

# Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## A Word from the Pastor

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

*They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'*

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose.*



June 2020

Pentecost because it is such an important part of the history of the church. So, I thought I would spend a few minutes with you as you read the newsletter talking about Pentecost.

*It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Acts 2:1-21 NIV

As some of you may know, Sunday May 31st was Pentecost Sunday. Now, you may be asking why I didn't preach a Pentecost-specific sermon, and the answer is because we are in such an important part of our series on Mark, a part that is really showing us how Jesus engaged in His public ministry, I felt like it would be more beneficial for us to continue in that series uninterrupted. However, I didn't want to completely ignore or gloss-over the occasion of

The origins of Pentecost actually begin in the Old Testament as one of the Feast Days established in the Mosaic Law: the Feast of Harvest, or Feast of Weeks. The Feast of Weeks was a celebration of the early weeks of the wheat harvest that came during the months of May or June. The Feast of Weeks is called such because it takes place around 7 weeks, or exactly 50 days, after Passover; in fact, the name Pentecost comes from the Greek word *Pentēkostē*, meaning "fiftieth."

After Jesus ascended into heaven, His followers gathered together in order to celebrate this Feast of Weeks; and that is when the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus, filled the house they were in and, appearing as tongues of fire, came to rest on them and filled them causing them to speak in other tongues. This coming on of the Holy Spirit gave them a greater, a deeper, understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel, making them more qualified to teach and preach it to others. Then, as we see in the above passage, the crowds heard all of this talking in different languages going on and went to see what it was.

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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.

## Milestone

Your *Golden Nugget* editor took on the volunteer job in December 2007. This June 2020 newsletter is my 150th consecutive monthly issue, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your assistance over the years with your articles, news items, poems, etc.

Leslie

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1 through April 30, 2020  
(exclusive of other income/expenses)

|         | Budget   | Actual   | Difference Over/(Under) |
|---------|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Income  | \$88,945 | \$80,554 | (\$8,391)               |
| Expense | \$84,313 | \$72,118 | \$12,195                |

Mortgage Balance as of April 30: **\$69,783.81** (as adjusted for prepayments)

Minimum required Mortgage Payment: **\$1,091.98**

Additional principal paid through April 30: **\$300.00**

**Per Jim Brandt, Treasurer:** The mortgage balance does not agree with the published financials because I have not made the necessary accounting adjustments for some time. Periodic adjustments are needed to account for the additional pledged contributions received over time toward the loan above the minimum payment. These additional principal contributions have the effect of overstating the interest required for regular payments and understating principal applied to the loan.

## Bible Studies Resume

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume June 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sadie Nichols Room. They will be finishing up Ephesians, per Judy Nason.

The **Men's Bible Study** will resume meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in CE 3 on June 17, per Jon Whited. (Sonora Hills is not allowing meetings yet.) They will resume their series on "The Responsibility of the Christian."

Mr. Grace is still  
guarding the church  
campus. He will be  
excited to see you  
again on Sundays...  
finally!



# 49er Family News

## Grieving

Russell Tait died May 10 in his Columbia home. Grieving are former member Kathy Passmore, Russ' niece, and his good friend Ken Valenta. A memorial service for Russ will be held at the church sometime in the future.

## Thankful

**Jean Peters** recently celebrated her 90th birthday and is grateful for all of the greeting cards and phone calls she received. Thank you.

## Wedding Bells

**Jordan Warford** and Gracie Cicere were married by Pastor Keith in a very small ceremony on May 16. The newlyweds are residing in Copperopolis.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Pirkko and Dick Dyer proudly announced the graduation of their two granddaughters, Kaarina and Kristiina.

**Kaarina Thompson** (on left) is on the President's Honor Roll as she graduates from Columbia College with an AA and certificates in Kinesiology, Public Health and Allied Health. She will continue her education at CSU Sacramento where she plans to major in Biology/Microbiology or Ecology/Conservation for Bachelor's and Master's degrees.



**Kristiina Thompson** graduated from Sonora Union High School with a GPA of 4.14 and Academic Block S honors as well as Varsity Block S honors for Cross Country. She attended Middle College classes during her junior and senior years. After earning her Psychology AAT at Columbia College she hopes to pursue a Bachelor's degree in American Sign Language at CSU Sacramento, as well as Bachelor's and Master's in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Parents are Dr. Kirsti Dyer and Cole Thompson.

