

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A Word from the Pastor



November 2019

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.’”

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

This month, we continue our Stewardship Campaign; and, as such, I want us to take some time to think about “stewardship” and what it means. What do you think of when you hear the word “stewardship” mentioned in church? If you are like most people, you probably associate “stewardship” with “tithing,” so you think about money and finances; and, certainly, finances do play an important part of stewardship. However, even though our Stewardship Campaign is largely focused on the pledging of monetary donations for the upcoming year, the word “stewardship” entails so much more than money. The Greek word that is used in the New Testament that has been transliterated as “steward” is “oikonomos.” This word means “the manager of a house or household affairs.” Basically an “oikonomos” did not own the house

with which they were charged to oversee. Rather, they were tasked with managing someone else’s house, from cleaning, to managing finances, to overseeing servants.

The question then becomes, what does any of this have to do with the Christian life? Why does the New Testament compare Christians with these First Century stewards? It makes this comparison because we are not our own, everything we have, our church, our home, our money, even our life itself, is on loan from God who has entrusted us to manage these assets for His glory. So, when we talk about “stewardship” from a Biblical perspective, we are not simply talking about finances; nor are we are not making a direct connection with tithing, though tithing is an important part of stewardship. Rather, what we are talking about is utilizing *all* that God has blessed you with for His glory and for the good of others; this includes your money, your talents, your wisdom, your experience, your life. Stewardship means, rather than being stingy or hoarding God’s gifts, we utilize all of them properly for the advancement of His kingdom.

And, honestly, that is exactly where and how our Stewardship Campaign fits into God’s overall calling to be good stewards of all of our gifts. This

wonderful and historic Church of the 49ers is not our church, it is God’s church. God has given us this church as a place where we can worship Him and become equipped to minister to those in this community who are lost. Since this is God’s church, and since God has created and called His church to be a witness and minister to Him, it is our job, as stewards of His church, to make certain that we are managing it in such a way that it accomplishes the mission its rightful Owner and Master has given it. And how do we do that? We do it by giving of all that God has blessed us with; by utilizing our time, our talents, our wisdom and experience, and, yes, our finances, to accomplish the mission that God has given to us as His church. Our church cannot effectively minister to either our covenant partners or to the community around us without the support of people like each one of you. It is only through your financial donations, your volunteering of your time and talents, your wisdom, experience, and ideas that we, the Church of the 49ers, can truly be a beacon of light in a cold, dark world for so many people. God calls us to abound in every good work, to freely scatter our gifts to the poor, and we need you to fulfill this calling.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Church of the 49ers,
where God is the gold. We serve
and worship God in spirit and in the
truth of the scriptures. We live by faith
and will be known by our love
for others and our voice of hope.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through September 30, 2019 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$186,163	\$180,399	(\$5,764)
Expense	\$181,464	\$174,862	(\$6,602)

Net Ordinary Income as of September 30: **\$5,537.14**
Mortgage Balance as of September 30: **\$79,069.62**
Sept. 2019 Mortgage Principal Payment: **\$1,406.98**

October Session Highlights

Highlights of the October 23rd
Session meeting include:

Announcement of eight new Cove-
nant Partners (members) to our
congregation. We welcome Doreen
Bass, Carol Kidwell, Larry and Pat
Lincoln, Karla Reid, Judy Scott, and
Jim and Sandie Spicer as of October
6, 2019.

Session approved the request by
Buildings & Grounds to proceed
with a bid to make needed repairs
to the Bell Tower. Additional bids
are required for gutter/downspout
replacement.

The Fellowship committee received
permission to hold a fundraiser in
February or March 2020, with pro-
ceeds going toward replacing the
stage in Faith Hall.

The next Session meeting will be on
November 20th, 2019, at 2:00 pm in
the Lower Sanctuary, and members
are welcome to attend. Check with
the Office first for the correct start
time and location.

Diane Brandt, Clerk of Session

Let's Decorate the Sanctuary!

