

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Word from the Pastor

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone.”’ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”’ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down from here. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus answered, ‘It is said: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”

Luke 4:1-13 NIV

As many of you probably know, we are currently in the middle of the Lenten season, which began on February 14, Ash Wednesday, and continues until Easter. So, since we didn't have an Ash Wednesday service this year, and since many Christians in the 21st century



only celebrate the traditional liturgical season of Lent only because that's what they have always done or because they feel like that's what they are supposed to do, I wanted to take some time in this article to explain to you what Lent is and why we observe it. I think this is very important because we should be entering into any type of worship because we want to know, and be closer to God; not because it's what we think we are supposed to do or it's what our parents made us do when we were growing up; if we are going to observe the season of Lent, it's important to know what it means and why we do the things we do in its observance so that we can use them as ways to know and be closer to God.

Lent is the observance of the 40 days, not including Sundays, leading up to Easter Sunday. The reason that the church observes 40 days, as you may have guessed from the above passage, is because Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for "springtime,"

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probably due to the time of year that it is observed. During the Lenten season, Christians spend time in prayer, fasting, and giving. We pray during Lent specifically to repent of our sins and to receive God's mercy and love.

Fasting, then, is probably what most people in the 21st century associate with Lent. I know that, even in high school and college, I would hear people saying something along the lines of "what are you giving up for Lent?" And this fasting doesn't necessarily have to be, and oftentimes isn't, connected to food. Some people might do a more traditional fast like giving up meat or sweets; but some might do something like giving up their daily Starbucks, or Day-O, coffee, giving up scrolling social media like Facebook or Instagram, giving up watching TV, etc.

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Set your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 10.

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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.



Each Communion Sunday the Deacons prepare the Communion Table. As Pastor Keith officiates, Elders and Deacons then serve the elements to the congregation. Deacons have also resumed providing Home Communion to homebound parishioners who have requested it. Victoria Dinesh-Balaraman is coordinating the visits, so if you know someone who would enjoy Home Communion or wish to accompany the Deacons during a home visit, please contact Victoria at 951-852-9618 (cell).

Several Deacons volunteer to bring food and assist the various Elders in charge of Fellowship Hour each week. Additionally, with help from **many** volunteers who brought food, helped set up tables, prepared food trays, and helped clean up, Rose Shaffer coordinated the Memorial luncheon/receptions on February 10 for the Bob Fooshee family and February 24 for the Arlene Cunningham family, both of whom expressed their appreciation for the efforts of everyone who participated.

Led by our Treasurer Denella Kimura, the Deacon Fund Committee approves funds used to purchase materials for these events, as well as offers confidential financial assistance for the emergency needs of our congregation (contact Denella at 707-319-3110). The Deacon Fund is also a founding supporter of Interfaith, which provides services for Tuolumne County residents. We are very grateful for the generous donations to the Deacon Fund so we can continue our ministry to this congregation.

In Christ's service,
Doreen Bass, Deacon Secretary

February 1 through February 29, 2024 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Total Income	\$17,865.10	\$15,463.71	(\$2,401.39)
Expense	\$21,619.83	\$22,708.52	\$1,088.69
Mortgage Balance as of February 29			\$65,060.20
Minimum Required Mortgage Payment:			\$245.00
Additional Principal paid Feb. 1 - Feb. 29:			\$100.00

Chancel Ringers

The 49er Chancel Ringers continue to practice music for Easter Sunday March 31 in the Lower Sanctuary at noon each Sunday (except on March 10 we'll start at 12:45 after the Deacon meeting).

We need one more ringer! Music is color-coded for the notes each person plays. Come ring your praises to God and have fun with us! Contact Doreen Bass at 209-352-3096.



49er Family News

The **Men's Breakfast** scheduled for March 2nd was canceled due to inclement weather. The next no-host Men's Breakfast will be April 6 at 8:30 am at Papa's New Roost in East Sonora.

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.



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 17 Lily Harris McMurray
- Mar 19 Glenda Balmet
- Mar 25 Denella Kimura
- Mar 30 Berna Hamilton

Happy Anniversary!

