

# Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## Word from the Pastor

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

This passage is one of the better known passages in all of the Bible. Hardly a single wedding goes by without someone reciting it. It’s a beautiful passage and does such a wonderful colorful job explaining what it means to truly love somebody. And that’s why my mind drifted to this passage this month. Mother’s Day, as you all know, is celebrated during the month of May. And there is no love among people like the love that a mother has for her children. It is a bond that persists through the good times and the bad; neither time nor distance has any effect on how much a mother loves her kids. In fact, I would say that there is no better display of the kind of love Paul is talking about in this letter to the Corinthians than the love of a mother.

I think about my own mother. I’ve shared with you all in this space before how, after watching me portray the crucified Jesus in a skit at church, my mom said to the congregation, “I real-



ized that I don’t love any of you enough to sacrifice my son for you.” And I think about my wife, Karla’s, love for our kids; how she dotes on them, encourages them, takes care of them. The bond between a mother and her children is unlike any other bond between people.

Now, you notice that I have said that there is no love like a mother’s love “between people;” and I have said that the bond between a mother and her children is unlike any other “between people.” The reason I keep using that phrase “between people” is because, while there is no other earthly love, no other earthly bond, like the one between mother and child, there certainly does exist a love and bond greater than that in the universe; and that is the love that God has for us, His creation, His children.

Think about this: God didn’t *need* to create us. He existed in perfect harmony, unity, and love without us. He is God, and He would have always continued to be God whether He created us or not. No, He created us because He is so loving that we, His greatest creation, were an outpouring of that love. Further, God created us for His glory; as

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Scripture states in places such as Isaiah 43:6-7, “Bring my sons from afar my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” God created us so that we could know, understand, and share the beauty, grace, worth, goodness, and love of God in every aspect of our lives. We exist to be a reflection of who God is, and the love that is such a vital part of His character.

And finally, because God is a God of love, He desired something or someone to pour out that love on. So, He also created us out of a desire for reciprocal love. He created us with the ability to accept His love and return it to Him or to reject it. God doesn’t *need* our love, but He *desires* our love. He longs for our love because of how deeply He loves us.

However, being given the power to choose to accept or reject God’s love eventually led to the unfortunate outcome that humanity, who in the beginning knew full communion with God, rejected that love and brought ruin and depravity upon God’s creation: this was the fall of man.

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## GOLDEN NUGGET

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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 March 31, 2022  
(exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Tithes/Giving	\$50,000	\$49,370	(\$ 630)
Bequest	\$ 2,499	—	(\$2,499)
Other Receipts	\$ 4,026	\$ 2,256	(\$1,770)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,525</b>	<b>\$51,626</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$60,344</b>	<b>\$65,271</b>	<b>\$4,927</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$3,819)</b>	<b>(\$13,645)</b>	<b>(\$9,826)</b>

Mortgage Balance as of March 31: **\$136,022.88**  
Minimum Monthly Mortgage Payment: **\$2,236.41**  
Addtl. Principal paid through March 31: **\$100.00**

## 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 April 27 Session meeting include:**

- The Elders voted to discontinue taking a count of those served Communion. During a previous meeting, Session voted to go back to the pre-pandemic procedure of serving Communion, but this will not happen until after the new Deacons receive training. Therefore, the pre-packaged elements will be used through June.
- The 2022 Nominating Committee has been successful in finding Elders for the term beginning July 1, but is still seeking Deacons to fill slots.
- Having the Lack Family Band provide music for Palm Sunday and then perform a concert in Faith Hall was deemed a success— including the luncheon immediately after the service. It was proposed we have the Lack Family come back on a semi-regular basis.
- Over the next months the Elders and Pastor Keith will work to re-structure the various church committees to make them more efficient and effective.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the offering plates are no longer passed around, but located in the back of the sanctuary. Tony Pokorny will be asked to build locking containers to make them safer.
- Consensus of Session was to allow the Finance Committee to consider how to modify rules of the Legacy Endowment Fund.
- The Fellowship Committee has been given the go-ahead to serve refreshments as we did in pre-pandemic days.
- Not enough volunteers have come forward to work in the Nursery during worship services, so the Elders voted to begin the process of hiring a paid nursery assistant (2 hours per week).

