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Summer is here!

This is the day the

Lord has made;

Let us rejoice

and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEETING

Moderator Wayne Beck has called
for an All Church Meeting on
Sunday, July 9, 2017
11:30 a.m.





Pastor James Frost



Have you ever been in a time of prayer only to find that in the midst of prayer you were distracted? It can happen to any of us because we have a thousand things on our mind at any given moment. Though some of us take the church for granted, in the first century the church was God's new creation. The fact that the Jews and Gentiles were all going to be in one body was a big deal. The Apostle Paul was overwhelmed that God would call him as the "Apostle to the Gentiles" to bring this thing to pass. Paul in his humbleness, saw himself as the least of all God's people, and it overwhelmed him that God would choose him to explain the mystery and to preach the gospel.

I know how Paul must have felt. I am still amazed that God would use me to preach his unsearchable riches to this congregation. The song that comes to mind, and that I love to sing, is Amazing Grace. I know some of you feel the same way when you look over your life and the life of this church, and realize where God has brought you. It is amazing. Paul prayed with passion for the church, that God entrusted him to, and I take seriously this call to you.

Paul, in Eph. 1:1 said, "for this reason, I kneel before the father." Jews traditionally stood in prayer, but in this prayer, Paul breaks with tradition and kneels. When Solomon dedicated the temple, he came down from the platform and

knelt. It doesn't matter if you are standing up or sitting down, but every time you go to God in prayer, you ought to be on your face in your heart. Paul's heart was in this prayer, because he had a vested interest in the people of this Ephesian Church. He knew what God had in store for them and he didn't want them to miss any of it. He asked God for four things on their behalf: That their inner person would have spiritual strength, that they would have a deeper experience of Christ, their deeper experience would allow them not only to comprehend, but to apprehend, which would result in their being filled to the full measure of God.

It is this pastor's prayer that the people of our congregation have everything that God desires for them to have, while I pray that we will have the humble capacity to receive it.





MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

And the circle continues to grow!!

What circle am I referring to? Well, it's the closing circle we form around the pews after each Sunday's service.

This is a visible sign that we as a church are growing in attendance.

With the arrival of Pastor James in January, we have seen steady growth in not only new attendees, but in members who may not have attended in awhile and have returned.

Praise the Lord!

Pastor James has done a great job in making contact with current members, former members, as well as contacts in our community at large. His overall involvement has done much to raise the spirits of us all. Seeing the smiles and listening to the many positive comments makes Salida Congregational Church a very happy place to be.

We still have a ways to go in filling our church pews, but with all of us continuing to stay involved, pitching in to help out, supporting the church and each other, praying for and encouraging friends and family to attend our church, this will happen.

Who knows? Maybe one day we will be able to join hands and encircle our entire church building!!

Moderator Wayne Beck



June 2 - Jerry & Vicki Cheek

July 14 - Wayne & Kim Beck

ANNIVERSARIES



3 - Larry Connacher
8 - Claire Wilson
14 - James Frost
15 - Patsy Stambaugh
22 - Bill Gillette
29 - Dianne Gillette
29 - Elizabeth Lopez



9 - Mike & Kim Kiernan
10 - Josh Baker
27 - Ethel Eastburn
30 - Dan Beynon



The Deacons meet on the first Sunday of each to plan for worship services and upcoming events. Some events that we have planned in the recent past include the Enchilada Dinner and the Omelet Breakfast. We also schedule and provide the sacraments for Communion each month, also on the first Sunday.

The Deacons are tasked with maintaining the membership role, updating it each year to stay current. We also manage the Prayer Chain listing and Phone Tree. If you would like a copy of either one of these items, they are available in the office, or just ask a Deacon. Another duty of the Deaconate Board is to arrange for Coffee Hour each Sunday morning. In the past we always had a person to call members and schedule participation to ensure

refreshments after Church. We currently do not have a volunteer to do this, so the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall is the only method used for scheduling Coffee hour. If you wish to volunteer as the person to perform this duty, that would be great. Otherwise, we will have to rely on voluntary sign-ups to help with Coffee hour. People will always say "Yes" when asked, but we will have to trust the Lord to provide volunteers. It has worked OK so far, but let's not forget how we all enjoy our time of fellowship, so sign up for Sunday.

In His Service,
Dan Beynon
Deaconate Board, Chair

THANK YOU!



