

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8**

It’s hard to believe that January has already come and gone, and we have now moved into February, the month of love. With Valentine’s Day being the major holiday this month, people’s focus, it seems more than any other time of the year, is on who they love and who loves them. It’s a month filled with cards, and chocolate, and roses, and jewelry, and candy, and expensive dinners. We find that it’s easy during this month to go all out to show the people in our lives how much we love them; to celebrate the important relationships in our lives, whether that be significant others, children, parents, dear friends, or someone else.

This is why I thought it so important to share the two Bible verses above; these are two of the most well-known verses in all of the Bible; most people can recite them from memory at a moment’s notice. However, when was the last time that you really contemplated the meaning and significance of these verses? So, as we celebrate the gift of loving relationships this month, I want all of us to pause and reflect on the



most real, the most significant, the most impactful love that any of us could ever know: the love of God.

When I was in high school, I was part of a youth drama team at my church; we put on skits and such that had a Christian message. One of the skits that we did was to act out a song that reflected heavily on Christ’s crucifixion. In the skit, I played the part of Christ replete with carrying a cross and being “beaten” by the other teenagers portraying the guards. The Sunday after we presented the skit, we had a time for testimonials in the Sunday night worship service. My mom stood up and said that the skit the previous Sunday had made the crucifixion more real than ever to her. She said that she could not comprehend the gift that God has given us in His Son because, as she said, “I realized that I don’t love any of you all enough to sacrifice my son for you.” It was a very real and emotional moment that displayed the powerful love that a parent has for their child. And I’ll readily admit that, being a parent now, I agree with my mom: I love all of you very

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dearly, but I don’t love any of you enough to sacrifice my children for you. But, that is exactly how much God loves you; he loves you so deeply that He sent His only Son, His **ONLY** Son, to be sacrificed so that you, specifically you reading this, could have eternal life in His presence. But, even more than that, He sent His only Son to be sacrificed for you while you were still a sinner. That means, while you were rebelling against God, while you were living your life completely outside of His will, while you were His enemy, He still loved you so much that He sent His Son to suffer and die so that you wouldn’t have to. There has never been a greater love than that! Romeo and Juliet pale in comparison!

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Ash Wednesday is February 26

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs 46 days before Easter. It derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

Join us in the sanctuary at noon on February 26th for a special Ash Wednesday service.

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

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$250,715	\$238,209	(\$12,505)
Expense	\$240,305	\$234,419	(\$5,886)

Net Ordinary Income as of December 31: \$3,790.52
Mortgage Balance as of December 31: \$73,568.69
Dec. 2019 Mortgage Principal Payment: \$845.42

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God's love is infinite, God's love is boundless, God's love will never fade or die; there is nothing that you could ever do to make God stop loving you. How amazing is that? The very thought leaves me at a loss for words! If God loves each of us that much, there should be no other response than to love Him right back and to commit spending our lives serving Him. So, during this February, this season of love, as we right-fully remember our loved ones here

on Earth, let us not forget our great, merciful, and compassionate God. Remember the love God has for you, and let it be a comfort and support to you, not just in February, but all throughout the year. We serve a God of limitless love! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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

Pastor Keith

January 2020 Session Highlights

Pastor Keith Reid relayed his proposed goals for 2020 and they were approved for announcement at the Annual Congregational meeting.

Pastor Keith as Pastor Commissioner, and Jim Brandt as Elder Commissioner, will be attending the **ECO National Gathering** in Dallas, TX, February 3-6, 2020. Pastor Lee Warford will preach on February 9th.

The refurbishing of CE 1, CE 2, and CE 3 is almost complete thanks to many hands and the "Adopt-a-Room" program. Stop by, they are beautiful! The broadcasting of the church service to CE 1, the Nursery, is now functional.

The Welcome & Evangelism Committee is hosting an Inquirers' Class on February 23rd, as at least four persons have expressed interest in becoming members.

The History Committee has submitted their application to the Sonora Area Foundation for a \$5,000 grant for archive enhancement.

