

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

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10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

October 31: "Laity Sunday." Ruth 1:1-18; Mark 12:28-34; "The Answer: Part 2"

Bill Blair, preaching

November 7: "All Saint's Sunday." Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; John 1:6-34;

"Generations of Love: Blessing"

Anne Schlesinger, preaching

Choir News

EVERYONE WHO LIKES TO SING IS WELCOME. We always love new choir members. Choir meets most Thursdays at 7:30. (Thursday, November 4 is the fall choir performance at CSUB so we will not meet that day, and this week three choir members will be in Sacramento and Patrick will be performing in the Bakersfield College performance, so rehearsal will be short.) We also meet before worship—usually at 9:30 a.m.

Choir will have a really fun get-together to practice music for the next months ahead. It will be on Sunday, November 7 at Jerry Ludeke's home. We will meet after church at about 2:30. Jerry will make a big pot of chili and some bread for fellowship and food AFTER a vigorous practice. She asks that others bring a salad or dessert. If you are wondering if you would like to join the choir, this is the perfect opportunity to see if it's a good fit for you. There is no obligation. But please let Jerry know you're coming so we have a "head count." Her number is (661) 871-6737, and her email is jerry@ludeke.com and of course she can provide directions if you need them.

The Pumpkins Are Still Here in all Their Glory

We have truly been blessed in the pumpkin patch this year. We have had many families returning from previous years and sharing with us their joy from previous visits. Many have shared how much they missed us last year and were very happy we were back. Our hours of operation are Friday 3-9pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday 12-9pm. We need volunteers to help clean up the patch on November 1. We will meet at 10 a.m. Can you help? Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and reflections of God's love through the Pumpkin Patch ministry. Call or text me anytime at 699-6625, to find out ways to help or email me at cgarnmpa@aol.com

—Blessings, Carolyn

♫ A Note from the Pastor

Off we go to Annual Conference Session (ACS)! Wesley has two lay members (Nick Strobel and Linda Ramirez) and two clergy members (Pastor Alice Oberg and myself) to attend Annual Conference. This year we get to meet in person, but there are many precautions taken to insure we stay healthy. Still, we covet your prayers. Hopefully this will be the last Annual Conference before the delayed 2020 General Conference. (Or maybe we can skip the 2020 General Conference and avoid the split altogether? I don't know.) We have a number of resolutions we will be sending to General Conference. We will have other work as well, of course. Because the tech team will be without their fearless leader, Linda Ramirez, one technician, Bill Blair, who is preaching, and other technical help from Nick Strobel, Wesley's worship on Halloween will be in person only. It will be laity Sunday—with laity doing most of the planning and all of the leadership. I will miss enjoying it. If you prefer to worship on Facebook, please tune into the Conference web page to enjoy the closing worship at Annual Conference at 11:15 a.m. You will find it online at CNUMC.org. Click on the ¡Presente! link. Bishop Carcaño is a wonderful preacher, and there is all the pomp of the Bishop's procession and many voices singing. Usually Annual Conference closing worship includes about a thousand people, but this year we will have a lot fewer because no guests or spouses are invited. That is but one of the COVID precautions.

I believe the Pumpkin Patch is doing quite well. We even sold over \$100 worth of pumpkins during Monday's storm. I give a lot of thanks for Carolyn Ashlock and her family for all they contribute. There is always an Ashlock, Smith or Waits in charge when the patch is open. There are also several other faithful volunteers who work very hard. I give thanks for all of them and ask all to keep these wonderful people in your prayers. I heard tell that the coat drive in the Narthex was not working well, so volunteers moved the coats to the fence, and all but two or three went to people who could use them. Our neighbors were very appreciative.

We will continue with our worship series "Leading Causes of Life" through most of the month of November. As is tradition, we will celebrate the saints in our lives on Sunday November 7, the first Sunday in November. November 21 we will have a blessing of the animals indoors. We invite you to bring pictures of your pets rather than the pets themselves. The next worship series will be "The Inn." Here is the synopsis from Worship Design Studio: "The pandemic has laid bare and widened economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and "make room in the inn," the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love."

