





The Grapevine

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James Frost, Pastor

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

The beauty in the way God designed the four seasons is that, though each one is distinct, they all work together to bring life and growth. Spring is a period of freshness and new life. Summer sees growth and productivity. Autumn is a time for harvesting the rewards of past labors. Winter is the season of dormancy and closure. Each season has its own unique beauty and makes a significant contribution to life.

Just as God planned seasons in nature, He planned seasons in life as well. Life has its spring-time, when we begin new things and look excitedly toward the future. Summer comes and we work diligently in the heat of the day at all that God has assigned to us. With autumn comes the fruition of things begun at an earlier time in our lives. Winter brings an end to a particular period in our lives. Sometimes winter brings hardship, but we remain hopeful, for another spring is just around the corner!

In God's perfect design for our lives, He has planned for times of fruitfulness and activity. He will also build in times of quiet and rest. There will be times when He asks us to remain faithful doing the same work day after day. But there will also be periods of excitement and new beginnings. By God's grace, we will enjoy seasons of harvesting the fruit of our faithfulness. By God's grace, we will also overcome the cold winters of heartache and grief, for without winter there would be no spring. Just as it is with the seasons of nature, these seasons in our lives work together to bring about God's perfect will for each one of us. And since there is a time for every purpose under heaven, let us rejoice, in that we have a God who loves us, is mindful of us, and has included us in His divine purposes for the world and us as individuals.

Lu and I would like to wish everyone a most wonderful and Christ centered Christmas, while we are excited to see His purposes being done, in and through us, in this new year to come!



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

I am honored to have served as your Moderator this past year. As we are about to end the fourth quarter of 2018, I would like to thank everyone who has served on a Committee and to all those who have volunteered through the year. Our spiritual journey with Pastor James has had a positive impact on all of us and has strengthened our church family. We have had a very positive year taking care of several building issues that have been carried over from previous years. Let's continue to move forward in a positive manner in 2019!

May God Bless you and your family!

Lee Unruh, Moderator





NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 16 Dave & Janna Lou Baker

Dec. 5 Bill & Dianne Gillette

Dec. 12 James & Lu Frost

Dec. 22 Darrol & Sandy Tuggle

Dec. 29 Rick & Linda Kendall

Dec. 31 Chuck & Ginny Byrum



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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS November 18, 2018

Pastor James opened a discussion about prayer cards vs. calling out prayer requests and/or hearing vs. spiritual. Motion was passed to go back to calling out personal needs but speak louder and slower or standup, if needed.

- Lee brought up there are 3 nominations for openings in Outreach and Deacons. Christine Perez for Deacons, Kim Kiernan and Sheila Lamm for Outreach. Motion to accept nominations was accepted.
- Donations have been given from the Fellowship, Outreach and Supper Club for the Craig Memorial Church in Paradise from the Camp Fire devastation.
- Financials are operating within budget and the best they have been in years.
- Trustees are considering proposing raising approval budget from \$2,000 to \$5,000, because of higher costs on everything. Open for discussion and consideration at the Annual Meeting to be voted on in February 2019.
- Kouples Club earned \$3,528.00 at the Annual Hall Sale, so taxes have been paid. Thank you very much!

Submitted by **CINDY BEYNON**

Church Clerk

HYGIENE ETIQUETTE

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Cough and sneeze in your elbow instead of hands.

This technique is a way to ward off colds, flu, etc.

Blocking a cough or sneeze into your hands, germs stay in hands. Hands spread germs.

Recommended by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & Academy of Pediatrics.



Outreach has been very successful this year thanks to all of the very generous and thoughtful people that attend our church. 44 Christmas Boxes were made and sent to children around the

world. The homeless were helped by items purchased by some of the money we had and Thanksgiving meals will be given to families in our community. We also donated money to our sister city in Paradise. We continue to support our mission in Haiti.

The money we have came from the bake sale and the sale of calendars and the Noisy Offering taken once a month. We still have calendars left. They are \$10.00 each and very nice. Please consider buying one. Thanks!!

This will be my last year as chairman and I want to thank everyone for your support!