Sheri Pendleton has ideas for decorating the sanctuary for the Thanks-
giving season, but would like some assistance. Are you available Thurs-
day, November 7th? If so, contact
Sheri by calling the church office at
532-2441 and leave a message for her.

We also will be decorating for the Ad-
vent season, i.e., putting up our brand
new Christmas tree, and decorating
with garlands and Christmas lights and
bows. The first Sunday of Advent is
December 1, and typically we have the
"Hanging of the Greens" the Sunday before, immediately following wor-
ship. But there are already activities scheduled on November 24
(cooking for the Thanksgiving Feast, Fellowship Committee meeting, a
theatre outing). How about a decorating party some time on November
29 or 30?



Line Dancing

Carolyn Sylva teaches a FREE Line Dancing Class once per
week in Faith Hall - from 9:30 to 10:30 am every Wednes-
day. If you're looking for a fun way to exercise, come on
down to Faith Hall and join us. And bring your friends too!

49er Family News

Congratulations!

Brian and Jessica Annett welcomed their new son, **Vincent Wilding Annett**, born September 18. His siblings are Jimmy, Angie and Taylor.

We will miss you...

At the end of October **Pamela Austin** said goodbye to her new friends at the Church of the 49ers, especially those she worked with as a dedicated volunteer for Community Dinners, and moved back to her home in Washington State. Also, we are sad to report that **Bob and Carol Rogers** just moved to their new home in Vacaville to live closer to family. The office can provide their new address if you'd like to contact them.

Stewardship Campaign

Recently the annual Stewardship letter from Pastor Keith was sent out with an enclosed pledge card. If you did not receive it, and would like one, please contact the office at 532-2441. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks.

Stewardship Sunday is November 24. So that the Finance Committee and Session can finalize the 2020 budget before the end of the year, please hand-deliver or mail your pledge card to the office or place it in the offering plate any Sunday in November (in an envelope for privacy).

Members of the Finance Committee will combine the pledge amounts 'received with estimates of other sources of income, such as restricted giving and church use fees and rent. On the expense side, we will develop

estimates of operating expenses, such as staff payroll, insurance and utilities, and consider the budgets submitted by each of the church's committees. The goal is to develop a balanced budget under which our estimates of combined income exceed our estimates of combined operating and committee expenses. Just like each of our households, if our estimates of income do not exceed our estimated expenses, we will have to cut our costs in some manner. Let us pray that is not required.

This process may take some time to finalize and it will require approval by the Finance Committee and Session in December. Once these two groups have agreed on a budget, the budget will be presented to the congregation for final approval during the Annual Meeting in January 2020.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to the PW general meeting and potluck in Faith Hall Thursday, November 7, 11:00 am. Ladies who can assist with set-up and/or clean-up are appreciated

We'll review Chapters 3, 4 and 5 in the New Testament book of Romans.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are welcome to meet for a no-host breakfast at Brooks Ranch Restaurant on Mono Way in Sonora Saturday, November 9, 8:00 am.

November Birthdays

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

Nov 3	David Stearns
Nov 4	Sharon Bickell
Nov 4	Valerie Gurney
Nov 8	Mary Chalmers
Nov 9	Jan DeMassey
Nov 11	David Harris
Nov 13	Bernice Ray
Nov 14	Jimmy Bryant
Nov 18	Carolyn Weber
Nov 21	Fred White
Nov 21	Sandy Richardson
Nov 22	Arlene Cunningham
Nov 22	Nick Walls
Nov 24	Carol Rogers
Nov 28	Mary Adams
Nov 28	Trisha Adams

Happy Anniversary!

Bob and Betty Sagaser
40 years on November 21



Parish Nursing

Valerie McCale, Parish Nurse, will provide free Blood Pressure Checks on Sunday, November 10, following worship, right inside the door in Faith Hall.

Sermons and Scripture

This is the final month of Pastor Keith's series of sermons which have taken a closer look at 1 and 2 Timothy as well as Titus to gain a deeper understanding of the letters that Paul wrote to these young pastors. Through these sermons, we see many of the ways that God has commanded His church, both in the first century and today, to organize themselves and to worship Him.

