

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

June 2019



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.....And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

Paul loved the Philippian church with all his heart, and prayed faithfully for their growth in love and in discernment. The founding of the Philippian church was one of the unexpected blessings of his ministry. The Philippians supported him with their finances and their prayers, and he supported them with his prayers, advice, teaching, training, and love.

Acts 16 tells us that Paul and his companions didn't start the Philippian church with a long-term plan or missionary strategy. What happened was that God sent Paul a vision of a

Pentecost Sunday is June 9th. Wear red to worship as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It was on that day, 50 days after the resurrection of Christ, that the church was born through the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Macedonian man saying, "Come to Macedonia and help us." Nothing more specific than that. So they sailed to the port of Neapolis, and from there, walked to the nearest Macedonian city, which was Philippi. There they found, not a synagogue full of people who knew God and wanted to hear about his Messiah, but rather, a prayer gathering of Gentile women led by Lydia. The Lord opened Lydia's heart to Paul's message, she and her entire household were baptized, and the church was born. Coincidence? Clearly not – God arranged the whole thing.

In the same way, out of all the churches I have served over nearly 30 years of ministry – as an intern, an interim (several times) and as an installed pastor – the Church of the 49ers has been my heart's joy. And I landed here not because of a long-term plan or a church search strategy, but because a job at

Moccasin that my husband had always wanted had opened up for him. It just so happened that our church needed a pastor, and I was in the area looking for a church to serve. Coincidence? I think not! I think that God arranged the whole thing.

It was July 1, 2009, that I officially began work as your pastor; and it will be on July 1, 2019, that I will officially end work as your pastor. For at least a year, you will not see me at church except by special permission of the Session, and I will not be providing pastoral care for you. This is for your good, and for mine. Many of you know that I now have responsibilities in caring for my parents, and that I want to be a big part of my grandchildren's lives. And for your own good, you will need to get used to your new pastor, which will be much easier for you if I am not around for you to turn to. After a year's time, if everything is going well between you and the new pastor, I will ask the Session if it's OK to come back as a regular volunteer. Rob and I will abide by the Session's decision.

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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 April 30, 2019 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$81,075	\$82,094	\$1,019
Expense	\$76,432	\$71,023	(\$5,409)

Net Ordinary Income as of April 30: **\$11,071**
Mortgage Balance as of April 30: **\$83,474**
April 2019 Mortgage Principal Payment: **\$865**

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I am proud of all that we have been able to do together, by the grace and leading of the triune God. The church has grown by about 40% over these ten years – at a time when rural churches all across the country are shutting their doors. There have been baptisms and weddings as well as memorials. We now own our buildings and property, and are now part of an evangelical Presbyterian denomination that supports who we are as a church – the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). We are clear about God's calling to love the people in our area, and reach out to them for their own sakes and for Jesus' sake. Our sanctuary has been modernized to meet the needs of folks who live within the internet age, while still maintaining its historic character, beauty, and natural acoustics. We are well known for the community dinners, started by Helen Johnson, that we offer every Monday, along with Bible study and recovery support. We have a good reputation and are visible within our community.

And now it's time for your new pastor to help you move into the next chapter of the ongoing story of God's work through our church. You will have the opportunity to hear your pastoral candidate Keith Reid preach on June 16th, and church members will be able to vote. (And if you're not yet a member, but you'd like to become one so that you can vote, talk to me! Maybe we can work something out!)

My prayer for you as I depart is the same as Paul's was for the Philippians: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. May it be so!

With much love,
Pastor Janet

May Session Highlights

Highlights of the May 22nd
Session meeting include:

There will be two Called Congregational Meetings in June. The first, on June 2nd, will be for the purpose of electing the new slates of Elders and Deacons. The second, on June 16th, will be for the vote of calling a new pastor to shepherd our flock when Pastor Janet Russell retires July 1, 2019.

A contingent of Elders will attend the Presbytery meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Modesto, on June 15, 2019. Jim Brandt was

elected as the voting commissioner from our session. Pastor Janet Russell is also a voting member.

The Pastor's office will be getting new energy efficient windows.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 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

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49er Family News

Big Day for our Congregation: June 16

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has selected a candidate for the position of pastor/head of staff to replace Pastor Janet as she retires July 1. Keith Reid, and his wife Karla and children, will be introduced to you on June 16 and Keith will give the sermon. The service will be followed by a congregational meeting so that members can vote to call him as our new pastor, if so desired. A separate letter introducing our candidate was distributed earlier - if you didn't receive it, please advise.