Next Session meeting will be on THURSDAY, February 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Lower Sanctuary, and members are welcome to attend.

Diane Brandt, Clerk of Session

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49er Family News

Grieving

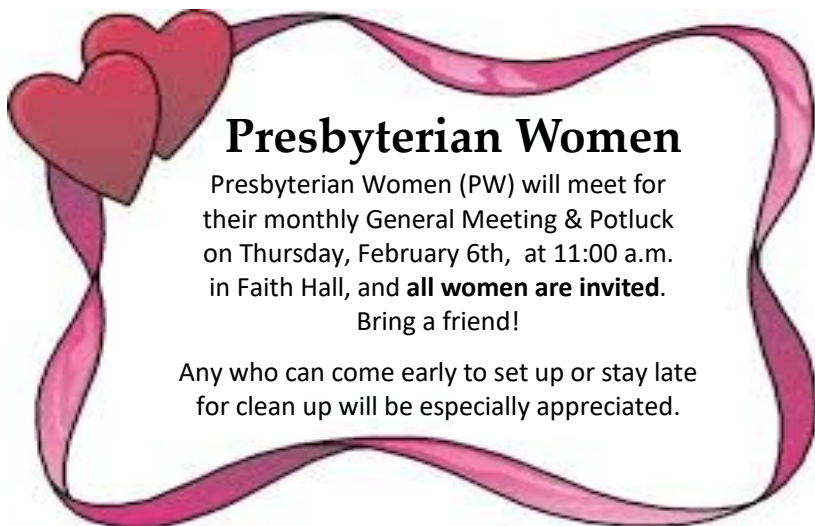
Family and friends of **Peg McConnell**, who died December 8 at the age of 94. A memorial service for Peg will be on February 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, with a reception following in Faith Hall.

Betty and Bob Sagaser following the January 9th death of her son, **Greg Lee**, at the age of 57. A memorial service for Greg will be held February 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, with lunch following in Faith Hall.

Thank You from Marge Rickman

I want to thank the folks for your wonderful cards, encouraging words, prayers and your caring for me. I miss you all very much and long to be there every Sunday. God bless you all !

Love and hugs,
Marge



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) will meet for their monthly General Meeting & Potluck on Thursday, February 6th, at 11:00 a.m. in Faith Hall, and **all women are invited**.
Bring a friend!

Any who can come early to set up or stay late for clean up will be especially appreciated.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

8:00 am Saturday, February 8

All men are welcome to meet for a no-host breakfast at a restaurant in Sonora. Location to be determined as Brooks Ranch is no longer open for business. Call Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for details.

February Birthdays

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

Feb 4	Lois Brown
Feb 6	Hailey Reid
Feb 8	Dick Dyer
Feb 8	Rosie McCarthy
Feb 11	Elvy Peterson
Feb 11	Louise Lertora
Feb 11	Marge Rickman
Feb 13	Ken Minett
Feb 14	Bobbie Bryson
Feb 15	Michele Annett
Feb 24	Joseph Bickell Jr
Feb 26	Barbara Broad
Feb 26	Taylor Annett

Happy Anniversary!

Dick and Pirkko Dyer

63 years on February 15

Ken Minett and Louise Lertora

6 years on February 16

Jim and Barbara Lashbrook

26 years on February 26



Parish Nursing

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

Sermons and Scripture

Pastor Keith is continuing with his sermon series on "Lamentations: Where is God in Times of Trouble?"

February 2 Communion

Lamentations 2:20-22; Ephesians 2:1-10
"A Prayer for Mercy"

February 9

Lamentations 3:1-20; Romans 8:18-28
"What Does Your Now Look Like?"

February 16

Lamentations 3:21-39; 1 Peter 4:12-19
"Who Else But God?"

