

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Word from the Pastor

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" Revelation 21:5

As the calendar turns from February to March, my thoughts always turn to the oncoming spring season. So, even though there is about 3 feet or more of snow on the ground outside my house right now, the spring season is where my mind wandered as I sat down to write this month's Nugget article. And, spring is such a wonderful time of year, isn't it? The days get longer and sunnier, the flowers and other plants begin to bloom, the animals that hibernate for the winter are waking up, birds are returning from their journey south. Springtime is a time of refreshing after a long, cold winter; it is a time of new life on our old planet.

And, when I think about things being new, like they are in spring, I can't help but reflect upon the verse from Revelation that I quoted above. In this verse, God is speaking to the Apostle John, to whom he revealed this revelation, about the vision that His angel had shown John regarding the new heaven and the new earth; a new creation that



was prophesied by Isaiah in Isaiah 65. In verse 5, God is telling John that, in the ushering in of the new heaven and the new earth, He is completely going to do away with the old, broken order of things and is going to bring in a brand new, perfect creation, uniting heaven and earth together as one.

So, let's take a moment together this month and think about what we are told of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21. And, as we think about these things, we need to first understand that the creation of the new heavens and the new earth is the moment that the entirety of the Bible has been pointing to; it is the culmination of history. You see, when God created our current world, when He created our current reality, He created it to be perfectly good, it was sufficient and could have, perhaps should have, lasted forever. However, with the fall of man in the original sin of Adam and Eve, this world was corrupted and began to decay due to sin. So, God has to destroy this world to make room for it to be replaced. The new heaven and the new earth, then, is the new reality that God is going to usher in; the perfect reality where we will get to live in His presence.

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We also learn that, in this new heaven and new earth, there will be the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, that comes down out of heaven. Jerusalem, as you know, plays a significant role in the history of God's people. It was the capital city that David established in the Promised Land, it was destroyed by the enemies of God's people and rebuilt by God's people, and, of course, it is the place where the death and resurrection of Christ took place. However, Jerusalem was also a place that had profaned itself through the crucifixion of Jesus; it had become apostate and no longer was the wonderful and holy city that God had intended it to be. But now, God is ushering in the New Jerusalem, making the "Holy City" that He intended it to be once again. Therefore, in the descent of the New Jerusalem from heaven, we have heaven and earth finally uniting as one as the eternal home of God and of His people.

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Don't forget!

Daylight
Savings Time
begins at
2:00 a.m. on
Sunday,
March 12.



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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 Officers

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Gwen Harris: Welcome & Evangelism Committee
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Margie Fooshee, Deb Handy, Carol Kent, Michelle Kidwell,
Denella Kimura, Rosie McCarthy, Sheri Pendleton,
Susie Porte, Sally Tullar

Session Highlights

Due to the severe weather warning and possible driving risks for some, Pastor Reid's emailed inquiry of elders resulted in agreement to reschedule the February 22nd regular stated Session meeting. That meeting was moved to Sunday, March 5, following the worship service.

Also, with a financial issue that needed an immediate decision, a short meeting of the Elders followed the Ash Wednesday service on February 2nd. Treasurer Jon Whited presented a motion from the Finance Committee to transfer \$11,000 from the Community Engagement Fund to the General Fund to help cover expenses stemming from the increase in cost of living. The question was asked if the money will be repaid to CEF when the funds are available, and Jon assured Session that they would be. The motion to transfer funds was then passed unanimously by all elders present.

Sheri Pendleton, Clerk of Session Pro Tem



Seeking Clerk of Session

Responsibilities:

- ♦ Attend stated monthly Session meetings (4th Wednesdays at 2:00 pm) and occasional called Session meetings for the purpose of taking minutes.
- ♦ Manage the church roll (list of covenant partners).
- ♦ Submit annual report to the ECO denomination (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians).

Contact Pastor Keith if interested.

Send your articles and Family News items for the April 2023 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by March 26 to Leslie at 209-532-6604 or davisgold@gmail.com.

