

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Word from the Pastor

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to



appear for us in God’s presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:14-28 NIV

April is such a wonderful time of the year; the days start to get longer, the sun starts to shine brighter, as it warms up the flowers start blooming and the birds begin singing. It is such a great month to remember the beauty and majesty of God’s creation. And, it’s also the month that we remember the greatest gift that we have ever been given; the gift which we celebrate every year during the Easter season: Jesus’ death and resurrection.

You all have heard me say many times that Jesus bore the weight of God’s wrath when He was on the cross; I’ve

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also stated many times that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This is what’s known as “penal substitution.” Basically, it means that the penalty that is due to us for our sins was paid by a substitute, namely, Jesus Christ. When Jesus was crucified, our sin was transferred to Him and He endured the punishment that we deserved in our place. So, with this being Easter month, I thought that it would be a good opportunity for us to reflect upon just what Jesus did for us.

The passage above, though being a bit longer than most passages in my articles, is so important because it really explains just what Jesus did for us. What we learn from the passage in Hebrews is that the sacrificial system that was instituted by God in the book of Leviticus was based upon blood sacrifices; the covenant God made with His people was also confirmed and put into effect with the sprinkling of blood, as the writer of Hebrews tells us in verses 18-20 above. Then, the writer very graciously explains to us why that is the case when he writes, “the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” in verse 22. It is here we learn why Jesus’ blood had to be shed; it is because God requires a blood sacrifice to atone for sins.

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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 February 28, 2022
(exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Tithes/Giving	\$33,334	\$34,317	\$983
Bequest	\$ 1,666	—	(\$1,666)
Other Receipts	\$ 2,294	\$ 1,169	(\$1,125)
Total Income	\$37,294	\$35,486	(\$1,808)
Expense	\$40,107	\$41,546	\$1,439
Net	(\$ 2,813)	(\$ 6,060)	(\$3,427)

Mortgage Balance as of February 28: **\$137,993.88**
Minimum Monthly Mortgage Payment: **\$2,236.41**
Addtl Principal paid through February 28: —

Church Officers

ELDERS: Dean Cunningham, Judy Haughton, Roger Haughton, Tom Kimura, Judy Nason, Jon Whited, Suzanne Williamson

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

Session Highlights

Highlights of the March 23 Session meeting include:

- The 2022 Nominating Committee is searching for 2 Elders and 4 Deacons for the new term beginning July 1, 2022.
- Session discussed ways to improve volunteer engagement within the congregation. Also, a Community Engagement Committee was formed, led by Pastor Keith, and additional people are sought to bring ideas for community outreach.
- Consensus of Session is to hold a Maundy Thursday service this year, and then reassess.
- After discussion, consensus of Session is not to bring back the Community Dinners, this church’s outreach to the community from 2004 until the pandemic shut it down in 2020.
- Offering plates will continue to be in the back of the sanctuary.
- Consensus is to put out a donation basket for the Lack Family concert in Faith Hall April 20.
- A vote to resume the pre-pandemic serving of communion was a tie, so Pastor Keith announced we will resume regular communion.
- Consensus is to have Pastor Lee take communion to the shut-ins he visits, using the prepackaged elements.
- Session voted to provide fellowship refreshments in Faith Hall for the half-hour before the service beginning April 24. We will continue with fellowship after worship too.
- Director of Children’s Ministries Karla Reid was praised for her work in organizing Sunday School for the children.
- Judy Nason, Worship chair, announced she has a trio who will begin singing each Sunday at 9:55 am before worship—designed to prepare our hearts for worship.
- Session voted to approve baptizing John Etheridge.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 2:00 pm in Faith Hall (or CE3), and guests are welcome to attend.

Leslie Davis, Co-Clerk of Session

Send your articles and Family News items for the May 2022 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by April 24 to Leslie at 209-532-6604 or davisgold@gmail.com.

