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**ALTAR LIGHT**  
**JANUARY 2019**

## A Note From Pastor Dan:

Happy New Year church family!

I believe the start of a new year is often a good time to stop and take stock of our lives: how are they going? What might God be seeking to do in my life? Or what might God be seeking to do for someone else through my life? Are the most important things in my life in the most important places? Am I spending time on the things which really matter, or am I letting smaller things distract me? How is my wardrobe?

I'm not talking about a shopping trip. Look at this list of clothing which Paul recommends:

*Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which unites us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. (Colossians 3:12-14)*

Paul refers to tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and most importantly love, as things which we can clothe ourselves with. What if this new year we worked on updating our wardrobe a bit? Adding some mercy. Putting on some kindness. Making sure we have some humility, gentleness, and patience (they coordinate well). And of course love, which although sometimes hard to find, is always the best style.

I invite you to spend some time in contemplation and prayer, inviting God to show you what gifts he is most hoping to clothe you with in 2019. Because I am convinced that God wants nothing more than to help clothe us with the best garments out there!

### **KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Faye Brannan, Paula Castles, Sammie Collins,  
the family of Al Massa in his passing,  
Bob La Blanc, Julia Meyer, Debbie Swetz,  
Dathion Ruiz, Lois Lawson, Shirley Schroeder,  
James Varga and Jerry Wells

### **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE**

The stewardship drive started December 1<sup>st</sup>. So far 15 pledge cards have been returned for 2019. Your pledges help us to prepare our budget for the upcoming year.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE JOURNEY**

Pastor Dan is leading a class that explores the books of the Bible on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We are currently studying the Book of Luke. The discussions are lively and thought provoking. This Bible study does not include a potluck meal and does not meet on Consistory meeting nights (2nd Tuesday of month and on quarterly Adult Fellowship nights.

### **NEW YEAR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We will have Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. on January 1st to start the new year. A light breakfast will be served. We will resume Tuesday evening Bible study January 15th at 6 p.m.

## **THE ELDERS DECEMBER REPORT**

A representative from the Woodland Police Department came out to evaluate our church campus security. He believes we are doing everything right with the installation of the security cameras, extra lighting and gates. He recommended implementing a plan in the case of an "intruder" during worship. Therefore, we will have a safety training for individuals interested on Saturday, December 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We now have Scott Griffis, Jeff Bourke and Chuck Mitchell as backups for Jim Walton in the church sound room to operate the sound equipment during services.

## **INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST, GREETER OR CANDLELIGHTER?**

The Elders would like to get more individuals from the congregation involved with worship services. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Dan, Carol Lou or an Elder know.

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

On Sunday, February 10th, Pastor Dan and the church elders will lead a new church member orientation. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by an overview and information about the St. John's Church history, beliefs and its mission. There will be time for questions and answers, so that individuals attending may come away with a broader understanding of the church and can make a decision regarding becoming a member. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please let Pastor Dan know, or call the church office 662-5921.

## **CHURCH POINSETTIA PROGRAM:**

Dolores Neilson would like to thank all who purchased poinsettias in honor and in memory of loved ones for the altar. \$493 will go toward church property improvements.



## **SHOEBOXES FOR CHILDREN**

Thirty shoe boxes were delivered to 4<sup>th</sup> & Hope the week before Christmas. Thank you for your support of this project.

## **GRAVY FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Our church provided 360 packets of gravy for the Christmas Baskets this year. Thank you for your donations towards this mission project.

## **FIJI OUTREACH**

We will be sending 4 wardrobe boxes to Fiji in the near future. Over the last two years we have sent over 42 boxes to churches in three different areas of Fiji.



## **JANUARY MOVIE NIGHTS**

The Friday night movies begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, with snacks provided, You are welcome to bring a snack to share, as well.

These are fun evenings of fellowship, usually held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. This month, we will have only one movie night and the title has not yet been decided upon. Look for the movie title in the church bulletin announcements in the upcoming weeks.