Gary Davis, PNC Chair

June 16 is Father's Day too!

The Fellowship Committee has a long-standing tradition of honoring our fathers by serving up pie a la mode, and we're planning to do it again. If you can bring a pie to share with your church family on June 16th, deliver it to the kitchen by 9:45 am that morning. **Please let me know ahead of time if you're bringing a pie!**

Leslie Davis, Fellowship Chair

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!

CPR/Defibrillator Training

On May 15th, thirteen from our congregation were trained in performing CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and how to use the Zoll Defibrillator (AED) we have on hand in the sanctuary in case of emergency - to be used if someone collapses and is not breathing and has no pulse.

Those trained by Dr. Don St. Clair, a retired Stanford physician, were:



Jim Brandt, Jim Bowin Jr., Gary and Leslie Davis, Marijean Davis, Margie Fooshee, Kathy Moreau, Vi Morgado, Judy Nason, June Perea, Sharon Poff, Janet Russell, and Joanne Verhauz.

Special thanks to Sharon Poff for setting up this free class!

June Birthdays

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

June 3	Doreen Bass
June 5	Kim Lertora
June 10	Pirkko Dyer
June 12	Ben LeVine
June 12	Ben Wright
June 17	Jim Brandt
June 17	Leslie Davis
June 18	Doug Lau
June 18	Sharon Richardson
June 27	Helen Johnson
June 29	Sharon Poff
June 30	Richie Lertora
June 30	Jeff Warren

Happy Anniversary!

Jeff & Shelly Goularte
31 years on June 4

Ed & Kathy Sudduth
10 years on June 12

Tony & Kim Lertora
27 years on June 13

Roger & Judy Haughton
49 years on June 20

Parish Nursing



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



Five Worship Services for June – You Don't Want to Miss a Single One!

The 49er Chancel Ringers will be ringing, Carl Rudolph will be singing, and we will rejoice in the birth of the church.

On June 16th, we will meet our candidate to become the next pastor and hear him preach. Church members will be able to vote on whether he should become our next pastor. Plus, it's Father's Day, so we'll be celebrating fathers with pie and ice cream; and the choir will be singing a special anthem for Trinity Sunday.

On June 23rd, I will be speaking about my hopes for you as a church. We will be ordaining new deacons and elders, Carl Rudolph will sing, and we will rejoice in the work of God's grace in our midst. Then, at 2:00, the 49er Chancel Ringers will give a special concert. You'll just kick yourself if you miss it!

On June 30th, I will speak about my prayers for you as a church. The choir will sing two of my favorite anthems, we will celebrate Communion by intinction to strengthen our community in Christ, and we will have a big party after worship.

Please do come. I do notice if you come to worship on Sunday or not; and it would mean a lot to me to see you all.

Pastor Janet

Editor's Note: *Pastor Janet will lead us in worship and preach every Sunday in June, except for the 16th, when pastoral candidate Keith Reid will preach. Remember if you have to miss a worship service, you can listen to scripture readings and sermons on our website at churchofthe49ers.com.*

On June 2, we will reflect on Jesus' ascension into heaven, celebrate his presence with us in the Lord's Supper, and rededicate the Vada Carpenter stained glass window in the church bell tower. We will also be electing new elders and deacons.

June 9th is Pentecost!!! Wear red (or orange or yellow), and let's find out what the Holy Spirit does in our midst as we read through the entire chapter of Acts 2 and respond to what we read.

Pastor Lee Will Overlap with the New Pastor

Perhaps you've been wondering about Pastor Lee, and where he fits in with the transition to a new pastor? With Pastor Lee's gracious permission, the Session has voted to keep Pastor Lee on staff until the end of October. The overlap between him and the new pastor will be a blessing for you. You will have some continuity for your pastoral care, and Pastor Lee will be able to fill the new pastor in about the challenges that you face. He will help make the church transition easier for you. Please thank Pastor Lee for his flexibility, and his faithful care and prayers for all of you.



Summer Choir

This year Summer Choir begins in July, and we do not have our Friday rehearsals. We meet at 9:00 am on the first and third Sundays of July and August in the Sanctuary to rehearse a hymn to sing for the anthem, and responses for that day. The dates are July 7 and 21 and August 4 and 18.

The 49er Choir invites members of the congregation to join! We know many of you love to sing . . . we can hear you during services! Just come to church an hour early and sing with the choir on any of those first and third Sundays in July and August. And as our regular 49er Choir members take summer trips ... we need you. Come once or twice or more!

And... we don't wear choir robes in the summer!