*The paper for this issue of "The Grapevine" was donated by
Dave and Janna Lou Baker. Your generosity is much appreciated!*



Sharon Riley, Outreach Committee Chair

Our church has sponsored Citalie Alveres from the Pan American Institute in Mexico for the past 3 years. This year she graduated and plans on furthering her education to become a Pharmaceutical Chemist. She also wants to learn how to play the guitar. She plans to work as a waitress to pay for her educational.

We no longer are going to be sponsoring a student from PAI. We have chosen to go in a different direction and that is to donate the money we collect to Eben-Ezer Mission Inc. in Haiti. Pastor James knows Tad and Janis Walton personally. Tad and Janis will be at our church to tell us their story. A flyer was inserted inside the bulletin and distributed 2 weeks ago telling about Tad and Janis Walton' Mission.

LOVE ALL OUR CHILDREN - impacting lives through foster care/adoption

A guest speaker came to our church and explained the need for "Comfort Kits" for children who are removed from their homes and families, taken to a holding area, to be placed in foster care. These children often have no possessions with them to comfort them. It is as terrifying experience for them. The LAOC organization is asking people to donate items that will help the children at this time. Items such as blankets, flashlights, snack food, crayons, coloring books, pencil, notebooks bottled water and stuffed animals are suggested. They need to be placed in a backpack or zippered bag so the child can take it with him or her. **We have volunteered to gather items and make up comfort**

kits for them. Items are needed for infants and toddlers. If you are interested in participating in this you can make a complete Comfort Kit or bring items to put in one. We will be collecting for babies and a girl toddler (age 2-5). Please have the items brought to church by June 25th.

Outreach Benevolent Fund

This year the Outreach program has a Benevolent Fund available to church members only. Pastor James handles it and it is all done in confidentiality. It has been used and also refurbished by a generous church member. If you are interested in donating to this please note on your check for OBF or Outreach Benevolent Fund. If you find yourself or family in desperate need, please don't hesitate to speak to Pastor James to see if we can help you.

Salida will be having their festival and parade again this year in August. We will be considering a way we can be part of it.

The next Outreach meeting will be July 11th.



Citalie Alveres

SUNDAY SERVICE SPOTLIGHTS

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2017

Pastor James presented corsages to the Youngest Mom, the Oldest Mom, and the Mom with the most children.

Youngest Mom - Jackie Zuniga, Granddaughter of Dottie Wilkinson.

Oldest Mom - Lorraine Horton

Most Children - Bev Connacher, 4 children - 3 boys, 1 girl



Lorraine Horton, Jackie Zuniga,
Bev Connacher



28 MAY 2017 SUNDAY'S OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY

Pastor James acknowledged those who served our Country in the Armed Services.

Ross Campbell

Rick Kendall

Roy Wilson

Lee Unruh

Miles Riley

We miss Joan Mistlin who always stood up as a proud Marine!



RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, 28 May 2017, Pastor James presented two high school graduates with Bibles with their name inscribed on the front cover.

Pastor James gave Kelly Kiernan and Deytanira each a Starbucks gift card which will come in handy for those late night studies.

Both will be attending California State University, Sacramento, in the fall. Kelly will be majoring in Journalism and Film, while Biological Science will be Deyanira's major.

FATHER'S DAY 18 JUNE 2017

Pastor James presented carnation boutonnières to The Oldest Father who was ROY WILSON.

The Youngest Father is none other than PASTOR JAMES.

The Father with the most children is LEE UNRUH with two children and two stepchildren.

It took Pastor James a while to find the youngest. He started out by saying 30, 40, 50, and 60, there was some movement... someone said they thought the youngest had to be Pastor James. And, so it was, he got the carnation pinned to him by Dianne Gillette.

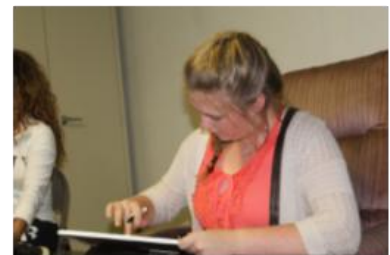


YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group will take a hiatus until September 6th, due to our youth being on vacation with their families. Some of the topics that have been discussed so far are the importance of truthfulness in one's life and how the Bible was formed. We will restart this program in September with both Bible study groups coming together that evening to have a movie on the lawn. There will be more info to follow.

