



NOVEMBER 2023

IN THE INTERIM. . . .



When we use the word “team” it is very easy to think of a sports team, a group of people coming together and playing together to achieve their aim. Having spent many years involved in youth soccer in Southern California it is very easy for me to understand the team approach. What I particularly enjoyed was taking a group of girls and molding them into a team who would work together to achieve our goal. During those ten years that I coached girls’ soccer teams, we achieved many successes.

The team approach can come together in many ways and not just sports teams.

During my recent sermon on stewardship, I mentioned that Patsy and I had visited the National Air and Space Museum on a recent visit to Washington DC. In that sermon I used the example of the exhibit devoted to Orville and Wilbur Wright and a wall plaque in that exhibit that caught my attention. It said:

“The Wright Brothers had individual talents, skills and personality traits that complemented one another. Relying on each other’s strengths and compensating for each other’s weaknesses was crucial to their success. Neither probably could have achieved alone what they did as a team”.

There was also another exhibit at the Air and Space Museum that we both enjoyed. It was the exhibit devoted to man’s journey to the moon. We were able to see so much that went into that tremendous achievement including Neil Armstrong’s spacesuit and the command module Columbia. There was a very interesting video chronicling man’s journey to the moon, concluding with Neil Armstrong’s famous “small step for man a giant leap for mankind”. It is quite amazing though to know that that giant leap used the time and talents of over 400,000 individuals, each one contributing one small part to one “giant team”.

Teams so often come together in times of an emergency. Being a “soccer” person, I was very interested back in June of 2018 when the twelve members of a young boys’ soccer team and their coach decided to explore a cave in Thailand. Following heavy rain they became trapped underground. Due to the efforts of over 10,000 individuals using their many talents and working together they saved the boys and their coach after 16 days. There were many heroic efforts, but one small thing that caught my attention during the rescue was that engineers removed 265,000,000 gallons of water from the caves.

Teams can be small or large in number, but working together is the key. You can no doubt think of many other examples of situations, some in your own lives where people have come together to achieve greater results.

My hope for Christ Church is that like the Wright brothers, by working together relying on each other’s strengths and compensating for each other’s weaknesses, we can go forward together doing God’s work here at Christ Church. **John**

Vestry Report – Friday, October 20, 2023

- Jeff Nocket gave an update on the current situation regarding the renovation plans.
- The ingathering for Manna House and Christmas Child boxes will be held on Sunday November 12th.
- O Holy night Booklets were being ordered from Daily Bread Publishers.
- The Defibrillator was ordered and hopefully would arrive shortly.
- The vestry is looking to improve the security of the church building.
- We will be starting to improve the congregation directory.

Getting to know you....

Laura Ashley-Spencer



Deacon Chuck Kendall was born in Garner, Massachusetts, on November 21, 1939. He moved to Maryland for a couple of years but returned to Garner where he graduated from high school in 1957. He attended El Camino College in California and then transferred to UCLA where he studied Electrical Engineering.

Upon receiving his draft notice, Chuck enlisted in the Air Force in 1961. After basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas, he was sent to Denver, Colorado where he studied nuclear weapons. He was then sent to Massachusetts where he met his wife Marilyn who was a schoolteacher with two children.

He next did a tour in Taiwan. After a career of 20 years and 8 months in the Air Force, the family with two more kids in tow moved to Sacramento, California where Chuck went into business with his brother Chris dealing with electronic interference of devices. His brother owned 40 acres in Mariposa and in 1982 they moved the business there.

Shortly after moving to Mariposa, Chuck and Marilyn started attending St Andrews. Chuck and Marilyn became deacons in 1974. St. Andrews had many rotating priests and Chuck and Marilyn also rotated as deacons at St. Andrews, St. Luke's in Merced, and St. Paul's in Modesto. Chuck also worked at a CYA camp for a year.

In 2020, when St. Andrews closed, Chuck became our deacon at Christ Church. For the past year Chuck has been our lone officiant. He is always ready and willing to make the long drive from Mariposa to attend to our needs at church, vestry meetings, bible study and the men's breakfast. We so appreciate him!

Christ Church Financial Report		
January 1st - September 30th 2023		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$61,830	\$59,042
Expenses	\$83,694	\$39,907
Net	-\$17,005	\$19,135

GIVE THANKS.....

Thanks to Jeff Nocket, Jay Smith, and Frank Simonis for using their talents to remodel the Altar area.

Celebrations of Life

Birthdays:

- 11/13 Helen Caprioglio
- 11/19 Liam Burton
- 11/20 Craig Tripple
- 11/21 Chuck Kendall
- Becky Smith

Anniversaries:

- 11/21 Chuck & Dee Carr

CCW NEWS

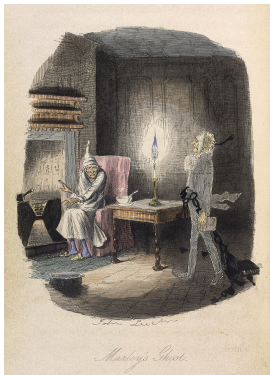
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Well, it's almost here! – our 22nd annual Holiday boutique on November 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. The ladies at Martha's Market have been finishing up last minute preparations to get our products completed and priced. We have also had product from Ken Smith and Jeff Nocket as well as some items of John's donated by the vanDeursen family.

A reminder: our Holiday Tea at the Atwood's is at 11 am on December 9th. A \$5.00 donation to help defray the expense is requested. Also, our Angel making date has not been determined but will be announced at church

GOLDEN CHAIN

MaryHelen Mierkey



What is more fun than seeing a classic Christmas show at the Golden Chain Theatre?

Obviously, the answer is, seeing it with friends from church of course! We have a block of tickets reserved for this musical version of *A Christmas Carol*.

Our tickets are for performances on either November 26th or December 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the church. These group tickets will be available until November 13th so check your calendar and reserve your spot. Tickets are \$15. Cash or check is to be given to MaryHelen.

GIFT CARDS

Becky Smith

Unbelievable that it is only 55 days until Christmas! Time to decide who is naughty and who is nice, to make out your list and check it twice. Gift cards on your list? the church can help you with that. Do your buying and make a contribution to the church at the same time. We will be taking prepay orders until November 26th. Remember there are hundreds of retailers gift cards available. Contact Heather or Becky.

INGATHERING SUNDAY



November 12th, is the day to share our blessings with those in need of Manna House assistance. They accept non-perishable food (including cans past the "best by" date), dog and cat food, diapers and personal hygiene items.



The 12th is also the day to return your filled Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. If you need a box or have questions, contact Patsy Minney. Thanks to those who have already returned boxes.



Please return your Stewardship pledge card to enable the Vestry to plan next year's budget.



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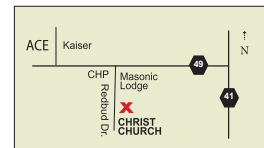


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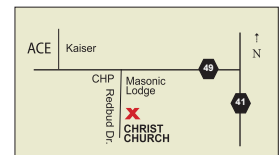


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