49er Family News

Grieving

M.L. Chandler and family of **Rev. Russ Chandler**, who died January 25th at the age of 90. Russ served as interim pastor for Church of the 49ers in 1995-1996.

Betty Sagaser and family of **Bob Sagaser**, who died February 27th at the age of 76.

Rejoicing

Jordan and Graceilyn Warford welcomed their new son, Theodore James, on February 3rd.

Isaiah Bible Study

Pastor Keith's co-ed adult Bible study of the Old Testament book of Isaiah continues on Tuesday evenings. Dinner is at 5:30 pm in Faith Hall and the study begins at 6:00.

Dinner is generally pizza from the St. Charles Saloon in Columbia and is provided by the church, though donations are accepted and appreciated.

The study itself is interactive and gives everyone the opportunity to discuss the passage being studied. Study guides will be provided by Pastor Keith on a weekly basis.

Notes: This weekly study of Isaiah began September 20, but you are welcome to jump in anytime. Child-care is available.

Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study on Genesis meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons at **3 pm** in CE Room 3. All women are welcome to jump in for a short review. We are still near the beginning of the book. Contact Judy Nason for more information.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The Men's Breakfast Fellowship will gather for a no-host breakfast on **Saturday, March 11, at 8:00 am at Papa's New Roost.**

Call Pastor Lee Warford at 925-470-9953 for more information.



All women are invited to meet Thursday, **March 9**, at 11:00 am for a no-host lunch at **Strings** in Sonora. Deb Handy at 209-768-2067 or Denella Kimura at 209-532-6561 to sign up.

Menfolk are welcome too, but they have to find their own table!

March Birthdays

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

Mar 4 Gwen Harris
Mar 12 Allen Graham
Mar 13 Sally Tullar
Mar 14 Betty Sagaser
Mar 17 Lily Harris McMurray
Mar 18 Bobby Carr
Mar 19 Glenda Balmet
Mar 25 Denella Kimura
Mar 26 Janice Williams
Mar 30 Berna Hamilton
Mar 31 Robert Baker

Happy Anniversary!

Sally and Bill Tullar
25 years on March 14

Line Dancing

Carolyn Sylva's free one-hour Line Dancing class meets every Thursday at 9:30 am in Faith Hall.



From the Pastor

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Finally, we learn that, not only will God dwell with His people in the new heaven and the new earth, but “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:4) This means that the pain, suffering, sorrow, sadness, and death of this broken world we find ourselves living in are going to be destroyed along with our current sin-filled reality; there will be no room for them in the new heaven and the new earth. Instead, the new heaven and the new earth will be filled completely and totally with the peace, joy, and love of God. This idea of the end of all bad things and the perfection of God’s Kingdom, in fact, also builds upon the prophecy of Isaiah as it is mentioned in several places throughout that book.

This is the glorious hope that we have to look forward to: the perfect kingdom where we get to live in God’s presence and where we get to only experience good things. However, I would be delinquent in my duties if I didn’t take a minute to talk about how we should use this promise of the new heaven and the new earth in the here and now. As I’ve talked about many times from the pulpit on Sunday, it seems that Christians too often focus their attention on this future promise of the new heaven and the new earth, on the life to come, that

they forget we have a purpose in this life now; and that purpose is to serve God in the world and spread the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. So, seeing this promise of the new heaven and the new earth as an excuse to focus on the future to the detriment of the present is certainly the wrong approach.

So, what is the right approach to take regarding this promise of the new heaven and the new earth in Isaiah 65 and Revelation 21? The right approach is, first of all, to use that promise as a motivator to follow God’s will and serve Him now. If God sent His Son to die for us, and if He has promised the day is going to come where He will usher in the absolutely perfect new heaven and new earth where we will live with Him in perfect peace and love, our response should be one of gratitude; and that gratitude to God should be expressed outwardly by living our lives for Him in this world now...submitting to Him, serving Him, following Him. And, secondly, the right approach is to use the promise of the new heaven and the new earth as a motivator for evangelism. If God is, in fact, going to usher in this kingdom of perfect peace, shouldn’t we want everyone to have the opportunity to join us there? Well, the only way that they will be able to join us there is if they accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and the only way they will have an opportunity to accept Jesus is if we tell them about Him. Thus, the promised new heaven and new earth are also motivation to share the Gospel.