49er Family News

Message from Janet Russell

New address for Janet Russell and Robert Clark:

72 E. Mission Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Phone numbers remain the same.

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Living in Tuolumne County has been such a blessing! It's beautiful everywhere you look; you're surrounded by history; there is space; there are hills, mountains and rivers. And most of all, the Church of the 49ers is here! Rob and I are grateful that God led us to this congregation for ten years; and we are grateful now for the new adventures God has set before us. We will always include you in our prayers, thanking God for all that he has done among you and through you. Though it's hard for us to physically leave brothers and sisters in Christ whom we love with all our hearts, I am sure that we will remain united in Christ. We look forward to seeing what God will do as your new leaders help you to grow and bless the community.



On the evening of March 12, fifteen parishioners surprised Janet and Rob with a farewell dinner at Applebee's. Janet was presented with a plaque created to honor her for serving the Church of the 49ers family as its beloved pastor for 10 years.

Our house, as well as our hearts, is always open to you. If you're in San Jose for any reason, we would love for you to stop by and say hello. Familiar, friendly faces are a gift that we would gladly welcome.

Thank you again for so many great years in ministry together. May God strengthen your faith, your love, and your endurance inspired by hope, now and always.

Janet and Rob

Tuesday Night Co-ed Bible Study

Pastor Keith is continuing his weekly "Pizza and Parousia" meetings on Tuesdays in Faith Hall. Come for pizza at 5:30 pm and participate in the Bible study on the book of Revelation beginning at 6:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited to meet Saturday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m. for a no-host breakfast at Papa's New Roost Restaurant in East Sonora. Contact Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for more information.

April Birthdays

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

April 2	Janet Russell
April 4	Janet Atkinson
April 7	Diane Brandt
April 16	Marilyn Williams
April 19	Lee Warford
April 20	Harriet Durnall
April 21	Nora Neves
April 22	Lynne Higgins
April 29	Micaela Wardlow

Happy Anniversary!

Jon Whited and Suzanne Williamson
9 years on April 13

Special Anniversary

On April 19th I will be celebrating 60 years as a member of our beloved church. I had just moved here from Illinois and was looking for a new church home. A family I had become friends with asked me to come visit their church. I immediately felt at home and on April 19, 1962 I transferred my membership from Illinois to Columbia. Now, I can't imagine being anywhere but here!

Vi Morgado

Women's Bible Study

Judy Nason is leading a study of the book of Romans—on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in CE Room 3.



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Now that we have established that, the question becomes: How was Jesus' sacrifice a once-for-all replacement for the blood sacrifices of the Old Testament? If animal sacrifices were continuously required under the sacrificial system, why are continuous sacrifices not still required? And the answer to these questions are given in verses 23-28 of Hebrews 9. The tabernacle, or temple, in the Old Testament was designed and decorated to be an earthly representation of heaven; so when the priests entered them and made sacrifices; they were entering into, and cleansing with sacrifices, only "copies" of the real thing. When Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice, He entered into the real thing, He entered into God's presence in heaven itself on our behalf. Further, the High Priest in the Old Testament had to enter the Holy Place once each year to make a sacrifice with blood that was not his own; Jesus sacrificed Himself and gave His own blood to take away the sins of the world. Just as the temple was merely a copy of the perfect reality of heaven, so was the blood of animals merely a copy, or substitution, for the perfect blood of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus is the perfect Son of God, His blood became the perfect sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins.

But even further than that, is the amazing work that was accomplished in Christ's resurrection. When Christ rose from the dead on that first Easter Sunday morning, He accomplished two

great things. First, He defeated death and, thus, bought eternal life for all who would believe in Him; He showed that death was not all-powerful and all-consuming; that God is sovereign even over death. Second, in His resurrection, Jesus took the role of High Priest in heaven as He sits at the right hand of God and makes intercession on our behalf. I like to think of it like this: When I sin, and I pray to God to repent and ask for forgiveness, Jesus is right there next to God saying, "Forgive him, Father, he's one of Mine and is covered in My perfect blood." Now, I'm not saying that is exactly what happens in heaven when we pray, but it does give us an idea of what it means for Christ to be our mediator and intercessor.