Barbara Broad, Choir Director

49er Chancel Ringers in concert



Sunday, June 23, 2:00 pm
in the sanctuary, with reception in Faith Hall

Our very own 49er Chancel Ringers will present a concert on Sunday, June 23rd, beginning at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.

While the 49er Church had bell choirs for decades many years ago, early this year Doreen Bass was asked to help reestablish an English handbell ensemble to play for worship. Formerly the bell choir director at Sierra Bible Church in Sonora, today Doreen is overjoyed to be ringing and arranging music for the 49er Chancel Ringers.

If you love to hear, and watch, handbells being played, this concert is for you. Featuring hymns and songs arranged for two treble octaves by Director Doreen Bass, eight ringers will display their artistry and enthusiasm, and demonstrate various handbell techniques, such as the ring, shake, martellato, swing, echo, thumb damp and mallets. As we're nearing the 4th of July, some familiar patriotic songs are included also. There is no charge for the concert, though donations are welcome to help offset expenses. Following the music-making, all are invited to Faith Hall for a reception. For more information, call 532-6604.

IT'S A YARD SALE OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS!

AUGUST 24, 8 AM - 3 PM
AND PREVIEW NIGHT
AUGUST 23, 6 - 8 PM

Only 13 weeks until our every-three-years *Yard Sale of Biblical Proportions*, an all-church fundraiser to help pay for buildings and grounds projects.

Put August 23rd on your calendar and start thinking about items to donate for the sale. Tell your family and friends too, as everyone can donate!

We're seeking donations of gently used and clean items, including jewelry, household items, linens, wall art, lamps, heaters, furniture, sports equipment, tools, yard equipment, knick-knacks, etc. Please, no clothing, shoes or purses, large furniture.

There is a room in the Christian Education building for storing things, but clean and prepare your sale items prior to bringing to the

church. Contact Leslie for access to the storage room. If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, please advise.

A sign-up sheet for work shifts is coming soon. It takes many people to prepare the rummage items, and others to work the sale day. And this time we're trying a "Preview Night" the evening before to bring in an even higher profit.

Spread the word that our "Yard Sale" will actually be in air-conditioned Faith Hall, 8 am to 3 pm Saturday, August 24th. Guests who attend the Preview Night on the 23rd can beat the crowds and purchase their special finds ahead of the Yard Sale.

Nora Neves
Yard Sale Chair

Have you registered for the Tuolumne County Citizen Emergency Alert Notification System?

This system will alert residents of potential hazards such as forest fire danger and weather emergencies by sending a mass message or phone call to registered residents. **If you don't have access to the Internet, pick up a registration form in the church office or from Leslie Davis.** Then just fill it out and mail to the County offices.

Better yet, if you can get online, follow the steps below to register:

- Go to: <http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov> and locate the bar at the top left-hand side of the homepage that reads "EMERGENCY ALERTS." To the right of that, click on the link that reads, "Everbridge Emergency Notifications Registration Read On..."
- Click on the link that reads: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832200#/login>
- Click on the "sign up" link under the login boxes.
- Fill out the required fields, read the terms and conditions, and create your account.
- Enter the phone numbers that you would prefer to be contacted by on the corresponding lines. Add physical address locations of property for which you would like to be notified during an emergency (residence, relatives, daycare facilities, etc.).
- Fill out the "My Information Page" to further include any special needs, volunteer skills, etc.
- Click the "Finish" button.

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Unexpected Gift

On May 2nd, Helen Johnson welcomed some old friends and heard exciting news. Pat Loring came to visit with son Brett, daughter Lisa and son-in-law Dana, and daughter Trisha, and presented Helen with a card which read,

In honor of Helen McCleary Johnson:

Shortly after moving to Columbia in 1980, we met Helen on the first Sunday that we attended the "Church of the 49ers." She was sitting in front of us and turned to greet us. Seeing our children, she said, "Youth group tonight at 6:00." That is how this long friendship began.

Because of years, and respect for Helen, with love, we want to honor her by providing the new stove needed for the Helen Johnson Community Dinner Program.

The Loring Family



New stove installed
June 1, 2019

Pat Loring and her family gave a very generous donation in honor of Helen Johnson to assist in the purchase of a new commercial stove. Their gift was combined with funds from the Sonora Area Foundation and an anonymous donor, which allowed us to finally make the purchase, and also to have the stove installed. The installation included not only an additional propane hook up, but also an almost complete overhaul of the fire retardant system, as we now have an additional ten burners (and two additional ovens). The new stove, along with our older stove, will definitely increase the efficiency in our kitchen when preparing meals on Monday evenings and for other large events in Faith Hall, both church-sponsored and rentals. A big thank you to the Loring family and others who made this purchase possible.