Sally and Bill Tullar
26 years on March 14



Parish Nursing

Ozell Gilmore, Parish Nurse, will provide free **Blood Pressure Checks** on Sunday, March 10, in Faith Hall following the worship service.

Line Dancing

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



The J.O.Y Club — for all of you "Just Older Youth," our next dinner will be Monday, March 18, at 6:30 pm at Emberz Wood-Fired Foodz in downtown Sonora.

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



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!

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



From the Pastor

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But, whatever a person decides to give up for Lent, the point of doing it is two-fold. First, you are, in an extremely small way, making a sacrifice as a way to remind you of Christ's sacrifice for you. Second, you are using this time of fasting to take your attention away from whatever thing you are fasting from, and instead focusing it on God; the time of fasting is meant to be a time where your relationship with your Creator and Lord grows ever deeper. Giving, or self-sacrificing, whether that is giving money, giving of your time through volunteering, or doing something else good for others during the Lenten season, is a way for us to respond to God's generosity to, and love for, us by showing that same generosity and love to others.

The reason that many Christians do these things during the 40 days before Easter is because it can make Christ's sacrifice and His resurrection and

victory much more real and poignant when we remember those things on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, respectively. These observances during the Lenten season are not requirements, they are not commanded anywhere in Scripture, but they can enhance and deepen our respect, love, and admiration for Jesus and what He accomplished on our behalf those 2000 or so years ago. It is not necessarily important what you fast from, for example, nor is it even really important that you fast; what is important is that you spend time during the Lenten season reflecting on the love God has for you, the sacrifice Christ made for you, and that you focus on how you can strengthen and deepen your relationship with Him.

Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan so that He would know exactly what we all have to endure in this sinful world; He spent 40 days being tempted in the wilderness so that He could be the sinless, perfect sacrifice to atone for our sins. So, the 40 days of Lent remind us that we should spend our lives gratefully and dutifully serving Him as our Savior.

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

Pastor Keith



- March 24, 10:00 am: Palm Sunday
- March 28, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday
- March 29, 12 noon: Good Friday
- March 31, 10:00 am: Easter Sunday

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.

March 3

Communion

OT: Habakkuk 3:17-19
Sermon: Philippians 4:2-9

March 10

OT: Jonah 1:17-2:10
Sermon: Philippians 4:10-23

March 17

NT: John 10:11-18, 27-30
Sermon: Psalm 23

March 24

Palm Sunday

OT: Zechariah 9:9-17
Sermon: Matthew 21:1-11

March 28, 7 pm

Maundy Thursday

OT: Exodus 12:1-4
Homily: Matthew 26:17-30

March 29, 12 noon

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

March 31

Easter Sunday

OT: Job 19:23-27
Sermon: Mark 16:1-8

We continue to need all the items listed last month, that is, warm clothing, bedding, toiletries, etc. We are seeing an increase in clients, so our needs continue to also increase. Anything you pass along will be greatly appreciated.

Several of our regular volunteers are experiencing health issues and are unable to come work in their department. For that reason, this month I am asking that you pray for those not able to come in, that their health turns around and we can once again have enough people to help in each department.

Don't hesitate to come talk to me at church about how you can help Interfaith meet the needs of our Tuolumne County residents.

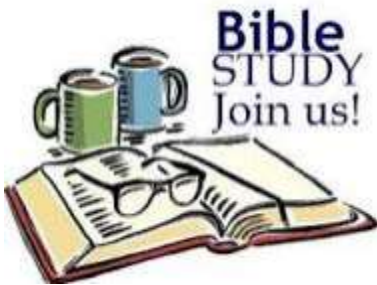
Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

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 reported this past month was especially busy: "We served 360 individuals and 154 families. We welcome donations of non-expired canned goods as well as rice, beans, pasta and other dry goods."

Michelle Kidwell, Food Pantry Liaison



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*!

Women's Bible Study

Judy Nason teaches a Bible Study for women on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 3 in the Christian Education building. March 6 is a review of *Exodus*, and a review of *Leviticus* will be March 13 and 20. There will be no class on March 27 as Session meets that day.