So, this spring, as you enjoy God’s creation coming back to life after the long, cold winter, also don’t forget to take time to enjoy the fact that God has promised the day is going to come when He is going to bring about an all-new creation...the perfect creation of

the new heaven and the new earth. Then, let that promise motivate you to live for God in the here and now.

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

Pastor Keith

Sermons and Scripture

Sermon Series: “Ecclesiastes: The Meaning of Life”

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

To receive link for *YouTube* videos of services, send email to ktreid84@gmail.com.

March 5 Communion

NT: Matthew 5:33-37
Sermon: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

March 12

NT: Matthew 6:19-24
Sermon: Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

March 19

NT: Ephesians 1:15-23
Sermon: Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

March 26

NT: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Sermon: Ecclesiastes 7:15-29



February was an exciting month!

Valentine's Day

The preschool children learned about God's love for them through crafts.

Hot Cocoa Day

We had a sweet treat at the end of our lesson on the 19th: hot cocoa. The little ones enjoyed chocolate milk, but they all were able to top it off with white chocolate chips, mint chocolate pieces, whipped cream, and sprinkles!



The Lack Family

The Lack Family's presence in our church is always a blessing and we love watching all the children play together. During their performance in Faith Hall, a few of the children were seen dancing along to the music!



March Movie Night

The next movie night is planned for Saturday, March 25th, time TBD, featuring *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

"Four kids travel through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion." (IMDB)

More information will be provided in the next few weeks as well as flyers promoting the event. Once the flyers are printed, please feel free to take a few to hand out to friends, neighbors, even local businesses (with their permission), community bulletin boards, etc.

Karla Reid, Director of Children's Ministries



Handbell Ringers Sought

Doreen Bass, our *head ding-a-ling*, is seeking handbell ringers to play a few songs on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are in the Lower Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. on the Sundays leading up to Easter, beginning March 5. Contact Doreen at 209-352-3096.



The Lack Family Band in concert in Faith Hall on February 26

Allen Graham, Missionary

Greetings dear Church of the 49ers family.

In the January 2020 Nugget, I told you about Alex, my translator at a writers' workshop where I taught in November 2019. We have kept in touch since then. He married in mid-2022. Alex and his wife lived in southern Turkey in the area directly affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on February 6. I have not been able to get word about him or his family. Please keep the situation in Turkey in your prayers; that in the midst of so much death and destruction, God will manifest Himself and that many will come to Christ.

Please continue to pray for the violence and insecurity in Ecuador and especially in Guayaquil where I live. In a recent report of the most dangerous cities in the world, Guayaquil moved from #50 (2021) to #24 (2022). As I've mentioned

previously, most of the violence is related to drug trafficking in the country and Guayaquil is the main port of entry. The ramifications to the economy are widespread.

Please pray for the renewal of my Ecuadorian visa which was filed on February 1. I'm hoping for a response in early March. For the first time in my entire missionary career, I was able to apply for an indefinite residence visa, for which I am very thankful.

Three members of the general assembly of the organization that oversees Radio HCJB2 and some shortwave operations in Quito will be leaving the field and returning to Germany later this year. We are inviting several Ecuadorians to join the board. Please pray for wisdom and direction on whom to invite and for their responses. I serve as vice president of the organization's board of directors.

Thanks for your prayers for the work at HCJB2 in Guayaquil. As a missionary



Alex

radio station, we focus on reaching people who have not yet decided to follow Christ. Recently a listener messaged the station in response to a program and asked, "How can I accept Jesus?"

One of the on-air team left the studio, called the listener, carefully explained the Gospel message and was able to lead the young man to Christ. Please pray for this brother as he grows in his new found faith. We have put him in touch with a nearby church where he can be fed spiritually.

Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support. Many blessings on each of you! **Allen**



Highlighting the Church of the 49ers Welcome & Evangelism Committee

Members of the Welcome & Evangelism Committee **welcome visitors, and work to integrate them into the life of the church** (with assistance from all of you). We strive to extend the kind of loving welcome to people that Jesus extended to us—to live out what Jesus commanded, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Committee responsibilities include:

- Provide outside greeters each Sunday before worship.

- Encourage hospitality among members and visitors.
- Assist the pastor in conducting Inquirers' Classes several times per year—and provide lunch for the participants.
- Oversee Name Badges for members and regular attenders.
- Publish the church's monthly newsletter, the *Golden Nugget*.
- Oversee the creation of a pictorial directory and periodic updates.
- Develop, print, and distribute welcome brochure to visitors and to Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau.
- The committee works to increase the visibility of the church in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties using various media such as posters, flyers, street

signs, brochures, newspapers and the church's Internet website to promote worship services, outreach programs and events. We also maintain membership in the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau.

The following individuals currently serve on the Welcome & Evangelism Committee: W&E Elder Chair Gwen Harris, Gary Davis, Leslie Davis, and Pastor Keith Reid.

The Welcome & Evangelism Committee typically meets the third Sunday each month at 11:30 am in Room CE3. If you would like to assist with this important church committee, contact Gwen Harris or Pastor Keith.

ECO reached out to us last month asking us to consider donating toward relief efforts in Turkey because of the devastating earthquake.

Through World Renew, our church sent \$1,000.00, which will be used for life saving essentials and protection. We also supported Adult and Teen Challenge with a gift of \$500.00.

Michelle Kidwell shared that the coat drive for Nancy's Hope is going well. They are being distributed through the food pantry located in the lower CE rooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Through the efforts of Vi Morgado, we also received a few coats from Interfaith. We voted to send a \$500.00 donation to Nancy's Hope to be used for the purchase of food. We learned after the meeting that a covenant partner agreed to match the donation from the committee to further their efforts.



Patty Burchell

We received a newsletter from KICY, a Christian non-profit radio station in Nome, Alaska. Ed Clinite shared with us that the station's manager is Patty Burchell, a former member of our church. Several of you might remember that Patty was active in youth ministry and music. The station's goal of

"spreading the Gospel to western Alaska and the Russian Far East" is certainly admirable work! We agreed to send a \$500.00 donation to KICY to further God's message of hope.

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

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



I've Been to That Place

I've been to
That place
The crashing
Of the waves
Feeling topsy turvy
The land of disbelief.
It was starting to get
To me.

Alone and broken
He took my hand
The God of all Wonder
Calmed those seas
Gave me peace
In a world of uncertainties.

There will be hills
To climb
The destination
Hasn't always been easy
And sometimes life
Can be filled
With twists and turns
But the God of the Universe
Has written our
Story.

He's given us
A gift
Not to be
Taken lightly
Sent his only
Son
To die
For you and me.

So the roads may get
Rocky
Twists and
Turns
Maybe hard
To navigate
But when we
give God the reigns
The destination
is Glory.

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Interfaith News

Interfaith Community Social Services at 18500 Striker Court, off Tuolumne Road in Sonora, is open weekdays 10 am to 1 pm year-round (except for holidays). Tuolumne County residents needing assistance are invited to come in once per month for free food, clothing, toiletries, household items, even legal services and showers.

Interfaith is especially seeking donations of sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, and toiletries including shampoo and conditioner, body wash (no bar soap), deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes.

Donations are accepted Tuesdays through Fridays 10 am to 12 pm, but it's best to call first at 209-532-0905. Or, you can bring them to church and Deb or Vi will deliver to Interfaith for you.

Purchase your See's Candy for Easter! As a fundraiser, Interfaith will have a See's Candy booth at the Tractor Supply Store in East Sonora beginning two weeks before Easter. They sell some sugar-free candy also.

