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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



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SERMONS:

- September 1:** James 1: 17-27 Do Gooders
- September 8:** Mark 9: 33-37 So Big
- September 15:** Mark 8: 27-38 Savings Account
- September 22:** Mark 7: 24-37 A Dog's Life
- September 29:** Psalm 19: 7-14 Legal Ease



Faithfully Yours And Prayerfully Yours

There is a wonderful passage from the letter to the Philippians that was my Mom's favorite and so, mine too. "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We give God our hearts when we pray, we give God our worries, our fears. We ask God to forgive us for all we have done which has pulled us away from God, or caused harm or pain to another. We ask God for strength to follow Jesus. We ask God for wisdom to make good decisions. We ask God to protect us from harm, and to protect all those who work to keep us safe and to keep us healthy. We ask God for the courage to live righteously and justly with mercy and kindness.

There is nothing quite like the gratitude I hear in the voice and see in the face of a person who has been lifted to God in the prayers of another. Sometimes it is at church. Sometimes on our band of prayer. Sometimes in an e-blast or at the end of our 10 at 10 devotions. It might be a close friend or a total stranger.

We feel such awe and wonder when someone dares to whisper our name to God, to ask God for healing, or comfort, or direction, or a glimmer of light during a dark time of a soul. And while our faith assures us that God knows us and knows what we need, there is a sacred power when someone speaks our name in their conversation with God—I believe the most intimate conversations we have.

Every time you offer a prayer for someone, whether you know them or not, you are bringing God to them: God's healing, God's comfort, God's strength and God's love.

On behalf of those who share how much it means and what a difference it makes, I thank you so very very much.

Beth

SEPTEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** Sept 3rd 6:30pm
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Sept 14 10am-11:30pm
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** Sept 11 at 11:30 in Drier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** Wed Sept 18th 6:30pm
- **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall.
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom. All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. We are currently studying the book "Twelve More Women of the Bible" by Sherry Harney. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.
- **"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CONGREGATIONAL?"** Sunday, September 22 after worship in Dreier Hall



When Bad Things Happen to Good People Book Study

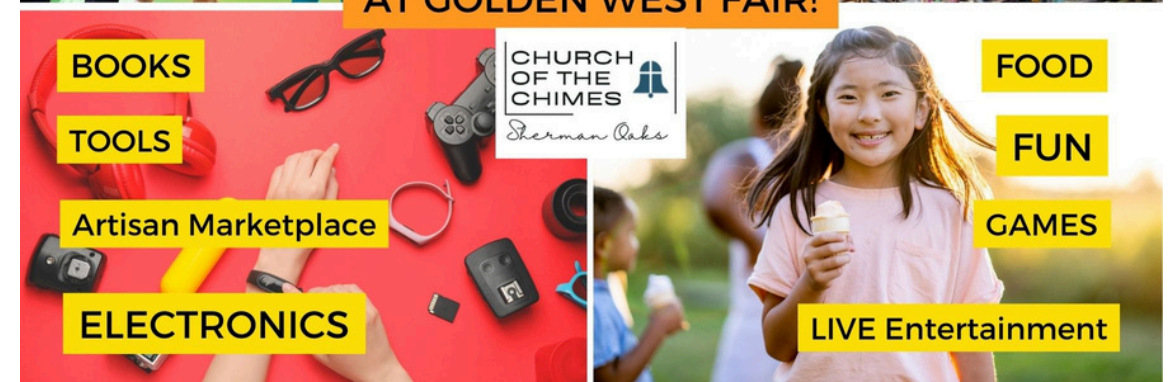
September 8 after Worship

The discussion of Rabbi Harold Kushner's book will continue on September 8 after worship—we will meet in Dreier hall. Our conversations have been wonderful as we have shared our reactions to the book, our insights and our experiences. This month we will be talking about Chapter 2 and the book of Job in the Bible. If you haven't come before you are still welcome—if you need a book please contact Dr. Bingham and we will get one!

A Class: What does it mean to be “Congregational?”