February 23

Lamentations 3:40-66; Romans 8:31-39
"Out of the Depths of Despair"

Visit churchofthe49ers.com to listen to any past sermons. Click on "Worship" and "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



Perhaps you've been attending the Church of the 49ers for awhile, and you'd like to know more about it. Maybe you'd like to know more about what our variety of Presbyterians teach, and what ministries we do at this church. Maybe you wonder why there's usually a prayer of confession in worship. Or maybe you have other church-related questions. If that's you, then the Inquirers' Class is the place for you! The Welcome & Evangelism Committee and Pastor Keith will hold the class on Sunday, February 23, from 11:30-2:00. Lunch is included, so please RSVP with Pastor Keith so we'll have enough for everyone. Hope to see you there!

Our Church Kids Need You

Christian Ed still needs a few more people to help with the Nursery and Children's Church.

If you can spare one Sunday of fun each month with the kids and infants you will be very much appreciated by the parents, and Christian Ed staff. This important effort is already supported by about five adults rotating in the Sunday School and four adults in the nursery, however we need a few more so the time spent is only once a month for each supporting person.

If you haven't seen the newly refurbished CE rooms you need to take a few minutes to see how clean and fun the rooms are. And another addition to make all this more enjoyable is the sound system installed in the newly refurbished nursery. While in the nursery you can enjoy the worship service piped in so you don't miss a sermon.

The preschool and elementary class material is easy to use and the kids enjoy the interaction with the church family.

Come join in as part of the church caring body to fill in these needs.

Please contact me so we can add you to our list of children's helpers.

Jon Whited, Christian Education Chair

Bible Studies

The Men's and Women's Bible study groups are starting a new study. Ephesians will be the next book studied in the New Testament.

Pastor Keith will be starting a new study in the evening this year, yet to be determined when and what. This will accommodate those who work or can't come to the Men's study on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the multipurpose room in Sonora Hills or the Women's on Thursdays at 2 PM at the church in the Ramont room.

Come to one of the studies and get to know the Bible and our fellow Christian friends better. We can always make room for more.

Don't forget that Gary Davis also offers a Bible study on Monday evening before the Community Dinner in Faith Hall.

Come bless us with your presence!

Jon Whited, Christian Ed Chair

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Happy Valentine's Day

Mission Committee

At our January meeting, we established our giving priorities for the coming year. A certain portion of our budget will be set aside for assistance during disasters, vets, children, overseas missions particularly if there is a local connection, the homeless and the elderly. Because of our efforts in the past, we have made personal connections with numerous organizations and ministries in the county such as: Columbia Elementary, Spiritual Roads, Nancy's Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Teen and Adult Challenge, to name a few. We try to create relationships when and where possible with the people and organizations we serve while helping with their cause.

Because of the generosity of those who attended the Christmas Eve service, we were able

to present Habitat for Humanity Tuolumne County a check for \$1,064. We thank God for working in and through our church to help Habitat provide decent housing for members of our community.

Ken Minett has agreed to attend community meetings pertaining to the plans for establishing a Resiliency Village, which would address the needs of the homeless. He will share the information with our committee.

Our next meeting will be February 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Judy and Roger Haughton,
Co-Chairs Mission Committee**

Send your articles and Family News items for the March 2020 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by February 25th to Leslie Davis at davisgold@gmail.com or call her at 532-6604.

It Speaks of All Who Loved

It speaks not only of Lovers
But all who have loved.
It's a mother's sweet lullaby
Or an auntie's gentle touch.
It's the dreams of tomorrow
And the challenges of today.

It's saying goodbye
And a happy reunion where
Years melt into days.

It's the faith
That draws you to your knees
And pulls you back up again.

It speaks to us
In dreams and memories.

It's joys
And sorrows
And everything in between

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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!



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News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello Church of the 49ers family, greetings from Europe. I trust your New Year is off to a good start.

I ended the month of January with an opportunity to record the New Testament in one of the Arabic dialects from a North African country. Even though audio recordings of the Arabic Bible have existed for many, many years, there are more specific dialects that are still to be translated. I was the recording engineer for the lead translator of the project and a believer from this people group, one of the few. I must admit, Bible translators amaze me! During the time in the studio as questions would arise to see him refer back to the standard Arabic translation, then to the Greek and back to the work in progress. Fascinating. Thank you for letting me serve you here so that together we can be involved in projects like this.