LU FROST



SPOTLIGHT ON A SPECIAL MEMBER

VIKKI HUCKELL

~Unsung Hero~



There are many things that get done around our church... No one knows who does some of these things, they just get done. These doers are the “unsung heroes” of our church.

Every so often, The Grapevine will recognize one of these people...

VIKKI HUCKELL

Is being recognized as one of those who unselfingly gives of herself to the betterment of our church family.

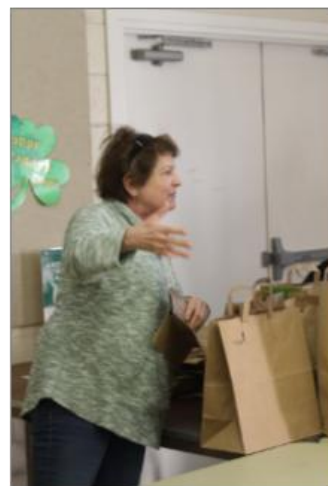
Vikki’s “prints” can be found on many things that are happening around our church... some we see her in person, some we do not.

We know she is the person who spends some of her Sundays as the Children’s Church School teacher.

At Easter, she was the one who coordinated our tradition of having a living cross. We saw her on Father’s Day Sunday, presenting a rose to each father with the assistance of DAVID BEYNON.

During our Salvation Commodities Program, she assists with the packing of food items to be distributed to the community.

She assists with events held in the Fellowship Hall... potlucks, fundraisers, etc.



Granddaughter, Breanna

And, Vikki is the person who changes the weekly message on our sign at the corner. This is no small task as one has to come up with what will be communicated on the board, take off the previous message, get the appropriate letters for the new message. And, of course, put the letters from the previous message back.

We are grateful for all that you do, Vikki, to make FCC such a welcoming place.

MISSIONARIES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

It was very enjoyable having the missionaries Symphony Castillo and his family join us for an evening of fellowship, a spaghetti dinner, and information about their mission work in the Philippines. Their group additionally plays an important role in financially supporting ministers, their five feeding centers, as well as a new camp site/retreat center. Symphony's wife Nina, who has a wonderful voice, also sang a couple songs

off her gospel CD. If you would like to support their endeavor contact the MOMC of the NACCC in Wisconsin.

Additionally, we will be having another missionary family from Haiti coming on July 5th. Come and hear the exciting things that God is doing in that country!

PASTOR JAMES



“NEW” LOOK, “NEW” EDITOR

As you can see we have a “new” look - cover and size!

We went to a new format since we have a new graphics program that we wanted to use. Hope you enjoy this “new” look, and the color...

Have any new ideas for The Grapevine, email your suggestion to fccsalida@sbcglobal.net. If you do not have access to a computer, write

the story and put it in the “Newsletter Editor” slot behind Elizabeth’s desk.

Phyllis Agers decided to pass the “torch” back to me.

I am looking forward to being The Grapevine editor once again.

- Diane Suzuki

MISSIONARIES FROM HAITI

Your Outreach Committee has done a great work in utilizing the funds from our "Noisy offering" to reach out past our own community of Salida. This is very biblical. In the book of Acts we see our Lord instructing the disciples to wait for the filling of the Holy Spirit, and then using that new---found power to reach out unto their community, and unto the world. Until recently we have been supporting the American Institute with a special focus on the education of one, Citalie Alvarez. With your help we were able to sponsor her education until she graduated. What a wonderful testimony of Christian love we were able to shower upon this young person.

Our next endeavor will be to sponsor a mission from the country of Haiti. I personally know one of the missionaries, Janis Plant Walton, because we went to school all the way back in junior high. We have had a long lasting relationship and it has been exciting to see how the Lord has been utilizing her and her husband Tad. They serve at a mission that was established by pastor Michel Morisset, who will also visit us, some 47 years ago. We will be having this group visit us on the evening of Wednesday July 5th, 6pm, and we will have a potluck, followed by a time of hearing what the Lord is doing in this country and in their ministry.



Here is a final thought. It is wonderful when we give to charities, but it is not often that we are able to personally hear and get to know the people that our giving supports. Come and meet this missionary team that we will be beginning to sponsor.

We have chosen the Eben-Ezer Mission in Haiti, to donate our "Noisy Offering" to this year.

Please come and meet them and learn more about their missionary work.

We will not meet for Adult Bible Study this evening. Thank you.