Suzanne Williamson and Margie Fooshee
Community Dinner Co-Chairs



Lft to Rt: Pat Loring, Helen Johnson, Brett Loring, Lisa Loring Mayo, Dana Mayo, and Trisha Loring Crawford (kneeling)

Mission Committee

On May 18, Habitat for Humanity hosted a Women's Build in Columbia. Volunteers are encouraged to form teams and gather pledges. The team which raises the most money wins the "Golden Hammer." The Mission Committee voted to contribute \$500 to the team chosen by Trinity Abila, Executive Director. Knowing we were donating \$500, Trinity chose to award it to the second place team. When the team that had been in first place found out, they donated an additional \$1,000. So like the loaves and fishes, our contribution was multiplied.

Fifteen Columbia Elementary students, including Nora Neves' granddaughter, Neveah, earned money for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. by raking pine needles at the Haughton's home.

They cleaned up brush and pine needles for five hours. Roger barbecued hamburgers. The students worked SO hard, and two parents also pitched in.

At the 8th grade graduation ceremony at Columbia Elementary, our church will be recognized with an award for community service. The Mission Committee would like to thank the ongoing efforts of our congregation to serve those around us. Praise God for your generous, loving hearts.

Judy and Roger Haughton,
Co-Chairs Mission Committee



Margie Fooshee and Judy Haughton presenting \$500 check to Trinity Abila to support the Women's Build at Habitat for Humanity's Parrotts Ferry Village.

Interfaith News

Interfaith will be honoring our volunteers with a luncheon put on by the Board of Directors (which I am currently Vice President). The luncheon will be on June 11th at 1:30 and held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Sonora. This is a way we feel that our volunteers can be recognized for all the time and work they contribute to the running of Interfaith in our community. Currently, we have six people from our church who work regularly each month.

Also, on June 22nd we (Interfaith) will be serving a pancake breakfast at Applebee's as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$8.00 and I have tickets available for you to buy if you would like to attend. See me at church or call and I'll get your ticket to you. This will benefit our ongoing programs as well as new areas we have a concern for, to bring to our clients and their needs.

Interfaith is a great place to volunteer and do a lot of good in our community. If you are interested in volunteering or want to know more, please give me a call or see me at church.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Janet June 30

On June 30, following her final worship service, we're having a catered luncheon to honor Pastor Janet and thank her for ten years of devoted service to the Church of the 49ers family. Tickets required (suggested donation \$5). See Leslie Davis or Sharon Poff for your ticket.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

The final PW General Meeting and Potluck for the year is Thursday, June 6th, in Faith Hall, beginning at 11:00 am. All ladies are welcome - and bring a friend!

Gwen Harris, PW Moderator

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited to meet Saturday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. at Brooks Ranch Restaurant on Mono Way in Sonora. Contact Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for more information.

News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Dear Church of the 49er family, thank you for your prayers this past month. I hope you were also able to take up the challenge to pray for the Muslim world during Ramadan. I told you more about that in last month's Nugget.

A few weeks ago, I received a great report from one of our partners about our broadcasts in one of the Berber languages. They are receiving about 8-10 calls a month from the daily 15-minute program. He also said they "recently received a call from a young man (in a distant location) who says he believes and wants someone to come and see him. This demonstrates that the signal reaches far into our people group. Also, two guys from our people group who live in the north and who heard the broadcast, recently came to faith and were baptized. After some conversations with our brother over the phone, he connected them with a brother in the north who is a pastor. The pastor spent

time with them and found them ready to commit their lives to Christ." Thank you, Jesus!

Our new Spanish entity received approval from the Spanish Ministry of Justice to invite our first missionaries to Spain. In fact, they are at the Spanish Consulate in Chicago applying for their visa as I write this update. For my next visa renewal, it will also be through this new organization.

I have finally been scheduled for the written test for my Spanish driver's license. It will be on Friday, June 7, at 2 AM California time. So please pray for me Thursday night before you go to sleep. Shortly after that, I will need to take the in-car test, but I don't have a date yet.

Please be praying for the release of many brothers and sisters in our region



Boy in Berber Village

Found on Flickr - Photo by @davidden

who have been imprisoned for their faith. Also pray for the spiritual and physical protection over new converts from Islam throughout North Africa and the Middle East.

