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Still Speaking ...

A newsletter from the Community Church of Atascadero



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As I Ponder...

I used to tease my dad about how much he looked at his watch. I challenged him to leave it off his wrist for a day, or to not take it on vacation—to have a break from his timepiece. He would generally just give me a grunt of acknowledgement as he continued checking the time.

This passage of time thing is weird, isn't it? Do you remember where you were when we entered into this century? And now there are adults born since then! I believe time has its own rate, a rate that varies by individual experience. The older I get it seems that time goes faster. And yet, at the same time, it must go slower, because children grow up faster than I age.

There are some people who proclaim that we all have the same amount of time. But that requires the belief that time is linear. Nope, I don't think so. I am convinced that time bends and, on the rarest of occasions, stands still.

Perhaps time is more like a commodity. We spend time, borrow time, save time, share time. It suggests we can own time – which of course we can't. But we do have some control, some agency in how we use it.

So here we are, beginning a new year and a new decade. How do you plan to use your time this year? Who do you want to share your time with? Where will you invest your time? Will people see what you value by how you use your time?

May our sharing of kindness, our willingness to listen to others, our co-creation of justice, and our work healing the planet become timeless. Happy New Year!

Gratefully yours... heather

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

What a great way to end the year!! Coats for Kids was a great success. Over 230 families came through. Our Church community was very represented volunteering at this event as we have been involved for a number of years now.

Thank you all for donating or putting in the hours at Coats for Kids. Many smiles, many Merry Christmas were heard and seen in the eyes of many clients that came through.

From the heart of BOC
Thank you so much!
-Brenda May

Co-Moderators' Report

Jeanne Miller and Celia Bewley

We end our term as co-moderators grateful for a smooth and fairly uneventful year. Our Church Council has been a pleasure to work with, and we have been able to dream, discuss, and decide together as we try to do our best for the whole church.

As the year progressed, we shepherded the Church through decisions about hosting a new alcohol recovery group, about communications with our AA and NA groups, about ways to make the work of ministries clearer to the congregation. We approved a new involvement with the MIX – a weekly children's education session held at the United Methodist Church, an overview of Fellowship Hall renovation needs and priorities to be led by Chuck Kania, and a brochure for distribution at events and in our buildings that describes who we are and what we do as a church.

Our church continues to provide monthly dinners to the El Camino Homeless Shelter. The need has increased dramatically this year. We are now preparing enough food for eighty people.

The lawsuit by a member of TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) group was settled this year. However, we still have an ongoing parking lot dispute with Ms. Cirocco, our neighbor on Rosario. She has hired an attorney to defend her insistence that her tenants have the right to park in our church parking lot. We have also hired a local attorney, without much success. We are now reaching out to the conference attorney and hope to make progress on this issue.

This past month, the Council began considering alternative solutions to the problem of our broken oven in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall. Replacement parts for that oven are expensive and increasingly more difficult to find. Buildings and Grounds ministry, mostly through the work of Larry Anderson, has researched the purchase of a new stove. We also approved the addition of gutters on the Hewitt building. After a brief Council meeting, we held a budget meeting to begin work on our 2020 annual budget. This budget will be presented at our congregational budget information meeting to be held after worship on January 12.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 26, after worship. We urge you to attend this important meeting where the congregation votes on elected officers and approves a budget for the coming year.



Buildings & Grounds

Rain gutter on Hewitt Bldg.:

I have not purchased the materials to complete this project. If we are going to do this as an “in house” project, I will need some help with planning and purchasing. As a review our estimate of cost from The Gutterman was \$654. Purchasing the materials would be about \$350 plus labor.

Range w/ oven in FH:

A review of the situation has shown that we have a stovetop with 8 burners, two ovens 29” wide, with only one working, and the most often used pans are 26” wide. Fixing the nonworking oven will cost \$450 for thermocouple/safety valve which is a single part.

The most viable option seems to be purchasing a used commercial range with oven included. Newer ranges, Wolf, Imperial, and etc have 26” ovens. My searches have narrowed to older 34-36” Wolf 6-burner ranges with 29” oven. There is one available in LA for \$550 (model CHSSR-6-29). The thermocouple replacement for this range is \$28 and the safety valve \$130 from Amazon. I am willing to go get the stove, but don’t know if it will still be available next week. A similar range is available in Monterey, but it has 4 burners and a griddle/grill.

Fellowship Hall:

I am requesting an additional \$2000 in our budget for next year to begin some work on the roof of the hall.

-Larry Anderson

An update from the Mitchell's

Dec. 14, 2019

We are slowly getting settled in our new home. We brought way too much stuff, so the local cancer thrift shop is getting many boxes. Though, we can now get the car into the garage. What a luxury to have a garage.

It snowed a little last night. More tonight. But it is beautiful and sunny right now. Olive, our dog, and I take many walks and she loves to play in the snow. We can’t build a fenced in area for her until spring.

Lots of things have to wait until spring because of the weather. We bought a snow blower, but either our son, Mark or Kyle, our grandson, come over and clear off our driveways.

We love seeing Raelynn our great granddaughter on a regular basis. Just yesterday we went Christmas shopping with Hayley and Raelynn in downtown Truckee.

We would love to have visitors.

Our new address is 12387 Rainbow Dr.
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Carolyn and Paul

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

5 – Marilyn Hamilton

12 – Tom & Althea Welling anniversary

15 – Paul Mitchell

16 – Joe Neynaber

28 – Justin Marchand

Lovely ladies of December birth



Our most photogenic member and his pops



Pot luck with Congregation Ohr Tzafon



Photos above by Dan Rich



Celia, Judi & Judy serving ECHO meals

Christmas Eve at CCA



Thank you, January Worship volunteers!!

Please see Marilyn Hamilton to join the lineup.

	Liturgist	Usher	Greeter	Sound	Kids Music
1/5					Kristina Prozesky
1/12					Sunday School
1/19					Kristina Prozesky
1/26					Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1 2020!	2	3	4
5 8:40 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Music followed by fellowship w/Jan birthdays	6 Women Aging w/Humor 3-5pm	7	8 Echo Meal 4PM Please see Celia to volunteer	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Band rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Congregational budget meeting followed by fellowship	13	14 11:00 am Personnel Meeting	15	16 3:00 pm Caregivers meeting	17	18
19 8:40 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship w/ Kids Music followed by fellowship 11:30 am Church Council mtg	20 Women Aging w/Humor 3-5pm	21	22 6:00 pm Midweek worship	23	24	25
26 8:40 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship followed by fellowship Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

Pastor Heather's drop-in hours - Thursdays 1:30-3:00pm at Malibu Brew



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