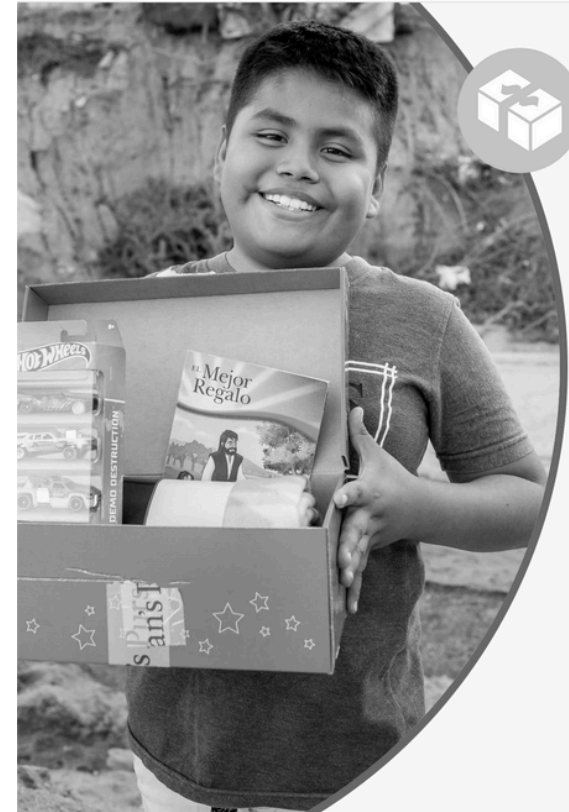
Sunday, September 22 after worship in Dreier Hall

This will be a brief overview of our Congregational tradition and the history and organization of Church of the Chimes. The class will be helpful for new folks and for any of you who are interested in knowing who we are-- how we cherish our faithful heritage and our Christian fellowship here at Chimes. It will even include a tour of our wonderful campus! I will also share what membership means in our church for those who are interested in becoming members. I look forward to our time together! Dr. Bingham





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



CWS collects items for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes year round. Given at Christmas time (the deadline is actually late November), we need donations that will fit in a shoebox that are appropriate for girls and boys ages 2 to 14. Shipping costs \$10 each, and the shoeboxes get shipped to various countries around the world, as well as the U.S., to be given to children in need.

For more information about this worthwhile project, and to find ideas about what to pack in a shoebox, please visit their official site at:
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

We will have opportunities to help with the shoeboxes later in the year
 - so stay tuned!

“What is it to be a Christian?”

Michele Marot

A few months ago Jeri Christensen gave me a pamphlet she had found hidden in a very rare and old book. It briefly lists four questions, the first of which is: What is it to be a Christian? Here’s what was printed for that first topic.

“What is it to be a Christian?”

1. In a word it is to be like Christ.
2. To be a disciple or learner of Christ. —John 8:31; 13:35
3. To be a follower of Christ. —Matthew 9:9
4. To be a witness for Christ. —Isaiah 43:10; Acts 22:15
5. To be a servant of Christ. —1 Corinthians 7:22
6. To be a friend of Christ and in fellowship with Him. —John 15:14-15

I truly appreciate writers who back up their thoughts with bible verses, and there’s a lot of important ideas here! Personally I was most interested in number 6, about fellowshiping with Jesus. The verses cited come right after Jesus’ parable about how He is the vine, we are the branches, and that together we can produce much fruit. That sounds like fellowship to me!

Jesus then says that God’s love for Him is the same as Jesus’ love for us - amazing! To remain in His love, we must keep His command to “Love each other as I have loved you.” So, in the words of The Youngbloods (1967), “Come on people now, smile on your brother. Everybody get together - try to love one another right now.”

Have a splendid September!

TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss Chair

It has been a productive summer! All of our earlier projects have been completed and we are only waiting on additional wood and painting for the pergola to join that list. We approved salaries for our new pre-school teacher, Mr. Orlando and our new Christian Education Director, Julia Keiper. We could not be happier to welcome them both! There is discussion about painting the sanctuary ceiling where we have sustained water damage over time. We are also exploring options to have the window behind the altar cleaned. Our next Trustee meeting is Wednesday, September 18th @ 6:30pm.

MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

The next Magnolia Marketplace will be on December 8th! Save the date!





September 2024



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