

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Word from the Pastor

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8**

It’s hard to believe that January has already come and gone, and we have now moved into February, the month of love. With Valentine’s Day being the major holiday this month, people’s focus, it seems more than any other time of the year, is on who they love and who loves them. It’s a month filled with cards, and chocolate, and roses, and jewelry, and candy, and expensive dinners. We find that it’s easy during this month to go all out to show the people in our lives how much we love them; to celebrate the important relationships in our lives, whether that be significant others, children, parents, dear friends, or someone else.

This is why I thought it so important to share the two Bible verses above; these are two of the most well-known verses in all of the Bible; most people can recite them from memory at a moment’s notice. However, when was the last time that you really contemplated the meaning and significance of these verses? So, as we celebrate the gift of loving relationships this month, I want all



of us to pause and reflect on the most real, the most significant, the most impactful love that any of us could ever know: the love of God; a love that knows no bounds, a love that is willing to sacrifice.

And, when I think about the sacrificial love that God has for us; a love that moved Him to send His Son to die for us, my mind is often drawn to an experience I had when I was in high school. During those years, I was part of a youth drama team at my church; we put on skits, and other things of that nature, that had a Christian message. One of the skits that we did was to act out a song that reflected heavily on Christ’s crucifixion. In the skit, I played the part of Christ replete with carrying a cross and being “beaten” by the other teenagers portraying the guards. The Sunday after we had done the skit, we had a time for testimonials in the Sunday night worship service. My mom stood up and said that the skit the previous Sunday had made the crucifixion

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more real than ever to her. She said that she could not comprehend the gift that God has given us in His Son because, as she said, “I realized that I don’t love any of you all enough to sacrifice my son for you.” It was a very real and emotional moment that displayed the powerful love that a parent has for their child. And I’ll readily admit that, being a parent now myself, I agree with my mom: I love all of you very dearly, but I don’t love any of you enough to sacrifice my children for you.

But, that is exactly how much God loves you; He loves you so deeply that He sent His only Son, His **ONLY** Son, to be sacrificed so that you, specifically you reading this right now, could have eternal life in His presence. But, even more than that, He sent His only Son to be sacrificed for you while you were still a sinner. That means, while you were rebelling against God, while you were living your life completely outside of His will, while you were His enemy, He still loved you so much that He sent His Son to suffer and die so that you wouldn’t have to. There has never been a greater love than that! Romeo and Juliet pale in comparison!

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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.

January 1 through January 31, 2024 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Total Income	16,536.00	15,366.00	(1,170.00)
Expense	20,737.65	18,653.25	(2,084.40)

Mortgage Balance as of January 31:	\$67,628.41
Minimum Required Mortgage Payment:	\$245.00
Addtl. Principal paid Jan. 1 through Jan. 31:	\$100.00



Care Lists have been updated, so Deacons can provide support to the congregation through prayer and contact by phone, emails and cards. If you don't know who your Deacon is, contact Doreen Bass at 209-352-3096.

Each Communion Sunday the Deacons prepare the Communion Table. As Pastor Keith officiates, Elders and Deacons (past and present) then serve the elements to the congregation.

Deacons also help on the various Elder committees during Fellowship hour by preparing food and helping with clean-up. More volunteers are needed to sustain this wonderful church activity. Contact Judy Nason at 209-770-0958 to find out how you can help.

With many volunteers, Rose Shaffer coordinated the Memorial luncheon on January 20 for the Darrol Davis family, which expressed their gratefulness for the efforts of everyone who participated. We are currently planning the memorial luncheon for Bob Fooshee on February 10. If you can bring cookies, a salad, or sandwich fixings, or help with prep and clean-up, contact Rose Shaffer at 209-288-9255. We are also planning the memorial service and luncheon for Arlene Cunningham on Saturday, February 17 at 2 pm. Volunteers will also be needed to help.

In Christ's service,
Doreen Bass, Deacon Secretary

Bell Choir "Notes"

The 49er Chancel Ringers will begin rehearsing music for Easter on Sunday, February 18, in the Lower Sanctuary. Rehearsals are 12:45 to 2:15 pm on February 18 and March 10, with different hours of 12 to 1:30 pm on other Sundays.



If you would like to play bells with us, contact Doreen Bass, Head Ding-a-Ling.

