

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'" **Matthew 18:1-5**

As a parent with young children in the house, September is always a defining month on my family's calendar. September, to me, marks the end of summer because vacations are mostly over or are ending, everybody's heading back to work, school's back in session, lunches must be packed, homework must be done; it is a month that signals that the "freeness" of summer is over and we are back to our daily routine. But, more than that, looking at my daughter Hailey and all that she is doing as she starts a new year of school reminds me of what it was like when I was a child and attending school. I remember the first few weeks of every year and how excited I was to meet my new teachers, see my friends again, and just generally be back in a routine that I was comfortable with.

And, as I am reflecting upon my childhood memories, I can't help but be drawn to this passage from Matthew—where Jesus tells His disciples that they must be like little children in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. But, what



does that mean? What is Jesus telling us that we need to do? He means that we are to be like little children in their humility and their lack of concern for their social status. You see, in the culture into which Jesus is teaching, children are seen more as property than they are as valuable members of society; they will grow to be that one day, sure, but they are not there yet. Children in Jewish society were of no importance, subject completely and totally to the authority of their elders. Jesus knew then, and he knows now, that it is not in our nature to humble ourselves and take a low place among our peers; we will not easily take an inferior position.

But, Jesus calls us to take such a position nonetheless because He Himself took such a position. When He held up the little child in this passage as an example, He did so in response to the disciples' question about who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Well, we all know the answer to that question is Jesus Himself, He is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven; yet, when He came to this earth, He did so as a lowly carpenter, and His ministry was defined by the way that He served others. He wasn't concerned about His own status or how other people perceived Him, He only cared about getting to the work of advancing His Father's kingdom on earth.

September 2019

As summer winds to a close, and we all get back to the daily routines of life, whether we are in school, working, or retired, let's all do our best to remember that Jesus calls us to be humble like children, to lower ourselves to a position of humility, graciousness, and servitude. It too often seems in the 21st century that we are defined by how much we accomplish, how much we stand out from the crowd; we are defined by promotions we receive at work, the amount of money we make, the cars that we drive, the size of the house we live in, etc. We are very rarely defined by what we do for others and how we serve the people of our communities.

My prayer for the Church of the 49ers as we head into the fall is that we will all be like little children. That we will be defined by the fact that we are people who care about, and serve our community, not for our own sake, but for the sake of Jesus Christ. Let us remember in all that we do, we are to be humble and gracious because our Savior was humble and gracious when He walked this earth. Let us not get caught up in the "rat-race" of life, but focus on how we can better serve others and how God can use our servitude as an instrument to lead people into a saving relationship with Him through Jesus. We can have no higher calling than the calling to be lowly.

May the blessings of the Father and the peace of the Son be with you,

Pastor Keith

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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 July 31, 2019 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$143,130.	\$144,944.	\$1,814.
Expense	\$153,944.	\$128,788.	(\$25,156.)

Net Ordinary Income as of July 31: \$16,156.40

Mortgage Balance as of July 31: \$80,883.00

July 2019 Mortgage Principal Payment: \$932.80

August Session Highlights

Highlights of the August 28th Session meeting include:

- Approved the History Committee's request to order Catalogit software as part of their project to make the Church of the 49ers archives a searchable database.
- *** Pastor Keith received unanimous approval by Presbytery to be ordained as a reverend and installed as our called pastor. The Ordination/Installation event has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13, at 4 pm in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Faith Hall.
- Still seeking a paid Wedding Coordinator. See ad on Page 8.
- Pastor Keith Reid and Jim Brandt will be our voting commissioners at the ECO synod meeting to be held in Dallas, TX in February 2020.
- It was decided that Faith Hall will not be a Polling Place for the November election because voting will take place over three days instead of one. We will be a ballot drop-off location, however.
- As a cost-saving measure, Session voted to reduce the number of domain names for the church website.
- In an effort to reduce the possibility of water incursion again in the Lower Sanctuary (North wall), the B&G Committee is seeking bids for new gutters and to install a French drain across the front of the bell

tower. Also, they are seeking bids for a contractor to refurbish the bell tower exterior on the East and South sides, and considering the feasibility of adding solar panels to the Faith Hall roof to reduce/eliminate our utilities bill. Two windows on the North wall of the office building are being replaced.

