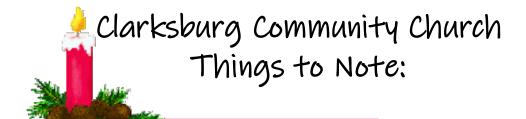
Clarksburg Community Church
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December 2020







December Online Worship at 10am

CCC provides a live online service every Sunday at 10am. The Church Council has chosen to comply with county and state regulations concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and suspend indoor worship services. We are still preparing for the time we can meet in person together again and will be ready when it is appropriate. Check the website at www.clarksburgcc.org for the link to our service and updated information.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for an outdoor Christmas Eve service at 7pm on December 24th. We will gather on the lawn for a short service with carols, candles, scripture and Communion. So, bundle up, grab your masks and join the CCC family for a memorable way to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus this Christmas Eve.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2021 are available at church or you can email your pledge to information@clarksburgec.org. Pledges help CCC with budgeting and planning.

Giving

Your gifts and tithes are important to keep Clarksburg Community Church up and running. We have an online giving option on our website if you would like to give electronically, or you can drop your gift off at church, or mail it to Clarksburg Community Church, PO Box 36, Clarksburg, CA 95612. Thank you to those who continue to give faithfully to God through the church. God is doing great things at CCC and your support is vital!

Contacting Clarksburg Community Church

The church office is open Monday and Thursdays 9 am-1 pm or by appointment.

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"Chiming In" with Pastor Sandy:

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28)

Even though there are countless Christmas songs we enjoy (or get sick of) during the holiday season there is only one New Year's song I'm familiar with, *Auld Lang Syne*. The lyrics of the song were originally a poem by the 18th-century, Scottish poet Robert Burns. You likely know the tune it was set to and the first line: "Should auld (old) acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" The poem begs the question: should old times be forgotten? The answer: certainly not.

While many may want to forget 2020, it is more proper for us to reflect upon the ending of another year to understand its effects. Knowing a global pandemic brought sickness and death to millions around the world, we reflect somberly due to the hardships that have occurred. However, for believers in Jesus our reflections of this past year, or any year, should not produce hopeless attitudes, but hopeful anticipation. Tragedy and trying times should reinforce Christian belief that this world is not what it should be, and we hopefully anticipate a better one to come. As the Apostle Paul explained in Romans 8:28, not everything that happens is good, but God has a way of taking everything and bringing good from it.

As you celebrate the season this year, reflect upon old acquaintances and remember the good times and bad. Rejoice in what God has provided in our past and present, and promised for our future. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year!



Challenge for Christmas

This year has been challenging in so many ways! During this Christmas season, we offer one more challenge! Reach out to at least one person not in your daily life. Maybe someone you haven't seen in a while: a neighbor, old friend, church acquaintance or anyone you think needs a smile. Give that person a call, send a letter, bake cookies, or make a meal, the ideas are endless, but do something to let that person know you are thinking about them. We all need a little extra love this season and we challenge each person in the Clarksburg Community Church family to help spread some joy to the world! Merry Christmas!

News from the Youth Group

"Covid has changed so much of our regular schedules, traditions, and lives. And though Christmas may look different this year, our youth groups will still be celebrating! We will be modifying our Christmas plans to ensure that we all stay healthy and safe, but we will be celebrating nonetheless! Mark your calendars!

December 11th- Oasis Middle School Christmas Event

December 13th- Oasis High School Christmas Event

For more details on time, place, and activities, please email me at cbccyouth1@gmail.com. In Him,

Amanda"

Men's Group

Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 a.m. is the next Men's Group meeting in the Community Hall of the church. Physical distancing and face coverings are required for all who attend. The third and fourth commandments, "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD you God" and "Remember the Sabbath day," from Exodus 20:7-8 will be the topics of the discussion. Questions to keep in mind for this month:

- What does it mean to "misuse" or take God's name "in vain?"
- Why should we be careful in how we use God's name?
- How are ways we misuse God's name?
- What was the purpose of the Jewish Sabbath?
- Is the Sabbath applicable for Christians today?

Notes of Thanks

The Isaacson family is overwhelmed by the wonderful showing of love and appreciation for the life of our beloved Darleen. Many thanks to all for your phone calls, cards, food, flowers

and personal acknowledgments of her passing. A memorial service in the church sanctuary is planned for a future date.

Finding rainbows in the midst of storms! That's what the wonderful cooks of Clarksburg have given us as they have provided food and cheer while we have been rather down. Thank you each and everyone. -Marshall and Yvonne Pylman