The title of the series is "The Pastoral Epistles: God's Advice for His Church." The Scriptures and sermon titles for the month of November are:

November 3

Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Timothy 4:1-22
"An Enduring Charge"

November 10

Deuteronomy 1:9-1; Titus 1:1-16
"Never Fail to Do Good"

November 17

Psalms 25:4-15; Titus 2:1-15
"Teach, Teacher"

November 24

Genesis 17:1-8; Titus 3:1-15
"Heirs to Eternity"

Visit the church website at churchofthe49ers.com to listen to any past sermons. Click on "Worship" and then "Sermons" and then the small white triangle on the left underneath each sermon listed. The audio includes the Scripture verses being read and goes right into the sermon.

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But, this giving shouldn't be done begrudgingly or only out of a sense of obligation; it should be done joyfully and with thanksgiving in our hearts knowing that God has promised if we sow generously, we will reap generously. Since God has promised us that, if we generously give of our resources, we will reap the rewards of that generosity. Shouldn't that make us all the more eager and excited to give to Him a portion of anything and everything that we have? I submit to you that it should. The rewards for giving generously of your gifts and talents are both rewards in the here and now and rewards in eternity with Him.

My hope for the Church of the 49ers in 2020 is that we will become an ever-increasing presence in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties and that our witness and ministry will reach more and more lives so desperately in need of Jesus Christ. That we can, with confidence, say that we are doing everything in our power to minister to the lost, make disciples, shepherd believers, and be a force for good and a witness to Jesus Christ in all that we do. I truly believe with all of my heart that we have the right people to accomplish this; we have caring, loving people who truly desire to see the lost of our community come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We, brothers and sisters of the Church of the 49ers, are the right people for this mission and ministry. It is my job, and the job of our Session, to insure that all of us are fully utilizing the gifts that God has given us to accomplish it. That, in a nutshell, is why this Stewardship Campaign is so important, and why our Session and I are so greatly stressing the importance of filling out and returning the pledge cards; it is so that we can make certain that God's church in Columbia, CA, the church that He has entrusted to us to be good stewards of, is accomplishing His mission in this community and in the world.

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

Pastor Keith

Interfaith News



November is here which means that Interfaith is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday as well as the month in general. In talking to

people in charge of the pantry area, I have some things we will be needing more of this time of year. Their suggestions are "Thanksgiving: boxed mashed potatoes, packaged stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, cranberries, packaged gravy, as well as any other items you might serve for a Thanksgiving meal. I've been told that we have a good supply of canned pumpkin and canned milk.

We are low on canned soups, beef or chicken broth, chili or any canned or packaged meals such as stew, etc. If you want to bring any of these items to church, I'll try to have a special basket for you to drop them in - in Faith Hall by the door - and I will take them to Interfaith for you. Thank you for helping our community people in need.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

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October in Review

October 2019 was a big month for the Church of the 49ers, including: Eight people were welcomed into membership during the October 6th Inquirers' Class hosted by the Welcome & Evangelism Committee. See image at bottom of page.



Pastor Keith Reid was formally ordained as a reverend on October 13, with his father, Rev. Dr. Roger Reid, and mother, Becky Reid, in attendance from Tennessee. Following his vows, Sharon Poff and retired pastor Janet Russell presented Keith with a pulpit robe and two reversible stoles providing all four liturgical colors - a gift from the congregation.



Following the ordination ceremony, about 75 guests enjoyed a buffet brisket dinner cooked by Deb Handy and assistants. Here is Pastor Keith holding son Travis, with his wife Karla and daughters Ella and Hailey, after the brand new street sign insert was revealed.



The W&E Committee also updated the Visitors Brochure and distributed copies to interested persons who stopped by the church's booth at the Tuolumne County Health Fair October 16 and 17.



New Members were introduced during worship October 27, following baptism of Judy Scott by Pastor Keith. Left to right: Rev. Keith Reid, Judy Scott, Carol Kidwell, Doreen Bass, Karla Reid, Pat and Larry Lincoln. Not pictured: Sandie and Jim Spicer.