Nora Neves' granddaughter, **Nevaeh O'Dea**, is graduating from Columbia Elementary School tomorrow. Like many other schools during the pandemic, the ceremony will be online for the parents and graduates. Also, Brynna Neves will be a junior at Sonora High next year, as well as taking Columbia College classes.

Another graduate of Sonora High School this month is **Michael David**, the younger son of former pastor Bill David and wife Jenny.

## 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 22 | Monty Youngborg   |
| June 27 | Helen Johnson     |
| June 29 | Sharon Poff       |
| June 30 | Richie Lertora    |
| June 30 | Jeff Warren       |

## Happy Anniversary!

Jeff & Shelly Goularte  
32 years on June 4

Keith & Karla Reid  
6 years on June 7

Ed & Kathy Sudduth  
11 years on June 12

Tony & Kim Lertora  
28 years on June 13

Roger & Judy Haughton  
50 years on June 20

# Word from Pastor

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Most of the crowd was amazed, but some thought the apostles were drunk. Nevertheless, Peter began preaching to them and about 3,000 people accepted Jesus Christ and were baptized that day, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church, because it was the historical beginning of the church.

This is why churches around the world celebrate and honor Pentecost Sunday; it is to remember the day that God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in and among His people. God promised that He would never leave us or forsake us, and the Holy Spirit is His

fulfillment of that promise. From that first Pentecost through to this very day over 2000 years later, God has dwelt within each one of His people; He, through the person of His Holy Spirit, has been with us every step of every day of our lives from the moment we accept Christ to the moment we get to be with Him in heaven. Even though we didn't have a big Pentecost celebration at church, let's all take some time to reflect on, and thank God for, the amazing gift that He has given to all of His people; a gift that ensures His presence is always with us, the Holy Spirit.

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

**Pastor Keith**

## Good News!

The Tuolumne County Health Department has given us the go-ahead to worship together again, **beginning June 7th**, provided we follow certain guidelines to keep us safe from the Covid-19 virus. On May 27 Pastor Keith met with all of the church elders, deacons and ushers (socially-distanced in the sanctuary) to discuss plans for the re-opening. Volunteers stepped up to do all of the tasks required, such as sanitizing chairs, restrooms, etc.

Please carefully read the long list of requirements and guidelines on Page 5 to prepare yourself. Especially note that we'll have two worship services and that you must sign up ahead of time - because we can only accommodate 40-45 people at each service.

Also, we can resume committee meetings and Bible studies (as determined by their leaders), but they will be conducted in rooms other than Faith Hall so we can keep it sanitized during the week. Community Dinners are still on hold at this time.

**Pastor Keith**



Looks like Mr. Grace started something when he jumped on Gary Davis' back last month and the image made it into the Nugget.

Here's a photograph of Brynna Neves with "Tiger" on her back!

## Sermons and Scripture

Pastor Keith began a new sermon series April 5th, called "The Gospel According to Mark: Three Years That Changed The World." For all those with email, he will send a link so you can listen/watch them online.

### June 7

Sermon: Mark 2:23-3:6  
OT: Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
"The Rest"

### June 14

Sermon: Mark 3:7-35  
OT: Exodus 18:13-26  
"The Inner Circle"

### June 21

Sermon: Mark 4:1-20  
OT: Isaiah 6:9-13  
"The Mindful Farmer"

### June 28

Sermon: Mark 4:21-34  
OT: Daniel 2:37-45  
"The Kingdom of God is Like..."

Visit [churchofthe49ers.com](http://churchofthe49ers.com) to listen to past sermons (before March 2020). 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.



