

# Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## Words from the Pastor

*"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

**Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV)**

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and*



*God bless America*

*builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* **Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)**

As coronavirus restrictions are being lessened in California and around the country, and churches begin to return to a more "normal" sense of worship, there is an interesting phenomenon that seems to be going on. This phenomenon is one that concerned many pastors and other church leaders around the country as we were all in shutdown and quarantine; and, lo and behold, it has come to fruition in many churches across the country. The phenomenon that I am talking about is people choosing not to return to the church even now as pretty much every church in the country has reopened in some form or fashion. Now, to be clear, I am not talking about people still choosing to stay home for legitimate health or other reasons like that. Rather, I am talking about those who could be, and should be, in church but, for whatever reason, have decided not to come back. So, what I thought I would like to talk to you all about today is *why* it is so important to be in church. Specifically, I want to focus on the four themes of equipping, growth, completeness, and fellowship.

So, first, we come to church to be equipped. Anyone who has heard me preach should be more than familiar with the words of Matthew 28:18-20: *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has*

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*been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* This is what's known as the Great Commission, the final command that Jesus gave to His followers about how we are to live out our faith. And how do we get the teaching, the training, the equipping that you need in order to accomplish the mission from Jesus? We do it by going to church and sitting under the preaching and teaching of the pastor, the elders, and the other church leaders. By sitting under the teaching of those who have been gifted for such a task, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to use these leaders to speak to our hearts to prepare and train us for the mission of the Great Commission to go and make disciples.

Second, we come to church for growth. This is the natural outworking of the equipping, when we are equipped to go and make disciples, when we sit under the teaching of the word, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to deepen our faith and help us to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. As Paul wrote to the Ephesians in the chapter above, we won't be "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming."

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Church of the 49ers,  
where God is the gold. We serve  
and worship God in spirit and in the  
truth of the scriptures. We live by faith  
and will be known by our love  
for others and our voice of hope.

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through May 31, 2021 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$88,674</b>	<b>\$78,177</b>	<b>(\$10,497)</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$90,403</b>	<b>\$84,949</b>	<b>(\$5,454)</b>

Mortgage Balance as of May 31: \$154,876.06  
Minimum required Mortgage Payment: \$2,236.41  
Addtl. principal paid through May 31: \$500.00

# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

## Elders

Dean Cunningham  
Roger Haughton  
Tom Kimura  
Ken Minett  
Judy Nason  
Jon Whited  
Suzanne Williamson

**Changes made to the Elder Board:** Jim Brandt, Leslie Davis and Sharon Poff completed their terms of leadership as Elders, and Larry Lincoln resigned. Roger Haughton, Judy Nason, Jon Whited and Suzanne Williamson were elected as Elders for 3-year terms, and will be ordained and installed July 4. Also, the Clerk of Session position will be shared by Diane Brandt and Leslie Davis.

## Deacons

Dana Avila  
Doreen Bass  
Sandy Brooks  
Margie Fooshee  
Deb Handy  
Gwen Harris  
Michelle Kidwell  
Pat Lincoln  
Rosie McCarthy  
Vi Morgado  
Sheri Pendleton  
Susie Porte

**Changes made to the Deacon Board:** Marijean Davis, Denella Kimura, Jim Lashbrook were thanked for their years of leadership; Sandy Brooks, Deb Handy and Michelle Kidwell were elected as Deacons for 3-year terms, and will be ordained and installed July 4.



We wish you a joyful and safe  
celebration of this remarkable  
day in our nation's history.

Send your articles and Family News items for the August 2021 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by July 25 to Leslie Davis at [davisgold@gmail.com](mailto:davisgold@gmail.com) or call her at 532-6604.

# 49er Family News

## Thank You

"A special thank you to my Secret Sister."

**Deb Handy**

## Taking a Summer Break

Men's Breakfast Fellowship and both the Men's and Women's Bible Studies are taking a break over the summer, and will begin again in September.

## Song Leaders Wanted

The Worship Committee is on the hunt for additional people to lead the congregation in singing during worship. Beginning in August, the commitment would be for one Sunday in four to six weeks. Currently we are singing one hymn, a praise song and also introducing new music. We have a congregation of great singers so it won't be solo work! Let Deb in the office know if you are interested.

