose of electing two trustees and
voting on a change to the terms of
call of Pastor Keith Reid, due to
changes needed to his medical insur-
ance.

We have four new members received
in June: Steve Engle Borda and Pam-
ela Austin introduced on June 8, and
Diane Green and Mary Scialabba on
June 30, 2019.

The process of Elder committee as-
signments began, three elders were
absent, so their input is needed to
finish.

Session held a special retirement
party for Pastor Janet Russell at the
Haughton's lovely home where we
gave her tributes remembering her
ten years of service to the church of
the 49ers.

The next Session meeting is sched-
uled for Wednesday, July 24, at 2:00
pm, and members are welcome to
attend. Check with the Office first for
the correct start time and location.

Diane Brandt
Clerk of Session

Welcome, Pastor Keith!

*** Mr. Keith T. Reid has been
hired as the new pastor/head of
staff effective July 1, 2019, and we
can address him as Pastor Keith.
He will be ordained in the ECO
denomination and officially in-
stalled as called pastor of the First
Presbyterian Church of Columbia
during a worship service soon, and
then he can add "Reverend" to his
name.

Keith recently received his Mas-
ters of Divinity degree, passed all
the tests required for ordination,
and the Presbytery of Northern
California and Nevada approved
him for ordination as an ECO
pastor.



Keith Reid answering questions by
the congregation on June 16th just
prior to the vote by the church
members to call him as pastor
following Pastor Janet Russell's
retirement.

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49er Family News

Thank You Note

What a wonderful retirement send-off! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Thank you for the singers from the Community College Chorus who came to add their voices to our choir. You all, together, under Barbara Broad's direction, just sounded FABULOUS!! The sanctuary just rang with the sound of your voices!

Thank you to Renee and her assistants, who made us all a delicious lunch. Vegetarian sandwiches and potato salad and homemade cookies never tasted so good!

Thank you to Leslie Davis, Carol Rogers, and everyone else involved in decorating Faith Hall. What an enchanted place it became for the day!

Thank you for the very generous retirement gift you gave us. It will cover travel expenses back and forth to my parents'

home in the Seattle area for the rest of the year. I am so grateful for your help in making it easier to care for my parents.

Thank you for the poems, the notes, the speeches and the photo boards. Our hearts are warmed by all the gratitude and good wishes that you expressed. We really got to experience what the love of Christ, through his people, is like.

And thank you most of all for coming! Some of you came back from the East Coast, and others made arrangements for drivers and wheelchairs so that you could come. My heart was filled with joy to look out and see a sanctuary filled with all your smiling faces. I will never forget that.

I promise to pray for the Church of the 49ers, every day, for the rest of my life. And I'm sure I'll continue to be proud of you.

Janet Russell and Rob Clark



Jim Brandt presenting gift from the congregation to Janet

July Birthdays

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

July 5 Kourtney Alcantara
July 6 Shelly Goularte
July 9 Brynna Neves
July 10 Cathy Christian
July 11 Kathi Lewis
July 12 Keith Reid
July 15 Jordan Warford
July 21 John Etheridge
July 24 Carl Rudolph
July 27 Carolyn Rich
July 30 Debbie Snodgrass
July 31 Carol Kent



Parish Nursing

Valerie McCale, Parish Nurse, will provide free Blood Pressure Checks on Sunday, July 16, following worship, right inside the door in Faith Hall.

Grieving - Ron Pierce and family and friends of **Susan Pierce**. We recently were told that Susan died on December 29, 2017 in the Bay Area at the age of 69. As a member of the Church of the 49ers, she found her niche as the *Number One Pot Washer*, as she loved to clean up the pots and pans on Monday evenings after the Community Dinners were served.

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Collage of Pastor Janet's Final Worship Service and Retirement Party

Images by John Malaspino and Leslie Davis



49er Choir

It was glorious to see the choir loft filled with singers on Pastor Janet's final Sunday June 30th. Our choir invited "ringers" who were Janet's friends from the Columbia College Community Chorus to expand our ranks for the special service, and provide a fuller sound.

You can be a "ringer" too! Come sing with the 49er Summer

Choir—just come to church an hour early (9:00 am) on any of the first and third Sundays in July and August. That's July 7 and 21, and August 4 and 18. For a half hour we will rehearse a familiar hymn to sing for the offertory along with the other music for the service. Join us! Come once or twice or more.