2019 CALENDARS - \$10.00 IT IS A WONDERFUL GIFT WITH BEAUTIFUL PICTURES

Sharon Riley, Outreach Committee



New Round Tables

What a pleasant surprise to walk into the Fellowship Hall... To be greeted by these beautiful round tables.

Thank you to the church members who graciously donated the tables.

We really appreciate your generosity!

UNSUNG HERO

This issue's Unsung Hero is focusing on someone for their past endeavors.

We salute, **CLAIRE WILSON**, for all she did to make Coffee Hour such a wonderful success for many years... And single handedly at that. No committee, just Claire!

For those of you who may not know or may have forgot, Claire was in charge of organizing Coffee Hour. She asked members to host, she called to remind people, she did it all. And, now to think that it takes the Deacons to do this. They post the list in the Fellowship Hall. It was Claires style to personally call or would ask you in person to help with Coffee Hour. Claire did this for many years before she decided that she needed to pass the baton to someone else...

Claire and Roy also came on Saturdays to get the coffee ready. At that time, we used the BIG coffee urns. They would fill them with water and the coffee grounds so they would be ready for Sunday. When they arrived Sunday, all they had to do was plug them in.

AND... While Claire organized Coffee Hour, she also arranged for Sunday Morning Greeters. WOW! Such a multi-tasker Claire was!

So... We thank **CLAIRE WILSON** for the many years of organizing Coffee Hour. What a truly wonderful job she did. We miss those days....

And, a big thanks also goes to Roy!



HONORING OUR VETERANS

On Sunday, 11 November 2018, Pastor James honored our Veterans.

ROY WILSON - Air Force

LEE UNRUH - Air Force

MILES RILEY - Army

Had he not been feeling poorly, DARROL TUGGLE would have been standing with his fellow vets. Darrol was a member of the U. S. Navy.





FLAGS FROM A VET



On Sunday, 11 November, as we entered the narthex and were greeted and received our Sunday bulletin, we also received a miniature American flag.

We later learned from Sharon Riley that Miles had donated the flags for everyone. So.... Thank you, Miles!

What a nice gesture for this Veterans to share with our congregation....





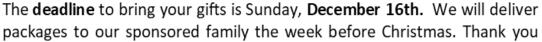
We will once again purchase poinsettias in memory of a loved one. These beautiful flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary and throughout the Church.

The **deadline** to buy your poinsettia is Friday, **December 16th.** The cost is \$10. Please see a Deacon to buy your poinsettia.



THE GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is up and ready in the narthex. We are sponsoring a local family in need. If you would like to buy a gift please take a tag from the tree.









Our annual Christmas Potluck will be held after worship on Sunday, December 23rd.

Everyone is welcome to join for good food and fellowship.



MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 2018 9:00 P.M.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service at a time the whole family can enjoy and refocus upon celebrating the true meaning of this precious Holiday. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this special, reflective service of celebration.



Carol and Kim are doing it again!

Please join in celebrating the holiday season! Come one, Come All to Carol's House

Friday, December 7th 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All food and refreshments will be provided.

Adults Only

Please bring a toy or game for a boy or girl under 12 years of age.

We will be giving them to the fire department for children
in our community. Thank you for your support!

RSVP Required!

Please contact Carol at 480-7246 or Kim Beck at 402-6705 or send us an email at fccsalida@sbcglobal.net



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 12, 2018

First Congregational Church of Salida

4825 Broadway Avenue

Salida, California 95368

8:30 a.m. Registration; sign-in begins

9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:45 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Panel: Every Person in Ministry

An open discussion on the priesthood of all believers
Mark Fountain, Congregational Church of Soquel
Bob Hellam, Church of the Oaks, Del Rey Oaks
Ella Ray Thoscano, New Pilgrim Fellowship, Rio Vista
Cathy Humprey, Craig Memorial Congregational Church

11:30 a.m. Fellowship, mingling, etc.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Business meeting, updates

2:00 p.m. Closing matters; adjourn meeting

IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Lifting up in prayer those who cannot be with us for Sunday service.

Capt. John & Denise Beynon

Priscilla Bowman

Lu's Mom & Dad

Jo Ann Tamura









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All Church Photo - October 28, 2018



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BROWN BAG CREW December 2007









Bev. Connacher, Elaine Tindle, Sharon Riley fill the grocery cart with 44 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes ready to be delivered to Calvary Church.