**Pirkko Dyer, Worship Committee**

**PS** The 49er Chancel Choir is hoping to sing in worship again—just not yet.



After more than a year of not meeting together, twelve ladies gathered for a Presbyterian Women potluck on June 3rd in Faith Hall. Those attending included (lft to rt back row): Dori Chambless, Michelle Kidwell, Teresia Wilson, Rosie McCarthy, Gwen Harris, Sally Tullar; and lft to rt front row: Vi Morgado, Valerie McCale, Margie Foosee, Lilian Graham, June Perea. Not pictured: Leslie Davis

## July Birthdays

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

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

## Happy Anniversary!

No known wedding anniversaries, but July 1st is Rev. Keith Reid's second anniversary as pastor of the Church of the 49ers.

## Line Dancing

Line Dancing is open again! Carolyn Sylva leads a free one-hour class every Thursday at 9:30 am in Faith Hall. It's a great opportunity for some exercise after our year of laying low due to the novel coronavirus.

# From the Pastor

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Instead, we will become spiritually mature and will be ready, willing, and able to stand firm in our faith and stand up against false teaching and the lies of the world. One part of growing and maturing as a Christian is certainly spending time in personal prayer and Bible study, but the other part of growing and maturing as a Christian is being part of a body of believers and being equipped and trained by the leaders God has appointed over His church.

Now, you might be saying, "Pastor, this is all well and good, but I can be equipped and grow in my faith sitting on my couch watching preachers on TV, or watching your sermons online." And that's certainly true, you can accomplish the above two things from your home, they likely won't be as effective, but you certainly can. However, the next two things, I would argue, can only be accomplished within the body of believers. So, the third reason we come to church is for completeness and unity. There is a reason that the Bible uses the metaphor of a body to describe the church as Paul does in the passage from Ephesians above; and that is because, just like a body, the church is designed to have different parts that do different things, but work together to form one, functional, complete whole. God has gifted each person with different abilities, different gifts; some people are gifted to teach, others are gifted to pray, others are gifted in caring for others, so on and so forth. If anyone of us refrains from coming to church, we are depriving the body of Christ the ability to function as a complete, united whole. The human body couldn't function at all if all it was made up of a collection of knee joints; it needs all of its individual parts working together to function. And the church can't function to its fullest ability, it can't accomplish the work of the Great

Commission unless all of its parts are present, working together as one to accomplish the mission and ministry of the church. We need teachers, we need pray-ers, we need comforters, we need evangelists, we need counselors, we need all of these things and more to be as effective as we can be in spreading the good news of the Gospel to our community. Take away one of those and the body won't be able to function as well, or as efficiently, as God designed it to.

Then, the fourth reason that we come to church is for fellowship. The Christian life is not intended by God to be lived in isolation, but to be lived in community. God designed us to be social creatures, and He designed our faith to be lived out communally. And, there are a couple of reasons why fellowship is such an important part of the Christian life. First, it is through fellowship that we receive encouragement. When things are going bad, when the chips are down and it seems like God isn't listening, it is through fellowship that we are encouraged to stay the course and keep relying on God. It is through fellowship that we encounter people who can empathize with us, support us, and help us carry on. Second, it is through fellowship that we are, as Paul says, spurred on by one another toward love and good deeds. Let's face it, being a Christian can be hard, loving our enemies can be hard, going out of our way to minister to others can be hard. But, when we fellowship with one another, we find the support and, yes, encouragement to continue on as God would have us to, doing good deeds and spreading His love and His Gospel in our community. It is in fellowship with the community of believers that we find the support, strength, encouragement, and perseverance to carry on living our lives faithfully from other believers who are enduring many of the same trials.

Finally, and I know I said that I was focusing on four themes, but this deserves an "honorable mention" because it is also important: we go to church to model good, faithful behavior to others. When young Christians, or even those who are not yet Christians, see us faithfully attending church, we set the standard that that's what Christians do; they go to church, they worship, they learn, and they fellowship. For young Christians, it gives them an example to follow as they figure out how to live out their faith; and for unbelievers, this shows them that we are different, that we are set apart, that we do strive to practice what we preach. If we, as Christians, are not setting an example for others of what it means to follow Christ, no one will; and we might miss an opportunity to really impact someone's life with the Gospel.

So, there are the four reasons (plus one bonus reason) that it is so important for Christians to be in church. In closing, I will leave you with the words of someone much more equipped to speak on this than I by repeating these words from Hebrews: *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* To that, I will simply add: Amen! And I hope to see you all on Sunday!