- Dean Cunningham and Leslie Davis are re-creating the year-round Stewardship Committee, defunct since Barbara Lashbrook ran it so capably.
- Christian Education: Seeking a leader for the Women's Bible Study. Approved purchase of a subscription to kidssunday-school.com for materials for children's Sunday School. Working to pipe in the audio of the worship service to the Ramont Room so that the children's Sunday School can relocate there, a safer area for the children.
- Pastor Keith and the Welcome & Evangelism Committee are gathering names of individuals for an Inquirers' Class, not yet scheduled.

The next Session meeting will be on September 25, 2019, at 2:00 pm in the Lower Sanctuary, and members are welcome to attend. Check with the Office first for the correct start time and location.

**Leslie Davis, substitute for
Diane Brandt, 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

This has been one BUSY summer for the Church of the 49ers!

A Baby Shower to welcome Travis Reid, born July 21st to Karla and Pastor Keith Reid, was hosted by the church family on August 17th in Faith Hall.

More than 40 parishioners celebrated the Reid family - first gathering together in a prayer circle to give voice to many prayers for baby Travis and his family. We enjoyed a luncheon of tea sandwiches and salads and a beautiful cake. The 17th was also Karla's 29th birthday, which was reflected in the cake inscription: "Travis & Karla, you are two of God's masterpieces. Happy Birth Day!"

The baby shower was hosted by the church's Fellowship Committee, with Deb Handy in charge of the luncheon. Decorations for the party were lovingly made by Kathi Lewis, who crafted 87 crepe paper flowers in varying shades of blue - while recuperating from reconstructive surgery on her finger! Kathi's flowers decorated the manzanita trees for the perfect background for Karla and Keith to open the many gifts of baby clothes and supplies given by the church family for their 4-week-old son, who spent much of the time sleeping in the arms of Deb Handy and Suzanne Williamson.



Silly games were played too, including the game where each person draws a picture of Baby Travis on the top of a paper plate, while the plate is balanced on one's head. Travis' big sisters Hailey and Ella enjoyed the party, and helped their parents with all the gifts, especially the strangely-wrapped stroller and large box containing a high chair - the group gifts.



September Birthdays

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

Sept 4	Diane Green
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
20 years on September 11

Ken and Deb Romberger
38 years on September 12

Doug and Patti Lau
50 years on September 13

Bob and Carol Rogers
19 years on September 15



Parish Nursing

Valerie McCale, Parish Nurse, will provide free Blood Pressure Checks on Sunday, September 22nd, following worship, right inside the door in Faith Hall.

Sermons and Scripture

Pastor Keith is preaching a series of sermons that will take a closer look at 1 and 2 Timothy as well as Titus to gain a deeper understanding of the letters that Paul wrote to these young pastors. Through these sermons, we will see many of the ways that God has commanded His church, both in the first century and today, to organize themselves and to worship Him.

The title of the series is "The Pastoral Epistles: God's Advice for His Church." The Scriptures and sermon titles for the month of September are:

September 1

Psalm 119:9-16, 1 Timothy 4:6-16
"Good Ministers of Christ"

September 8

Malachi 3:1-7, 1 Timothy 5:1-16
"The Well-Being of Widows"

September 15

Number 11:16-20, 1 Timothy 5:17-25
"Elderly Expectations"

September 22

Deuteronomy 15:12-18
1 Timothy 6:1-2
"Slavery? That Can't be Right!"

September 29

Ecclesiastes 5:10-19, 1 Timothy 6:3-21
"Fight the Good Fight"

Thanks to Steve Engle-Borda, our sound technician, in case you have to miss a worship service, or would like to listen to one of Pastor Keith's sermons again, visit the church website at www.churchofthe49ers.com. Click on "Worship" and then "Sermons" and then the small white triangle on the left underneath each sermon listed. The audio includes the Scripture verses being read and goes right into the sermon.



Inquirers' Class Coming Up

Pastor Keith and the Welcome & Evangelism Committee are preparing to conduct an Inquirers' Class, date to be determined. If you have been attending worship at the Church of the 49ers and have questions about our worship, ministries, fellowship, this is a good way to get them answered!

We will talk about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and where our church fits in the Presbyterian family. We will also learn about the ministries of the Church of the 49ers, and reflect on where we all might fit. At the end of the 2-1/2 hour class, participants will have an opportunity to become a member of the church.

