

Clarksburg Community Church

# Chimes

P.O. Box 36  
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**December & January  
2018-2019**

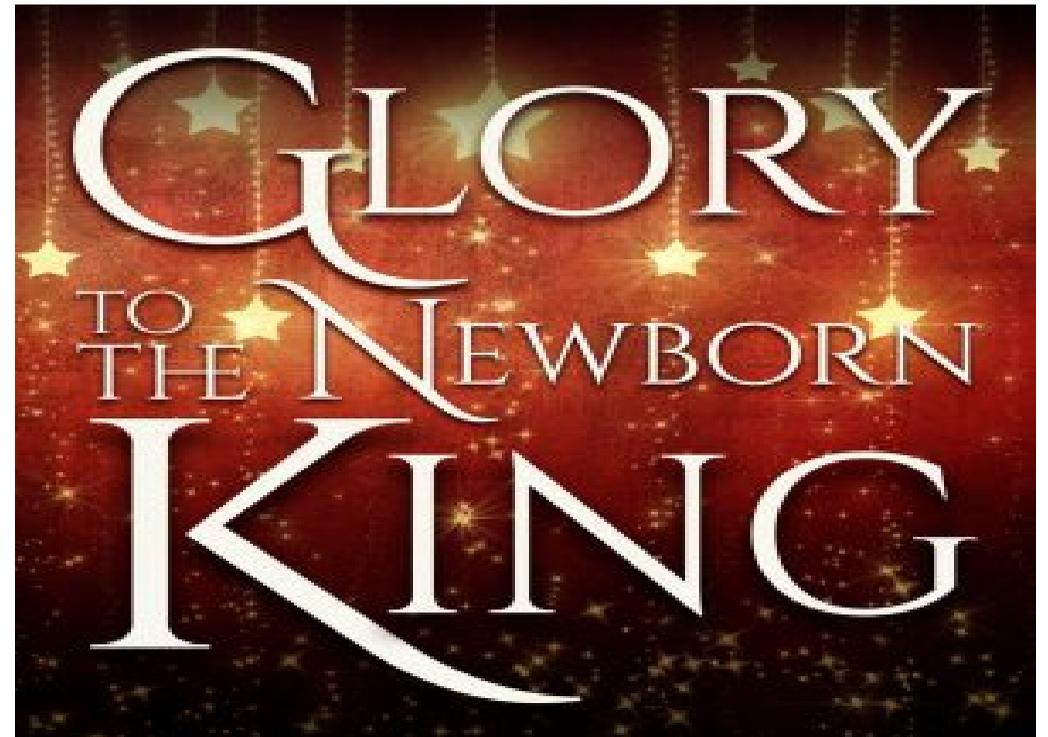
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## ~ Clarksburg Community Church Christmas Concert ~ In Worship ~

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM**

Along with readings and prayers, music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir and the Children's Choirs, as well as instrumentalists and soloists.

Mark your calendars for December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 11:00 AM and bring a friend and come enjoy the beautiful music of the Christmas season, then stay for refreshments.



## FROM THE PASTOR

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth about going through a perilous experience “far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.” They were able to get through it because of their hope in God and because of the prayers of the church, in his words, “you help us by your prayers.” (2 Corinthians 1.8-11). The ministry of intercessory prayer, which Oswald Chambers called, “a hidden ministry that brings forth fruit through which the Father is glorified,” was a powerful ministry of the church which even Paul depended on, and continues to be so today.

Many of us have been deeply concerned about the people of Paradise in the aftermath of the recent fires and wondering what we can do to help. Many of you have contributed generously to the special offerings, and found other ways individually to give and help. We can also keep them in prayer, asking for God’s intervention and guidance and help. We pray with faith and trust because we know that, “The prayer of a godly person is powerful and effective!” (James 5.16). We also know that our God is able to bring good even out of great disaster, for he has done so many, many times.

During this Christmas season, may we focus our minds and hearts on Jesus Christ and offer the gift of intercessory prayer. Perhaps someone is on your mind, or perhaps God will put someone on your

heart – a family member, a friend or neighbor, a coworker or classmate, or even a total stranger. Take time in your schedule and Christmas celebration to pray, and see how God answers and works.

Amen and Amen.