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 2:00 pm in CE3, and guests are welcome to attend.

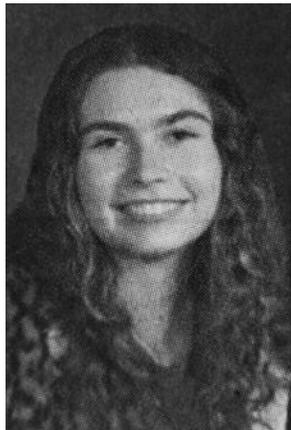
**Leslie Davis, Co-Clerk of Session**

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

# 49er Family News

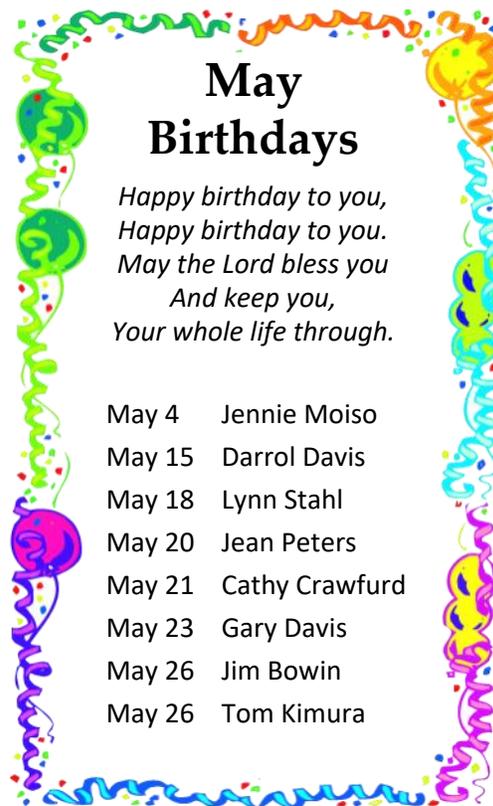
## Grieving:

Family and friends of **Lois Brown** who died at the age of 103 on April 13.



## Rejoicing:

**Brynna Neves** was spotted in the *Union Democrat* on the *Students of the Month* page. "Brynna is one of Sonora High's most distinguished seniors," said history teacher John Hanson. "Bound for UCSB in the fall, she is responsible, hard-working, polite and kind to others. Multi-talented, she is also an outstanding musician in the Golden Regiment and Advanced Jazz bands. A joy to have in class or as a friend, Brynna embodies all the qualities that best represent Sonora High School's graduating class of 2022." Proud grandmother is Nora Neves.



## May Birthdays

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

- May 4 Jennie Moiso
- May 15 Darrol Davis
- May 18 Lynn Stahl
- May 20 Jean Peters
- May 21 Cathy Crawford
- May 23 Gary Davis
- May 26 Jim Bowin
- May 26 Tom Kimura

## Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited to meet Saturday, May 14, 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.

## Happy Anniversary!

**Gary & Leslie Davis**  
37 years on May 18

**Monty & Dana Youngborg**  
8 years on May 31

## Women's Lunch Fellowship

All women are invited to meet Thursday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m. for a no-host lunch at Papa's New Roost Restaurant in East Sonora. Contact Deb Handy at 209-768-2067 to sign up.

## Tuesday Night Co-ed Bible Study

Pastor Keith has been leading a weekly "Pizza and Parousia" Bible study 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. The final study is May 17, before taking a summer break.

## Women's Bible Study

Judy Nason has been leading a study of the book of *Romans* on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in CE Room 3. The final study is May 17—then the ladies will take a summer break.





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But, even when mankind rejected God's love, even when His people continued to turn their backs on Him and turn toward idols over and over, God never stopped loving us. In fact, so great was His love, that He sacrificed His only Son as the penalty for our sinfulness and depravity so that we might be able to truly know Him, love Him, and spend eternity in His Kingdom. And that Kingdom, the New Heavens and the New Earth that He will usher in after the final defeat of Satan and evil, will be the truest expression of love we could ever experience.

rience. For, it is in this Kingdom that we will get to experience true communion with the Triune God for all eternity where we will get to bask in the glory of His presence forever!