Once a date is set, the class will be held after worship on a Sunday, and lunch is included. We begin at 11:30 and finish up by 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please give Pastor Keith a call at 532-2441 to reserve your spot. We want to make certain we have enough food and supplies for all.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

After taking a summer break, the Men's Breakfast Fellowship is resuming their no-host breakfasts on second Saturdays.

September 14 at 8:00 am. All men are welcome to meet for a no-host breakfast at Brooks Ranch Restaurant on Mono Way in Sonora. This month, contact Gary Davis at 532-6604 for more information.

Interfaith News

It won't be long before our colder weather will be coming. In order to help out those who have no permanent home, I'm asking for your help in securing the following: tents (used in good condition), sleeping bags to keep warm, heavy bedding such as blankets and flannel sheets. We also need bath towels (don't have to be new, but in good condition). We have people come in daily to shower, and Interfaith gives them to families in need. Toiletries are always needed (shampoo, conditioner, floss, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste).

We also have a need for volunteers to help sort items brought in to the clothing department. If you think you could help out in this department, please contact me, we are really short handed in this area.

Thank you for all past donations, you are helping a lot of people in our county.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women in the church are invited to the **PW general meeting and potluck at 11 am in Faith Hall on Thursday, September 5.** After the summer break, it will be good to get together again for fellowship, discussion of upcoming Bible studies and programs, and a potluck lunch. Bring a friend too.

Contact Nora Neves at 588-9876 for more information.

"The great thing about an attitude is that it's yours and you can change it."

Joyce Meyer, Christian author and speaker

Mission Committee News

At our August meeting, the Mission committee reviewed our giving priorities for the remainder of this year and also looked at what we had done in the past 3 years. The Committee continues to monitor opportunities for service in Paradise, California due to the devastation from the Camp Fire last November. Bidwell Presbyterian Church, located in Chico, has established a Deacon's Fund, which will assist the county in their "long term recovery efforts." The need is great for counseling and spiritual support, especially for the children. Our church received a wonderful letter from Bidwell's pastor, which states in part,

"Recovery will take many forms and much time. We are committed to being the presence of Christ for all those affected in the weeks, months and years to come. We covet your prayers for this effort and all who have suffered such devastating loss. Because of your generous gifts, we are in a position to provide meaningful assistance. Thank you!"



Allen Graham

Missionary Allen Graham spoke in church on August 25. Due to the generosity of our members, we were able to present a check to him to help in the continuation of his mission. The check reflects designated amounts from members of the congregation, as well as a contribution decided upon by the Mission Committee.

We also elected to donate to *Spiritual Roads* at its upcoming fundraiser at the Haughton's. At future meetings, we will examine the needs of Vets Helping Vets, Columbia Elementary and the various projects aimed at addressing the homeless crisis in Tuolumne County.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, at 3:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Judy and Roger Haughton, Co-chairs Mission Committee

3rd annual Hootenanny!

**Sunday 1:00 p.m.
September 29**

The Church of the 49ers' version of a Hootenanny is a sing-along of favorite popular songs from the 50s-60s-70s led by professional musician Alex Kash and his wife Bethany in Faith Hall. Words to 35 familiar songs will be projected onto a screen so we don't have to sing from memory! To offset expenses, a free will offering will be taken.



Our first Hootenanny in Sept. 2017

Lunch too! Immediately following worship on September 29, the Fellowship Committee will set out a simple lunch in Faith Hall for our parishioners to enjoy (donations encouraged). Then people in the community will join us at 1:00 p.m. for our third Hootenanny. There is a dance floor for those so inclined, and the intermission features popcorn and other refreshments. Mark your calendar and invite your family, friends and neighbors to this fun community outreach event!



Yard Sale of Biblical Proportions

The 4th weekend of August the Church of the 49ers congregation hosted a successful "Yard" Sale of Biblical Proportions. Thanks to many, many donations from our parishioners and friends, Faith Hall was filled to the BRIM with items, cleaned and priced and set out on 35 tables! Everyone agreed it was truly of biblical proportions. A Preview Night the evening before was a positive addition to our once-every-three-years event: Fifty-nine came out Friday evening and paid \$5 each for the opportunity to view and purchase items before the Saturday crowds, and enjoy cold drinks, popcorn, hors d'oeuvres and cookies out on the Faith Hall porch.