49er Family News

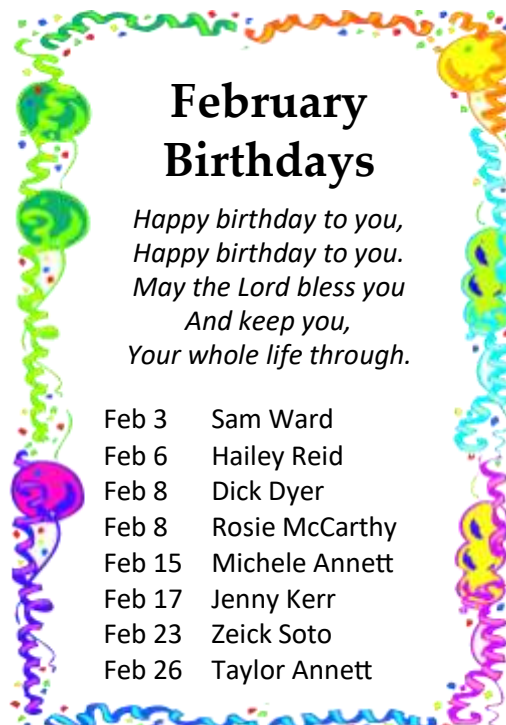
Grieving:

Dean Cunningham and family of **Arlene Wallace Cunningham**, who died January 29 at the age of 97. A memorial service for Arlene will be in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 17, at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception in Faith Hall.

The memorial service for **Bob Fooshee** will be Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, following by a luncheon in Faith Hall.

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday, February 3, 8:30 am at Papa's New Roost in East Sonora.



February Birthdays

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

Feb 3	Sam Ward
Feb 6	Hailey Reid
Feb 8	Dick Dyer
Feb 8	Rosie McCarthy
Feb 15	Michele Annett
Feb 17	Jenny Kerr
Feb 23	Zeick Soto
Feb 26	Taylor Annett

Happy Anniversary!

Dick and Pirkko Dyer
67 years on February 15



Parish Nursing

Ozell Gilmore, Parish Nurse, will provide free **Blood Pressure Checks** on Sunday, February 11, in Faith Hall following the worship service.



The J.O.Y Club — for all of you “Just Older Youth,” our next dinner will be Monday, February 19, at 6:30 pm at the St. Charles Saloon in Columbia.

If you are 20ish to 40ish, we hope to see you there for a time of food and fellowship. **Pastor Keith**

The next first-Thursday monthly women's no-host luncheon is **March 7 at 11 am** at **Yianni's Grill**, 575 So. Washington St., Sonora. Call Denella Kimura at 209-532-6561 to sign up.



Line Dancing

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



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God's love is infinite, God's love is boundless, God's love will never fade or die; there is nothing that you could ever do to make God stop loving you. How amazing is that? The very thought leaves me at a loss for words! If God loves each of us that much, there



Tuesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study

Pastor Keith teaches a Bible study on *Isaiah* on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm in Faith Hall. Dinner is no longer served, but coffee, water and refreshments are available. Join us for this exciting deep dive into the world of Isaiah!

should be no other response than to love Him right back and to commit to spending our lives serving Him. So, during this February, this season of love, as we rightfully remember our loved ones here on Earth, let us not forget our great, merciful, and compassionate God. Remember the love God has for you, and let it be a comfort and support to you, not just in February, but all throughout the year. We serve a God of limitless love! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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

Pastor Keith

Women's Bible Study

will resume on Wednesday, February 21, at 3 pm. Class area to be announced. We will start with a brief review of *Genesis* and *Exodus*. We will move forward to complete the Pentateuch: *Leviticus*, *Numbers* and *Deuteronomy*.

Judy Nason

Sermons and Scripture

Current Sermon Series:
*Paul's Letter to Philippi: Divine
Sovereignty and Human
Responsibility*

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.

**February 4
Communion**
NT: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
Sermon: Psalm 46

February 11
OT: Proverbs 11:23-28
Sermon: Philippians 2:19-30

February 18
OT: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Sermon: Philippians 3:1-16

February 25
OT: Exodus 20:1-17
Sermon: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Community Dinner Program is Resuming!