A few weeks ago, five colleagues from other regions of Reach Beyond met at our office here in Spain to evaluate the work we are doing as a mission on the Greek island of Lesbos to minister to the overwhelming influx of refugees. Most come from Afghanistan, traveling through Turkey and finally risking their lives to cross the dangerous stretch of water between the coast of Turkey and Lesbos Island. The Reach Beyond global ministry is scheduled to send twelve teams this year to help in food distribution and other needs. If you are interested in joining one of the teams, please let me know.

Please be praying for the refugee situation in Greece. Camps are bursting at the seams and there is no end in sight to many more asylum-seekers trying to enter. It is a critical humanitarian crisis and also a critical opportunity for the church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I have not served on a team yet, but may do so in June.

In February, I will be participating in a three-day intensive training course on crisis management for international organizations. Please pray that I can assimilate all of the information that will be shared. After my time at this training, I will be in Sonora and look forward to being with the Church of the 49ers family on March 8.

My prayer for you this month is that you will have an opportunity to tell at least one person about your Savior, Jesus Christ. May God open the door for some of our friends and/or loved ones to become a follower of Jesus Christ!

Thanks for your prayers and faithful partnership in the ministry. See you next month!

Allen



Interfaith News

This month I would like to recognize the people from our church who work at Interfaith. They are Leslie Davis, Kathy Mastenbrook, June Perea, Melissa Schultz, Marilyn Williams and me. Most work once a month and a couple work each week. Leslie and Marilyn work in our Interview section and the rest of us work mainly in the pantry. These are but two areas where you can volunteer, we have several more (in case you are thinking of be-

coming a volunteer!) Please come talk to me about more places of interest. We have good training and you get to meet some great people from other churches.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Interfaith, I can tell you that we have some new areas that we are exploring this year, in order to help more of our local people who have needs in many areas of their lives. We are always open

for fresh ideas, so come and talk to me any time either at church or call my home for any questions or ideas that you might have.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

Fundraiser Planning

At its January meeting, members of the Fellowship Committee kicked off planning for our Spring 2020 all-church fundraiser on Saturday afternoon, April 18. Purpose of this event is to invite the community to help us raise funds to cover the renovations currently being made to the church's iconic bell tower. In 2011 the North and West sides of the bell tower were renovated, and now we're having a contractor renovate the East and South sides. After 65 years, the wood siding needed to be replaced, and rot and bug damage repaired.

If you would like to help plan this fundraiser, your ideas and presence are welcome at a February 2nd meeting, to be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Sanctuary. Or, if you cannot make this meeting, but want to fulfill your commitment to the church family by assisting in some way with the event, please tell co-chairs Doreen Bass or Leslie Davis.

Late addition: Another Fundraiser Planning meeting is Friday, February 21, at 1:00 pm in the Ramont Room. Sign ups for volunteers to begin February 9th during Fellowship Time.

Fellowship News

The drama, "Proof," will play at the Murphys Creek Theatre in Murphys February 14 through March 8. Leslie Davis is gathering together a group to see the Sunday 2:00 pm matinee on February 16. Tickets are \$28 adults and \$22 seniors, but if we have a group of 10 or more, the price is only \$18 each. Sign up with Leslie soon. We'll carpool!

What exactly is discovered in an old speckled-bound notebook left behind by a brilliant mathematician? Follow Catherine, a loving daughter, as she battles for the truth in a mysterious mathematical Proof. Her father Robert,



a man who made major contributions to the world of math, has left nothing but questions in his wake. Be swept in as family secrets begin to unfold and surround you in this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about love, family, and reconciliation. Written by David Auburn. Rated PG-13.