Fellowship News

The final stage production at Murphys Creek Theatre in 2019 is **"The Game's Afoot,"** described as "a suspense thriller worthy of Sherlock Holmes, but wrapped up in a stylish screwball comedy." I am organizing a theatre outing to see this play in Murphys at 2:00 pm Sunday afternoon, **November 24**. Ticket prices are a reasonable \$24 for adults or \$22 for those of us over 65. But it's even better, as I was given six free tickets in return for taking publicity photos for the theatre. If you want one of the free tickets, sign up quickly! I will have a sign-up sheet available each Sunday, or contact me at davisgold@gmail.com or 532-6604. We will carpool from the church at 1:15 that day - plenty of time for lunch in Columbia after the worship service. Your friends are welcome too!



Coming Up in December

The annual **"Sounds of the Season" concert by the Columbia College Community Chorus** with orchestra is the first weekend of December (December 6-8) at the Sonora Opera Hall: Fri 7:30 pm, Sat 3:00 pm, Sun 3:00 pm. Most of our church's 49er Chancel Choir members also sing in the Community Chorus and will have tickets available for \$12 presale (\$15 if purchased at the door).

Las Posadas Nativity Procession: December 8, 5:30 pm in Columbia State Historic Park

Helen Johnson Monday Night Dinners

On Monday, November 25, we will be serving our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, prepared under the supervision of Kathy Sudduth and with the help of four or five Columbia College students, and, of course, our many volunteers who faithfully help us regularly on Monday evenings. We will be serving a traditional turkey dinner with the many side dishes and both pumpkin and apple pie!

In the past few years we have averaged around 140-160 dinners for the Thanksgiving Feast. This year we are expecting to serve approximately 175 meals...and yes, that's a lot of food and a lot of cooking and preparation! This is one of our favorite meals to serve, however, as always, we are asking for some help from our faithful church family!

We are asking for donations of **turkeys** again this year, preferably between **18- and 24-lb birds**. They should be going on sale soon at all the different markets, so keep your eyes open. We will make some announcements in church when we see the sales beginning to be advertised. We also are asking for donations

of **frozen pies, both pumpkin and apple**. I would suggest that we not begin bringing these items (especially the pies) to the church until at least the week of November 10th...just to be on the safe side in case of power outages!

In addition, we always need additional people for some of the extra tasks for this special meal. If you would like to help us on Sunday (11/24) after church, or Monday (11/25) any time of the day (8 am – 8pm) please contact Margie on her cell (770-5822) or see her after church. WE try very hard to not overwork anyone..."Many hands make light work."

We are so thankful for all of you who over the years have helped with this endeavor! We appreciate all the help you have provided and the donations of turkeys, pies and other needed items. And of course, ***you are welcome to join us for a meal on this special Monday!***

**Suzanne Williamson and
Margie Fooshee, Co-chairs**



Thanksgiving Feast 2018

Everyone,

It is time to do some upkeep in the Faith Hall Kitchen. Suzanne and I need HELP, PLEASE!

We need help reorganizing the two back rooms and drawers in the kitchen. I will take on the task of cleaning the stove tops, but other tasks needing volunteers are: Wiping down some walls, and the refrigerators and freezer exteriors. Also, clean behind the stoves and stainless steel tables, and clean the vinyl dining chairs in Faith Hall.

Work days are Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9 am to noon, and Friday, Nov. 8, 9 am to noon. Please call me at 770-5822 or 532-5822 or send email to mfou@kayjayco.com.

Margie Fooshee

Mission Committee

The mission committee had a busy October meeting. Nora Neves attended and shared information about the history and status of Presbyterian Women. The committee was thrilled and honored to receive a \$1,500 donation from PW. We recognize the amount of work it took for them to raise the money through the August yard sale and we are grateful for their generosity.

We also heard from Boyd Patterson with Adult Teen Challenge. They are just weeks away from opening a faith-based facility in Jamestown, which would house 5-6 men, seeking help with addictions. The men would be housed for 6 weeks prior to moving to a long-term facility run by the organization in Turlock. Adult Teen Challenge has a good working relationship with Spiritual Roads, another organization we support. The committee voted to donate \$1,000 to Adult Teen Challenge.