Deb Handy, Interfaith Liaison

BOOK REVIEW

by Denella Kimura

“Heaven: Your Real Home”

by Joni Eareckson Tada

The world pictures heaven as some nebulous place, and those who go there are little cherubs sitting on their designated cloud with harps and halos. At best it is “the beyond,” or “up there.” In fact Heaven has been so bashed in our culture that I’ve heard people say “It’s boring. If that’s what heaven’s like, then Hell sounds a lot more fun.”

In “Heaven: Your Real Home,” Joni Eareckson Tada gives a scriptural based picture of heaven from the unique perspective of her wheelchair ministry. She became a quadriplegic after a diving accident, and her thoroughly researched book has given me an enriched picture of what certain verses mean from a heavenly viewpoint.

For example, I Corinthians 13:12 says, “For now we see through a glass [mirror], darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know even as also I am known.” I hadn’t thought of “now” as being on earth, and “then” as heaven. My eyes were opened. Joni Eareckson Tada helped me to see this verse, and many others, in a totally different way.

Joni quotes I Corinthians 2:9, “. . . Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither [has it] entered into the heart of man, the things which God [has] prepared for them that love him,” to affirm that heaven will be beyond anything we can imagine.

Like Jesus, we will have a resurrected body. We will be recognizable, with the same gifts and talents, but more so in heaven. When Jesus comes, he will bring his awards with him, heaven itself being the most immediate. We will receive the crown of life, a crown of rejoicing, a crown of glory, a crown of righteousness and an incorruptible crown at the big party of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, where we will toss them all at the feet of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

We think of time on earth as a continuum: yesterday, today and tomorrow. But heavenly time, being eternal, will be different. In God’s divine geometry: a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day. Joni facetiously says, “assuring us that each day [on earth] is a chance to invest in a thousand years worth of eternity. God gives us a twenty-four-hour slice of time in which to make the most of every opportunity . . . that will have eternal repercussions.”

Every now and then, we have a moment that stuns us into awe, when we get a glimpse of what’s on the other side of the “wall” that separates us from heaven in this life. It’s the moment of twilight just at the peak of an awesome sunset, the moment a child is born, a breath-taking musical symphony that bring tears of joy and peace. It’s as if time stopped in that moment, and we experience a glimpse of heaven, in a moment of joy, of ecstasy, of the purest love only God can give. That’s how Joni describes eternity in heaven.

For those who’ve suffered hardships and pain, she wants us to have a “heavenly perspective.” Count each day, each moment of endurance as a victory over Satan, because Christ has bought us that victory with his blood, shed on the cross, defeating death, destruction and the devil. Speaking from her own “wheelchair” experi-

ences, Joni says, “Suffering hurries the heart homeward.”

Joni Eareckson Tada’s book, “Heaven: Your Real Home” is the kind of book that I want to savor, to read again and again, because of its depth of study and research. I want to talk with someone, to share my feelings and reactions. It is beautifully written, and contains an inside copy of the cover art as well. She paints by holding pencils and brushes in her teeth.

Joni is the founder and president of JAF Ministries (Joni and Friends), a ministry to the disabled community. Her autobiographical book, “Joni,” has been translated into over 40 languages.

You can find her book in the Church of the 49ers Library, Room 3 in the Christian Education building.

Denella Kimura



Nancy’s Hope Food Pantry

Open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am to 1 pm. The food pantry is hosted by the Church of the 49ers and operated by Nancy’s Hope with volunteers. It is located in the back corner room in the lower level of the church’s Christian Education building—accessible from the lower parking lot.

Donations of new or gently used coats are sought for food pantry clients. Talk with Michelle Kidwell at church or just bring to the Food Pantry on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Hugh Furneaux — “Shepherd of the Hills”

Editor’s Note: *Excerpted from the “Now & Then” column in the Union Democrat, written by Pat Perry and published March 2, 2023.*

Rev. Hugh Furneaux was born on April 9, 1849, in St. John’s, Newfoundland. He was educated at the Pine Hill Seminary in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which was affiliated with the Presbyterian church.

In 1887, Furneaux and his wife, Catherine, and their young son immigrated to the United States, where he attended Princeton Theological Seminary, before beginning his career as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church.