The Community Outreach committee is happy to announce that our "Community Night Dinner" program is planning to resume in March. Our plan is to provide dinner on the **first Wednesday night** of each month from March to October.

Last year we made the decision to offer this event once a month instead of weekly. We had a good turnout each

month, but would really like to see more of the community and more of our church family involved. What a wonderful way to reach out to others and put your faith to work!

If you are interested helping with this program, please talk with Gwen Harris,

chairperson of the Community Outreach Committee, or Suzanne Williamson, member. What a wonderful way to serve others and you also enjoy a FREE DINNER!!

Suzanne Williamson

Spiritual Growth meeting is the 4th Sunday in Room CE3 after worship—we're meeting every other month: April, June, August, October, December.

Interfaith

Due to the cold and wet weather we're currently having, we have need of more warm items such as blankets (all sizes, but most clients are requesting queen and king size), warm clothing as the weather is scheduled to turn colder and many need to layer just to keep warm. Bath towels and wash cloths for the shower. These items don't have to be new, just clean with no holes. Toiletries of all kinds, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes need to be new. All of the above items are needed on a regular basis, so whatever you can give will be appreciated very much. You can bring them directly to Interfaith or bring them to church and I will take them for you. I am there on a regular basis weekly either working or attending the meetings that is necessary to keep our church informed.

As usual, I'll close with the request for more volunteers. Talk to me anytime for more information. My thanks to all who currently help, you are so appreciated.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

Nancy's Hope Food Pantry

The food pantry is hosted by the Church of the 49ers and operated by Nancy's Hope with volunteers. It is located in the lower level of the Christian Education building and open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm, excluding holidays.

The pantry welcomes donations, but please don't drop them off after hours, and no expired products or damaged clothing.


Michelle Kidwell, Food Pantry Liaison

Send your articles and Family News items for the March 2024 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by February 26 to Leslie at davisgold@gmail.com or call 209-559-7723.

DESERT SONG

(Meditation on Psalm 107)

By Denella Kimura



Thank you Lord,
for your steadfast love
that responds to my prayers.
You led me out of the desert
of despair
and fed my soul with good things
and refreshed me with pure water.
You shattered the bronze doors
of my prison of depression,
broke the iron bars of my guilt
and unlocked the chains
of dark thoughts
and gloomy moods
because you love me
even in my rebellion.
Your Word healed my illness
even though I neglected
your rules for health.
So I praise you even when
I don't feel good,
and I sing songs of joy
about your wonderful deeds.
You calmed my storms of doubt
that tossed me like a ship
on a drunken sea . . .
reeling off balance, at my wit's end,
I cried to you and you brought
peace.
So I lift up your name
in the congregation
because you changed this desert
heart
into an oasis city,
with food for my hunger
and work that prospers
and a family to care for.
My oppressor still wanders
in the wasteland
while all who love you, Lord,
rejoice with me when they consider
your unfailing desert love.

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Session Highlights

- The annual congregational meeting will be held after the worship service on February 11, followed by a lunch in Faith Hall. A nominating committee will be formed to select 3 Elders and 5 Deacons to replace those whose terms are expiring.
- A survey will be presented asking “What is keeping YOU from participating on a church committee?”
- There will be no Ash Wednesday service this year, as it has been poorly attended in past years.

Finance Committee led by Jon Whited reported that the total yearly income exceeded budget by over \$27,000, but expenses were also over budget. The 2024 budget may look similar to last year.

Spiritual Growth Committee (Christian Education and Worship) led by Suzanne Williamson:

- Pastor Keith is continuing the study of *Isaiah* on Tuesday evenings.
- Judy Nason will start Women’s Bible study on Wednesday, February 21, going through *Leviticus*, *Deuteronomy* and *Numbers*.
- There’s an ongoing need for 2 people in every Sunday School room, so substitutes are needed—contact Suzanne.
- Suzanne is making a list of volunteers for liturgists and song leaders and Pastor Keith will supply the worship materials. Contact Suzanne if you wish to participate.
- Committee meetings are the 4th Sunday of each month after worship in CE 2.
- Suzanne will oversee Fellowship on the first Sunday of each month.
- Wednesday, March 6, will be the first Community Dinner of the year. Contact Suzanne if you want to help.

Church Life Committee (Fellowship and Welcome) led by Judy Nason.