He Saved A Wretch Like Me

Broken and bloodied
He took those pieces
Shattered in shards
And created something
Of beauty.

Saved and set
Free

Not mere words
He wiped that
Slate clean
Gave me the
Hope of eternity.

His grace
So amazing
It takes something
Broken
And makes it beautiful
Soul cleansing
Heart free
Beauty.

He took
My hand
Led the way
Saving a wretch
Like me

But he took
All that was
Dirty
And washed
It clean.

He gave me
A new song
A beautiful melody
Saved a wretch
Like me!

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11th Commandment

By Dick Dyer, 49er Historian

Friends, I have been examining author James M. Hutchings' conclusion in his MINERS' COMMANDMENTS published in 1853; I am including my version of his publication with some editing of the presentation. This interesting personal narration by author Hutchings seems to be Columbia's rendering of the Biblical Ten Commandments. I note he includes an "11th Commandment" for us as well as the early sojourners in the Mother Lode's gold mines. His message "...if thou hast a wife and little ones, that thou loves dearer than thy life—that thou keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward until thou canst say, 'I have enough, God bless them—I will return. So mote it be!' A Forty-Niner, Amen."

Our story begins during bygone days with information from several eminent historians' publications in the early years. Once upon a time in the Old West, historians have described a multitude of personal hardships confronting the pioneers as they adjusted to hostile environments. However, it is evident some humanitarian characteristics have revealed somewhat of a "happy tale" did endure. Woodrow Wilson wrote, "The West has been the great word of our history." I hasten to add, this has been about historic places and events in the majestic Sierra Mountains including Sonora and Columbia.

Perhaps the "greatest interpreter" of the Old West was Frederick Jackson Turner. He wrote, the "molding of America's character was a result of the FRONTIER EXPERIENCE; his message became a 'trendsetter' for other historians at their universities and in their popular publications.

Later California author John Caughey's GOLD IS THE CORNERSTONE describes pioneers contributing to the development of the Mother Lode as a time of "history in the making" in the Old West and historic Columbia including the Church of the 49ers. This legacy continues as we "echo the glorious frontier past" in our story of the Gold Rush decades. Those exciting times are being recreated from the valuable resources in our archives and state-wide historical organizations for narrators and researchers.

Dick Dyer



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We will be needing new volunteers as we prepare to have a church nursery available again. Please let me know if you are interested in taking care of children from birth to age 2 during worship.

There are many opportunities to volunteer during the month of March:

- March 10 — one volunteer for CE1
- March 31 (Easter) — one volunteer in CE1, and one in CE2.
- Every Tuesday evening during Pastor Keith's Bible Study.

Sunday School Supply Needs for March:

- March 10 — 10 jacks or 10 spinning tops
 - Cotton filling
- March 17 — Apple juice, fruit, cheese crackers, dowel rods
- March 24 (Palm Sunday) — No supply needs
- March 31 (Easter Sunday):
 - Transparency Film
 - Colored Permanent Markers
 - 2 old pillows

Karla Reid

Director of Children's Ministries

Editor's Note:

The *Miners' Ten Commandments* were written by James Hutchings and first published in the *Placerville Herald* in June 1853. The commandments were later reprinted as a pictorial letter sheet and sold to miners and prospectors who used it as stationary to write letters.

This information and picture were found on the website of Legends of America. The painting depicts Hutchings first Commandment: "Thou shalt have no other claim than one."

Allen Graham, Missionary

Greetings from southwest Ecuador! Thank you for prayers this past month. There has been a significant reduction in violent crimes in the country and especially in Guayaquil. Please keep praying.

Since 2017, I have told you about Ramadan and asked you to be diligently praying. This year, Ramadan begins on March 10. Healthy adult Muslims fast from dawn until dusk. They do so as an act of worship, a chance to get closer to God and a way to become more compassionate to those in need. This includes abstaining from drinking, eating, immoral acts and anger. Other acts of worship such as prayer, reading the Quran and charity are also encouraged during Ramadan, which will end on April 8.