Things heard around FCC that we thought you would want to know....



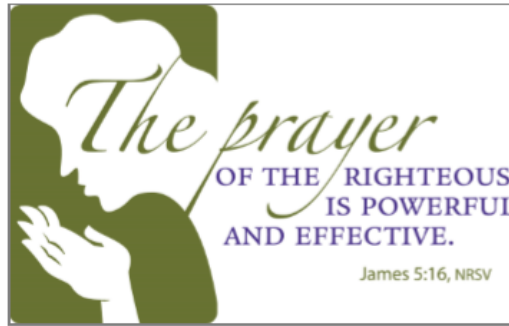
- ◆ Pastor James' daughter said Frosts have two stomachs - and one of them is for DES-SERTS!
- ◆ Jackie Zuniga, Dottie Wilkinson's granddaughter attended Sunday Services on Mother's Day with her daughter, Josslyn. And, Jackie's mother, came to Coffee Hour with Josslyn's younger sister, Emma. So nice to see Jackie at Sunday services.
- ◆ Spotted walking on The Virginia Corridor... None other that LU FROST sporting a L.A. Kings cap. At least it was not a Dodger cap... You hardly ever see any of those on The Corridor.
- ◆ A few years back, one of our congregational members threw up on Randy Klinefus' tie? Any ideas? This goes back about 18 years actually, Randy usually was surrounded by children, being principal of Sherwood School, then known as Mr. K. There was one student there named John Beynon, who had a little one year old brother named David. During one of the parent's involved festivities, David had accompanied his mother. Mr. K. asked to hold the little guy. Not knowing he had just eaten earlier, which something had not agreed with his tummy, and up it came right on his nice tie! Randy kindly gave the child back to his mother and found humor in the situation, and cleaned up his shirt and tie! A couple years later at a jog-a-thon, David was sitting in his stroller reading a book. The principal was quite impressed with his ability to turn the pages correctly, that he took his picture!! But he didn't pick him up.....
- ◆ Pastor James' daughter, Tricia was at church to honor him on Father's Day. He was wearing one of his new Father's Day ties Tricia had given him. He said it was nice that he now had a job where he could wear a tie. He remembered when he would receive paper ties that his children had made in Sunday School for Father's Day.

SANCTUARY GETS A NEW ROOF



MODESTO NUTS GAME AND TAILGATING

Our annual MODESTO NUTS GAME & TAILGATING is Friday, August 11. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. We will meet before the game between 5:00-5:30 for the tailgate BBQ. Please bring your folding chairs and drinks. There will be fireworks displayed after the game. Please check with Linda Kendall to see what dish you can bring. Game tickets are \$12.00 each. Please see Lee or JoAnne Unruh to buy your ticket(s).



PRAYER CARDS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As the above verses from Matthew state, it is vital for us to get the message of the gospel out into the world, and especially our individual communities. This is where our prayer cards come in. It may be difficult for some of us to share our faith, but it is easy to pray for someone. Make a list of people that you will commit to pray for, that live within a ten---mile radius of the church. Pray that God gives you opportunity to share your faith with them and invite them to church and our fun activities. You will be amazed at what the Lord can do in your life if you are deliberate in your prayers. Duplicate two index cards by placing the same names on both, keep one of the cards and personally pray, and bring the other to church and the prayer group at Church will pray over them as well. We already have two people that have been affected by this effective tool. In closing scripture says, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous has great power in its working' (James 5:16b). Let us make an impact upon this Salida community for Christ!

PASTOR JAMES



"The Grapevine" is our way of communicating what is happening in our church family... congregationally, and individually as families.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE



SALVATION ARMY COMMODITIES



EASTER SUNDAY LIVING CROSS



BIBLE STUDY



KOUNTRY KITCHEN



MAUNDY THURSDAY



SUPPER CLUB



MY GRANDSON

It's a grandmother's right to brag about her grandchildren, right? Well, right or wrong, I am going to brag a little about my Grandson Bradley who lives in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Brad is an AG Science major at Sheridan College. Last March he was selected to compete in an Agriculture Sales contest in Missouri. There were contestants from almost every state in the union and Brad was NUMBER ONE!!!!



Now, don't you think I am justified in bragging?? He put a lot of hard work and study into this and it paid off.

As it happens, his Dad (my son) is his instructor so it was a double whammy for the Holloway and Velthoen families....Way to go, Brad....