- This committee is responsible for Fellowship the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- Judy Nason is organizing a baby shower for Elana and Samuel Strombom on February 3 from 1-3 pm in Faith Hall.
- If you wish to be a greeter, contact Judy Nason.

Outreach Committee (Missions and Evangelism) led by Gwen Harris. Gwen reported the committee will keep the ongoing funding recipients, but the emphasis this year will be on local needs: Community dinners; Outreach to children; Community outreach each quarter (like 4th of July); Establish an outreach resource center.

Buildings and Grounds Committee meets the 1st Sunday every month after worship in CE3, led by Betty Egan.

- The stairs leading to the office are being replaced so the height of each step is consistent.
- Two stained-glass windows that belonged to the parents of Doreen Bass were framed by Tony Pokorny and hung in the windows of the Ramont Room, which will become a prayer room, though it is currently being used for practice by a new worship band.

History Committee led by Tom Kimura meets on the 4th Sunday each month at 11:30 in CE3. They supply historical articles for the *Golden Nugget*.

Personnel Committee, led by Sharon Poff, is conducting job performance reviews for church staff. People directly involved with them will provide comments.

Doreen Bass, Co-Clerk of Session



Supplies Donations:

Our 49er children love creating crafts! We are always in need of materials, which some of you may have in your very own home. There will be a Children’s Ministry Supplies Donation List pinned on the bulletin board between CE1 and CE2. This list will be updated regularly according to our upcoming activities. Take a moment to stop by the Christian Education Building and see how you may be able to help. Currently, we are in need of: new kitchen sponges, cotton filling, and prong folders. Your donations will help our kids hands-on in their learning about our Lord!

Tuesday Night Bible Study:

We are still searching for one person to help on Tuesday Nights during Bible study from 5:30-7:30. The children go to CE2 for Bible centered games and activities. This is a more relaxed environment than Sundays typically are. Please let Karla know if you would like to know more.

Upcoming:

CE1 - The pre-k group is learning about the creation story, how God created the world and all things in it. They are doing one lesson each Sunday, until they get all the way to day 7, when God rested. Each week will include a craft that goes along with that particular creation.

CE2 - Our school-aged children very much enjoyed their Hot Cocoa Party in celebration of completing their books of the Bible memorization.

Tuesday Night:

Bible Trivia is starting February 6 and will continue for several weeks. Bible Trivia is a fun way for the kids to review their Bible knowledge.

Karla Reid,
Director of Children’s Ministries

Allen Graham, Missionary

Dear Church of the 49ers family, what a month it has been! Thanks for your prayers.

Ecuador was very much in the international news in January after attacks at a television station here in Guayaquil, violence in some hospitals and shopping centers, unrest in prisons where many guards were taken captive, and the “escape” of two top drug cartel leaders from prison.

As I have told you for quite some time now, Ecuador has experienced a significant increase in organized crime and violence because of drug trafficking which has been tied to a major cartel out of Colombia and two large cartels out of Mexico.

In mid-January, Daniel Noboa, our recently elected president, declared a national emergency and a state of internal war against the more than 20 criminal organizations operating in Ecuador. He has classified them as terrorists which authorizes the military to take any necessary action to control the criminal activity.

Schools and universities moved to online classes for several weeks, but most have now gone back to in-person

instruction. At the station, we changed our work schedule for about a week to allow for a safer environment for the team. We have had no direct threats, but all media outlets are on alert. Large cities in the country, such as Guayaquil, have curfew from midnight to 5 AM to restrict movement on the streets.

Adding to this stress, we have had several technical issues which affected broadcasts on our main station as well as our repeater frequency. Praise God that we have experienced technicians to help us at times like these.

Elsewhere, please be praying for three students from last October’s training of trainers course in Sub-Saharan Africa. They will be doing radio station management and accounting workshops online starting this month.

Let me finish by sharing some comments from our listeners which give us insight as to what they think of us:

Dayci, when we were off the air for a couple of days in her area, wrote to say: My soul is missing because I don't have the signal from my radio.

Amelia is a relatively new listener. In her phone directory, instead of our station name, she has us listed as “Radio Peace”.

Cecilia: I’ve been listening to your station for 18 years and now my children are also listening with me. I’ve cried with you, laughed with you, and prayed with you. Thank you for bringing light and hope into our lives.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts which allow me to serve with Reach Beyond and HCJB2. To God be the glory!