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

**Pastor Keith**



## Sermons and Scripture

Pastor Keith began a sermon series April 11, called “The God of Daniel: The Sovereign God of Exiles.”

Listed below for each Sunday are the scripture verses the sermon is based on, and other verses. (NT = New Testament)

If you have email and want to listen/watch the weekly *YouTube* videos of our service, contact Pastor Keith at [ktreid84@gmail.com](mailto:ktreid84@gmail.com) to receive his Sunday emails with the link.

### July 4

#### Communion

NT: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Sermon: Daniel 8:1-27

### July 11

NT: Philippians 4:4-9  
Sermon: Daniel 9:1-19

### July 18

**Rev. Janet Russell preaching**  
NT: Matthew 5:43-48  
Sermon: Jonah 3-4

### July 25

**Rev. Lee Warford preaching**  
NT: To be determined  
Sermon: To be determined

Visit [churchofthe49ers.com](http://churchofthe49ers.com) to listen to past sermons. The audio includes the Scripture verses being read and goes right into the sermon.

## Fellowship “Salad Day”

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a “Salad Day” event on Sunday, July 25th, immediately following worship. In lieu of the usual fellowship refreshments, we will dine on salads in Faith Hall—to celebrate that we’re once again able to fellowship together in person, and thank the Lord for His great bounty.



This will be an *organized potluck*, i.e., we are seeking people to sign up to bring a salad to share. Contact Deb Handy at 768-2067 to get on the list.

## Buildings & Grounds Committee

B&G Committee members have been very busy with various projects to maintain and beautify the church buildings and grounds. Some recent major projects are:

- Fassett Construction applied an APOC sealant to the Faith Hall roof.
- Contracted with Kelly Roofing to re-roof the CE building (scheduled late Fall).
- Ken’s Asphalt paved a 10’ by 20’ section of Jackson Street adjoining our sidewalk to the sanctuary (to reduce the tripping hazard).
- Les West is part-way through the projects he was hired to complete between June and August 2021: to restore/paint the East, West and North exterior walls and window trim of the sanctuary (almost 70 years old), to restore/paint the back of the CE building, and paint the back of the Office building.
- Darren Neill and Justin Flynn climbed high up in the rafters to re-install the two ellipsoidal stage lights in their proper positions. (Thank you, Roger and Judy Haughton!)

And some of the smaller projects by volunteers:

- Pat and Larry Lincoln replanted the area below the office porch with Rockrose plants.
- John Malaspino and Gary Davis are busy updating and adding timers to the irrigation system for the church grounds.
- Jim Brandt and John Malaspino are digging a ditch through the asphalt near the CE building—required for Internet service from X-Finity.
- Gary Davis, Larry Lincoln and John Malaspino worked to install a sump pump deep in the ground underneath the Bell Tower—to keep the Lower Sanctuary dry during heavy rains.



The Buildings & Grounds Committee meets on second Mondays monthly at 10:00 a.m. If you have an interest in maintaining/beautifying our campus, join us! No physical labor required. **Leslie Davis, B & G Co-Chair**



## Missions Committee

World Renew is ECO's disaster relief partner, and our church's Missions Committee is exploring World Renew for our possible support.

World Renew works in cooperation with local non-governmental organizations and churches ensuring that the assistance is appropriate to the local area. In addition to meeting immediate needs of a disaster, they also work on long-term solutions to prepare people for future disasters that may occur.

I was amazed to find that 51 countries around the world have World Renew disaster programs in place. World Renew and their partners on the ground have responded to major disasters as well as smaller, more localized ones.

Over the last decade, World Renew supporters have met the needs of 6 million disaster survivors providing more than immediate relief. Together they have helped communities pursue long-term goals in order to improve infrastructure and equip them to function better than before.

**Jennie Moiso**

## June 2021 Session Highlights

The Building & Grounds and Finance Committees recommended accepting the bid from Kelly Roofing to replace the Christian Education building roof, gutters and downspouts for \$20,500. They also recommended a bid from Ken's Asphalt to repair a 10' by 20', 3" deep section in front of the Sanctuary entry sidewalk for \$3,500. Session voted to approve both projects. The dates for each repair have not yet been scheduled. Speaking of repairs, have you noticed the new siding on the east side of the Sanctuary – how beautiful it looks? The west side will soon be finished too, as Les West was hired by the Church to restore/beautify three sides of the Sanctuary (the bell tower and South wall were already restored in recent years).