So on Mother's Day, we honor and celebrate all of the mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers. As we thank them and show gratitude for their immense love for us, let us not forget also to give thanks and honor to God. He is the One who created us, the One who sustains us, the One who loves us, the One who purchased for us our place in the perfect Kingdom of God. For, as much as a mother loves her children, God loves us even more!

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

**Pastor Keith**

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## The 49ers Own Cookin' Book

What were you doing in the 1960s? If you were attending the Church of the 49ers then, you would have seen the original cookin' book which was printed in 1962. Four more printings followed.

Fast forward 64 years to 2022. The History Committee will be bringing back the *The 49ers Own Cookin' Book*.

The current version of the cookin' book has all the pages scanned and photo-shopped from the original book. There are 41 recipes in the cookin' book from the descendants of the original Church of the 49ers families.

Why bring back the cookin' book? With the need for outreach in our community, the cookin' book is one way to publicize the Church of the 49ers to our Columbia neighbors.

One idea is to sell the cookin' book to the Columbia State Historic Park concessionaires for resale. A number of the businesses in the park have been contacted and are willing to sell the cookin' book. Of course, the cookin' book will be available to church parishioners and family members for \$10 each.

Funds received from book sales will be used to complete our church's history website and to pay for future printing of the new cookin' book. Excess funds will be given to selected church accounts.

Copies of *The 49ers Own Cookin' Book* will be on sale in Faith Hall on May 8 following worship for \$10.

**Monty Youngborg, History Committee**

## Sermons and Scripture

New Sermon Series – Esther:  
“Proof That God's Always Working”

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](mailto:ktreid84@gmail.com).

### May 1

#### Communion

NT: Luke 14:15-24

Sermon: Esther 1:1-9

### May 8

#### Mother's Day

NT: Ephesians 5:21-33

Sermon: Esther 1:10-22

### May 15

NT: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: Esther 2:1-18

### May 22

NT: Acts 4:23-31

Sermon: Esther 2:19-23

### May 29

NT: Romans 8:18-30

Sermon: Esther 3:1-15

## Missions Committee

We had a very successful Missions Committee meeting on April 19, with several organizations and causes reviewed for potential contributions.

To start, we reviewed the committee's finances. Through March, we have contributed a total of \$3,750.00. Currently, thanks to special offerings from members of our congregation directed to missions, we have a total of \$4,850.00 that can be directed to others in need.

A highlight of the meeting was a report from an organization called **God's Hidden Treasures**. Suzanne Williamson has known its founder, Nita Hanson, from her days attending a church in Southern California. The organization was started in 1997. They share the gospel of Jesus Christ in Ukraine through Bible studies, caring for orphans, providing wheelchairs, medical supplies, and basic necessities for people in need. Because of the war, they are helping to evacuate Ukrainians and assisting the refugees who have fled to Poland. Roger spoke with Nita who stated that the Red Cross has contacted God's Hidden Treasures to aid even more families in Ukraine. Nita is a perfect example of a person, chosen by God, to help others while sharing the gospel. We feel blessed to be a small part of her efforts. Thank you, Suzanne, for bringing this organization to the attention of the Missions Committee.

Other highlights include Pastor Lee's contact with **Vets Helping Vets** in our community. He has agreed to attend their board meetings and offer any guidance he can in an advisory role. Also, Pastor Lee and Sheri Pendleton will be attending a BBQ in Ceres hosted by **Adult and Teen Challenge** to gain further information on how we can support their work in helping recovering addicts and alcoholics turn their lives around. Both Vets Helping Vets and Adult and Teen Challenge are organizations that are working to improve and assist others. Thank you, Pastor Lee.

Judy coordinated our first ever project with **Love Tuolumne County** in which our committee members completed over 100 cards of encouragement to seniors and shut ins. They will be distributed by the Senior Center in Sonora. Thank you to all who participated and Jennie Moiso who provided many of the cards.