Most of the proceeds have been tallied and bills paid, and Chair Nora Neves reports the yard sale profit is \$4,117.83 (at the moment), which will be split between an account for buildings and grounds maintenance and one for PW mission projects.



Gwen Harris and Vi Morgado serving refreshments during the Yard Sale Preview Night.



Preview Night August 23rd after doors opened

Special thanks go to Chairperson Nora Neves and to Margie Fooshee who hung in until the bitter end, Kathy Mastenbrook took superb charge of the jewelry section, Deb Handy went all out in cooking both for the Preview Night and the Men's Food Booth. And other volunteers cheerfully came out to do many jobs required to put on this huge endeavor, including Michelle and Carol Kidwell, Judy Gates, Brynna Neves, Leslie and Gary Davis, Diane and Jim Brandt, Sandie and Jim Spicer, Pat and Larry Lincoln, Jeff Goularte, June Perea, Vi Morgado, Melissa Schultz, Brian Ramos, Jean Rago, Rosie McCarthy, Cathy Crawford, Judy Nason and Tony Pokorny, Gwen Harris, Diane Green and Dick Coffin, Sharon Poff, Mary Adams, Karla Reid, John Malaspino, Teresia Willson, Kathy and Ed Sudduth, Sandy Lisius, Dean Cunningham, Tom Kimura, John Etheridge, Ken Minett, Doug Lau. Others who assisted were Gwen Jenson, Debbie Yuhre, and Shannon from Nancy's Hope. **Leslie Davis**

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Come, Join the Choir!

Beginning in September, the 49er Choir will return to the old-fashioned anthems at worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month, plus special Advent and Lent services. And we are looking for new members, especially sopranos and altos! We hope some folks who sang with us this summer will become regulars, and invite others as well! We want to include everyone who'd like to sing with us for the praise of God. Come join our unique, old-fashioned church choir. Do you have a friend who loves to sing you could invite? They don't have to already be 49er Church members.

We have some exciting music planned! Rehearsals are in the Sadie Nichols Room, and then we meet on the first and third Sundays at 9 in the Sanctuary. 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 our director, Barbara Broad, at bbroad226@gmail.com, or 962-7730, or any choir member.

Hymn Sing September 29

The Mountain Lutheran Church in Groveland is hosting a Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 29th, at 6:00 pm, and they have invited our 49er Chancel Ringers to play several hymns as a special feature of the event. Per Doreen Bass, Handbell Director, rehearsals of the 49er Chancel Ringers will be held on Fridays at 3:00 pm, beginning September 13th. Perhaps you've been wishing you could play the handbells with us - now's the time to speak up and step up. Call Leslie Davis at 532-6604 if interested. Also call if you'd like to attend the Hymn Sing, but would like to carpool with others.

Helen Johnson Community Dinners

Monday nights continue to be very busy in Faith Hall. Each and every week our committee works to provide a dinner for members of our community. We serve an average of 75-85 people each week, and often have leftovers for some guests to take home.

Our typical Monday begins around 1:00, when there is last minute shopping to be done, especially for fresh produce and last minute needed items. We try and open the hall at 2:00 pm. During the next four hours we are busy cleaning, preparing and cooking the dinner. Some of our guests now come about this same time and help with set up, wrapping silver and organizing our bread and other donated items. After dinner we have folks who help with the clean-up which includes dishes, washing down tables, stacking chairs and cleaning up the kitchen. We usually lock the door behind us about 7:30-7:45...Yes it is a busy day, but so very rewarding and a joy to those who serve.

We try and vary the protein of our meals, and have begun shopping a little wiser, by taking advantage of weekly sales and freezing the meat. Ground meat is probably the main meat, but we also use chicken, pork, tuna and cheese in various recipes... Most every week we have a fresh green salad (including tomatoes, carrots, spinach, cucumbers, and more) and this is a favorite for many guests. Rolls and desserts are most often donations from Safeway, but we try to have ice cream on occasion, as this is a big treat for many!

Beginning on September 9th, Columbia College students from the culinary department will once again be joining our team under the leadership of Renee Woolf. Many of you will remember Renee as she has been working with us for about two years. We are lucky to have her, as she has amazing talents in the kitchen and loves working with our team and for our church. Various college students will be with us on Monday evenings also, and they will be earning community service credit needed at the college. Please welcome them when you see them in the hall...They have black aprons that were purchased by their organization to identify them.