Great job everybody!



WHAT A SMALL WORLD!

Diane Suzuki

A few weeks ago I was in McDonald's. As I was headed to an open table, I saw Sharon Riley. She was sitting with a woman... I said hi... She introduced me to her friend.

I sat down at the table behind Sharon, and waited for my food. While reading the news on my phone, I heard Sharon mention, Claire Dial to her friend. She said the speech person. WOW! My ears perked up as Claire is a friend of mine.

Sharon proceeded to say how Claire posts traveling, having fun with their grandchildren, and pickleball.

When I finished my lunch at McDonald's, I texted Claire, and told her the story.

Claire and Sharon worked together at John Muir School for many years. Someone had said they thought Sharon had taught in Stanislaus Union School District, so I was always under that impression. She, in fact, taught and retired from Modesto City Schools.

There are a few more connections... Darrol Tuggle's great niece has taught at John Muir for several years... Sandy Tuggle has a high school friend, Carol, who taught with Sharon at Muir. What a small world we live in!



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY October 14, 2018







CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Phyllis Agers

Thanks to all your prayers, I made my goal- the last 100 kilometers, 60 miles, of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Thanks to the advice and encouragement of Diane Suzuki to buy proper shoes and socks, I had no problems with my feet, no blisters.

We walked about 10 miles per day. Sometimes through forests or woods, sometimes by farms, with cattle, sheep, or corn, etc. Some small quaint towns, one a very old Celtic village. I never thought of the Celts in Spain before. Some larger towns, one in which I missed a yellow arrow and headed down the main street, better than up, only to end up at the end of town with no more path, just bushes and road.

Luckily they had given us each a little cell phone with their names and numbers already in it. All I had to do was call and a reassuring voice said calmly go back up to the church and I'll meet you there. So up I trudged and she pointed out the arrow I had missed on the wall by the stairs coming down from the church. I should have crossed the street instead of going down, such a trivial mistake. We stopped at a café' where I made a welcome pit stop, then had a scoop of very good chocolate ice cream before continuing the maze through town, being extra careful not to miss any more yellow arrows, some painted on the street, some on the familiar cement km. markers telling how far to Santiago, our goal.

After each day's walk, they had various surprise events for us, one day a honey bee farm, another day castle ruins, with a dry moat around, but a steep hill to climb which we helped each other up. The most memorable day was a very old farm where we participated in making cheese, each pressing the moisture out of our own piece which we had for breakfast the next two mornings. They also had a very small 2nd story room which they rented out for \$200 a night. You could see through the floor boards the animals below which gave you heat and I'm sure a unique aroma. The bed was rope with a straw mattress, with beautiful quilts.

We visited but did not stay in the hostels with 20 or so bunk beds in a room with a shared toilet and showers. Our van took us and our luggage to various old manor houses, where there were rooms

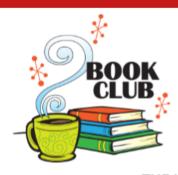
with private baths. We didn't have to carry heavy back packs. Every morn our van took us to where we had left off the day before. There were 15 in our group. They all walked faster than I. Sometimes we walked and talked. Other times people passing us, spoke English and chatted. Many times we were on our own.

The last night we were treated to a special witches brew with bagpipes playing, and dancing, in fact they had us all up dancing, and we thought we were tired. Followed by a special banquet at which we were presented with our certificates. We did it.



BIRTHDAY DINNER - October 26, 2018





CROWN OF DUST

Dec. discussion

AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED

Arrival 12/12/18 Discussion 1/9/19 Due date 1/16/19

HANDLE WITH CARE

Arrival 1/9/19
Discussion 2/13/19
Due date 2/20/19

CLARA AND MR. TIFFANY

Arrival 2/13/19
Discussion 3/13/19
Due date 3/20/19

HOUSEKEEPING

Arrival 3/13/19
Discussion 4/10/19
Due date 4/17/19

IN THE TIME OF BUTTERFLIES

Arrival 4/10/19 Discussion 5/8/19 Due date 5/15/19

THE HONK AND THE HOLLER OPENING SOON

Arrival 5/8/19 Discussion 6/12/19 Due date 6/19/19

THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Arrival 6/12/19
Discussion 7/10/19
Due date 7/17/19

THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS

Arrival 7/10/19 Discussion 8/14/19 Due date 8/21/19

LITTLE BEE

Arrival 8/14/19 Discussion 9/11/19 Due date 9/18/19

MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND

Arrival 9/11/19 Discussion 10/9/19 Due date 10/16/19

See Phyllis Agers if you want a book. They're from the library so there are no fees. We meet the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m**.

MY STORY

Jo Ann Tamura

Instead of writing about day trips I thought I would tell of a medical journey. I was looking at a DVD box for a serial number for information that the electronic people would like to know. The DirecTV man and AT&T man were bringing everything up to date. All of a sudden I lost conscience and fell on my buttocks. When I regained conscience I called for help. The AT&T repair man was the first to respond. He put me on the nearest chair and asked if everything was okay. I said, "yes". The next day I went to Urgent Care on Coffee and Lucern. They took x-rays and said everything was okay except for bruises. Then? The same thing happened. I called my neighbor and friend. They both suggested I go to ER. I had a bad experience with the ambulance before and I kept saying, "No". Finally, I said, "yes". The ambulance took me to Doctors Hospital, ER. There was no room. I stayed two nights at Doctors ER then the ambulance took me to Memorial Hospital. I was lucky and didn't go thru the ER red tape. I was placed in a nice room that could be divided into 2 rooms. I got a TV to view. The room seemed super clean and the food was delicious. From there I was placed in the ambulance and sent to Garden City on Tully and Granger. Here I would take occupational therapy and physical therapy. In time I was sent back to Casa de Modesto. It felt good to be out of Garden City.

So, here I am in Casa de Modesto restless because I can't go anywhere. They (Casa de) told me I had to have a nurse with me which I thought was not necessary. I'll try to tell you of some the humor of these people in later news.



JO ANN TAMURA
CASA DE MODESTO

Room #27 1745 Eldena Way, Modesto

Shared by Christina Perez

Pastor's Paragraph

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code Operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office that was listed. When he arrived he went into a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of a telegraph in the background.

A sign on the receptionists' counter instructed all job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office. The young man filled out his application and sat down to wait with the other seven applicants in the waiting area.

After a few minutes, the young man got up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, opened it, and went right in, The other applicants perked up when they saw this, wondering what was going on. They hadn't heard any summons yet.

Within a few minutes, however, the employer came out and told the other applicants the job had been filled.

They began grumbling and one spoke up, saying: "Wait a minute. He was the last one to come in, and we never got a chance to be interviewed".

The employer replied: "I'm sorry, but for the last several minutes, while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message": 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours'. None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his".

We are living in a day and age where there is a lot of noise and clatter in our lives. Figuratively speaking, there is the "noise" and "clatter" of jobs, raising families, chores, stresses, concerns, burdens, relationships, etc... Could it be that all that's going on in your life is drowning out the constant message God is sending us? Can you hear and understand His message of love, forgiveness, restoration, reconciliation, joy, peace, strength, grace and salvation?

Jesus said, "my sheep hear my voice... and they follow me". (John 10:27) Are you listening?

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship time 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.,

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:00 p.m. See article on page 19.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Second Tuesday of the month,12:00 noon exceptions June, July, and August

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Exception July

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m., at Salida Kountry Kitchen

PRAYER GROUP

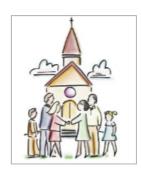
Every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMODITIES

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Help assemble grocery bags for community distribution

SUPPER CLUB

Fourth Friday of the month, 6:00 p.m. exceptions June, July, and August





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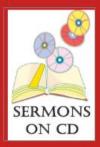
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GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT 2019 ISSUE IS

To be announced due Annual Meeting preparations
Keep submitting articles & photos so we'll be ready
for the next issue

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Keep the articles coming in... We appreciate everyone's efforts. Remember... Without your articles, there would be no Grapevine.

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