Session approved having Diane Brandt and Leslie Davis share the Clerk of Session position.

The committees are again meeting and resuming their functions. The Church of the 49ers is alive again!

**Diane Brandt,**  
Co-Clerk of Session

## Deacon's Fund Envelopes

The Board of Deacons is an integral component of ministry at the Church of the 49ers. Responsible for the care of members, decisions are made regarding requests for financial assistance from the Deacons Fund. If you would like to help in this effort, donations to this fund are appreciated. For your convenience, Deacons Fund envelopes are in the pew racks on Communion Sunday each month. Thank you for contributing, making it possible to help church members in their time of need. Blessings from our hearts to yours.  
(Acts 6:1-7)

**Sheri Pendleton, Deacon**

## Parents' Night Out a Success!

Karla Reid, Director of Children's Ministries, and a number of volunteers, organized our first "Parents' Night Out" event held on June 25th in Faith Hall. Fourteen children between the ages of 7 months and 11 years attended (many were 5-year-old girls) while parents had the option of a Friday evening date night without the kids. While the younger ones played in the Nursery in the CE building, the others generally ran around with a lot of energy in Faith Hall, where they played various games and blew bubbles and drew with chalk on the porch, etc. They also enjoyed eating pizza for dinner and posing for pictures. Here's Taylor as a leprechaun. →



Volunteers included Karla and Keith "security" Reid, Deb "pizza" Handy, Gary and Leslie Davis, Michelle Kidwell, Sharon Poff, Margie Fooshee, and teenagers Dewey Bryant and his friends Felix and Caleb. Nursery volunteers were Gwen Harris, Janet Russell, John Aguilar and Sandy Brooks.

# A Few Good Men and Women

The COVID Pandemic has created a lot of havoc in our society that has brought about changes in our social behavior. The Church as well has struggled - and responded - to how we conducted Worship Services, Committee Meetings and many other functions. One such “adjustment” or change due to our inability to meet and worship in person was the inauguration of posting recordings of Pastor Keith’s sermons on YouTube.

First, Pastor Keith recorded his sermons on his personal computer from home, then posted it to YouTube for the congregation (and the world) to view. When we were able to begin meeting on a limited basis in Faith Hall, Pastor continued recording and publishing on his computer, but from Faith Hall. We then acquired a video recording system that enabled us to record live the entire service which added music to the experience. Now that Worship Services are again allowed in the Sanctuary, they are recorded in their entirety for publication. This is a great improvement from the beginning of our learning experience in publishing for the benefit of those who cannot for good reason attend in person. This brings me to “a few good men and women.” In recording and publishing the video there is some editing required to better represent the Church of the 49ers to the world. The process is easily learned but does need some time following the Service to accomplish. The bulk of this has been handed over to Steve Engle-Borda, our hired tech support. I have

also been deeply involved in working out the bugs showing up during the growth of video production while Steve has handled the audio portion.



We would be pleased to have some help in developing a reasonable depth of personnel to ensure the video productions can continue to serve the congregation and represent the Church to the world in a positive and meaningful way.

If you may be interested in becoming involved, please speak to me or Steve. We would be glad to walk you through the several functions involved in the process.

**Jim Brandt**



Are you signed up for Tuolumne County’s alert system? It is especially important this time of year to be registered so you can receive an alert on your landline phone, cell phone, email, about any public emergencies, such as wildfire.

## Everbridge Emergency Notification Registration

The Everbridge Emergency Notification Registration allows residents to receive alerts issued by the Tuolumne County Sheriff Office of imminent threats and emergency warnings. Follow this link to register:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832200#/login>

## Columbia’s Glorious 4th of July Celebration features a Parade, BBQ, and Games

Members and friends of the Church of the 49ers have marched in Columbia’s 4th of July Parade every year since 2008. Of course, there couldn’t be a parade in 2020 and in 2021 it’s too early for us to make a comeback—hopefully next year we can march behind our banner again. Here’s a picture of us printed in the *Union Democrat* in 2008.

If you can stand the excessive heat on July 4th, come on out to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce’s largest event of the year. The parade begins at noon, followed by a BBQ and old-fashioned games in Columbia State Historic Park.