Our church continues to assist the efforts of **Nancy's Hope** in providing a space for a **food pantry** in the back of the "CE" building. Nancy's Hope has done a tremendous job of providing and coordinating the availability of food to people in our community who need a helping hand through food contributions. The pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Thanks to Michelle Kidwell for representing our church and helping with the pantry.

We promised that we would provide updates from the Fouche family pertaining to their missionary work with **Mission Aviation Fellowship**. As you recall, Jeff spoke at church a few weeks ago. The Fouches contacted us this week to say they had returned home after their extensive training for the whole family in Haiti. They also expressed their gratitude for the reception they received when they came to the Church of the 49ers. Jon Whited is looking at ways that he and we can contribute to their missionary work. Jon plans to have a movie night at church (with popcorn possibly) at which he will show a feature length film that centers around the work of MAF. More on this to come. If you decide you want to contribute to the Fouche's missionary work, we can provide additional information. The Fouches will be returning to Haiti for a three-year commitment. Thanks, Jon, for your efforts as well.

As usual, we continue to invite anyone in our congregation to join us as we expand our mission efforts in our community and in other parts of the world where there is an opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our next meeting will be May 17 at 2:00 pm in Faith Hall.

**Judy and Roger Haughton**  
**Co-Chairs Missions Committee**

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## Interfaith News

There are a few things Interfaith can use right away. In the household area we are in need of king and queen size blankets (we're out completely). Also, manual can openers, which can be purchased at most Dollar Stores. Last, but not least, we need plastic bags to use in the pantry area.

Worker-wise, we need a couple men to work in the Men's Department. We are hoping to have the Shower Bus back soon, so could use donations of body wash and shampoo along with wash cloths and towels.



You can bring these items to church and I can take to Interfaith, or you can drop them off at Interfaith Community Social Services at 18500 Striker Court, Sonora (off Tuolumne Road). Hours for donations drop-offs are 10-12 Tuesday - Friday.

During the Covid-19 crisis we were allowing clients to pick up food twice a month — now we're back to the once-per-month practice.

Any questions, please call me at 209-532-4358. If I'm not home, please leave a message.

**Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison**

## Elvy's Lights

In memory of her mother, Elvy Peterson, who passed away in December, Annette Peterson Henry donated LED Light Strings to decorate Faith Hall. With assistance by Larry Yacovetti while she was using the tall ladder, Leslie Davis affixed the 2" LED globes spaced one foot apart to the four wires strung across Faith Hall at the 14-foot level. They do a better job of providing "mood" lighting for events than the Christmas lights that have been up on those wires for the past 7 years. Thank you, Annette!

## Holy Week in Pictures



Mauudy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



## Lack Family Band Concert

Following the Palm Sunday worship service, many parishioners enjoyed a luncheon in Faith Hall and then a fun concert by the Lack Family Band.

# Allen Graham, Missionary

Dear Church of the 49ers family, thank you for your prayers in April. Let me tell you how God answered.

I hope you were praying for the Muslim world during the time of Ramadan, as I suggested in last month's *Nugget*. This past week, I was able to talk to Elne\*, one of the counselors at our Arabic media partner in the Middle East and North Africa. He comes from a Muslim background and came to know Jesus Christ as his personal savior a number of years ago. Elne is the only one in his family who is a Christian and has had much pressure, especially from his father, to leave Christianity. He told me that there was a significant increase in contacts by social media in April. Praise God! Let's keep praying that the seeds planted during Ramadan will soon come to fruition. May the Holy Spirit move in mighty ways to lift the blinders of Islam. Pray too for Elne and other online counselors as they respond to the questions of those seeking to know more about God.

Because of the continued violence in Ecuador, especially along the coast, the government initiated a 60-day period of restrictions on movement from 11 pm to 5 am every day. These restrictions affect specific areas of three coastal provinces, including where I live. Please pray for protection for our team and that the messages and music we share on the radio will be an encouragement to our listeners.

Thank you for praying for the administrative details related to the transfer to our new organization. We made a lot of progress in April, and I do believe there is light at the end of the tunnel! Four representatives of the new or-

ganization will visit us on May 10. Our team is excited to finally meet everyone in person. Presently, I am the only one who knows everyone!