Thank you for serving together with me through your prayers and financial gifts. We serve a great and powerful God!

Allen

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Detailed History of the Stained Glass Windows Project

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Editor's Note: Terrie Russell is the granddaughter of Vada Carpenter, who was involved with every aspect of the Church of the 49ers for 64 years - until her death in 2001 at the age of 89. Terrie took on the task of researching and writing up a report on the long process of acquiring the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. This project began in mid-1961. Here is Part One of the process, in Terrie's words. Part Two will be published in the July 2019 *Golden Nugget*.

Researching 160 document pages in the Church archives, I chose to outline the communication within those documents to convey how the Church's stained glass windows evolved. Written a few times before, I chose a different portrayal of the story. What if? Let's say the 1st contract went through, what those windows would have been. Between this [Part 1](#) and later [Part 2](#), I will show the dialog of the process to how the final windows of today became. The dates are very important to show time-frame of how the project progressed. Patience is the virtue for this story, as with through the disappointment, frustration and setbacks the church had to endure from this delay, it becomes so very beneficial, and I felt that needed to be shown – of what could have been, [to be able to appreciate all the more, was IS.](#)

Terrie Russell

What if? Beginnings of our Stained Glass Windows

June 25, 1961 The Stained Glass Windows project was first introduced at the Communion Service, thus allowing the month of July for input and donors. First written release to the Congregation was "A Letter From Your Church" on July 9th.

July 18th **Dombrink Decorative Glass Company** in Oakland CA sent a schedule to Rev. George Crichton, Pastor of the Church of the 49ers, for the production of the stained glass windows; that they will mail the sketches on July 30th, full size drawings on Aug. 3rd, install the stained-glass windows before Nov 5th.

Aug 7th **Rev. Crichton** replied; primarily with his concerns of not receiving the sketches yet and the importance of the Nov. deadline as publicity was already under way for the dedication. Secondly, regarding the Pentecost window in the church entrance, the family chose the descending dove as the subject of its religious symbol of The Holy Spirit, attaching a picture, but not necessarily the one to be used. Thirdly, the letter also showed their ideas for the windows, with full figures of soldiers throwing dice for the First Word window. "The fact that the hand of the Roman government played an important part, the soldiers throwing dice takes care of that. That when the chief priests saw the inscription that Pilate had ordered put at the top of the cross, this would be the logical place for a priest or a priest's head to be seen."

Aug 11th **Dombrink** sent the sketches with a note about making the Corpus figure in the choir window larger. Adding "the idea of the Seven Last Words has worked out remarkably well, this idea to my knowledge has never

before been attempted in Stained Glass."

Aug 14th **Rev. Crichton** questioned the sketches, giving other ideas.

Second Word – suggesting a profile view of the Penitent Thief with the presence of Christ implied through the use of radiance coming in from the upper left.

Third Word – omit the halo, instead a traditional head-dress on Mary.

Fourth Word – has 2 figures in attitudes of derision and ridicule, the atmosphere in which Christ uttered the 4th words (sometimes referred as the Cry of Desolation). He's happy with the cloud effect to give the feeling of desolation.

Fifth Word – the reed and sponge are out of proportion. Omit the droplets of vinegar, the bowl could be a more elliptical.

Sixth Word – the flower growing at the foot of the Cross should be made blue.

Seventh Word – figure of Christ crucified on the Cross with 2 side panel windows. The left side panel - a simpler use of the Bread and Chalice, with a chalice of traditional shape preferred. The fringed effect beneath and the Chi Rho at the streams of light tend to complicate. The right panel - Easter lily is very good.

Pentecost – explaining the significance of adding the cloven tongues of fire thus carrying out the idea of Pentecost rather than restricting it to the Holy Spirit in the form of a descending dove, as well as the Chi Rho on the descending center line.

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Trinity – the last window to be purchased - the family chose the symbol of the Shamrock, which the three-leaf clover selected had sentimental factors involved.

Over All – asked that the blues, reds, purples be employed rather than browns and ambers predominating.

Oct 5th **Crichton's** first communication with Grady's Distinctive Signs asking for a price for the complete job of a series of nine plates to go beneath the memorial windows. All plates would bear a title, FIRST WORD, etc., PENTECOST, TRINITY, followed with the donor's chosen inscription. Requesting all nine to be uniform in size: 3" wide by 7" long. Comparing the window casing's color of golden oak, Rev. was unsure of whether a light oak or dark oak color would be better, so when cut, the letters and beveled sides give a two-toned look. Allowing Grady his own judgment as to the size of lettering, with large caps for the title and a reduced size or sizes for the inscriptions, using same sizes prevailing throughout the series.