**Leslie Davis, the church’s representative to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce**



# BOOK REVIEW

BY DENELLA KIMURA

## “Battlefield of the Mind” By Joyce Meyer

*Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer came to my attention through her television program, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, which I’ve been watching on various religious channels. I bought her book because I realize that I have suffered under spiritual attacks that affect how I think about things that happen and how I treat other people.

Satan is often called the accuser and will cause us to set up strongholds in our minds that can be pulled down only through the strength of our God and captured through the obedience of Christ. This includes arguments and imaginations that set themselves up against the knowledge of God.  
2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (KJV and NKJV)

And Satan is the great deceiver who makes lofty atheistic words sound like truth. He overpowers believers with a spirit of negativity by bringing up past sins that have already been forgiven. He shoots arrows against our subconscious minds that build up a stronghold of self defense instead of praising the Lord for our forgiving God who separates our sins from us “as far as the east is from the west.” Psalm 103:12 (NLT)

I was taught not to leave my brain at the door when I entered the church, and to think through our great salvation, to try to understand the themes of the Bible and to trust the Lord for the things I don’t understand until he is ready to teach me through His Spirit.

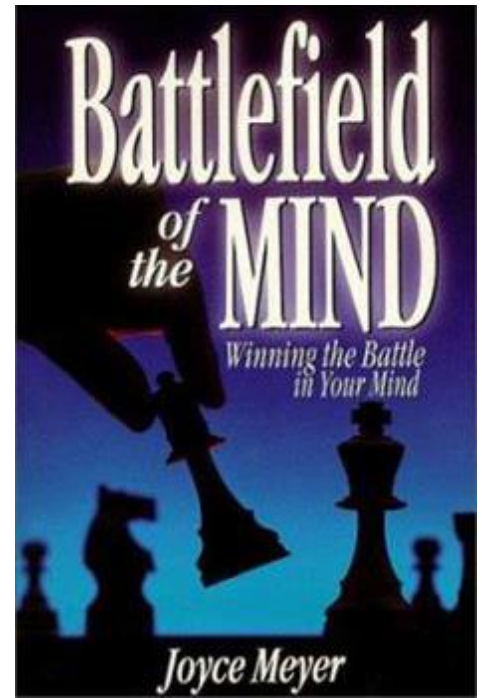
I do the same when I read books of any kind. My Bibles are marked with checks, asterisks and underlines in various colors. So are the books I read. It is a form of talking back to the author, or emphasis for memorization of a verse and notes from pastoral teaching. But the more red flags are raised, the more my book margins fill up with writing. This happened for me when Meyers wrote about “reason” or “reasonings” in “Chapter 10: A Confused Mind.”

Meyers used the Amplified Bible version of 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, “. . . we refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive . . . “

Joyce’s examples in Chapter 10 all could fall into the category of “rational” or “rationalizations.” The rationalization of creation without God becomes the theory of evolution, which is taught in public schools as fact.

One of Joyce Meyer’s examples is about not giving away a red dress that the Lord had prompted her to buy to bless someone who had blessed her. She “began to reason in her mind that God could not be telling [her] to give her the red dress because it was brand new, never worn, rather expensive.” The story is a good one, and worth telling, but “rationalize” better fits the situation.

Other than my word quibbles, *Battlefield of the Mind* has a wonderful series of ten chapters on “Wilderness Mentality,” based on the Children of Israel’s wanderings in the desert before entering the promised land. This includes complaining, jealousy, self pity and many more.



The one time God asks us to use reason is in Isaiah 1:18. After Isaiah complains to God about the sinful ways and consequences of those who live without God, the Lord tells Isaiah, “‘Come now, and let us reason together,’ says the Lord, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.’”

The battlefield of the mind is a war zone with Satan who is trying to compromise us and ruin our testimony and trust from others under our influence as Christians. We must pray for God’s hedge of protection around us and put on the armor of God so we can fight with faith, truth, salvation righteousness and the Word of God.

Joyce concludes with a study guide with answers. It was a good read that made me think about my own long-fought battles of the mind.

**Denella Kimura**



# From Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello Church of the 49ers family. Greetings once again from Guayaquil, Ecuador. It was good to see you several times while I was back in the States.

Please continue to pray for our search for a new home for the station. As I told you last month, this has kind of stagnated recently. We have been in our current home since the station began in November 1972, so we are looking for a place that can serve us for the next 49 years of ministry!