Each and every week Alex and Bethany Kash provide music for all of us at the dinner. They often come early to visit and even help us when there is a need. This is a wonderful addition for all of us, and on occasion you may even see folks singing along or dancing a bit.

We invite you all to come and visit us on a Monday night...you won't be sorry! And of course, if you are interested in helping out, please let us know.

Margie Fooshee and Suzanne Williamson, Co-Chairs



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Burning Hearts

(Luke 24:13-31)

by Denella Kimura

Didn't our hearts burn
when the stranger quoted Isaiah
about a suffering Messiah
who would die for our sins?
Echoing haunting phrases,
Jesus spoke around campfires
and in the home of Mary and Martha
on our way to Jerusalem!
Remembering our burning anger
when Judas betrayed the Master
with a kiss and Jesus
stopped our swords,
And how we melted with fear
as Jesus allowed himself
to be taken, when no one
could trap him before,
And how we shook with grief
when we saw him pierced
with a cat-o-nine tails
and thorns
and nails
and a sword;
And our spirits broke in confusion
when the two Marys and Joanna
said they saw angels at the tomb
but Jesus' body was missing.
Then the stranger met us
when we fled to Emmaus
in our anger and fear and grief
and confusion,
And he opened up the scriptures
that revealed Jesus as the Messiah,
Savior, Son of God,
Prince of Peace.
And our hearts burned to know him!
So we invited him to eat with us;
and he bowed his scarred head,
folded wounded hands,
prayed from a broken heart
and gave us
the Bread of Life.

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49er Classifieds

Church Wedding Coordinator

Occasional Friday/
Saturday work,
4-8 hours, \$175
per wedding



The wedding coordinator will work with the bride, groom and their families; with the pastor performing the ceremony; with the sound technician and musicians; and with the photographers and caterers.

Requirements:

- Enjoy working with a variety of people
- Enjoy weddings
- Be familiar with wedding ceremonies and protocol
- Be familiar with wedding receptions
- Be familiar with the church's policies on alcohol, photography, and cleaning
- Be able to provide information about florists, hotels, musicians, and caterers as needed
- Possess tact, firmness, and strong Christian character

Contact the church office at churchofthe49ers@yahoo.com or 532-2441 to request a copy of the "Wedding Coordinator's Basic Responsibilities" and an application.

Dean Cunningham, Personnel Elder

Local Authors Book Fair

On Saturday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Church of the 49ers member and poet Denella Kimura will be one of 20 authors selling their books at the "2019 Local Authors Book Fair" in the Community Room at the Tuolumne County Library in Sonora. Denella will be selling and signing two books of poetry: "Poetry Reading at the Panama Hotel," and "Waiting for Wings: A Child's Journey."

Denella also is always seeking authors to participate as a Featured Reader in the Third Friday Open Reading each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Sonora Joe's Coffee Shoppe in downtown Sonora. She is the moderator of the Open Reading which she and her radio engineer, David Simerley, turn into the "Coffee House Writers" show, which airs on KAAD-LP 103.5 FM, Sonora, and streaming on kaad-lp.org on alternate weekends from 11-12 a.m.

Beginning September 17th, Denella will be teaching Voices of Wisdom writing classes, teaching seniors how to write their own stories. It takes place on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Manzanita Arts Emporium in Angels Camp, and go through the end of October. For information call (201) 728-6171.

News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Happy September Church of the 49ers family! It was so good to be with you in person last month and be able to share an update on the work of Reach Beyond.

This past week I finally received notice that the in-car test for my Spanish driver's license will be on September 24 at 2:30 pm. That's at 5:30 am in California, so if you're not an early riser, please pray the night before.

Let's praise God together for the first anniversary of our online Arabic media ministry. As I shared with you in my report on August 25, the response continues to be very good and new programs are being added to the programming. Here are some comments that came from listeners in August:

From North Africa: "After four years, my fiancée broke off our engagement. I had really rough time, became desperate, confined within myself, and one question raised 'why did this happen to

me?' However, after contacting your team, I realized that God did not create us to live a desperate life, but He wants us to be successful and joyful. I realized how He loves me and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I am happy and have hope."