Barbara Broad, Choir Director



Catered luncheon by Renee Woolf



140 people crowded into Faith Hall to say goodbye



Janet and Renee with cake



The choir sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" to Janet

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Detailed History of the Stained Glass Windows

Part Two, Page One By Terrie Russell

Editor's Note: *Terrie Russell is the granddaughter of Vada Carpenter, who was a member of the Church of the 49ers from 1937 until her death in 2001. Terrie took on the task of re-searching and writing up a report on the long process of acquiring the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. This project began in mid-1961 and was not complete until late 1962. Here is Part Two of the process, in Terrie's words. Part One was published in the July 2019 Golden Nugget. If you missed it, ask for a copy.*

Part 1 – What if? Beginnings of our Stained Glass Windows (last month)

Gave an insight on what the windows might have been if not for the numerous failed deadlines from the first contracted company, resulting in the Church canceling and terminating the agreement with the firm just 2 weeks before installation.

Part 2 – What next? Evolution of our Stained Glass Windows

In the 1930s the Church of the 49ers (then known as St. Andrews until summer of 1947) replaced the clear glass windows with tinted glass, which remained till being lost in the fire of 1950. After rebuilding, again they used clear glass. To reduce the glare, they added designed adhesive paper simulating stained glass. Those windows remained until the new beautiful stained glass windows were installed in October 1962 – after a near six-month battle with the failed first company in 1961.

Early February 1962

Rev. Crichton went to San Francisco with the names of only two other firms which make stained glass windows. The first firm the costs were 4 to 5 times higher than the \$350 per window. Dombrink Company was offering several months earlier. However, as a result of the visit, came a suggestion: Instead of thinking in terms of windows with large figures, depictions of the crucifixion, etc., incorporate only the words of Scripture into the windows. In the series of the seven windows, let the Bible do the talking. Rev. Crichton hadn't thought of this, but the more he did, the more the idea seemed good. The firm pointed out that no two people have the same mental image of the Crucifixion and if one tried to depict the event pictorially, the window would invite critical study rather than achieve the effect that was really wanted – that of remembrance. The money the church had was so far off, the company was sorry, but just couldn't do anything to help out.

The second firm, GlassArt, had brochures which bore the same thing discovered in the previous interview – the stained glass windows just couldn't be bought at the prices they'd been led to believe last year. Amazing enough though, with **no** reference made to the

suggestion mentioned in the earlier meeting, GlassArt had the SAME idea – that rather than a pictorial display, they were in favor of letting the words of Christ speak for themselves. Each of the windows will bear a scroll upon which the words of Christ are inscribed. The church itself is simple in design and construction, let the windows match the feeling. Both firms were in agreement on the uniqueness of the proposal of carrying out the idea of the Seven Last Words of Christ and felt that such a treatment in seven windows could be both beautiful and from the religious standpoint, effective.

Wait for it.... Be Patient... GlassArt was sympathetic to the financial spot the church was in. He was careful to point out that he was not qualified to speak for the firm, but, if the Rev. was willing to wait awhile, he would like to go back to Arizona to talk the matter over. **BAM! SHAZAM! Patience paid off!** The company wrote the contract up for the same original prices from 1961!!! A savings four times over! Their decision was based on the fact that even though the amount on hand was hardly adequate, the determining factor... was the firm taking into consideration this was a State Park with persons visiting from all over the nation and many parts of the world.

Only days later, **Feb 27th**, in a letter from **GlassArt Studio Gallery** in Scottsdale Arizona, many many amazing changes helped evolve the stained glass windows to what you see today. They chose to use a neutral gray cathedral glass surrounding the panels. The opposing windows are identical in colors. They start with cool colors as one enters the church, the warmer colors progress as you approach the altar, a very effective way of color lighting a church interior.

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Stained Glass Windows - Part Two

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March 11th Rev. Crichton replied. There was universal pleasure in the Lilies, the Descending Dove and the Shamrock and could remain as-is. The opinion was, there was too much orange in the others. The interior of the church is varnished woodwork in a golden oak color, beige carpets, cream color walls, noting that the orange in the two small windows was more subdued and that seemed to go over better. Was against the idea of burying the Scripture within the window, feeling it as a jigsaw puzzle and too modernistic. Preferred the verse simply be put in verse form in a panel and let the window be designed in some artistic form possibly including a symbol closely identified with the Crucifixion such as a Cross or Crown of Thorns. Also asked if the windows be made of leaded glass rather than the thicker cast type.

June 15th GlassArt sent the second set of design sketches for approval.