Blessings, Pastor Anne

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for comfort and healing:

- Nina S to have surgery—please pray for a good outcome, and comfort for Al
- Junior Eli—pray for healing and peace and comfort for him and his family
- Edee—comfort and answers—diagnosis and treatment • Larry L. is having difficulty swallowing • Roxanne: That the MD may find the source of her problems and give answers • Shyann and Ana—peace and comfort... and a diagnosis • For Kristyn's baby Scotlyn—2 months old with some health issues • The Curtis family—several have tested + for COVID, several are feeling quite ill • Cindy W • Carolyn A • Susan M • Linda T • Andrew C and his co-worker • A little girl named Natalie who has heart surgery—needs to be covered in prayer, as well as prayers for her family • The Lonsinger family • Alvesa Chavez's daughter, Adele Dorado, who is going through chemotherapy

Prayers for those who are grieving:

- For the family and friends of Carol Blados (pastor Anne's cousin) • For the family and friends of Rev. Norman Calloway

Prayers for other needs:

- Ryan with health concerns, stress and discouragement • Caitlin and Stephanie—a woman and her daughter we met in food distribution—health and other concerns • Pat M who works for John Deere—may the issues be resolved quickly so strike can end • For success of the pumpkin patch • That kindness and decency return to public debate and society • Prayers for (grown) children with special needs and their moms who are caretakers • An end to

harassment of local election officials

- For the faculty at BC Experiencing stress over conversations over changing schedules & that Nick may be protected and strengthened to deal with the stress and hurt feelings of others • For C/N Annual Conference and for GC 2020 • For the hard workers in the Pumpkin Patch. • Prayers for Nick—lack of sleep, stress • For the Members of the Academic Senate at BC. For healing of hurt feelings. May the Senate make good progress during stressful times. For a good discussion regarding equity • For our Bishop and Episcopal staff as they bring comfort, prayer and compassion for the victims of the Dixie Fire who lost their church and homes. • For Evangelicals struggling with their faith—may they feel God's permission to question what they're told and be able to study and pray and reach their own conclusions about faith matters • Stella's brother Jack—for comfort and peace and a calm state of mind • People of Boulder Creek—BCUMC cannot hold service today due to an evacuation order. Prayers for everyone in places experiencing heavy rains on scorched earth

Prayers of praise and gratitude:

- Thanks for answered prayers—Stella's test went fine (still awaiting results) • Jerry's wonderful visit with Scott • That Toni has a cold and nothing more serious • Cindy Wilson is feeling much better! • Eddy's nephew Ryan is exhibiting maturity, compassion and understanding— wonderful young man • Many visitors to the pumpkin patch • Laura had a lovely visit with her sister and friends Sherry and Cathy—thankful for friends • Thankful for the care from Mandi and Terry • June is grateful that the last stitch is out of her eye and her

sight is much better • Thanks that Nina recovered well enough from her surgery that she and Al could go out for a meal • For birthdays: Jennifer Rous, Anne Schlesinger • For Sherry's great day with her grandchildren and their success in a cross country invitational • Patch is getting busy. People were blessed by the coat giveaway. • Carolyn Longsinger is feeling much better • Barbara's brother had a visit from his son and grandson. He was able to give some beloved things to his grandson who will enjoy them • Thanks for answered prayers • Bob Covey honored—track Hall of Fame • Young man who with God's help turned his life around for the better—thanks for Eddy's help • Brian's health is improving • Lissie recovering from her surgery • Blessed reunion of Sherry's daughters • Thanks for answered prayers—Carol is doing much better following heart surgery • Gratitude for so many former Trinity members gathered in church this month • Seeing old friends who are coming to Pumpkin Patch

UPPER ROOM

The November/December devotional guides are now available in the church lobby. \$1 donation. Thank you.

Happy November Birthday to.....

7	Anthony Lee
9	Susan McQuerrey
11	Bob Neath
12	Nathan Hallam
14	Joel Wilson
18	Liz Fariss
22	Scott Hallam
23	Jerilyn Smith
28	Rebek'ah Fore
30	Rob Bewley

Happy Anniversary to....

3	Jeryl and Dorothy Matthews
4	Don and Jeanne Allen