Aaron Rasmussen, who heads up Vets Helping Vets, also talked to the Mission Committee. He presented the church with a framed Norman Rockwell print entitled "Freedom of Religion" as a way to thank our church for our continued support. We voted to donate \$1,400 to help with an emergency need of a Tuolumne County vet.

Additional money will be given in the amount of \$500 to Columbia Elementary School's emergency fund. This money is used to provide basic needs for their students such as: shoes, jackets, clothes, hygiene products and lice kits. We will also send \$500 to Nancy's Hope.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at 2:00. Our guest will be Joe Aldridge, Superintendent of Columbia Elementary School.

Judy and Roger Houghton
Mission Committee Co-Chairs

"Gratitude is like a food group. It is essential for being alive."

By Henry Winkler (found in the November 2019 issue of Guideposts)

News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Happy November,
Church of the 49ers family!

Thank you for praying for my trip to participate in the partners meeting with those involved in our online Arabic media ministry. It was so good to be with the production and follow-up teams in person once again. God has brought together a highly gifted group of servants.

It was especially exciting to hear about the spiritual impact of the online radio broadcasts. So far this year, 52 women have made a decision to follow Jesus as their Savior! Remember, in a Muslim context, this is not a simple, easy decision to make. In addition, 34 of them are currently being discipled using the social media tool, WhatsApp. This allows a secure way of communicating with these new believers without putting their lives and liberty at risk. Please be praying for these women as they grow in their newfound faith.

In the follow-up center, pieces of paper are taped to the walls with short quotes from the messages sent by a few of these new believers. This is done as a reminder to the team of why they do what they do. I wish I could show you a picture of this team and the quotes that are posted, but I can't because of security reasons. However, here is the English translation of just a few of the quotes:

- *The deeper I go in God's Word, the more I dive into stores and seas of treasures.*
- *The first time I held the Holy Bible, it felt as if I were holding life in my hands!*
- *The Word is the key to life.*
- *Your talk is so full of encouragement and power. It sparks hope!*
- *I felt as if I were drowning and then someone extended his hand to me and pulled me out.*
- *I'm in deep gratitude to God because He loves me.*

Mid-November I will be meeting with colleagues and workers from a partner organization in a closed-access country. Please pray for safety as we travel and for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek out future ministry opportunities together.

Thanksgiving is coming up this month, so let me take this moment to once again thank you for your prayers and gifts to make possible my ministry with Reach Beyond. I'm blessed to walk this journey together with you.

Allen



A Selfie of Allen in Madrid

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History of the Christian Education Building

Holy Holy, for this issue of the Golden Nugget, the two chairmen of the History Committee have agreed to describe the 49er Church's Christian Education Building -- past and present. "In the beginning," if you paid attention to what is going on at the church lately you know that work is underway to rejuvenate the old Christian Education Building. The History Committee thought this would be an appropriate time to provide a synopsis of the history of part of our campus.

First, this article begins with THE BOX. It is a large cardboard container located in a dark corner of the church archives, located in Faith Hall. It contains the meticulous records of Cal Critchfield, the promoter, organizer and overseer for erecting the Christian Education Building. The planning meetings for this new campus structure began in 1981. At that time, aging Ramont Hall was woefully inadequate for almost 100 young Sunday School pupils and several adult groups worshipping at the building. (After many years, Ramont Hall was replaced by a more adequate Faith Hall in 2001.)

Cal was a retired realtor and had been manager of several previous church projects. In order to save money, all work on the proposed project was to be done by church volunteers -- "old timers, the troopers." (Eventually the amount spent was about \$150,000.) The volunteers would be supervised in the construction of the building by a paid contractor. Before the work began, Cal organized a successful fundraising drive, met with various government officials and consulted neighboring property owners. A few minor adjustments of adjoining properties were required. One church neighbor was Vada Carpenter who was located at the lowermost part of a small hill. (Recall, she was the Sunday School Superintendent and one of the teachers.)



