

Clarksburg Community Church

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¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:13-20

From the Pastor

I was talking to several people recently about *going to church*. The conversations got me thinking about how inadequate the phrase is. *Going to church* makes it sound like an activity, like going to the movies or going to a game or going to a dinner party. But church is not simply another activity that we include in our week or weekend activities. ***We are the church.*** So, on Sundays and at other times, we do not go to church as if it is some place to visit, instead we gather together as people of faith and the family of God in Jesus Christ. No one ever says, "I am going to family today." No, we talk about getting together with the family. Church is about getting together with God as the people of God. Sunday morning is bigger and deeper and much more than going to church, rather it is gathering as the body of Christ in his presence and grace, which makes it a sacred time and place. We are here every Sunday. Don't miss the opportunity to anchor your life and your family's life in the eternal!



Pastor Dennis

Church Website and Email

To access the church's website, Go to www.clarksburgcc.org
Pastor Dennis also has an e-mail address: pastordenniscc@gmail.com

Worship in December Service Begins at 11:00 a.m.		
Dec 4	"Mary" Luke 1.26-38	Communion/ Advent
Dec 11	"Blessed"	Advent
Dec 18	Reading of a Christmas Story	Advent
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:30 PM
Dec 25	"Good News" Luke 2.1-20	Christmas Day

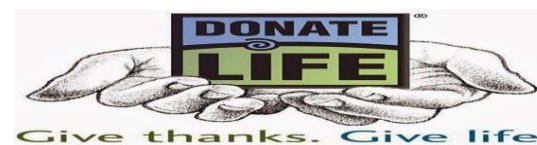


Sunday School Update

So far this year, our Sunday school classes have been on a trip through Genesis. Sunday, October 30th, took a break from the study of Genesis to come together in an inter-generational class to make Scripture cakes, which we then baked during church and served to the congregation. Each table was tasked with finding the ingredient, which was given as a scripture, such as 1 ½ cup Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar). The classes took turns looking up the scriptures and then added the ingredient to the cake mix. While the cakes were baking, we had a great discussion about different translations of the bible and why there were so many different translations. Each cake was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Here is the recipe if you want to give it a try using a NIV translation. Good luck!!! (let me know how you do)

Also, we will be having a Sunday School Christmas Program on December 11th starting at 9:30, where our Sunday school classes will be showing off their talents. The entire church is invited to attend. Come and help us celebrate the Birth of Jesus!

Lana Reynolds



Got a Spare Kidney? Bob Bartron is still looking for a kidney.

If you would like to know more check out: https://www.facebook.com/Kidney-Donation-for-Bob-517310091800730/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Senior Lunch

Can you believe it's December already? Well it is!! So mark your calendars again for the third Tuesday of December (December 20) and join us for lunch at 12:00 noon here at the church. If you have any questions, or need a ride, call Lorna at 744-1617 or call the church office on Thursday or Friday at 744-1422. We look forward to seeing all of you here with us for lunch.

The Senior Lunch Bunch

Great Annual Dinner

Thank you to Stacy Anagnostopoulos and Jennifer Krause for the great job they did putting together this year's Annual Dinner! Thank you also, to Dennis Updegraff for chairing the program portion of the event. The evening was a big success with lots of good food, laughter, singing, and of course pledge cards that were filled out and turned in to our Finance Chairperson.

Thank you also, to everyone for your contributing all the wonderful food and again thank you to Stacy and Jennifer. Job well done.



Church Membership Class

Rev. Montzingo will be offering a Membership Class for anyone interested in becoming a member of the church. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:00 PM here at the church. If you are interested in joining the church, please let Rev. Montzingo know.

Finance Committee Report

At our annual dinner on November 13 we received pledges from 36 families and individuals in support of the 2017 church budget which was approved that morning by the church members. Approximately 70% of the \$174,911 base budget has been pledged as of the middle of November, with a good number of last year's pledgers still to be contacted.

If you have never pledged a contribution to the church and are wondering what this all about; the pledging process gives the church assurance that its expenses next year can be met, and also is a reminder to the membership that they promised a certain amount to the church. Pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary or in Lorna's office. I would be happy to personally deliver a card to anyone who contacts me (offer limited to a 50 mile radius of Clarksburg).

Tom Wallace
744-1125

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Annual Christmas Concert will be presented on Sunday evening, **December 18, at 6:00 PM.** Music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir and the Children's Choirs, as well as instrumentalists and soloists. The musicians have worked long and hard to prepare this concert for the season. So mark your calendars for **December 18, bring a friend and come enjoy the beautiful music of the Christmas season.**



Our Journey to Clarksburg

It was the summer of 1964 and Nell and I were living in a duplex in south Sacramento, each tiny yard in the neighborhood surrounded by six foot high board fences which implied, "Don't you dare look over this fence into our yard"! While shopping for some bread on Freeport Boulevard, a real estate agent next door to the market tried to answer my question as to how to buy a house without having any money. After some discussion he took me across the Freeport Bridge and into the town of Clarksburg, which I didn't know existed. When we drove up North Center Street past yards which seemed to invite neighbors to know each other, I knew we had come home. The little bungalow at the end of the street needed work but was perfect for our family with two little boys. I didn't know how we could come up with the \$600 down payment, but we borrowed the money from my folks and soon were in our \$16,200 home.