Allen



Photo: We love it when our listeners stop by to visit, and we always have a gift for them. My colleague, Maily, with Bruno, a faithful young listener to HCJB2.

Quotes by Mother Teresa

- “Peace begins with a smile.”
- “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”
- “Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”
- “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”
- “The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.”
- “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
- “A life not lived for others is not a life.”

Historic Old Columbia

By Dr. Clifford M. Drury—written in 1947

Of all the churches started in the rip-roaring mining days, only the Presbyterian and Catholic remain.

On July 15, 1945, Governor Earl Warren signed the Act of the Legislature which set aside the old gold-mining town of Columbia as a state park. The state appropriated \$50,000 which had to be met by an equal amount from private sources. This money was to be used to buy and restore old buildings in Columbia which date back to the gold-mining days. Even though the work of restoration is far from complete and the park has not been officially opened, yet during the past summer from seventy-five to one hundred tourists' cars have visited Columbia each day. This is but the shadow of the thousands who will make a pilgrimage to this historic spot in the years to come.

Columbia is located at an elevation of about 2,000 feet in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in Tuolumne County, about five miles above Sonora. Gold was discovered as a result of a cloudburst in March, 1850. That was the beginning of extensive hydraulic mining which has churned the soil all around Columbia leaving great boulders exposed. Within a month after the news of the discovery was made known, 6,000 people were seeking their fortunes at Columbia. The population eventually grew to be between 15,000 and 20,000. Columbia was then one of the most populous cities in California, and in 1853 lost its contest to be the capital of the state by only two votes.

A bronze plaque in Columbia today tells the reader that eighty-seven million dollars in gold were secured from that place, fifty-five millions of which were weighed on the scales now on exhibition in the old Wells Fargo office. An article

written by a New School Presbyterian missionary, which appeared in the *Home Missionary* for May 1855, carried the following description of the moral conditions which existed at that time:

"There are two theatres, two large 'fandangoes' or Spanish dance houses, six public gambling saloons, and ten public houses of ill-fame--some of them tastefully fitted up with gilded signs and wide open doors... There are forty places where rum is retailed by the glass, and of all the stores, only one...is shut on the Sabbath."

Of the different denominations which started work in the rip-roaring mining town in those stirring days, only the Roman Catholic and the Presbyterian remain. The picturesque old Catholic building, known as St. Ann's, erected in 1856, is still standing. The Catholics have recently rebuilt it, thus assuring it a prominent place in the revitalized town.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia was organized December 19, 1854, with twenty-three charter members, under the direction of the Rev. John Henry Brodt, a New School Presbyterian missionary to California. During the

ministry of Rev. Hugh J. Furneaux, which began in 1914, the name of the church was changed unofficially to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, by which it is still known.

For years the membership roll remained about thirty. In 1867, when D. Henry Palmer was pastor, the number increased to forty-five. Palmer was in Columbia at the time the news of the assassination of President Lincoln became known. Knowing that the building would never hold the expected crowd, Palmer removed a church window and placed a platform in it. On this he stood as he preached so that he could address the audience outside the building as well as the one inside. The population of Columbia, like that of many other old mining towns, decreased when gold mining declined. The effect was felt in the membership roll of the church which was down to four in 1915. By 1935 the membership had climbed to a peak of fifty-two. General Assembly Minutes for 1946 record thirty-seven. With the exception of the very early days when many miners who were not members contributed freely to the support of the minister, this church has continued to be a mission project.

THE HISTORIC BUILDING

The Presbyterian Church of Columbia first held its meetings in a small building owned by the Methodist Church, South, which had started work in that field as early as 1852. The Presbyterian congregation purchased this building in 1855. It soon proved to be too small. In 1864 a new wooden building was erected which measured 52 x 38 feet. A forty-foot square tower contained a copper bell which weighed nearly a ton and which bore the year date 1852.

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This photograph of the sanctuary and bell tower was taken some time before 1950. Note the crenellations are missing from the top of the tower.

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Some of the lumber used in the first building was used over again. The cost of the new edifice was reported at \$3,000, plus donated labor.