# Guidelines/Requirements for Worshipping Together

1. Church services will be held in Faith Hall for the time being to allow for more room so we can socially-distance while also being able to accommodate everyone.
2. The two services will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday with cleaning/sanitizing done in between the two services and after the 10:30 service.
3. We are asking people to sign up for which service they will be attending. Since we have a limited number of chairs, we don't want one service to be overfilled and we have to send people away.
4. Therefore, contact Deb with your preferred time to attend; you can send an email to [churchofthe49ers@yahoo.com](mailto:churchofthe49ers@yahoo.com), call the office at **209-532-2441**, or stop by to let her know. This will be on a first come, first served basis.
5. We are not requiring that people wear masks, but we are strongly encouraging it. We ask you to bring your own mask, but we will have disposable masks available if needed.
6. There will be hand sanitizer available at both the entrance and the exit.
7. We will have latex gloves available for anyone who wants to wear them during the service.
8. We will have disinfectant wipes available.
9. The hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, and wipes will be placed on tables at the entrance for you to use.
10. Chairs in Faith Hall will be set up six feet apart, and we are asking you not to move them; with the exception that couples/families can move chairs to sit together.
11. The main Faith Hall doors will be the entrance, and the doors next to the Ramont Room will be the exit.
- There will also be arrows on the floor to insure a one-way flow of traffic.
12. For the time being, there will be no children's church; children will need to stay in the service with their family.
13. **If you have COVID-19 like symptoms, please stay home.** We will have signs posted that will list the symptoms; they were also included in the documents I sent last week.
14. There will be a thermometer available if you start feeling unwell after arriving, or if you notice someone else who looks unwell.
15. Bulletins will be placed in each chair before both services, and we ask you to throw yours away as you exit the service.
16. Chairs, doorknobs, handles, light switches, and restrooms will be thoroughly sanitized after both services. We already have volunteers lined up to handle these responsibilities; but, if you would like to help, please let us know.
17. We will not be serving any food or beverages at this time; but, if you would like a cup of coffee during the service, feel free to bring your own.
18. As such, there will be no fellowship time at this point.
19. There will be two baskets set up on the way out of Faith Hall for you to drop your offering in as you exit.
20. Prepackaged individual serving communion elements have been ordered and are on the way. These will be placed in each chair before both services on the Sundays that we do communion. We will not be partaking in communion until these arrive.
21. Unfortunately, with the fact that singing can cause the virus to travel farther, there will be no congregational singing at this time. Instead, Carolyn and Diane will play two instrumentals during the worship that will be a time of quiet, personal reflection/meditation.
22. We ask that you maintain proper social-distancing in the parking lot.
23. We will be placing markings on the ground outside of Faith Hall so that you know where to stand as you wait to enter.
24. There will be plenty of signage posted to help direct/guide you.
25. Committee meetings and Bible studies can resume as soon as worship services do, provided that they are properly social distanced, and the space is disinfected after use.
26. The Committee meetings will take place either after the 10:30 service or on another day during the week; this will be left up to the discretion of each individual Committee and its chair.
27. We will be keeping Faith Hall closed throughout the week so that we don't have to continually tear down and set up for Sunday worship, and so no extra disinfecting will have to be done before Sunday worship; this includes the Ramont Room.
28. Committees can meet in the CE building, the Lower Sanctuary, or even in the Sanctuary; wherever they feel comfortable and can properly social distance.
29. Monday Night Dinners are still cancelled due to the difficult logistics involved with setting up and serving food.
30. Sermons will continue to be recorded and posted to **YouTube** every Sunday by 10:30 am for those who are not ready, or able, to attend services at this point.

## News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello, Church of the 49ers family! I pray that you are well and not only surviving, but thriving during these special times in the U.S., Spain and all around the world.

Thank you for praying during Ramadan, which ended May 23. As I told you in last month's *Nugget*, there was increased spiritual interest expressed in contacts to all of our media and development partners in the region. Many gospel seeds were planted. Please pray that these will soon come to fruition.

Spain is slowly opening up, especially in the south where I live. I continue to give God the thanks for keeping our team safe during the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. I am also thankful for the ministry doors that opened even while the physical doors were shut for so many people.

On Saturday, May 30, the staff and volunteer ministry team doing social media outreach to Persian speakers had a special time answering questions about depression. This was in response to many people expressing feelings of depression because of the isolation they have experienced. There were several new participants to the channel as well as a number who returned after having been inactive for several months. Please pray for continued private chats where the staff and volunteers can engage in deeper spiritual conversations. Praise God for the interaction in this 11-hour online activity.

Pray for my plans to return to Ecuador. Many government offices in Spain are still closed and paperwork will be backed up once they do open. There are many administrative details to deal with in order to

finish my time here and pass the baton on to the new leadership. My plan was to return the end of June. My departure date is uncertain now. Please pray for patience and peace for me.