Cal Critchfield in 2011

One worker remarked, "We invaded her territory," however Vada became one of many supporters of the project. All agreed, in the early days Cal did almost everything: he was a "paper and people dynamo," raising funds, paying bills, reporting to church Session and visiting the construction site regularly. (THE BOX of his records continued to grow to several dozens of church and official records along with photographs.)

The project's general contractor was church member Warren Van Bolt -- burly, blond, bearded. This was his only

job for almost a year -- five days a week for eight hours or more each day. (Later, Warren was supervisor of Summerville High School's maintenance department for many years.)

Once construction began, the work was completed in about eight months. The architect's plan was "well thought out" and "followed closely." It was for a structure of traditional design: an "erect box" of two floors with windows, siding and outside passageways. The rooms were small; two larger rooms were available in both levels by removing panels separating adjacent rooms. There were no serious injuries during construction, just a few "bumps and scrapes." It should be noted, there was no vandalism or theft of tools and materials left on the job site during the night. The small hill next to Vada's house required some blasting and "cut and fill" work. During the entire project there were no complaints from her or the other neighbors.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony for Christian Education Building May 17, 1981

Left to right: Vada Carpenter, unknown man, Warren Van Bolt, Youth Pastor Rev. Marc Andresen, Senior Pastor Rev. Jim McCluskey

CE Building

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The dedicated volunteers were an interesting group (no names will be included). One, "Scared to death of heights," volunteered to help with the roofing. The Superintendent of Sonora High School assisted even though he was visually impaired. A retired Air Force officer who was on dialysis helped remove the debris. A commercial artist used a pick and shovel to erect a rock wall. Also, a retired construction worker maneuvered heavy vehicles in preparation of the site. Additionally, the church pastor participated, but announced "he was better off preaching." Finally, two church members photographed the historic events for the archives. And, of course, diligent Cal received bills, paid them, and organized the information in THE BOX. From time to time, the church women joined the men - providing them with lunches and snacks; several even helped paint and

nail flooring. Others assisted in clean-up projects. It should be noted that Sally Van Bolt (daughter of Helen Johnson), the busy wife of Warren and mother of several young children, assisted when she had time.

In a recorded interview in 1997, Warren reminisced about the project. It was a time of "good fellowship," some became good friends while all helped by serving in a "common goal" on behalf of the church. Warren said, "it was a great experience" and "taught me a lot about myself working with people of various skills." He did admit that, "I don't know that I would do another volunteer labor" job again. When asked about any shortcomings, he responded that "more light in the lower rooms" was needed and a "better central heat and air conditioning" system should have been a part of the original plan.

In recent years, the venerable building has been host for various church and community functions: Bible study; pre-school children during Sabbath services; a preschool sponsored by the church, then a private preschool, Nancy's Hope Community Center & Thrift Store, two resident Sextons, Boy Scouts, storage renters.

Certainly now we look to the future--our rejuvenated Christian Education Building will continue the original church's Good News to our neighbors.

Darrol Davis and Dick Dyer
History Committee Co-Chairs



Christian Education Building in July 2018

Adopt A Room Campaign Update

In the October *Golden Nugget*, the Adopt A Room Campaign was introduced - with the goal of refurbishing three classrooms and two restrooms on the main floor of the Christian Education building so that our children in the church have a clean safe place for Sunday School.

I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have contributed monetarily to this project: LeMoine Kent, Jean Peters, Bob and Betty Sagaser, Dean and Arlene Cunningham, Diane Green, Sharon Poff, Leslie and Gary Davis, and Don and Kathryn Ozenbaugh who generously offered to have new vinyl plank floor coverings installed in all three classrooms. In addition, laborers have been Diane Green and Dick Coffin, Sharon Poff, Nick Valenta, Doreen Bass, Leslie and Gary Davis. Names of all donors and laborers will be engraved on a plaque.