The search for a new home for the station has advanced well over the past months. We think we have found a place that is well-located to serve our listeners. The architect will be doing a technical study this week, which will help us know how to proceed. Please pray that our offer will be accepted, and that God will provide the funds for the purchase, the modifications that need to be made, and for the details of the move itself. I will keep you informed.

Finally, please be praying for Jader (photo). He is a nine-year-old listener to our station and lives about five hours south of Guayaquil. On May 5, he will be having surgery for second and third degree burns that he received at the beginning of 2021. He and his mother have visited the station, which is about 20-minutes south of the hospital where he receives his weekly treatments. Pray for God's Hands over the surgeons and medical team that will care for Jader.

I am blessed by your prayers and financial gifts for the ministry through Reach Beyond and in Ecuador. A virtual *Golden Nugget* hug!

**Allen**

\* Name changed for security reasons



## I've Walked the Road

I've Walked a Road  
Lost and lonely  
A Rocky path  
No direction set  
Before me.

He took my  
Hand  
Said "Follow me."  
I'll lead the way  
Set you free.

He led the  
Direction  
Paved the Way  
Freed a wretch  
Like me.

My path is clear  
It leads to him  
The one who  
Paved the Way  
Who set My  
Soul free.

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## The Lord is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

Submitted by Darrol Davis

## BOOK REVIEW

By Denella Kimura

### The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families

By Shannon Bream

Shannon Bream's latest book, "The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons from Nine Biblical Families," expounds on the relationships between mothers and daughters, mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, and miracles for mothers and daughters too—all based on stories from the Bible where God shows his compassion and love for women in difficult circumstances.

Because of Pharaoh's decree that all male babies born to Israelite slave families should be tossed in the Nile, Jochebed quickly placed her beautiful three-month-old boy in a tar smeared basket, gently released him amongst the reeds of the Nile River, and prayed. The miracle: a princess, daughter of Pharaoh, found the baby in the bulrushes and wanted to adopt him and raise him as her own. She named him "Moses."

Jochebed experienced all the joys of nursing her own child and the despair of seeing him banished because he acted rashly, ahead of God's plan. He wasn't prepared to lead one million slaves out of Egypt into the wilderness.

Bream says, "I believe there is purpose in our pain, the twists and turns we didn't see coming in our journey, the things we would never willingly choose to face." (p. 11) If Moses had not spent 40 years in the Wilderness as

a shepherd, would he have been prepared to lead a bunch of complainers through the desert for 40 years? She had to trust in God's perfect timing.

Bream writes a lot about "found families" or adoptive parents. In the story of Ruth and Naomi, Ruth transforms from "daughter-in-law" to "daughter," when she "adopts" Naomi and her God in the Jewish community that has laws and customs to protect widows.

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were cousins who experienced a "mother-daughter" relationship as they shared their miracle pregnancies and their blessings from God. "So just as Elizabeth gave Mary spiritual strength," says Bream, "she also gave her practical wisdom." (p. 73)

Here Bream brings home the value of "spiritual motherhood." She says, "Not all of us will be called to biological motherhood, but we can all exercise the role of spiritual motherhood." (p. 73-74) This means encouraging young women in their faith journey.

Bream includes some mothers (and fathers) who've made serious mistakes in raising their children. Rebekah, mother of twins Jacob and Esau, favored Jacob and led him in deceptions that eventually drove him into exile and away from her. Bathsheba, mother of Solomon, experienced the loss of a son just after birth due to David's sin against her, her husband and God. But as the "power behind the throne," she became the first queen mother in recorded history.

The most beautiful story Bream records, is that of Esther, a story we're going to explore in the next sermon series. Mordecai, Esther's uncle, challenges her to save her people with these words, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position

for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) (p. 196)

"The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons from Nine Biblical Families" is a book to be savored, studied and treasured. It would be excellent reading for a women's Bible study, and the study questions at the end of each chapter stimulate discussion and provoke deep meditation into our own relationships as mothers and daughters.

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## Nancy's Hope Food Pantry

We are happy to announce that Nancy's Hope Food Pantry is on location at the Church of the 49ers and open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Those who need food can come in once a week, on either day; pet food is also available as well as a limited supply of clothing.