These are the things that Christ accomplished during His death and resurrection: He was the perfect blood sacrifice to atone for our sins, He paid the penalty for our sins on our behalf, He defeated death and bought us eternal life, and He took His place at the right hand of God as High Priest who intercedes on our behalf. So, this Easter season, make time to remember this perfect work that Jesus accomplished for YOU; remember that, if you have accepted Him as your Lord and Savior, you can rest in the assurance that there is nothing you can do to make Him turn His back on you because you are covered in His blood. Therefore, take heart!

Let us all remember, and praise the Triune God, for the fact that Jesus bore the weight of God's wrath, so that we could experience the depth of God's love. There is no greater gift than that!



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

Pastor Keith

Sermons and Scripture

Following are scripture verses each sermon is based on, and other verses (NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament)

To receive the link for *YouTube* videos of services, contact Pastor Keith at ktreid84@gmail.com.

April 3

Pastor Lee preaching

NT: 2 Corinthians 4:1-9
Sermon: Joshua 3

April 10

**Palm Sunday
Special Music**

OT: Zechariah 9:9-17
Sermon: Luke 19:28-40

April 14—7:00 pm

Maudy Thursday

OT: Exodus 12:1-14
Sermon: Matthew 26:17-30

April 15—12 noon

Good Friday

OT: Isaiah 53:1-6
Sermon: Mark 15:16-47

April 17

Easter Sunday

OT: Proverbs 3:5-8
Sermon: John 20:19-31

April 24

OT: Jeremiah 33:10-14
Sermon: James 5:12-20

Missions Committee

Cathie Peacock from Interfaith spoke at our March meeting. This faith-based organization was started in 1986 and they provide a long list of services to Tuolumne County residents who need a hand up. Cathie shared that they are seeing an increase in the number of seniors who need additional support. She was very grateful for the continuing support our church has provided. They are also in need of additional volunteers.

The Missions Committee will be participating in *Love Tuolumne County*, which plans service projects aimed at solving community needs that volunteers would spearhead. Our committee will be filling out blank greeting cards with encouraging and uplifting messages. When completed, the cards will be distributed by the Sonora Senior Center to shut-ins and senior citizens. For more information on Love Tuolumne County, you can go to www.lovetuolumnecounty.org.

The committee voted to send financial support to the following groups: Interfaith's Grace Fund, Tree of Life Church (a new ECO church), Adult and Teen Challenge in Jamestown, and Allen Graham. Through Deb Johnson's church, Calvary Chapel, we sent money to provide for humanitarian relief efforts and supplies to Ukrainian refugees.

Pastor Lee and Roger met with the current president of Vets Helping Vets to obtain an update on their work and discuss how we can assist in their efforts.

At the end of March, Bob and Margie Fooshee's nephew Jeff Fouche, along with his wife Anny and their two children, visited us for five days. Jeff is a

Columbia College Community Chorus SPRING CONCERT

The Columbia College Community Chorus is pleased to announce its Spring Concert, finally back after a long hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Various styles of music will be performed, including classical, African American spirituals, gospel, and even a Disney song, and all based on the theme of "water." Chorus members this term from the Church of the 49ers are Pirkko Dyer, Jennie Moiso, Gary and Leslie Davis and Carl and Kathy Rudolph.

You will have three opportunities to enjoy the Spring Concert—all are FREE performances. The largest will be held outdoors in the Carkeet Amphitheatre on the Columbia College campus on **Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 pm**—no tickets



Community Chorus in December 2019

or reservations required, and plenty of parking.