I want to challenge you to pray for the Muslim world at this important time. In 1993, a small group of Christians started a 30-day prayer movement to coincide with Ramadan. Over the last few years, there have been stories about unprecedented numbers of Muslims coming to the Lord. You can find out more and download a modestly-priced

prayer guide at www.pray30days.org. There is also a guide to help children participate in this prayer focus. Here are some key prayer points to consider:

- Pray FOR Muslims and not AGAINST them
- Pray for fear to be replaced by FAITH and LOVE
- Pray for Muslim families, that they would find their hope in Jesus
- Pray for Muslim youth, that they may know the truth and not carry Islam into the next generation
- For families to meet Jesus in this month as they eat and pray together — that they will know Him as the One who gives living water so they will never thirst again
- For the few Christians in many Islamic countries to be encouraged in their faith and be a witness and example in their families and communities
- For the many refugees who are in difficult and often hopeless situations, with desperate physical, emotional and spiritual needs



Thank you for sharing this ministry with me through your generous gifts and most of all through your faithful prayers. Let's join this month to focus on the Muslim world during Ramadan. Next month I'll bring you up to date on the progress of the radio station's new home and other exciting things in the ministry.

Allen

Community Dinner is Wednesday, March 6

The Outreach Committee (includes missions) is bringing back the Community Dinners in Faith Hall. They are now scheduled for the first Wednesday each month March through October, and the first one is March 6. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the buffet dinner is served at 6:00 p.m.

Community Dinners are for members of the community **and** all in the church. Invite your friends and neighbors and spread the word. Suzanne Williamson, one of the organizers, says, "What a wonderful way to reach out to others and put your faith to work!"

If you are interested in helping with the dinner, please talk with Gwen Harris or Ed Clinite, co-chairs of the Outreach Committee, or Suzanne.

Outreach Committee meets on the third Tuesday each month at 2:00 p.m. in CE Room 3, and welcomes all who are interested in missions and outreach. The next meeting is March 19.

Outreach Event: The Lack Family Band will participate in our 10 a.m. worship service on **April 14**. Following worship a light lunch will be served in Faith Hall, and at 1 pm the Lack Family will present a concert of Christian music, featuring a blend of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs. Invite your friends and family!



Left to right: Marilyn Williams, Helen Johnson, Gary Davis, Susan Pierce, circa 2008. From the archives of the Community Dinner Program, founded by Helen in 2004.

BOOK REVIEW

By Denella Kimura

Are We Living in the End Times?

Biblical Answers to 7 Questions About the Future

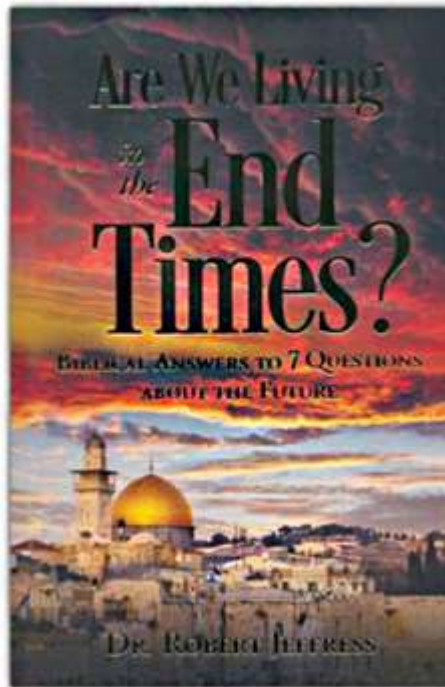
by Dr. Robert Jeffress

Since Pastor Keith came to pastor the Church of the 49ers nearly 5 years ago, he has preached on *Revelations*, *Daniel*, and other scriptures that refer to the end times. The church age is an era that spans from Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit) and Rapture of the Church (when believing Christians meet Jesus in the air). Both the dead in Christ and living Christians leave earth with new bodies, like Christ's body after his resurrection.

Now we have a lot of new people who haven't heard those sermons. So Dr. Robert Jeffress' book, "Are we Living in the End Times?" is a great easy-to-read explanation of what happens in the lead-up to the rapture of the church and after.