Let me finish by sharing the words of a listener to our Arabic online radio ministry. She is 25-years-old and lives in one of the North African countries. Please be encouraged. This is why we do what we do!

*I live with my adoptive parents. I was born out of wedlock, and when my mother died, my father refused me. When I told my fiancé, he left me! I want to live a normal life... that's all that I am looking for!*

*I fear the future, and I want to walk on the right path. The first time I realized God's love for me was when I heard your live program. That encouraged me contact you. Since then, and in spite of my situation, I feel that I got healed my wounds. I found the love and acceptance I was looking for in Jesus Christ. I declare him as my Lord and savior!*

Rejoice with me please!

Allen



## Interfaith News

I only have a couple of things to contribute this month, not much, but something. First of all, I want everyone to know that we are still open 5 days a week from 10-1 Monday through Friday for food and toiletries. Also, we are accepting clothing (summer items only, please), and household items such as bedding, sleeping items and pans for cooking, etc. The hours have changed: We are not open for donations on Monday, the rest of the week is 10-12 only. We still could use more volunteers, you can call the office at 532-0905 to see if they could use your help and where it might be. Please, call me anytime if you have any questions.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

## Mission Committee

Despite the challenging times, our mission committee's efforts have continued. During the past month, we have contributed to Nancy's Hope, which has done a terrific job of providing food. The number of people she is helping to feed has doubled in size. Likewise, Interfaith has been helping out more than ever, so we also sent them a donation. The third group we helped was the Community Recovery Fund, or CRF, which was established by the Sonora Area Foundation. Their purpose is to help those in our community who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

We praise God for the generosity of our congregation and the opportunities we have to share His love. We are planning tentatively to have our next in-person meeting on June 23 at 2:00 pm in CE3.

Judy and Roger Haughton  
Co-Chairs Mission Committee

## The 1918 Influenza

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article is based on the original article by Betty Sparagna, "The 1918 Influenza- Mother of All Pandemics," printed in the April-June 2018 issue of CHISPA, the quarterly publication of the Tuolumne County Historical Society. The article has been revised, edited and summarized by Tom and Denella Kimura.

Between 1918-1919, the deadliest influenza pandemic in world history took the lives of an estimated 20 to 100 million people. It hit most severely during a sixteen-week period from mid-September to mid-December of 1918. It had erupted during the final stages of World War I.

Most victims experienced a weeklong course of fever, aches, chills, and nausea. However, a minority became incapacitated by exhaustion with excruciating earaches and headaches. As the disease progressed, pneumonia set in and victims often began to bleed profusely from their nose, ears, and mouth. Some still recovered unless cyanosis appeared. It became known as the "Spanish flu."

The "Spanish Flu" is a misnomer due to the earliest news releases about the flu, which occurred in Madrid, Spain, on May 22, 1918. Spain was one of the few European countries to remain neutral during WWI, which meant the media was free to report the gruesome details of the pandemic without wartime censors suppressing the news of the flu. On May 16, the US Congress passed the Sedition Act, which forbade expression of opinions against the government or the war effort.

According to an article titled, "The 1918 Influenza, Mother of All Pandemics," by Betty Sparagna, Haskell County, Kansas became ground zero. In late January and early February 1918, Dr. Loring Miner faced an epidemic of influenza in Haskell County affecting dozens of the strongest and healthiest people dying of pneumonia. The epidemic got worse; then it abruptly disappeared. People

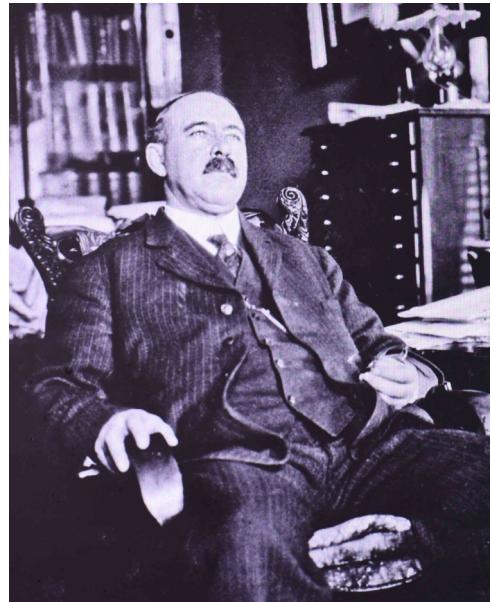
went back to work and children returned to school.