Or you can catch an indoor concert on either of two **Mondays, April 18 or 25**—both held in the sanctuary at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm. Masks and modified social distancing will be required for the indoor concerts, and seating is limited. If you wish to attend one of the Monday evening indoor concerts, call Leslie Davis at 209-532-6604 for a reservation and ticket **(reservations, masks and social distancing required)**.

pilot with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. In the Fall, he and his family will be moving to Haiti for a three-year commitment. His job will be to fly supplies, medical staff and other necessities into remote parts of the country and in doing so, will present the gospel of Jesus Christ. We were fortunate to hear Jeff speak about his mission work during the March 27 service. After the service, he showed a brief film outlining the work of Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Roger presented him with a check from the Missions Committee to support the work he is doing. Jeff will send us periodic updates on the status of his work.

Our next meeting will be April 19 at 2:00 pm in Faith Hall.

Judy and Roger Haughton
Co-Chairs Missions Committee



Jeff Fouche
Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Peace starts with a smile.
Submitted by Paula Saccullo

Interfaith News

There are many people in our community whose needs are not being met. One of the places they can come to is Interfaith, where we have people who can help them in a number of ways. All that is required is that they are a resident of Tuolumne County, come in and let us know how we can help. If you know of anyone who could benefit, let them know where we are and what we can do for them.

Note in observance of Easter, Interfaith will not be open on Good Friday (April 15) or April 18.

That said, we could use more toiletries, such as toothbrushes, paste, soap, razors, etc. We cannot hand out used or opened items. You can bring them to church and give them to me or take them directly to Interfaith. I'll make certain to deliver your donations to the right department. If you question whether something you'd like to donate is appropriate, let me know. There are other departments who can use help too; let me know what you have and we'll find a home for it.

As always, think about being a volunteer at Interfaith— there are several areas to consider.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison



New addition to the Christian Ed building's Room 3: A large flat screen TV was donated recently by Roger and Judy Haughton; and Gary Davis, Larry Lincoln and John Malaspino installed it on the wall. The TV can now be used to play DVDs and educational material from the Internet for children's Sunday School and adult Bible studies.



The Lack Family Band in Concert April 10

The Lack Family Band, a family of Christian musicians who travel throughout the US and even globally, will give a free concert in Faith Hall on Sunday, April 10, at 1:00 pm. They will also provide music for our 10 am worship service that morning (it's Palm Sunday), with a blend of traditional hymns and more contemporary worship songs.

This is a great opportunity to invite your family, friends, neighbors to a fun event at the church, a rousing afternoon concert in Faith Hall. Even better, bring them to the worship service, stay for lunch, and finally enjoy the concert.

The Fellowship Committee is planning a special luncheon between worship and the concert, but all must make reservations ahead of time. Sign-up sheets for lunch will be in the Narthex and on the Welcome Booth in Faith Hall, or call or send an email to me.

Suzanne Williamson, Elder Liaison to Fellowship Committee

Lynn Stahl is proud to exhibit one of her art pieces in the Mother Lode Art Association's Student Art Show, concurrent with their 67th Juried Art Show. Located in the Sonora Opera Hall at 250 S. Washington Street in Sonora, the exhibit is open April 8 - 10. No charge for entry.

As you walk through the Art Show, be on the lookout for Lynn's colorful painting of the Golden Gate Bridge with San Francisco in the background.

Congratulations, Lynn!

Allen Graham, Missionary

Greetings from southern Ecuador! Thank you for praying for the station's administrative transition. We made major progress in March, but there are still some details to be worked out. I invite you to keep praying for this.

In 2017, during my first year in Spain, and every year since then, I have asked you to be in prayer during Ramadan, the ninth month in the Muslim lunar calendar. This month-long activity began on April 2 and will end on May 1. During this time, all healthy adult Muslims fast from dawn until dusk. They do so as an act of worship, a chance to get closer to God and a way to become more compassionate to those in need. This includes abstaining from drinking, eating, immoral acts and anger. Other acts of worship such as prayer, reading the Quran and charity are also encouraged during Ramadan.