## **FACILITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

Future projects we will be working on include:

Replacing the original single paned windows in back of the overflow room of the sanctuary, the Community Christian Academy classroom window near the ramp and two windows in the sound room. Quote \$6,254. (The sound room windows may be deferred until later.)

Replacing one preschool door, 3 doors that open to the play yard from the social hall and 1 sanctuary door south of altar area. Quote \$7,000

We are looking into additional bids for the doors.  
Painting the outside of the preschool and social hall facing the courtyard.

Painting the front of the preschool.

Painting the social hall wall and preschool wall facing the play yard.

Work on the above projects will be done as funds are received.

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

6th Hazel Peterson  
10th Virginia Plocher  
30th Lice Rokotanaka



**ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 27TH—  
CONSISTORY BOARD REPORTS DUE NOW**





## JUNE RODEGERDTS

My name is June Charlotte Rodegerdts. My birthday is June 22nd. I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri.

Joseph Langan, my dad, was a PBX installer for South Western Bell Company. He met my mom, Dorothy Kost, when they both sang in a church choir in St. Louis. They were married on June 1st, 1940. I was the first child born. My brother, Joe, came next. Then my sister, Jane and a big surprise-my sister, Tina, came along 18 years after I was born.

I attended St. John's Catholic High School near my home, but in my third year, we moved out to Affton, Missouri. I graduated from Affton High in 1958. After high school, I decided to attend Webster College, which was a Catholic girl's school. During my sophomore year, I met a young man from Woodland, California. This man, Carl, was attending dental school at St. Louis University. His buddy was engaged to a good friend of mine and we hit it off right away.

After Carl graduated from dental school, he was going to go to the University of Missouri in Kansas

City to get a Masters Degree in Dentistry. We were married on July 1, 1961 and moved up to Kansas City. I attended Avila College there. Our daughter, Susan, was born on January 10, 1963. I got my B.A. in education in June of 1963 and Carl got his Masters in prosthetics at the same time. Then he taught for a year at the school.

Carl had a commitment to serve in the Navy when he finished teaching, so we were sent to Oceanside, California to live. They needed a prosthodontist, so he worked on the Marines stationed there. We lived in Oceanside for two years. After two years, Carl was discharged and we moved to Woodland where Carl started his dental practice. We had our son, John, on December 11, 1966. We have lived in our same house ever since! Now we have 4 grandchildren. Sam is 28, Justin is 22, Brendan is 20 and Gracie is 19. They are my prided and joy!!! In 1982 I went to clear my teaching credential at Sacramento State. In 1984, I began teaching at Dingle Elementary School I worked there for 14 years. In 1998, I transferred to Gibson School and taught there until I retired in 2009. The past few years, I have been teaching piano to young students and I enjoy it very much. I also love to play cards and dice games.

At St. John's participating in activities and attending the Adult Bible Studies is something I truly enjoy. It is a privilege to be a part of this congregation.

## ST. JOHN'S RETIREMENT VILLAGE

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 29 trees were planted across St. John's campus to replace trees lost from the drought. Woodland Luna Vista Rotary and the Woodland Tree Foundation helped with this project.

Holiday Parties for the residents were held the second and third week of December.

## ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

We currently have 51 children enrolled in our preschool which is the number we are licensed for and 8 toddlers in the Toddler Option Program. We have 2 new children starting in January. We continue to receive calls on a daily basis and give tours.

Our annual Christmas Program was held December 13<sup>th</sup> followed by a visit from Santa in the social hall. On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> we held our Polar Express party when the children watch the movie while sipping warm cocoa with marshmallows. The preschool closed at noon and will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Fourth & Hope has a demand for ***blankets and gloves*** this time of year. We are continuing our collection of ***new and gently used bath towels and wash cloths, plus soap and toiletries*** for the mission, as well. We are still collecting ***unopened pet food, new and used towels and laundry detergent*** for the Yolo County Animal Shelter. You may bring these items to the social hall or the back hallway of the church where there are designated boxes to put the items

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