FLORENCE VELTHOEN

EMMA'S BAPTISM

At the risk of suffering from over exposure, I am writing yet another article for our Grapevine.

Those of you who were in church Sunday, June 11, got to see Pastor James baptize my great granddaughter from Wyoming, Emma Marie Holloway....If you're wondering why they would come all the way from Wyoming for the baptism, there is a story to that. Twenty years ago her father, my grandson Brad, was baptized in our church and they thought it would be nice to start a tradition. At that time Carol Hertle was on the Deaconate and before the ceremony, carried Brad down the aisle. Somehow the wires got crossed Sunday and James took the baby leaving Carol with a look on face that said "What happened"... Well the ceremony was lovely, Pastor James did a beautiful job and when it was over Carol took Emma down the aisle in order to preserve the tradition. When Carol brought her back she said she



took the baby after she was "sanitized".....We had a good laugh after it was all over. My whole family from Wyoming was there. Chuck, my son, Loretta, my daughter-in-law, Brad and Tyler, my grandsons, my granddaughter in law and of course baby Emma. It was a delightful morning for me and is now another great memory. I forgot to add this was the first baptism Pastor James performed at our church so I imagine it will go in his memory bank also.....

FLORENCE VELTHOEN



FUNERAL VISIT IN TORRANCE

On the 13th-15th I visited relatives and went to a funeral for Jack's/Toshi's daughter Judy Kajikawa. I caught the city bus to Amtrak to start my adventure, when I got to Bakersfield I had to catch a bus to Torrance. I was supposed to arrive at 4:05 p.m. I arrived at an hour later. My seat felt sore from sitting so long. Every once in a while over the grapevine you would see spots of orange poppies on the hill side. I visited with my cousins at the funeral. It was a wonderful setting. The cemetery had rolling hills and now and then cubicles where families could be buried. The chapel was nice also. After the service there was a graveside service and then on to a Chinese buffet. The next day my cousins took me to the Amtrak stop. I had a friendly bus driver. He told me of his family and love of cooking. We went near LAX. Further down the road there were little retail stores. As we drove further we went three westward home of UCLA campus lots of houses. Then we came to Van Nuys train station. We spent 15 to 20 minutes and then eventually got on the busy freeway towards Bakersfield. I didn't think we would make it on time to catch the train home. Outside of Madera there were lots of snow on the mountain top. It was so pretty to see. We didn't arrive until 5 to 6 p.m. It seemed like a long day. I was glad when my friend picked me up at the train station and took me home.

JOANN TAMURA

NEW BANNERS IN SANCTUARY



Traditionally when a new pastor takes the pulpit, Lena Wyeth makes a banner to commemorate the occasion.

The three banners are based on Pastor James' favorite verses.

Giant Race News
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Way to turn out, San Jose! It was a cool morning, but mostly because all the cool kids were hanging together in the center of the Giant Race universe (at least on Saturday) - Municipal Stadium. A Giant thank you to our friends at San Jose Police Department, Kelley Park, History San Jose, Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, San Jose State, and the San Jose Giants for working together to make it a great day.


Of course, now there's only one thing left to do. You know what that is Giant Racers...

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Not only did we record your time, but we recorded a video of each and every one of you crossing the finish line (let's just say people watching is our thing). For now we've listed your time. Your personalized finish video will be up sometime this week -> [check back to this link](#)



SAN JOSE - FINISHER CERTIFICATE

As if a commemorative Bum Bobble, medal, and shirt wasn't enough to help you show off your achievement, we've also designed a fancy pants finisher certificate for you to personalize. Again, just visit the results link to download yours.



SAN JOSE - REMOTE RUNNERS

Special shout out (wassup Isolda and Diane) to ALL of you who ran virtually on Saturday morning! Your packets are en route. Your well-earned relaxation is no doubt already in progress.

GIANTS RACE

My running buddies and I are participating in the "Giant Race" series Three Bagger.

We started the series by running the River Cats Giant Race 10K, followed up by the San Jose Giants 5K Race. For this race we chose to do virtual... run at home not in San Jose.

We were instructed to take a photo to post on a social media site. We took our photo in front of the Jeremy Affledt Junior Giants field on Morris Avenue in Modesto.

Well, guess what? When we received our Post Race email... "Giant Race Finish On the Field," whose faces were posted on the remote runners section... Mine and my running buddy, Isola.