I want to challenge you again this year to fervently pray for the Muslim world. In 1993, a small group of Christians started a 30-day prayer movement to coincide with Ramadan. Over the last few years, there have been stories about unprecedented numbers of Muslims coming to the Lord. You can find out more and download a prayer guide at www.30daysprayer.com. There are also resources to help children participate in this 30-day prayer focus.

Here are some key prayer points:

- Pray FOR Muslims and not AGAINST them.
- Pray for fear to be replaced by FAITH and LOVE.
- Pray for Muslim families, that they would find their hope in Jesus.
- Pray for Muslim youth, that they may know the truth and not carry Islam into the next generation.
- Pray for families to meet Jesus in this month as they eat and pray together — that they will know Him as the One who gives living water so they will never thirst again.

- Pray for the few Christians in many Muslim countries to be encouraged in their faith and be a witness and example in their families and communities.
- Pray for the many refugees who are still in difficult and often hopeless situations, with desperate physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Another great resource is Prayercast at <https://prayercast.com/index.html> where we are reminded, "Want to change the world? Pray."

Thank you for sharing this ministry with me through your generous gifts and most of all through your faithful prayers. Let's join together this month to focus on the Muslim world during Ramadan. God is listening and HE WILL ANSWER!

Allen



He Carried Our Burden

He carried our Burden
A heavy one
We nailed him
To that cross
With every hateful
Word uttered.

He carried our Burden
As they fashioned
A crown of thorns
Around his head
The king of mankind
Bled for our inequities!

He carried our burden
As they nailed him
To that tree
Every strike of
The hammer
A price he paid
For you and me.

He carried our burden
As they mocked him
Free yourself
Son of man
But he hung
To that cross
Our sins held
Him there!

He carried our Burden
For the promise
That if only we believed
And followed him
He'd see eternity.

He carried our burden
But he did not stay
Nailed to that tree
Or in that tomb,
Our sins held
Him to that tree
And the Father
Set him free.

(C) Michelle R Kidwell
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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is the week that changed the world forever! Come be part of that life-changing week at the First Presbyterian "Church of the 49ers" in Columbia.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.

Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as Savior and King. But, while this is a triumphal celebration, it is also the first step that Jesus takes toward His death.



Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Today we celebrate and acknowledge Jesus' commandment for us to love one another as He has loved us. This commandment was given to His disciples as they shared a meal together during Jesus' final Passover. Later that night, Jesus would be betrayed and arrested.



Good Friday, April 15, 12:00 noon

Today we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Sin requires punishment, and Jesus became that punishment. He bore the weight of God's wrath so that we could experience the depth of God's love.



Traditional Easter Service, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

Today we celebrate! Today is the day that Jesus rose from the grave! Today is the day that sin and death were utterly and completely defeated! Today we celebrate that Jesus has purchased eternal life in the presence of God for all who believe in Him! Hallelujah! What a Savior!



All services will be preached by the Rev. Keith Reid. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, better known as the Church of the 49ers, is located at 11155 Jackson Street in Columbia. Visit churchofthe49ers.com or call the church office at 532-2441 for more information.

Ministry Opportunities at the Church of the 49ers

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

At the Church of the 49ers, there are many opportunities to serve others. Though we no longer can feed our hungry neighbors on Monday evenings as we did for so many years before the pandemic, Nancy's Hope is now operating a **Food Pantry** out of a room in the Christian Education building, open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Ask Deacon Michelle Kidwell how you can help.

Or, perhaps you'd like to be a **Greeter**—greeting people as they come in from the parking lot on Sunday mornings and head toward the sanctuary for worship. It's not a big commitment, only from 9:30 to 10:00 am about one Sunday

every other month...unless we get a huge influx of greeters—then the commitment would be even less. Contact Leslie Davis to volunteer.

We also have a number of committees for accomplishing all sorts of important tasks at the church—hopefully one of them will pique your interest and be a place where you can use the gifts God has given you. Church membership is not required to work on a committee, just your willingness to assist. Contact each chairperson for more information.

Christian Education—Chair Suzanne Williamson is seeking volunteers to work in the Nursery and Children's Sunday School during worship on Sundays.