"First, the signs of the end times—including international conflict, persecution of believers, and apostasy—are present in every generation," says Jeffress. "Among those signs are wars, plagues, natural disasters, spiritual deception, economic chaos, human evil and suffering." So, how do we know we're in the end times? Everything speeds up in intensity and frequency. Jeffress uses a timeline to lay out events in some order to help us understand God's perfect timing.

The Church Age: Between Pentecost and the Rapture when the Gentiles are invited to participate in the blessings of



the covenant God made with Abraham. That is the age we're living in now. Some call it the Age of Grace.

The Rapture of the Church: When Christians die, their bodies remain on earth, but our spirits go to be with the Lord. According to Paul's description in his letter to the Thessalonians, Christians who died will rise first and be given new spiritual bodies. Then the living believers will rise up, and given new bodies as well. They will meet Jesus "in the air." There are no unfulfilled prophecies that must come to pass before the rapture. Any time now.

The Judgment Seat of Christ: Where Christians are evaluated and rewarded by Christ. When we were saved, our eternal destination is heaven and eternity. The Judgment Seat is more like an awards ceremony for what we did with our lives between salvation and death. Those rewards determine whether we live in a shack or a castle, so to speak.

The Tribulation: A seven year period when God will appoint 144,000 Jews as witnesses to save Jews and Gentiles during the tribulation. There is an

Antichrist, a False Prophet, a beast, a treaty with Israel, an abomination, and a mark of the beast. There will be judgments on unbelievers, horrible catastrophes, wars, and it will all end with the Second Coming of Christ. You don't want to be there.

Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ: A final battle on the plain of Megiddo, Israel, where the nations gather to fight against the Antichrist and his forces. Jesus comes on a white horse, sword piercing from his mouth, dressed in white linen, landing on the Mount of Olives. An army of Christians, also in white linen on horses are with him. Remember reading about Jesus' ascension into heaven just before Pentecost? The angel said, "He will come again just as you have seen him go." Battle over.

The Millennium: The 1000 year reign of Jesus from Jerusalem. At the end, Satan is released to tempt unbelievers born during the millennium to choose between Satan and Jesus. Jesus sends Satan and his followers into the Lake of Fire.

The Great White Throne Judgment: Unbelievers are judged according to their works. If their names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life, they follow Satan and his gang to the lake.

The New Heaven, The New Earth and the New Jerusalem: Heaven for the rest of eternity!

If you want more in-depth answers, Jeffress has Appendices A and B. "A" deals with the rise of Islam and its consequences; and "B" is an in-depth coverage of more questions for the reader. Are we living in the end times? You betcha!

Denella Kimura

Session Highlights from the February 28th meeting

Pastor Keith, reporting on the National Synod Gathering last month, noted that five constitutional amendments were passed. The Presbyteries will be voting to ratify those amendments. Our local Presbytery will be meeting at our church on Saturday, March 9, with registration and breakfast starting at 8:30 am in Faith Hall. The business meeting will be from 9:00 am to noon in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch. Anyone is invited to attend.

The Nominating Committee to select new Elders and Deacons will be meeting for the first time sometime in March. Committee members include Pastor Keith, Elders Gwen Harris and Suzanne Williamson, Deacon Michelle Kidwell, and Covenant Partners Margie Fooshee and Josh Ward.

Holy Week Schedule: Palm Sunday is March 24; Maundy Thursday is March 28 at 6:00 or 7:00 (to be finalized); Good Friday is March 29 at noon; Easter is March 31 with the bell choir playing during the worship service.

The Lack Family will be leading the worship service on Sunday, April 14, followed by lunch in Faith Hall before their concert at 1:00 pm.

Finance report—Jon Whited indicated that January extra expenses reduced the checking account below \$5,000. If this is not a trend, a one-month shortfall is not critical. However, total income is down, so we may have to dip into Legacy reserves. We still haven't received the \$27,000 Covid monies due. Goals for 2024 include 1) conserving spending, 2) cleaning and remodeling the unused rooms in the Christian Education building for future use, and 3) planning for a full-time Youth Administrator due to the growth of the Sunday School program.