(This article is a reworking of an article by Amy Boucher Pyle in Our Daily Bread 11/21/2018.)

*Pastor Dennis*

~ *Reminder* ~

**January 13<sup>th</sup> Worship is at  
4:00 PM followed by a  
Potluck**



## CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

As 2018 draws to a close, we are getting ready to enjoy the Holiday season with friends and family. It is also the season to pledge tithes and offerings for the upcoming year to ensure that the church may meet next year’s budget. Thank you to all who pledged at the annual church lunch, we are well on our way to meeting next year’s budget. We are waiting for more pledges and if you have not picked up a pledge card, or have a completed card to turn in, please see me at any time.

-Steve Reynolds, Finance Committee Chair

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

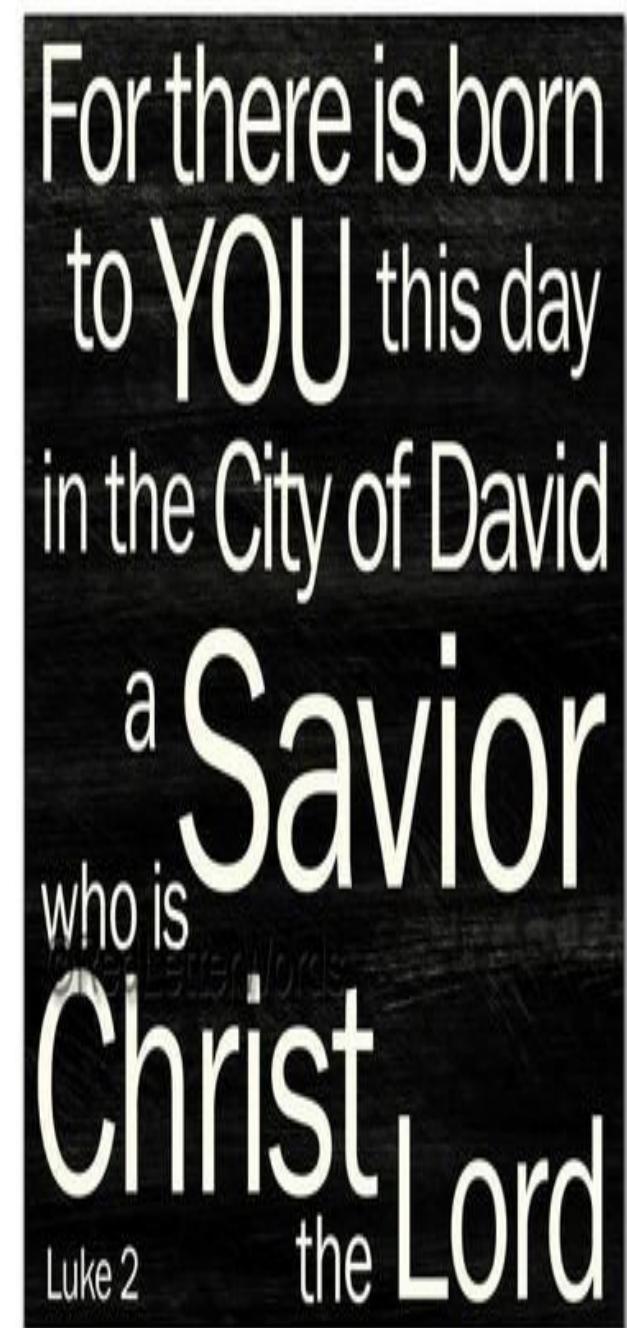
### LUKE 1. 26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

<sup>34</sup> “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail.” <sup>38</sup> “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



**\*\* COMMUNITY INTEREST \*\***

**CLARKSBURG LIBRARY**

52915 Netherlands Avenue, Clarksburg CA

**MAKER BOX: BENT OBJECT ART**

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM

Just a small box with beads, eyes, pipe cleaners and straws. Create engineering wonders from simple objects. Simple and easy for the smallest of participants. Most creative creation will win a prize!

**ART CLASSES**

- ❖ Paint and Snack Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 -8:00 PM \$25.00 (Includes Supplies)
- ❖ Needle Felting Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 -8:00 PM \$25.00 (Includes Supplies)

Register by emailing:  
simplyartwithyvette@gmail.com

**YOGA AT THE LIBRARY**

A vinyasa yoga class is offered at the Library on Thursday mornings. Contact Eva Ginnell at evaginnell@yahoo.com.