We are Tuolumne County - Public Forum

**March 8, 2020 1:00 pm in Faith Hall
at the Church of the 49ers**

How can county government work for you? Team members from Tuolumne County departments are hosting community open houses to connect and educate the public about county services. On March 8th they are coming to Faith Hall. For more information, visit the county's website at tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/forums or call 209-533-5511.

49er Chancel Choir

The 49er Chancel Choir rehearses most every Friday morning 10:30 to noon from September through June. Contact choir director, Barbara Broad, if you would like to join the choir, which typically sings in worship on first and third Sundays.

49er Chancel Ringers

After taking a break, the church's handbell ensemble will resume rehearsals on Friday, February 21, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in playing the handbells, contact Doreen Bass.

Big Band Jazz Festival

Saturday, Feb 8 @ 2pm matinee

Guest Artist Concert at the Columbia College Dogwood Theater

Featuring Chris Barnes, lead trumpet; Jamie Dubberly, trombone; Keith Evans, guitar; Bob Secor, piano; Clint Day, bass; David Hawkes, drums; Mike Miller, timbales; Mario Flores, congas

Reserved seating \$18 on sale now at Mtn. Bookshop and the college's Manzanita Bookstore, or order tickets by mail from the college website.

Historic Old Columbia

By Dr. Clifford M. Drury

This history was written by Dr. Clifford Drury in 1947.

On July 15, 1945, Governor Earl Warren signed the Act of the Legislature which set aside the old gold-mining town of Columbia as a state park. The state appropriated \$50,000 which had to be met by an equal amount from private sources. This money was to be used to buy and restore old buildings in Columbia which date back to the gold-mining days. Even though the work of restoration is far from complete and the park has not been officially opened, yet during the past summer from seventy-five to one hundred tourists' cars have visited Columbia each day. This is but the shadow of the thousands who will make a pilgrimage to this historic spot in the years to come.

Columbia is located at an elevation of about 2,000 feet in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in Tuolumne County, about five miles above Sonora. Gold was discovered as a result of a cloudburst in March, 1850. That was the beginning of extensive hydraulic mining which has churned the soil all around Columbia leaving great boulders exposed. Within a month after the news of the discovery was made known, 6,000 people were seeking their fortunes at Columbia. The population eventually grew to be between 15,000 and 20,000. Columbia was then one of the most populous cities in California, and in 1853 lost its contest to be the capital of the state by only two votes.

A bronze plaque in Columbia today tells the reader that eighty-seven million dollars in gold were secured from that place, fifty-five millions of which were weighed on the scales now on exhibition in the old Wells Fargo office. An article written by a New School Presbyterian

missionary, which appeared in the Home Missionary for May 1855, carried the following description of the moral conditions which existed at that time:

"There are two theatres, two large 'fandangoes' or Spanish dance houses, six public gambling saloons, and ten public houses of ill-fame--some of them tastefully fitted up with gilded signs and wide open doors... There are forty places where rum is retailed by the glass, and of all the stores, only one...is shut on the Sabbath."

Of the different denominations which started work in the rip-roaring mining town in those stirring days, only the Roman Catholic and the Presbyterian remain. The picturesque old Catholic building, known as St. Ann's, erected in 1856, is still standing. The Catholics have recently rebuilt it, thus assuring it a prominent place in the revitalized town.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