The location on the church campus in Columbia — in Rooms 6 and 7 downstairs in the back of the Christian Education building, accessible from the lower parking lot — is an extension of Nancy's Hope Community Center on Stockton Street in Sonora where food is available Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.

How can you support this ministry? With prayer of course, and volunteering either at this location or in Sonora, and by donating goods or making financial contributions to Nancy's Hope Thrift Store. All are greatly appreciated.

Michelle Kidwell



## Line Dancing

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

A fun way to exercise!



Cheryl Pittman with her list of chores during the Work Party

## Spring Work Party Recap

After a long hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Buildings & Grounds Committee (especially Sharon Poff) was finally able to coordinate an all-church work party. Scheduled the day before Palm Sunday, twenty-two volunteers turned out to spruce up the campus on a beautiful Saturday morning (and four young ones were on hand to liven up things). Tasks completed in only a few hours: sanctuary interior dusted, carpet vacuumed, floors mopped, pew cushions spot-cleaned. Also, the pulpit, Communion table and baptismal font were polished. Outside, weeds were pulled and/or weed-whacked and a truckload of new bark was spread around all the garden areas. After working, the volunteers enjoyed lunch on the Faith Hall porch, hosted by Deb Handy. Workers included Brian Annett, Gary and Leslie Davis, Marijean Davis, Victoria Dinesh-Balaraman, John Etheridge, Margie Fooshee, Deb Handy, John Malaspino, Vi Morgado, Judy Nason, Cheryl Pittman, Sharon Poff, Tony Pokorny, Susie Porte, Keith and Karla and Hailey Reid, Melissa Schultz, Jon Whited, Suzanne Williamson, Larry Yacovetti.



Jon Whited, Margie Fooshee, Hailey Reid

## Just Dance!

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

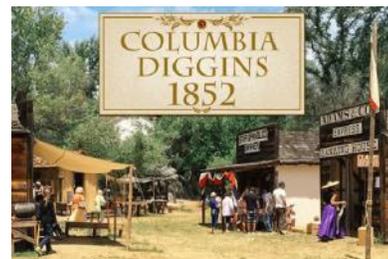
DJ Les Olson will be playing all your favorite dance tunes for ballroom, swing and country dancing. Singles welcome.

**Sunday, May 15, 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, contact Leslie Davis.

## Columbia Diggins Tent Town 1852

Step back to 1852 when Columbia was a bustling mining camp and miners labored to find the rich ore. (Note the Church of the 49ers was founded just two years later.) You'll discover what life was like in those tough times and learn practical skills that were a way of life for the brave men and women who came to California to seek their fortunes. Over 150 volunteers participate annually in the recreation of this tent town. Get firsthand experience at day-to-day chores. See for yourself how miners worked their claims for gold and witness their struggles with the local water company. There's a hotel, restaurant, gunsmith, saloons, and other establishments to give you a realistic glimpse of a typical gold rush town.



**Columbia State Historic Park (near South parking lot)**

**May 19 through May 21, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Cost: Adult \$10, Child \$2**

Contact Leslie Davis at 209-559-7723 for more information. **Note:** Diggins is usually filled with 4th graders the first two days—the best time to visit is Saturday, May 21.

# May 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:

May 1, 11:30 am: Fellowship Committee in CE Room 3  
May 3, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2  
May 3, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall  
May 4, 10:30 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3  
May 5, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall  
May 5, 11:00 am: Women's Lunch at Papa's New Roost  
May 5, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3  
**May 8: Mother's Day**  
May 10, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2  
May 10, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall  
May 12, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall

May 12, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3  
May 14, 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Papa's New Roost  
May 15, 11:30 am: Deacons in CE Room 3  
May 17, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2  
May 17, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office  
May 17, 2:00 pm: Missions Committee in Faith Hall  
May 17, 5:30 pm: Pizza & Parousia Bible Study in Faith Hall  
May 19, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall  
May 19, 2:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3  
May 22, 11:30 am: Worship Committee in CE Room 3  
May 24, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2  
May 25, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in CE Room 3  
May 26, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall  
**May 29: Memorial Day**  
May 31, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2



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