Now, seriously, go figure. Out of the 100's of runners, they chose our photo!

We had a friend take hers under the finish arch of a half ironman race in Victoria, British Columbia. They suggested exotic places, etc. in the instructions for your run photo.

We finish up the series with a 10K in San Francisco at AT&T Park in August.

I will post a photo of all our Giants bling...

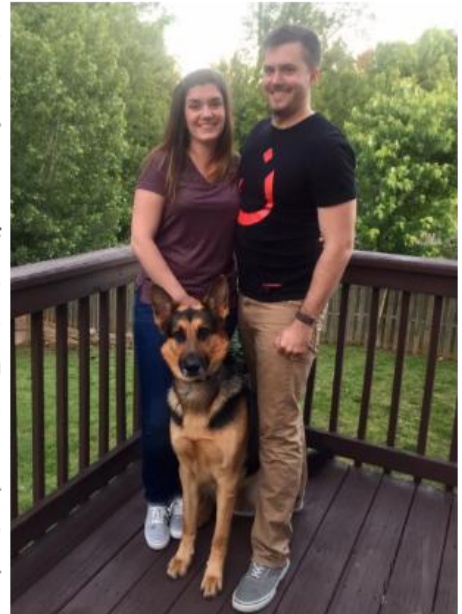
DIANE SUZUKI

NOTE: Her husband was doing the half ironman... The Half Ironman is 70.3 miles: 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and 13.1 mile run. And, yes, he completed it. In November he completed a full ironman - and doubled all those miles!!

JOHN AND DENISE BEYNON - UPDATE

It has been a busy spring for John and Denise Beynon. Near the end of May, Denise graduated from Fayetteville State University (North Carolina) with a B.A. in Intelligence Studies and a Geospatial Intelligence Certificate. She maintained a 4.0 GPA through her course of study.

She was happy to graduate, but was unable to attend her graduation ceremony because she and John moved that same weekend. John received transfer orders to move from Fort Bragg, N.C. to Fort Campbell, KY. He has left the post he held for 2 years as Assistant Executive Officer for training at Forces Command and has now joined the 101st Airborne Division. He will serve on staff in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team before taking command of a company in the 101st. The move went smoothly, with the help of Denise's mom who originally planned on spending some time with them for graduation and was there for the move. John, Denise, Howie (German Shepherd pictured), Lola (French Bulldog), and "the cat" are settling into life in Tennessee. Fort Campbell straddles the border of Kentucky and Tennessee, so they choose to live on the Tennessee side. Their address is 847 Nandina Ct. Clarksville, TN 37043, if you want to drop them a note.



Reminder!



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SAN FRANCISCO 1906 EARTHQUAKE

At our book club meeting in April the great fire and earthquake in San Francisco played a part in the book we were reading at that time. I mentioned to the girls that my father and mother met the night before the earthquake and they thought the story was interesting enough to put in The Grapevine... so here goes.....

On April 17, 1906 my mother and her two sisters attended a neighborhood dance. She met my father there and they seemed to hit it off very nicely. He took her home from the dance and left with a promise to call on her again. The next morning at 5:00 a.m. the earthquake hit. My mother and her two sisters jumped out of bed into water and their first thought was that the huge fern my grandmother kept in the "parlor" had tipped over. It did, but they soon found out it was a lot worse than that. They

lived in the mission district where the fire raged and were unlucky enough to have been in its path. They were forced to evacuate and went to the top of the hill (which is featured in many pictures of the quake) and had to wait there for the duration. In the meantime, my father managed to find a horse and wagon and went to the house where he had taken my mother home the previous night, and, of course, no one was there. He didn't know the family well enough to just go in so as a result everything my mother's family had was lost.

BUT... the story has a happy ending. Somehow in all the confusion at that time my father found my mother and the rest is history. They were married the following September and became the parents of SEVEN children....

FLORENCE VELTHOEN

Blast From the Past

This may be a new section for The Grapevine if people send in "old" photos from past church activities.

Cindy Beynon had the idea... This would be a good way for Pastor James and Lu, and new members to see our history through photographs.

To start off the section, Cindy Beynon found this photo from a Women's Retreat at Asilomar. Elaine Tindle was receiving an award.

Pictured are Phyllis Agers, Elaine Tindle, Anne Lowe, Cindy Beynon, and Diane Suzuki.