Before we moved in, the former owner sat me down and warned me to not get involved in the community—"Just say no!", I didn't listen to him and we jumped in with both feet; Indian guides, cub scouts, boy scouts, little league, church council, choir-- they all kept us busy as our (now) three boys grew up in a Christian home and community.

The point of this story is that Clarksburg Community Church has meant so much to my family and me as we embraced the programs and opportunities it offered. It's more than just another activity, to be weighed on a Sunday against going to the movies, going shopping or for a drive. It is a life-changing commitment that helps to cement a family together and point young kids in a direction that will sustain them the rest of their lives. That means mothers and fathers both participating, you guys!

Thanks for reading this,

Tom Wallace

(Thanks for Sharing, Tom!)

Fall 2016 Home Tour

The Home Tour recently held to raise funds for the relocation and renovation of the 1883 Schoolhouse was an enormous success. Over two hundred people purchased tickets to visit the homes of six Clarksburg residents, view the architecture, design, and to taste the wines of our local vintners paired with great hors d'oeuvres!

Another Good Book

Our own Ted Smith has hit a home run with the completion of his ten-year effort: **Clarksburg: The Water, the Land, and its People**

Get your own copy while they last at the Clarksburg Library during their regular hours. All proceeds will go to the Friends of the Clarksburg Library.



Clarksburg Samaritans

Founded in 1943, the Clarksburg Samaritans began as a community group that sent care packages to US Troops stationed overseas during WWII. After the war, the Samaritans continued to serve the community by distributing gift baskets of food at Christmastime to local families in need. This effort is funded by monetary donations collected by an annual Christmas Card Fund; a tradition that continues to this day.

This is our 74th year of distributing Christmas baskets; last year, we delivered 13 baskets. We also awarded scholarships to several outstanding Delta High School seniors this year. The scholarships were established to recognize and award graduates who have contributed to Delta High School and the Clarksburg community by demonstrating leadership, sportsmanship, or community involvement. The Samaritans also give financial assistance to Clarksburg families who find themselves in an emergency situation.

A donation request letter has been mailed out to all residents in the 95612 zip code. If you live outside of the area, you are welcome to donate and your name can be listed among the donors to the 2016 Christmas Card Fund. The deadline to receive donations is Dec. 10.

Checks should be made payable to Clarksburg Samaritans, and can be mailed to: PO Box 493, Clarksburg, CA 95612. Please indicate how you would like your name to appear on the card.

Donations to the Samaritans are tax-deductible. Federal Tax ID no. 94-6135845.

Thank you for your support!

Living Thanks

Darlene Weber reports that the Church Council received notes of gratitude from two of our recent church scholarship recipients.

(Kendra Updegraff) writes:

Dear Clarksburg Community Church, Firstly, thank you for the generous scholarship. It will no doubt ease some burden from my shoulders. More importantly, though, thank you for all the support and love all through my youth. The church really is my second family, and the strong community I have become a part of has strengthened my character, convictions and faith permanently. Thank you for everything, Kendra Updegraff

(Fouad Alotri) writes:

Dear Scholarship Committee, I'd like to personally thank you for the generous scholarship. I am eager to reach my goal; next stop U.O.P. Fouad Alotri

A Special Note of Thanks

Dear Clarksburg Church, We have always felt so lucky to have grown up in Clarksburg & to raise our family here as well. Now I know why we love Clarksburg so much. Your prayers & love have been so comforting to all of us and your generous gifts and wonderful foods have been beyond belief. You have been such a help to us and we will never forget your kindness. We thank you so very much.

The John Pylman Family

River Charter Schools Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Registration Information

With the passage of the Kindergarten Readiness Act, eligibility for admission us as follows:

Kindergarten: a child's 5th birthday must occur before September 1, 2017

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Program: a child's 5th birthday must occur on or after September 2nd and before or on December 2nd, 2017 (this is a two-year program).

Important Dates

January 27- Open Application window ends 4:00PM

January 31- Lottery

February 1- Results posted on Website

Pre-enrollment applications are only available online at our website

www.rivercharterschools.org

Please visit the office for any assistance with technology.



GROWING EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS AND SCHOLARS

**Join Tressa on January 5 to 'undecorate' the church at 10 a.m.
It's fun!**

Sometimes the simplest joys come at the oddest moments in my life.

While cleaning my bathroom this morning with bleach and water, my mind wandered to my past mistakes. Fortunately, like the bleach that cleaned the hard water stains from my bathroom, so did the water of my baptism 25 years ago in a small Georgia town clean my soul. I am not the person I was in the past, because God promised to break those chains if I would only believe. Bleach or water, they both clean, but only one has a lifetime guarantee. Which have you chosen?

Lisa Kozlowski

Sly Fox Band

Tressa's fabulous group will be playing at the following venues in December. Check with her for date and times! Yolo Brewing Company, Laugh's Unlimited, and Julietta Winery



Please get your CHIMES submissions to DJ at djrunningonempty@gmail.com

By the 20th of each month except for December when we will be on hiatus until January 20. Merry Christmas everyone!