Hugh Furneaux’s first area of service was southern New Mexico and Arizona. Many of the towns he served were mining towns, and known for being “wild.”

In 1890, there was a meeting of the New York Presbyterian Missionary Society, with the local missionaries, to see if there were as many preachers there as were drawing rations and supplies.

When the secretary was calling roll, he was surprised by the words, “I am here,” and looked up to see who was interrupting him. Striding down the aisle was a tall, strongly built man, full bearded, with long hair, dressed in a flannel shirt, corduroy pants stuck in heavy boots to which were attached a jingling pair of spurs; around his waist was a belt full of cartridges, and by his side an ivory handled six-shooter, the whole outfit being covered with an enormous wide brimmed hat.

Hugh Furneaux had ridden 65 miles through Apache country to attend the meeting. Minus the ivory handled six-shooter, this was the “outfit” he

continued to use during much of his ministry.

He continued his ministry in the southwest. By 1906, he was in California working amid the mining camps in the Sierra Nevada. At this time, he was known as the Sky-pilot of the Church.

In July 1913, the reverend arrived in Sonora and began his work as missionary prospector in the logging camps of Tuolumne under a commission from the Presbyterian board of home missions in New York. In October 1917, he was released by the presbytery from the Sonora church and stations and limited to what was called the Grub Stake Parish.

The Grub State Parish included eight San Francisco Hetch Hetchy Camps, one North Lake Eleanor Camp, four camps of West Side Lumber Co. and the four camps of Standard Lumber Co., also Madary Saw Mill Camp at Merrill Springs, plus anyone who lived in or close to these areas.

Hugh Furneaux also received a prospective honorarium of \$600 per annum for life from the pension board

and \$600 from the Presbytery of San Joaquin to help support him in his work.

By May 1918 he was based at Big Oak Flat and had received the title “Shepherd of the Hills.” His two burros, Pipe Organ and Bagpipe, were now part of his visits. Pipe Organ carried the frying pan, coffee pot and supplies. Bagpipe transported the blankets and the supply of newspapers, magazines and other such items that were distributed in the camps.

By 1923, Hugh Furneaux was the minister at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Church of the 49ers) in Columbia, as age and family ties kept him out of the hills. In 1924, he was traveling throughout California trying to raise funds for the church which was in serious need of repair.

In Glendale, he appeared dressed in his flannel shirt and working breeches. Pipe Organ and Bagpipe appeared with him.

Hugh Furneaux died at his home in Columbia on February 8, 1926 and is buried in the Columbia Public Cemetery. ☪



Rev. Hugh Furneaux with Pipe Organ and Bagpipe in Sonora—December 5, 1921
Photograph courtesy of Tuolumne County Historical Society

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March 2023 Calendar

Weekly Sunday worship service at 10 am, and:

Mar 2, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 5, 11:20 am: Session Meeting in CE Room 3
Mar 5, 1:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 6, 10:00 am: History Committee in CE Room 3
Mar 7, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 7, 3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE3
Mar 7, 5:30 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 9, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 9, 11:00 am: Ladies Lunch Bunch at Strings
Mar 11, 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Papa's New Roost
Mar 12, 11:30 am: Deacons Meeting in CE Room 3
Mar 12, 11:30 am: Bldgs & Gnds Cmte in L. Sanctuary
Mar 12, 1:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 14, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 14, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
Mar 14, 3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE3

Mar 14, 5:30 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 16, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 19, 11:30 am: Birthday/Anniversary Celebration in FH
Mar 19, 11:30 am: Welcome & Evangelism Cmte in CE3
Mar 19, 1:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 19, 1 to 4 pm: Just Dance! in Faith Hall
Mar 21, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 21, 2:00 pm: Missions Committee in Faith Hall
Mar 21, 3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE3
Mar 21, 5:30 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 22, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in CE Room 3
Mar 23, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 25, time tbd: Movie in Faith Hall
Mar 26, 1:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 28, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 28, 3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE3
Mar 28, 5:30 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 30, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall



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