So, check through your old photos, and see what you find...



GRADUATIONS

Senior Year is coming to an end, and I'll be going to Sacramento State University in the fall, I'm excited to see what God has in store for me!

KELLY KIERNAN



OUR GRANDDAUGHTER

Congratulations to Caitlin Riley, granddaughter of Miles and Sharon. This year she finished her first year of teaching, earned her teaching credential at UC San Diego, and finished earning her Master's degree. Now she is working on getting her Yoga teacher certification. This gal never stops. It is the end of her life at UCSD and the beginning of her life as a fully certified science and yoga teacher!



WOODBIDGE FAMILY

Amanda Woodbridge graduated from Stanislaus State University this year with a Master's Degree in Business Administration (M.B.A.). Amanda is married to Joanne's grandson, Justin. We are so proud of Amanda as she accomplished this while working full time and expecting a child in August.

OUT & ABOUT WITH JOANN TAMURA

CHOCOLATE FACTORY VISIT

Today - 4-22-17 we went to a chocolate factory. We left on a warm morning at the west camp. About 15 minutes down the road we ran into grid lock lasting two hours. Finally we left the two lane freeway to a multiple lane freeway. We finally reached our lunch spot-- Spaghetti Factory. After lunch we went to the chocolate factory; We had to put an apron on and then we went into the workshop. The teacher gave us lots of info about Chocolate. Then we went to the main lobby to pick up our chocolate. We then came home.



LELAND STANFORD MUSEUM

On the day we left it was very cold. We got to our first stop at the state capital. The docent gave us a little history of the capital. From there we went to our lunch stop at the Foundation Restaurant - the food was great but the service not so great. Our next stop was the Leland Stanford mansion. Mr. Stanford made his money with the railroad. The Stanford University carries his name. The design looks much like our McHenry Mansion. After our visit we came home.

LEGION OF HONOR

It was 52° with a wind chill while waiting for the bus at the west campus. Then it came and we boarded the bus to see the early years of Monet to Legion of Honor. After we saw this exhibit we went to de Young. We just had two hours to see what we wanted then we came home.

VISIT TO MARE ISLAND

This was a perfect day to view the osprey (small eagle). Before we boarded the boat we saw egrets and black crown herons eating along the shore line. We then were on our way to see some more birds. We saw seagull build a nest, a red tail hawk, a turkey vulture, an osprey feeding its young and many more. We then ate a delicious lunch. We were told that Vallejo was the first capital, then Benecia, and finally Sacramento. We made it back to the dock and boarded the bus to Mare Island to go around and view some more osprey. Then we came home.



You're all welcome. Books are borrowed from the library so there are no fees. We get a new book each month. We meet the second Wed. of the month at 1:15.

June 14, - **The Road**: Father & son walk across America, not knowing the future, they only have each other. by Cormac McCarthy

July 12, - **Blue Heaven**, by C. J. Box: children witness a murder, and the chase is on.

Aug. 9, - **Turn of Mind**, by Alice La Plante: a doctor, accused of murdering her best friend, questions her own memory.

Sept. 13, - **The Book Thief**: In Nazi Germany as she steals books she finds kindness in unexpected places. by Markus Zusak

Oct. 11, **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**, by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer: in a place of drought & famine, Malawi, William brings electricity and running water.

Nov. 8, **Gone Girl**, by Gillian Flynn; Nick's wife of 5 years disappears. Is he a killer?

Dec. 13, **The Miniaturist**, by Jessie Burton: Nella, a new bride in 1686, hires a miniaturist to furnish the small model of their new home which her husband has given her.

PHYLLIS AGERS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:15 p.m.

See article on page 23.

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

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of the month, 7:30 a.m., at Salida Kountry Kitchen

PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday 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 Saturday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

exceptions June, July, and August

YOUTH GROUP

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

exceptions July and August





SUBMISSION DEADLINE	COVERING MONTHS	DISTRIBUTION DATE
6 August	August - September	20 August
8 October	October	22 October
19 November	November - December January - February 2018	3 December

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If you would like to start the Phone Tree please contact Pastor James or one of the First Contact Leaders listed below.

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Dianne Gillette	Elaine Tindle	Secretary,
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	or 613-5775	545-1156

The First Contact Leaders will notify each other and Team Captains in the event of an emergency.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

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

Priscilla Bowman

Lt. John & Denise Beynon



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