



"The Grapevine"

MAY

Flower Calendar

MAY 5

Ina Brekke-Danforth

MAY 12

George & Kathleen Buffleben

MAY 19

Anonymous

MAY 26

Rick & Liz Hanson



Deacon's Barrel Item:

CANNED MEAT/ TUNA

Church Calendar

Ann Swenson's Memorial

Saturday, May 4 @ 2pm

Communion Sunday/ Deacons Offering

Sunday, May 5

Piano Recital – Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, May 11 @ 1pm

Mother's Day 

Sunday, May 12

Men's Breakfast (Four Corner's Restaurant)

Saturday, May 18 @ 8am

Piano Recitals – Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, May 18 @ 1030am & @ 1pm

Pentecost Sunday / Guest Preacher

Sunday, May 19

Church Office Closed Memorial Day – May 27



- 1- Daniel Burnett
- 10- Helen Dubie
- 13- Jill Bailey
- 15- Sandi Clarke
- Alex Pineda
- 16- Mike McLellan
- Brandon Keith



- 1- George & Kathleen Buffleben
- 17- Reiko & David Flanigan
- 22- Harold & Cathie Reich

Pastor's Page:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Spring has finally come to our part of the county. Trees are in bloom (Allergy Issues?) and are beautiful. The fruit trees are about ready to produce the delicious fruits and nuts of the California Central Valley and we will be seeing more sunshine hopefully.

The church now moves to Pentecost and Trinity Sundays, into the season of Pentecost. We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Michele Weisenberger will be preaching on this Sunday. Please remember to wear the color **“Red”** as the color of the season of Pentecost. This is the Sunday that we celebrate the day God's Holy Spirit



was poured upon the early church to empower them for the proclamation of ministry of the Gospel of our Lord. The following Sunday is the when we celebrate the Trinity. This is the time we are to be reminded of the blessing of our Lord the Creator, the worship of God the Savior and Lord of our lives, and the indwelling power and presence of God's Holy Spirit! It is the Holy Spirit of God that fills our hearts with God's love and peace and empowers us to worship our Lord and Savior, and to be empowered to do the work of God's kingdom on earth. there gifts of the Spirit and Fruits of the Spirit that Jesus promised to give to us, his church when he ascended in the eternal presence of God's light and love! Jesus promised not to leave us alone and promised the early church would always be empowered to do God's work of worship, fellowship, and ministry. This is the good news of the Season of Pentecost that Jesus fills our hearts and lives with His presence by the power and work of His Holy Spirit.

May God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and Holy presence of God's Holy Spirit bless us and empower us to bear witness to our Risen Lord and Savior in our everyday lives, so that other may know God's love as well!

See you in worship!

Pastor David

Session...



An offer to purchase both parcels of the new site was presented. The offer was contingent upon the sale of property in Manteca that is owned by the potential buyer. Session discussed the offer and authorized the *ad hoc* new site committee to respond with a counter offer. Unfortunately, the pending sale of the Manteca property may be delayed, and the purchase offer has been withdrawn.

Our Interim Pastor will take one of the Sundays away provided for in his contract, and Rev. Joshua Trautmann, formerly the pastor of the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Modesto and currently the Bridge Presbyter of the Presbytery, will be in the pulpit on June 16th.

The Finance Committee has identified several accounts that have been inactive for an extended period. It had been our practice to transfer the balance of certain special and in-and-out fund accounts to the general fund annually. In the recent past this has not been done, so the committee moved, and Session approved, the transfer of the balances of the following accounts to “other income” in the general fund:

- 1208 Pastor sabbatical sinking fund
- 1214 Presbytery grant fund
- 1258 Miscellaneous income

The balances of the following accounts were authorized to be transferred to account 1269, feeding the hungry:

- 1209 Lunch bunch
- 1265 Wednesday morning Bible study
- 1267 Mission / vegetables

In April we lost two long-time members of our church: Paul McCormick and Onalee Koster. Onalee had the longest tenure, having been a member since joining in 1944.

Feeding the Hungry:

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, we served 58 meals for “Feed the Hungry”. The menu was ham, green salad, banana, bread, cookie, and water. I prepared the ham. Robyn Joseph prepared and donated the green salad. Marie Patterson provided bread and cookies from Tracy Interfaith Ministries. Those who helped me serve were Liz Hanson, Carolyn Gamino, Sunday Borges, Robyn Joseph, Don Burnett, and Marie Patterson.



If you would like to prepare part of a meal, please let me know by the last Tuesday of the month, since I will be putting together the menu and buying the food that we need. If you would like to contribute financially, please be sure to write on your check or envelope “Feeding the Hungry”. Thank you all who help support this way of spreading God’s Love.

Elder, Roy Patterson
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## *In Honor of Mother's Day...*

- *Sooner or later we all quote our mothers.*
- *Any Mother could perform the jobs of several air traffic controllers with ease.*
- *Motherhood...powered by love, fueled by coffee, and sustained by wine.*
- *It's not easy being a mother, if it were easy, fathers would do it!*
- *My mother's menu consisted of, "take it or leave it".*
- *It is important when your children become teenagers to get a dog, so that someone is happy to see you.*
- *The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.*
- *Sometimes I open my mouth and my mother comes out.*
- *Mom; the person that can find anything that's lost.*
- *Motherhood; the ultimate unpaid job with the most demanding boss.*
- *Moms don't wish to sleep like a baby, they wish to sleep like Dads.*