We never stop thanking God for how He is using the radio station to touch the lives of our listeners and their

families. I always say *we have the best audience in the world*. In June, one of our listeners, Jessica, sent us this note:

*Thank you for being a blessing to our home. Every day I turn on my radio in the place where I work together with my husband. After a very long time, last week my husband made amends with God. Several weeks before that, I knew God was already dealing with my husband because there were times when I forgot to turn on the radio. Before, he did not like it when I listened to HCJB2, but now, he suddenly began to turn it on and ask me which station I listened to. Now, we all listen and with faith and*

*trust in God, everything will improve in my home. Thank you to all the HCJB 2 staff for being a blessing TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS.*

Praise God for Jessica's story! God has given us a lot of responsibility to be His voice of love and hope for our listeners. Please pray for our team as they research, prepare, and produce their programs. Our theme this year is *Live with Hope!* Please pray that we would not only say that but, most importantly, live it out.

Thanks for always walking with me through your prayers and financial gifts. Together we serve an awesome God!

Allen

## InterFaith News

There is a change at InterFaith that you need to be aware of: Temporarily, we will not be accepting any clothing donations. When the situation changes, I'll let you know.

Sorry if this is an inconvenience for any of you. However, there are several other places in the county where you can drop off items.

We are still accepting donations of any food and toiletries items you may have.

The only area that has not reopened yet is our showers, but hopefully, that too will be open soon. Clients are now allowed to come inside for their needs (food/toiletries/household/clothing) instead of waiting in their cars which at times can be uncomfortable due to the heat.

Also, our Legal Department is now open in their new designated area at InterFaith.

**Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison**



## Seeking Investor

As we remember the recent loss of member Diane Green, we not only mourn her loss for the Church but also for the family. Diane participated in the Semble Loan\* as did many of our members and friends. Her loan is now part of Diane's estate and the executor has requested that the church pay the balance of her position of the loan (under \$2,000).

The point of this message is to ask if there is anyone who would be willing to invest in the Church for this position of the loan. If you would be interested, please contact me for details. In view of the family's desires for the estate and the relative small balance, I am reaching out on behalf of the executor of Diane's estate to settle this matter.

**Jim Brandt, Church Treasurer**  
532-3059

### \*THE FINE PRINT

**Information gleaned from the October 2020 Golden Nugget to explain the Semble Loan:**

*In order for the Church to raise funds for improvements and major repairs to our property, we gave members and friends of the Church the opportunity to loan money to the Church and earn interest at the same time. The investor (anonymously) could choose an interest rate of up to 4%. This is due to the formation of a third party Limited Liability Company (LLC) managed by Semble for the benefit of Church of the 49ers. The Church is the sole "member" of the LLC and has no knowledge of who is participating—only the total of funds invested are known and received through the LLC. Likewise, when the church makes payments on the loan, the funds are funneled through the LLC back to the investors.*

Visit the official web site at <http://loan.semble.com/listing/church49ers> to better understand this investment opportunity.



# July Calendar

Now that Covid-19 seems to be less of a danger in our county, we are conducting one weekly Sunday worship service in the sanctuary, beginning at 10:00 am. Other listings on the church calendar include:

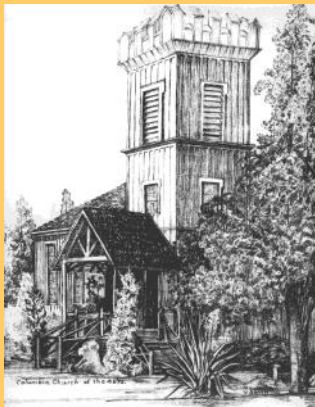
- July 1, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- July 4: Columbia's Glorious 4th of July Parade 12 noon
- July 6, 8:30 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- July 6, 9:30 am: History Committee in Faith Hall
- July 8, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- July 11, 11:15 am: Deacons in CE Room 2
- July 12, 10 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3

- July 12, 2 pm: Community Dinner Committee in Faith Hall
- July 13, 8:30 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- July 15, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- July 18, 11:30 am: Fellowship Committee in CE Room 3
- July 20, 8:30 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- July 20, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
- July 22, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- July 25, 11:15 am: "Salad Day" Fellowship Time in Faith Hall
- July 25, 11:30 am: Worship Committee in CE Room 2
- July 27, 8:30 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- July 29, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- August 4, 2 pm: July Session meeting in Faith Hall

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