July 2nd The Reverend, with permission from the Session and donors, approved the sketches and notified GlassArt to proceed without any alterations. Crichton felt there could hardly be any better day for the dedication than on October 7th for World Wide Communion Sunday, a significant day in the church year, for on that date, during the 24-hour period, Christians around the world join together in partaking of Holy Communion (first Sunday of October). He asked for an install date between September 30th to October 6th. The paid amount was six windows at \$350, one at \$450, two at \$200, plus the interest earned on the money since last October, for a total of \$3,000. The same price as quoted in the contract the year before !!

Aug 24th Rev. Crichton sent a letter to all donors, with all confirmation completed on the windows he was now proceeding with certain publicity and working out details pertaining to the service itself. At the 11 a.m. service there will be the usual morning worship service with the administration of the Sacrament. The dedication service will be 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept 14th GlassArt design artist, Clinton Hill (whose signature can be found at the bottom of the Pentecost window), wrote Rev. Crichton providing him a list of the symbols he used with a brief description. **First Word** – Wafer and Chalice, symbols of bread and wine of the Last Supper. **Second Word** – Nails and Pliers, symbols of His suffering of the Crucifixion. **Third Word** – Ewer and Basin, symbols of Pilate's ceremonial washing of his hands of any responsibility in the death of Jesus. **Fourth Word** – The Cock symbol from the words of Christ to Peter: "this night before the cock crows thou shalt deny me thrice." **Fifth Word** – Crown of Thorns is one of the most graphic symbols of our Lord's suffering. **Sixth Word** – Robe and Dice, symbols referring to the soldiers gambling at the foot of the Cross to determine who should gain His garments. **Seventh Word** – Three Crosses, symbols of the Crucifixion, a Lily on each side panel symbolic of the Resurrection. **Pentecost** – Descending Dove, symbol of The Holy Spirit. **Trinity** – Shamrock (three-leaf clover), symbol of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sept 15th Two weeks before the installation date, Pastor wrote to All donors: One item has just come up which was never discussed... GlassArt is making the windows, but not the frames. Frames are separate and extra, so he finds. Additional \$565. to the tab. Michel Pfeffer Iron Works from San Francisco was brought in to quickly pick up the task. Also, news of the dedication was being sent to the *Fresno Bee*,

Modesto Bee, *Sacramento Bee*, *Sonora Union Democrat* and the *San Francisco Examiner*. He was working on the flowers, music, the message and other details.

Sept 30th Rev. Crichton wrote in the letter sent to the newspapers for the upcoming dedication: Simplicity and not ornateness is what has been sought. Dr. Earle Harvey, a former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Merced will be the guest preacher. Miss Sally Wells of Sacramento will be the soloist.

Oct 4th The very last communication concerning the newly installed stained-glass windows... GlassArt wrote to Rev. Crichton, "On this well-chosen date of World-Wide Communion Sunday, we wish to express the sincere pleasure it has been working with you and solving problems of style and content, to arrive at the most satisfactory solution for the windows in the Church of the 49ers. I have been intimately concerned with presenting this theme of the Last Seven Words of Christ. I feel that the decision to use the actual wording as taken from the Biblical passages was a wise decision. They have great strength of character and beauty of color and are well designed for the style and character of your Church. They will make themselves felt to all as time goes by. We are proud to have our windows installed in your charming restored Church of the 49ers in Columbia."

COLUMBIA DEDICATION

Sally Wells of Sacramento will be soloist in a program at 3 PM tomorrow which will dedicate nine stained glass windows in the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia State Park, Tuolumne County.

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Oct 7th, 1962

The 3:00 p.m. program, Dedication of Stained Glass Windows, Gifts and Memorials to the Church of the '49ers; the back page adds a THANK YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth King, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scott and Beverly Shaw and Don Hagen (who were married in the church the night before) for the floral gifts for the service. Rev. also added that the curtains bordering the choir lofts being a plain beige material for years, the new curtains plus a dossal curtain to hang behind the center Cross, were presented as a gift to the church by Mrs. Jim Scott. Made of velvet, of rich burgundy red and hand-made by Mrs. Scott, adding further color, beauty and depth to the sanctuary. Thanking Sally Welts for her solo adaptation from Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. To musicians Chiapelli, Ward, Moir and Bonnie Douglass. Ushers Leslie Burns, Warren Schulz, Alan McCready, Julius Verkuyl.

Here, with patience, it brought a better, simpler and easier path taken to have the best product, best price, best contract AND best windows. As they say, patience is a virtue. One to strive for every day. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest" Galatians 6:9.