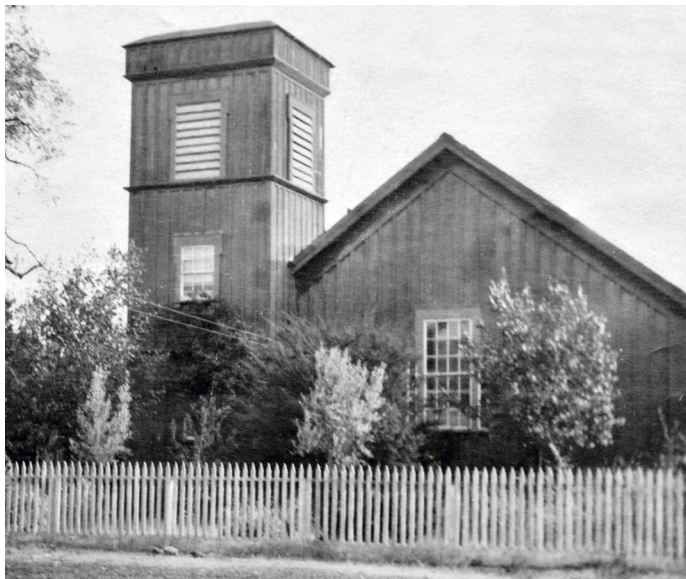
The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia was organized December 19, 1854, with twenty-three charter members, under the direction of the Rev. John Henry Brodt, a New School Presbyterian missionary to California. During the ministry of Rev. Hugh J. Furneaux, which

began in 1914, the name of the church was changed unofficially to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, by which it is still known.

For years the membership roll remained about thirty. In 1867, when D. Henry Palmer was pastor, the number increased to forty-five. Palmer was in Columbia at the time the news of the assassination of President Lincoln became known. Knowing that the building would never hold the expected crowd, Palmer removed a church window and placed a platform in it. On this he stood as he preached so that he could address the audience outside the building as well as the one inside. The population of Columbia, like that of many other old mining towns, decreased when gold mining declined. The effect was felt in the membership roll of the church which was down to four in 1915. By 1935 the membership had climbed to a peak of fifty-two. General Assembly Minutes for 1946 record thirty-seven. With the exception of the very early days when many miners who were not members contributed freely to the support of the minister, this church has continued to be a mission project.

THE HISTORIC BUILDING

The Presbyterian Church of Columbia first held its meetings in a small building owned by the Methodist Church, South, which had started work in that field as early as 1852. The Presbyterian congregation purchased this building in 1855. It soon proved to be too small. In 1864 a new wooden building was erected which measured 52 x 38 feet. A forty-foot square tower contained a copper bell which weighed nearly a ton and which bore the year date 1852.



This image of the sanctuary and bell tower was taken some time before 1950. Note the crenellations are missing from the top of the tower.

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By Dr. Clifford M. Drury in 1947

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Some of the lumber used in the first building was used over again. The cost of the new edifice was reported at \$3,000, plus donated labor.

For more than eighty-three years that weather-beaten structure has served the Protestant community of Columbia and vicinity. In recent years the building began to show its age by sagging some eleven inches on one side and leaning over another two inches. Any experienced carpenter could tell why, for there was no cross-bracing. The wonder is that the building did not collapse long ago.

New interest in the church was aroused when the State of California began to make the historic old mining village a state park. Thousands upon thousands will visit the site in years to come. These tourists will see a rebuilt Catholic church. What about the only Protestant church in town? The matter was laid before the Synod of California at its annual meeting in the summer of 1947 and authorization was given to appeal to Presbyterians through the entire Synod, and to any others who might be interested, for funds to rebuild this structure. Among those who are taking the lead in saving the building is Mr. C. H. Ramont, an elder of the Modesto Church.

Even before Synod took official action, some repair work had been started. The bell tower, which had been leaning so much that external props had to be placed to save it from utter collapse, was found to be termite-ridden throughout its entire height. Again it is a mystery why the heavy bell had not crashed to the ground long ago. However, this was lowered in safety. The tower was so far gone that it will have to be rebuilt entirely. The sagging side has been jacked up and a new foundation placed around the entire building. Cross-bracing has straightened out the angles. A new roof

of split sugar pine shakes like the originals has already been put on. These shakes were made by a local resident who donated one-third of the usual cost. The stained glass windows, which were removed when the building was being straightened, have now been replaced.

Much remains to be done. The building needs a new floor; the tower must be rebuilt; the original old pews and pulpit furniture must be refinished; the interior must be redecorated; a furnace should be installed; and some new siding must be put on.