The new floors will be installed during the second week of November and we're attempting to add primer and paint to the walls and ceilings before then - after spending some days just scrubbing and digging out nails and staples and applying Spackle to all of the holes. With new floors, smooth freshly painted walls, and custom curtains sewn up by Diane Green, the first two rooms will be perfect for a nursery and Sunday School classroom respectively, and Room 3 will make a great meeting room and church library.

To finish this project, however, additional donors are sought, especially to help with the purchase of mini-splits for each classroom - a relatively inexpensive way to heat and cool the rooms. We received three bids for the mini-splits and opted to go with the Gatewood HVAC bid for \$8,340 (including required permits).

At this moment, we're shy about \$2,500 to pay for the mini-splits, and baseboards, etc. If you've been thinking you'd like to help with this project, now is the time to let us know so we can get the mini-split installation booked.

Remember, though, the Adopt A Room project is totally separate from the church's Stewardship Campaign also happening this month. This is a completely voluntary way you can help to improve our campus if you choose to donate money or labor. If you'd like a tour of the rooms, just ask.

Until we can complete the classrooms and at least one of the restrooms in the Christian Education building, the children are meeting in the Ramont Room, a rather small and cramped space. And the church committees are scrambling to find adequate meeting space elsewhere on campus.

Leslie Davis, Project Manager

November Calendar

Sunday meetings begin 30 minutes after worship ends

RR = Ramont Room FH = Faith Hall CE3 = Christian Ed Bldg
SNR = Sadie Nicholls Room LS = Lower Sanctuary (basement)

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| <p>1 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR; Handbell rehearsal 3:00 pm in LS</p> <p>3 Worship 10:00 am, Communion, 49er Choir sings; Worship Committee 11:30 am in CE2; Sunday School meeting 11:30 am in LS</p> <p>4 History Committee 9:30 am in CE3; Bible Study 5:00 pm in CE3; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR</p> <p>6 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH</p> <p>7 PW General Meeting and Potluck 11:00 am in FH</p> <p>8 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR, Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 pm in LS</p> <p>9 Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8:00 am at Brooks Ranch Restaurant</p> <p>10 Worship 10:00 am; Deacons meeting 11:30 am in LS</p> <p>11 VETERANS DAY - Office is closed. Bible Study 5:00 pm in CE3, Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH, Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR</p> <p>13 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH</p> | <p>15 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 pm in LS</p> <p>17 Worship 10:00 am, 49er Choir sings; Welcome & Evangelism 11:30 am in CE3; "Just Dance" 1 to 4 pm in FH</p> <p>18 Bible Study 5:00 pm in CE3; Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR</p> <p>19 Finance Committee 1:00 pm in Office; Mission Committee 2:00 pm in LS</p> <p>20 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session meeting 2:00 pm in LS</p> <p>22 49er Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am in SNR; Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 pm in LS</p> <p>24 Worship 10:00 am, Handbells play; Fellowship Committee 11:30 am in CE3; Theatre production in Murphys 2:00 pm</p> <p>25 Bible Study 5:00 pm in CE3; Thanksgiving Feast Community Dinner 6:00 pm in FH; Spiritual Roads 7:00 pm in SNR</p> <p>27 Line Dancing 9:30 am in FH; Session 2:00 pm in LS</p> <p>28 THANKSGIVING DAY - Office is closed.</p> <p>29 Office is closed.</p> |
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Sundays 10 am — Worship Service in Sanctuary, followed by Fellowship Time in Faith Hall. **Children's Sunday School**— Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Moment in worship. Nursery is available every Sunday.

Mondays

6 pm — Community Dinner served in Faith Hall. All welcome.

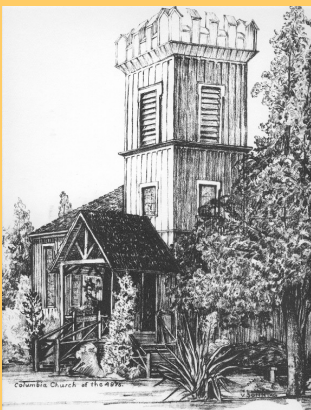
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8:30 am — Intercessory Prayer in Pastor Keith's Office

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