From one of the gulf countries: "I am scared and do not feel safe to face God at the judgment day, feeling remiss. But when I contacted you, I realized how God loves me and that He knows me by name, wants to build a relationship with me built on love and not fear. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior and have peace in my heart."

From North Africa: "I hate my life; nobody loves me, when I get close to anyone he just rejects me. This causes me psychological issues. I do not enjoy my life and do not have hope."

Please be praying for the team members who follow-up with each listener contact. The answers are usually not

easy. The team members need God's wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit as they respond.

Praise God that this past week our region received the green light for a plastic recycling project called Trash 2 Treasure. We will begin work on this near the end of 2019 and into 2020. The project has great potential for applications in other regions of Reach Beyond, especially where we are working with refugee populations.

Thank you for coming alongside me with your prayers and financial gifts. What a privilege and blessing to serve together with you.

Allen



Arabic online radio

Local Events & Fundraisers

California Statehood Day Parade in Columbia State Historic Park Saturday, September 7, 11 am
Parade and BBQ hosted by the Native Sons of the Golden West, Columbia Parlor #258.

Columbia Fine Art Show in Columbia State Historic Park Sunday, September 15, 9 am to 5 pm
Features fine art by painters, sculptors, photographers in booths lining Main Street in Columbia.

Back to School 1861 Night Saturday, September 21, 4 to 7 pm, at Columbia historic schoolhouse
Costumed docents demonstrate what it was like to learn in a one-room schoolhouse in 1861. Free (\$1 for ice cream).

Slide Outta Summer Saturday, September 21, 5 pm, Triple L Ranch, Jamestown
Grandma's House, which offers tutoring and mentoring for local 3rd to 5th graders, is hosting a fundraising event featuring beef slider burgers and silent auction, raffle and kids activities. Contact Nina Collins at 694-4430 for information, tickets.

Fiddle & Bango Contest Saturday, September 28, 10:30 am to 5 pm at Columbia gazebo
All-day contest featuring local musicians of all ages competing for a gold nugget and cash prizes. Free for spectators - bring your lawn chair, hat, sunscreen and enjoy the music. Categories: fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, vocal, misc.

Stories in Stone Friday and Saturday eves: September 27 & 28, Oct 4 & 5, 7 pm in Columbia Cemetery
Docent-led tours of the historic Columbia Cemetery by lantern. Purchase tickets \$25 from Columbia State Historic Park.

Spaghetti Feed Saturday evening, October 19, in Faith Hall, Church of the 49ers
Proceeds will help pay expenses for Columbia Elementary students to travel to Washington D.C. More information coming in the next Nugget, or contact Nora Neves.

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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)

- 1 Worship 10 am, Communion, 49er Summer Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in RR
- 2 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
- 4 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 5 PW Potluck 11 am in FH
- 6 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - noon
- 8 Worship 10 am; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in RR
- 9 Buildings & Grounds 10 am in RR, Bible Study 5 pm in RR, Community Dinner 6 pm in FH, Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 11 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 13 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - noon in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 - 4:30 pm in LS
- 14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at Brooks Ranch Restaurant
- 15 Worship 10 am, 49er Choir sings; Welcome & Evangelism 11:30 am in RR; "Just Dance" 1 to 4 pm in FH
- 16 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 17 Finance Committee 1 pm in Office
- 18 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 20 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - noon in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 - 4:30 pm in LS
- 22 Worship 10 am; Fellowship Committee 11:30 am in RR
- 23 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 25 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session meeting 2 pm in LS
- 26 PW Coordinating Team 10:00 am in RR
- 27 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - noon in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 - 4:30 pm in LS
- 29 Worship 10 am; Lunch 11:30, Hootenanny event 1 pm in FH
- 30 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS

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. Nursery is available every Sunday.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

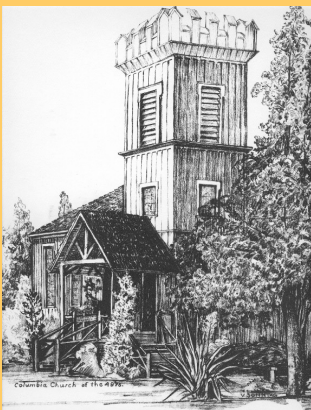
8:30 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Keith's Office

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