Spiritual Growth—Christian Education includes a Women's Bible Study led by Judy Nason on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in CE3, a Tuesday night 6:00 pm study of Isaiah with Pastor Keith in Faith Hall, and Children's Church growth of students ranging in age from toddlers to teenagers. The Committee led by Suzanne Williamson welcomes anyone at their next meeting on Sunday, March 24, at 11:30 am in CE3 to discuss options for the expansion of the program.

Church Life—Judy Nason oversees Fellowship Hour and Welcome activities. She would like to offer Open House for the community to see our Sanctuary, such as during large events like the 4th of July.

Outreach—Gwen Harris would like to provide Missions information and

establish a visual map linking our church with all the places we support. Session agreed that the Welcome Center should be located in a permanent position in Faith Hall to provide a centrally located place for all church-related information. The Outreach Committee is also considering providing a gift bag to visitors that would include materials describing our church community.

Buildings and Grounds—Betty Egan is checking on improving the lighting in the Lower Sanctuary as well as upgrading the restroom sink in the basement. The floor in Faith Hall needs another thick coat of wax to prolong the life of the vinyl floor.

History—Led by Tom Kimura, the committee has been submitting historical stories for the *Golden Nugget*. They also recommend that the melted bell be mounted on a cement slab in front of the church with the historical information.

Personnel—Sharon Poff said they are halfway through the staff job reviews which should be completed in two to three weeks.

Due to the possible adverse weather expected for Sunday, March 3, Session gave Pastor Keith authority to cancel the Sunday service if safety is at risk.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Bass, Co-Clerk of Session

Looking for a fun family adventure after worship Easter Sunday?

You are invited to march in Columbia's Victorian Easter Parade at 1:00 p.m., March 31, or watch from the sidelines on Main Street in Columbia State Historic Park. Parade registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to those in the fanciest old-time costumes, however, anyone (and pets) can join the parade.

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce is also hosting its popular Egg Hunts for

the children: The Small Fry Egg Search (ages 3-5) begins at 12 noon, Junior Egg Poachers (ages 6-8) at 2:00 pm, and Great Egg Scramblers (ages 9-12) at 2:30. Find the golden egg and win a prize! Finally, the Columbia Chamber's Easter Basket Raffle drawing is at 3:00 pm, featuring baskets filled with goodies, generously donated by local businesses.

Contact Leslie Davis if questions.



March 2024 Calendar

Weekly Sunday worship service at 10 am, and:

Mar 3, 11:30 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3
Mar 3, 12 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 5, 10 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 5, 6 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 6, 3 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
Mar 6, 6 pm: Community Dinner in Faith Hall
Mar 7, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 7, 11:00 am: Lunch Bunch at Yianni's
Mar 9, 8:30 am—2 pm: Presbytery Meeting in Faith Hall
Mar 10, 11:30 am: Deacons Meeting in CE Room 3
Mar 10, 12:45 pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 12, 10 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 12, 6 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 13, 3 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
Mar 14, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 17, 11:00 am: Birthday/Anniversary Celebration in FH

Mar 17, 12 noon: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 17, 1 - 3:30 pm: Just Dance in Faith Hall
Mar 18, 6:30 pm: JOY Club at Emberz in Sonora
Mar 19, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 19, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
Mar 19, 2:00 pm: Outreach/Missions in CE Room 3
Mar 19, 6:00 pm: Pastor Keith's Bible Study in Faith Hall
Mar 20, 3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study in CE Room 3
Mar 21, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
Mar 24: **PALM SUNDAY**
Mar 24, 11:30 am: Spiritual Growth in CE Room 3
Mar 24, 12 noon: Handbell Rehearsal in Lower Sanctuary
Mar 26, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 3
Mar 26: **Pastor Keith's Bible Study CANCELED**
Mar 27, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in CE Room 3
Mar 27, 3:00 pm: **Women's Bible Study CANCELED**
Mar 28, 7:00 pm: **MAUNDY THURSDAY** service in sanctuary
Mar 29, 12 noon: **GOOD FRIDAY** service in sanctuary
Mar 31: **EASTER SUNDAY**



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