For more than eighty-three years that weather-beaten structure has served the Protestant community of Columbia and vicinity. In recent years the building began to show its age by sagging some eleven inches on one side and leaning over another two inches. Any experienced carpenter could tell why, for there was no cross-bracing. The wonder is that the building did not collapse long ago.

New interest in the church was aroused when the State of California began to make the historic old mining village a state park. Thousands upon thousands will visit the site in years to come. These tourists will see a rebuilt Catholic church. What about the only Protestant church in town? The matter was laid before the Synod of California at its annual meeting in the summer of 1947 and authorization was given to appeal to Presbyterians through the entire Synod, and to any others who might be interested, for funds to rebuild this structure. Among those who are taking the lead in saving the building is Mr. C. H. Ramont, an elder of the Modesto Church.

Even before Synod took official action, some repair work had been started. The bell tower, which had been leaning so much that external props had to be placed to save it from utter collapse, was found to be termite-ridden throughout its entire height. Again it is a mystery why the heavy bell had not crashed to the ground long ago. However, this was lowered in safety. The tower was so far gone that it will have to be rebuilt entirely. The sagging side has been jacked up and a new foundation placed around the entire building. Cross-bracing has

straightened out the angles. A new roof of split sugar pine shakes like the originals has already been put on. These shakes were made by a local resident who donated one-third of the usual cost. The stained glass windows, which were removed when the building was being straightened, have now been replaced.

Much remains to be done. The building needs a new floor; the tower must be rebuilt; the original old pews and pulpit furniture must be refinished; the interior must be redecorated; a furnace should be installed; and some new siding must be put on.

All of such repairs cost money. The local congregation, small in number and comparatively limited in financial resources, have pledged themselves to raise \$3,000. The Presbytery of San Joaquin has made a loan of \$4,500 to pay for repairs that had to be done immediately in order to save the building. The Presbyterian Church at Merced has given \$565 and a few individuals have made contributions.

Estimates indicate that at least \$16,000 will be needed to cover the cost of the restoration. If such an amount were prorated through the Synod, the larger Presbyteries would have a quota of several thousand dollars. The committee appointed by Synod to raise the money and supervise the restoration (of which the Rev. Sherman Potter of San Leandro is chairman) has had several meetings. It has felt that the first appeal for funds should be made through our two California Presbyterian papers, and through the distribution of reprints of this article in pamphlet form. A four-page folder entitled "First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, California" has already been printed.

It is hoped that every Presbyterian pastor in the Synod will approach individuals within his congregation or community who would be interested in restoring an old historic building. The Roman Catholics of the state have set an example for all Protestants in the way they have restored the old missions. Let it not be said that the Presbyterians are neglecting and forgetting their historic shrines. Send all contributions to Mr. C. H. Ramont, 1717 Lee Street, Modesto, California.

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This photograph of the sanctuary was taken on April 30, 1950 after restoration. This was three years after Dr. Drury wrote this article, and two months before the sanctuary burned to the ground—on June 22, 1950.

February 2024 Calendar

Weekly Sunday worship service at 10 am, and:

- Feb 1, 11:00 am: Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
- Feb 1, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- Feb 3, 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast at Papa's New Roost
- Feb 3, 1:00 pm: Baby Shower for Elana and Samuel Strombom
- Feb 4, 11:30 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3
- Feb 6, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
- Feb 6, 6:00 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
- Feb 8, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- Feb 11, 11:00 am: Annual Meeting in the sanctuary, followed by lunch, Birthday/Anniversary Celebration in FH
- Feb 13, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
- Feb 13, 2:00 pm: Outreach/Missions in CE Room 3
- Feb 13, 6:00 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
- Feb 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- Feb 15, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- Feb 18, 11:30 am: Deacons Meeting in CE Room 3
- Feb 18, 12:45 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
- Feb 18, 1 - 3:30 pm: Just Dance in Faith Hall
- Feb 19 PRESIDENTS' DAY
- Feb 19, 6:30 pm: JOY Club at St. Charles Saloon in Columbia
- Feb 20, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
- Feb 20, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
- Feb 20, 6:00 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
- Feb 21, 3:00 pm: Judy Nason's Women's Bible Study
- Feb 22, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- Feb 25, 11:45 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
- Feb 27, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
- Feb 27, 6:00 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
- Feb 28, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in CE Room 3
- Feb 29, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall



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