Oct 6th **Crichton** wrote to Mrs. William Green thanking her for contributing an Altar Bible for the church's Communion Table. "There is an especial appropriateness in including recognition of this gift simultaneously with the stained-glass windows, for it is from His Word that The Seven Last Words have come."

Oct 14th **Grady's Signs** sent Rev. two samples, one black, one walnut, along with the cost of the plaques to be \$50 plus 4% tax.

Oct 21st **Crichton** wrote to Dombrink 11 weeks after the full size drawings were to be in hands of the church, and still not produced - "In light of the failure on the part of your firm to meet its obligations in terms of the signed and dated time schedule provided July 18th, plus certain other seeming delinquencies, this is to inform you that the order for nine stained-glass windows is herewith canceled and the relationship existing between this church and your firm is terminated."

Oct 22nd **Rev. Crichton** wrote what must have been a heartbreaking 2-page letter to the 8 donors who had purchased the windows for their loved ones, to express his "sincere appreciation for the interest you have been sharing in the beautification and spiritual investment in our church. It is with intense regret that I find it necessary to inform you that the dedication of the nine windows, scheduled for *Sunday*

Nov 5th must be postponed." On the basis of the company's submitted schedule, the Rev. has already ordered the plaques to be mounted beneath each window with the inscriptions desired; he's ordered attractive bulletin covers for the dedication; made 2 trips to the Bay area; planned certain newspaper publicity; given thought to the dedication service itself. It seems that it might be more desirable now to wait until the new year and aim toward a dedication of the windows in the Spring. "The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross" is a great and unique theme for the stained-glass series. Two other windows were purchased as memorials, the doctrine of The Trinity, and the doctrine of Pentecost.

Oct 31st **Crichton** sent Grady's Signs authorization to proceed with making the plaques, allowing the length to be longer, making the width to 3½". He also chose the black on white, saying it was more pleasing than the walnut.

Terrie Russell:

This was a bold move on the Reverend's part. Showing his confidence despite the cancelation of the window project the week earlier, that the windows will still be made and the set-back was not about to change his vision for the Church.

Part Two shows continual patience. To be so excited about such a very important project, with so much work already done, at additional costs to the church, the plans so many made in preparation for the upcoming dedication with families, only 2 weeks away – to be so close, yet so far from completion, actually, hardly started - yikes! But be patient, for it is not this time for windows.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest." Galatians 6:9
This verse becomes truth.*

Part Two of the saga of our stained glass windows will come to you in the July 2019 Golden Nugget. Stay tuned!



The Pentecost Window, dedicated in memory of Vada Carpenter

June Calendar

- 2 Worship 10 am, Communion, 49er Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in RR; Retirement Party Committee 11:30 am in LS
- 3 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
- 5 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 10 am at Sonora Hills clubhouse (final before summer break)
- 6 PW General Meeting & Potluck 11 am in FH
- 7 Handbell Rehearsal 9 am in LS; Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 8 Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8 am at Brooks Ranch Restaurant
- 9 **Pentecost Sunday**, Worship 10 am, 49er Choir and 49er Chancel Ringers; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in RR
- 10 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 Women's Bible Study 2 pm in RR (final before summer break)
- 12 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH

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)

- 14 Handbell Rehearsal 9 am in LS; Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 15 Presbytery Meeting at Trinity Pres in Modesto, 8:30 am
- 16 Worship 10 am, 49er Choir sings; meet pastoral candidate Keith Reid and family; called congregational meeting
- 17 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 18 Finance Committee 1 pm in Office
- 19 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH
- 21 Handbell Rehearsal 9 am in LS; Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 23 Worship 10 am; 49er Chancel Ringers in concert 2 pm
- 24 Bible Study 5 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7 pm in LS
- 26 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session meeting 2 pm in RR
- 30 Worship 10 am; Pastor Janet Retirement Luncheon 11:30 am in FH - RSVP required by June 16.

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

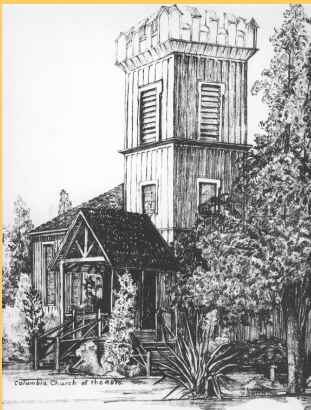
8:30 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Janet's Office

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