The stained glass story written a few times before... to avoid repetition and being short of space, it was chosen to leave out the details of the names of those who purchased the donated windows, and to whom they are memorialized too, as well as the Seven Last Words of Christ (actually sentences).

Terrie Russell



This collage depicting all of the stained glass windows was most likely created by Laurie Sylwester.

4th of July Parade - 2019



Beginning

For the 12th time in recent memory, we marched in Columbia's Glorious 4th of July Parade, and this time we had about 33 marching behind the church's banner, a record! At the judges' stand, Pastor Keith and his family were introduced to the community, and Kathy Sudduth presented the judges with their "bribes" (cookies).

After singing *God Bless America*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *America the Beautiful*, the Church of the 49ers entry won the "Best Singing Group" certificate!



End

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Interfaith News

This month, I am asking, once again, for volunteers to work at Interfaith Community Social Services. There are eight departments to choose from: Men's Clothing, Women's Clothing, Haircare, Household, Pantry, Childcare, Interviewer and Referral Office. The last two do not require standing on your feet, the others do. All departments have great people to work with and training is done for each one. This is a good way to meet people outside of our church and in some areas you would be working with some of our own people. It

would be up to you how often you could come, some work every week and some once a month. The hours are 10 am to 1 pm each Friday. If Friday is not a good day, there are Mondays through Thursdays where help is needed as well. You can call me (my number is in our church directory) or I can meet with you after church any Sunday if you would like more information. This is a great way to reach out and help those in our community who have various needs.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison



Big Band Street Dance July 20

Put on your dancing shoes or bring a chair and enjoy the music at the Big Band Street Dance, hosted by the Friends of Columbia (docents) in the center of Columbia State Historic Park on Saturday evening, July 20. This free event from 5 to 10 pm is popular with the locals - of all ages.

It features music from the Big Band era with prizes for 1940s-era costumes and antique vehicles on display on Main Street in Columbia. Want more information? Contact Leslie Davis.

News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello Church of the 49ers family. Welcome to Pastor Keith and his family!

I passed the written test for my Spanish driver's license! Thanks for praying. I know it doesn't sound like a big deal, but here in Spain it really is. I'm now waiting to be scheduled for the in-car test. Don't stop praying!

I just returned from a research trip to visit a potential ministry partner in a relatively open Middle Eastern country. The ministry is doing some incredible work among the refugees living there. Praise God for possible open doors to place future full-time missionaries.

Thank God for new volunteers for our Social Media outreach into several creative-access countries in the region.

Matt is a volunteer in Elk Grove, CA. Here are a few of his comments about his involvement: *It has been an eye opening and amazing experience, getting to use technology for the Gospel in reaching out to people on the other side of the world through helping them learn English! We have had a couple of volunteers get to share the Gospel and I am currently building relationships in one of the men's outreaches. I am excited to see where this leads.* (By the way, we always need more volunteers. Please let me know if you're interested.)

Please pray for two teammates who are awaiting the result of their application for visas from the Spanish government in order to serve with us.

For the Ecuador Summer Team from Sacramento that will serve in the country for two weeks. Praise God for the opportunity to return to Ecuador to serve with them.

Thanks for walking this journey with me through your prayers and financial gifts. We serve a great and powerful God!

Allen



July 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)

- 1 History Committee 8:30 am in RR; Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 3 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY - Office is closed.** Meet in FH at 10:45 am to prepare to march in Columbia's 4th of July Parade 12 noon
- 7 Worship 10 am, Communion, 49er Summer Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in LS
- 8 Bible Study 5 pm in RR, Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 9 Welcome & Evangelism 2 pm in LS
- 10 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 14 Worship 10 am, Communion; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in RR
- 15 Buildings & Grounds 10 am in RR, Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 16 Finance Committee 1 pm in Office
- 17 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 21 Worship 10 am, 49er Summer Choir sings; Fellowship Committee 11:30 am in RR; "Just Dance" in Faith Hall 1 - 4 pm
- 22 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 24 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session meeting 2 pm in RR
- 28 Worship 10 am
- 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.

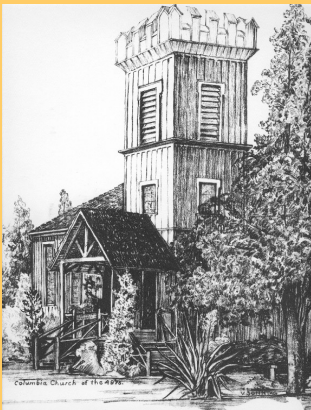
Tuesdays

8:30 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Keith's Office

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