All of such repairs cost money. The local congregation, small in number and comparatively limited in financial resources, have pledged themselves to raise \$3,000. The Presbytery of San Joaquin has made a loan of \$4,500 to pay for repairs that had to be done immediately in order to save the building. The Presbyterian Church at Merced has given \$565 and a few individuals have made contributions.

Estimates indicate that at least \$16,000 will be needed to cover the cost of the restoration. If such an amount were prorated through the Synod, the larger Presbyteries would have a quota of several thousand dollars. The committee appointed by Synod to raise the money and supervise the restoration (of which the Rev. Sherman Potter of San Leandro is chairman) has had several meetings. It has felt that the first appeal for funds should be made through our two California Presbyterian papers, and through the distribution of reprints of this article in pamphlet form. A four-page folder entitled "First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, California" has already been printed.

It is hoped that every Presbyterian pastor in the Synod will

approach individuals within his congregation or community who would be interested in restoring an old historic building. The Roman Catholics of the state have set an example for all Protestants in the way they have restored the old missions. Let it not be said that the Presbyterians are neglecting and forgetting their historic shrines. Send all contributions to Mr. C. H. Ramont, 1717 Lee Street, Modesto, California.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Drury is Professor of Church History at San Francisco Theological Seminary. During the recent war he served as a Chaplain in the Navy. Last summer he was again called into active duty by the Navy to resume work on a forthcoming official document dealing with the history of the chaplaincy. Dr. Drury is considered one of the foremost authorities on the history of Presbyterianism in California.

NOTE: The Synod of California has wholeheartedly approved the appeal for funds which is briefly mentioned in the accompanying article.



April 30, 1950 after restoration —two months before the sanctuary burned to the ground.

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February Calendar

Sunday meetings begin 30 minutes after worship ends

RR = Ramont Room FH = Faith Hall CE3 = Christian Ed Bldg
SNR = Sadie Nicholls Room LS = Lower Sanctuary (basement)

- 2 Worship 10:00 am, Communion, 49er Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in RR; Fundraiser planning meeting 11:30 am in CE2
- 3 History Committee 9:30 am in RR; Bible Study 5:00 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR
- 5 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 10:00 am in Sonora Hills Multipurpose Room
- 6 PW General Meeting and Potluck 11:00 am in FH; Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm in RR
- 7 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 8 Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8:00 am at Brooks Ranch Restaurant; Peg McConnell memorial 11:00 am in the Sanctuary with memorial following in FH
- 9 Worship 10:00 am; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in RR
- 10 Buildings & Grounds 10:00 am in RR; Bible Study 5:00 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH, Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR
- 12 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 10:00 am in Sonora Hills Multipurpose Room
- 13 Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm in RR
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY; 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR
- 16 Worship 10:00 am, 49er Choir sings; Welcome & Evangelism 11:30 am in RR; "Just Dance" 1-4 pm in FH; Theatre Outing for 2 pm matinee in Murphys
- 17 Bible Study 5:00 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR
- 18 Finance Committee 1:00 pm in Office; Mission Committee 2:00 pm in LS
- 19 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 10:00 am in Sonora Hills Multipurpose Room
- 20 Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm in RR
- 21 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR; Fundraiser Planning Committee 1:00 pm in RR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 pm in LS
- 23 Worship 10:00 am; Inquirers' Class 11:30 am in RR
- 24 Bible Study 5:00 pm in RR; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR
- 26 **ASH WEDNESDAY** service 12:00 pm in Sanctuary; Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Men's Bible Study 10:00 am in Sonora Hills Multipurpose Room
- 27 Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm in RR
- 28 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 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

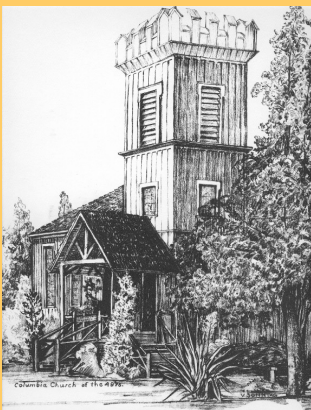
8:30 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Keith's Office

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