Fellowship Committee—needs assistance with providing and/or serving fellowship refreshments, which is now both

before worship and after worship. See Suzanne Williamson if you can help.

Community Encouragement—Contact Pastor Keith Reid if interested in working on this brand new committee endeavoring to reach out to the community.

Buildings & Grounds—Chair Leslie Davis is seeking additional handymen and handymen to help with keeping our buildings and grounds in good repair.

Additional committees/ministries within our church where you can serve others:

Finance Committee—Jon Whited

History Committee—Tom Kimura

Welcome & Evangelism—Tom Kimura

Worship Committee—Judy Nason

Missions Committee—Judy and Roger Haughton

Leslie Davis, Nugget Editor

First Presbyterian Church of Columbia † "Church of the 49ers"

Editor's Note: *Something from the church archives for you... The following was found in the August 1981 issue of the Golden Nugget newsletter.*

Fire Trucks are Red Because

Fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Everyone knows that four and eight make twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth, a ruler, is also the name of the largest ship on the seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin'; therefore, fire trucks are red.

If you think this is wild, you should hear some people explain why they don't have time to come to worship or serve their church!

Line Dancing

Our pianist Carolyn Sylva leads a free one-hour Line Dancing class on Thursdays at 9:30 am in Faith Hall.

Just Dance!

Put on your dancing shoes and join the community event known as *Just Dance!*

DJ Les Olson will be playing all your favorite dance tunes for ballroom, swing and country dancing. Singles welcome.

Sunday, April 24, 1 to 4 pm in Faith Hall.
Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 for seniors, and includes light refreshments and a great time.

For more information, ask Leslie Davis.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Good Friday, we know. And Easter (Resurrection Sunday) most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? It is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples.



Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34

Found on the website of Christianity.com



Easter in Columbia State Historic Park

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce (the church is a member of the Chamber) will hold its annual Victorian Easter Parade & Egg Hunts event on Easter Sunday, April 17 in Columbia State Historic Park.

Festivities include the Small Fry Egg Search for children ages 3-5 at noon and at 12:30 it's time for the Victorian Easter Parade on Main Street. The Junior Egg Poachers (ages 6-8) will try their luck at 1:00 pm, and finally the Great Egg Scramblers (ages 9-12) will go on the hunt at 1:30 pm. Find the golden egg and receive a special prize! Also, be on the lookout for Thaddeus E. Hare (aka the Easter Bunny) walking around town and handing out treats to the kids. There will be a raffle for Easter baskets filled with goodies from Columbia's merchants and local businesses at 2:00 pm. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 25 tickets for \$20.

Free parking and free admission. For more information, call the Columbia Chamber of Commerce at 888-488-1850 or visit www.visitcolumbiacalifornia.com. Or, ask Leslie Davis.

April 2022 Calendar

We are conducting one weekly Sunday worship service in the sanctuary, beginning at 10:00 am—with masks required only for those not fully vaccinated due to the risks of Covid-19. Other listings on the church calendar include:

- April 3, 11:30 am: Deacons in CE Room 3
- April 4, 10:00 am: History Committee in CE Room 3
- April 5, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- April 5, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall
- April 7, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- April 7, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
- April 9, 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Papa's New Roost
- April 9, 8:30 am—noon: All-Church Work Party (stay for lunch)
- April 10, 1 pm: Lack Family Band Concert in Faith Hall
- April 12, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- April 12, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall

- April 13, 10:30 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3
- April 14, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- April 14, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
- April 14, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary
- April 15, 12 noon: Good Friday Service in Sanctuary
- April 19, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- April 19, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
- April 19, 2:00 pm: Missions Committee in Faith Hall
- April 19, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall
- April 21, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- April 21, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
- April 24, 11:30 am: Worship Committee in CE Room 3
- April 26, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- April 26, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall
- April 27, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in CE Room 3 or FH
- April 28, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- April 28, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3



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