**RESCHEDULE DATE**

**JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Clarksburg Country Run has been postponed till January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 due to the tragic Butte fires and air quality. All volunteers who were prepared to help please put the new date on your calendar.

The community appreciates your volunteering and if you didn't sign up and would like to help, please see Dennis or Linda Updegraff.

**JIM CLARK MEMORIAL SERVICE (FATHER OF DON CLARK)**

Friends and family gathered at the Sutter Club, on November 28th for a memorial service and a reception celebrating Jim's life who died recently.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any remembrances to be sent to the:  
West Sacramento Rotary Foundation  
PO Box 288, West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(To be used for scholarships).

**BUTTE COUNTY FIRE RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

Through the generous offerings collected at worship and the Community Thanksgiving Service, Clarksburg Community sent a check in the amount of \$2215.25 to the:  
**North Valley Community Foundation** who assist the many community organizations serving evacuees and first responders.

*Worship Schedule for December & January*

*Worship at 11:00 AM*

*Sunday School at 9:30 AM*

<b>Dec 2</b>	"In a Little While " John 16. 16-33	Advent: Love Communion
<b>Dec 9</b>	"Jesus Prays" John 17	Advent: Joy
<b>Dec 16</b>	"Touch of an Angel" Musical	Advent: Hope
<b>Dec 23</b>	A Christmas Concert In Worship	Advent: Peace
<b>Dec 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service of Candles, Carols and the Christmas Story	Service at 7:30 PM
<b>Dec 30</b>	Guest Preacher-Rick Hull "New Year"	(No Sunday School)
<b>Jan 6</b>	Guest Speaker - Phil Ogilvie	Communion (No Sunday School)
<b>Jan 13</b>	"Commission" Acts 1. 1-11	<b>4:00 PM SERVICE</b> (No Sunday School)
<b>Jan 20</b>	"The Church" Acts 2. 42-47	
<b>Jan 27</b>	"All Shook Up" Acts 4. 23-31	River Ringers

**UNION GOSPEL MISSION:  
Let Us Help Fill the Pantry!!**



Thank you for continuing to donate for the UGM pantry, we will continue to collect non perishable food donations through December and Men's clothing through out the year.

*Blessings, Michelle*

**\*\* UGM is in dire need of new and gently used Men's underwear (larger sizes) and good thick socks\*\***

**\*\* ON GOING EVENTS \*\***

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our Monday morning Women's Bible Study is at 9:30 AM in the blue room. Our subject is "The Holy Spirit" with a focus on the book of Acts. Please see Charlyn Connor to get your study guide. 916 744-1439.

**MEN'S GROUP – DEC 8<sup>th</sup> & JAN 12<sup>th</sup>**

All men are invited to our Men's group at 6:30 AM at the church, beginning with breakfast.

The focus this year is on the book **Grace by Max Lucado.**

**SENIOR LUNCH – DEC 18<sup>th</sup> & JAN 15<sup>th</sup>**

The next lunch is December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon, meeting at the Clarksburg Community Church. Join us for a gathering of friendship, fellowship and great food prepared by willing cooks!. Think about it!!



**FROM THE YOUTH LEADER**

November was filled with tackling hard questions. We asked questions like "Where is God in suffering?" and "How can we celebrate Thanksgiving when some people have nothing?" We also worked on our service project at the end of the month.

We collected food from the community to donate to UGM.

Thank you to all those who gave! In December, we are planning lots of fun, including a Christmas party, but I am also really looking forward to discussing the birth of our Savior with the youth.

Please pray that our youth come to know Christ more. And please pray that I continue to seek God's wisdom and direction as the leader of our youth.

Thank you!

*Love, Amanda*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas this year, Sunday school has some great things planned and we would love for you to be a part of them.

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 9:30 AM – Non-traditional Christmas story told by each of our Sunday School Classes.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at 9:30 AM – Join us for singing of Christmas Carols and a fun intergenerational Christmas activity.

Whew, after all that, we will take a short break and there will be no Sunday school December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019! Remember, there is a class for everyone, so please come and join us!  
-Lana Reynolds, Christian Education Chair

***John 3:16-17***

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.