Three hundred miles east of Haskill County, the first soldier at Camp Funston died. Within three weeks, more than eleven hundred others were hospitalized and thousands more were treated at the infirmaries. The camp held an average of over fifty thousand troops, which fed a constant stream of soldiers to other locations in the United States and Europe.

Ninety-nine percent of influenza-related deaths were persons under sixty-five. As stated in a *Union Democrat* editorial: "Practically every city, town and hamlet in the world has contributed to the insatiable greed of Spanish influenza, and the strong and vigorous, in the prime of life with greater promise for the future, generally have been its victims. Indeed, the loss of life America has sustained in the great war amounts to little in comparison to the staggering death rate by disease here at home."

When a naval vessel with infected seamen arrived in the Los Angeles harbor, two companies of the 31st Infantry were quarantined. A San Francisco man brought the disease from Chicago, but soon the virus expanded to nearby Oakland, Mare Island, Alameda, and other neighboring cities.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fourth Liberty war bond rally, 5000 workers from the Schaw-Batcher Company's ship works in South San Francisco listened to film star Mary Pickford. At the rally she provided signed photographs to all



**Dr. William Hood, Tuolumne County Health Officer in 1918-1919**

buyers of war bonds, and she was later stricken with the flu.

The following Saturday night, the *San Francisco Chronicle* hosted "thirty-seven of the greatest stars of the silent but eloquent screen . . . in behalf of the fourth Liberty loan."

By October 9, San Francisco Health Officer Dr. William C. Hassler reported at least 169 cases of the flu; that number jumping to over 2,000 a week later.

On October 20, a day after the *Union Democrat* had published its health bulletin, local health officers declared all public gathering places, including schools and theatres, to be closed indefinitely to check the influenza epidemic in Sonora.

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# 1918 Influenza

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On October 23, Dr. William L. Hood, Tuolumne County Health Officer, ordered strict enforcement of existing laws regarding the sterilization of drinking glasses and the abolishment of common drinking cups and towels, as well as expectoration in public places.

Section 2979A of the county code stipulated "that gauze face masks be worn by all persons who must of necessity come in contact with known influenza cases; also it is recommended to be worn by persons who serve the public."

Dr. Hood went on to say that as long as the epidemic remained prevalent in Tuolumne County, schools would be closed when deemed necessary, and parents would be required to keep children at home.

Particularly hard hit by the flu were employees and families of the Sierra Railway, Standard Lumber Company, and West Side Lumber Company.

On November 4, the Board of Trustees of the City of Sonora passed Ordinance No. 77 requiring that all persons in Sonora wear a mask or face-covering where two or more persons were congregated, except in homes where only family members were present.

If the ordinance were violated, the person "[would] be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and...punished by a fine of not less than \$2.50 or more than \$10 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

One person who chose to violate the ordinance was Jack Kelly. He was fined

five dollars and, after refusing to pay the fine, was sentenced to two days in jail. A friend came to his rescue and paid the fine for him, but when Mr. Kelly was released from jail, he was again arrested for the same offense.



Two schoolboys wearing their masks

By November 16, the flu quarantine in Sonora was abolished since fewer new cases developed that week. Restrictions of gathering at theatres, lodges, churches, and saloons were lifted, but the wearing of masks continued as a precaution. Sonora Union High School educators didn't return to school with their students until the end of November, a total of six weeks.

In November, Tuolumne County Hospital was overwhelmed with twenty-one flu patients at one time. The *Union Democrat* of November 23 reported the story of Miss Anna Kroos, a nurse who was stricken with influenza and returned to duty within five days, often working 16-hour shifts with her staff.

When a second nurse, Miss Goldie Turner, came down with the flu, Miss Kroos and her two sisters, Cornelia Aldridge and Christine "Tennie" Ghi-orso, tended to the sick. When one of the sisters got the flu, Dr. [Pickney] Hamilton from Calaveras County stepped in to help. "Through it all," says the *Union Democrat* article, "not a patient was neglected."

On the lighter side, the *Union Democrat* published a tongue-in-cheek article on December 21, 1918:

## Some Cheerful Dope on How to Cure Influenza

*The best treatment for the influenza, as outlined by the eminent physician, Dr. Cutaman Chargem: Swath the head in eight thicknesses of gauze, which have been first sterilized by burning, and retire to the top of a high mountain, remote from human habitation. Spray the surrounding air three times daily with an antiseptic solution, eat only onions, and gargle every thirty minutes with vinegar, carbolic acid, formaldehyde, soft soap and nitro-glycerine. Smile happily and believe you will escape, as you will have it anyway and you may as well enjoy living while you can.*

By January 1919, the town of Tuolumne appeared to be hit again with seventy to eighty new cases of a milder form than what occurred six weeks prior. This time, children were the largest number of victims, even though the schools were closed.

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# 1918 Pandemic

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In Columbia, flu cases striking in early January 1919 were light compared to nearby towns. Not being the county seat, Columbia's relatively small population and physical isolation from other towns possibly spared it from the worst of the epidemic.

During the month of October, the State of California Board of Health reported that 4,420 people died of influenza and 961 died of related pneumonia, for a total of 5,381 deaths.

Each week, from October 1918 through May 1919, local newspapers carried news of influenza-related deaths and illness. Many died at home in Tuolumne County, while others died visiting friends and family throughout the country. At least seven local servicemen died from influenza and related pneumonia.

It is impossible to know exactly how many families in Tuolumne County lost loved ones to the epidemic. In Ms. Sparagna's article, however, it was reported that researchers were able to identify 108 Tuolumne County residents who died either from influenza or pneumonia during that time period.

It was more than eighty years before scientists would understand the 1918 virus. In 2005, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology announced that they had isolated, decoded, and replicated the entire sequence of the 1918 flu virus, known as H1N1. They worked with tissue samples of flu victims from autopsy archives and with the infected lung tissue of an Alaskan woman whose body had been preserved in Arctic permafrost, a scientific first.

On April 3, 1919, at the Versailles Peace Conference, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed half-way through the assembly. Though some historians thought Wilson's confusion was due to a minor stroke, he had all the symptoms of influenza. At the time, influenza was widespread in Paris, and the flu had killed one of Wilson's aides. According to Smithsonian contributor John M. Barry, Wilson's "sudden weakness and severe confusion halfway through that conference—widely commented upon—very possibly contributed to his abandoning his principles. The result was the disastrous peace treaty, which would later contribute to the start of World War II."



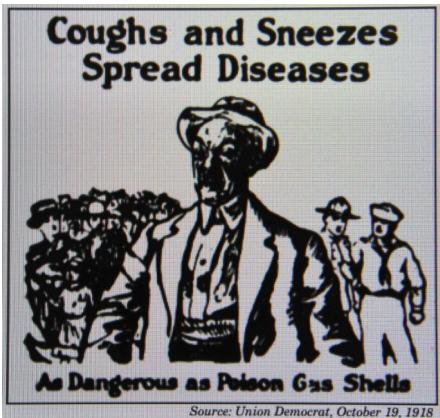
Influenza victims crowd into an emergency hospital near Fort Riley, Kansas in 1918



## WHEN TO LEAVE THE AXE

There's an artist in every man  
who sees sunbeams sparkle  
on a bubbling stream  
when he pulls out a trout;  
Who wakes early on vacations  
to watch the daybreak's first touch  
on the mountain top  
as he lights his campfire;  
who knows when to leave  
his axe biting the stump  
and look for blue ice  
cracking on the river.  
This is the man who knows  
God's light touch on the earth  
as well as the powerful  
effects of God's love.

By Denella Kimura  
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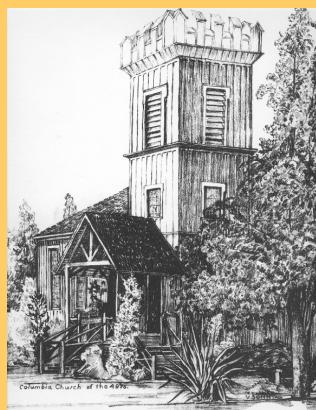
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