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A newsletter for and about the First Congregational Church, Oroville, CA

General

Please send me any stories or pictures of your travels or successes to be considered for the next edition of The Chimes at dubkub42@gmail.com, or call me at (805) 636-8505.

Quarterly Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser will be on September 14, Sunday, at 4:00pm, with world, renowned musicians, bringing their talents to the First Congregational Church with a mix of well-known original songs led by John Paris. This afternoon will be one to remember. The beneficiary of the funds will be the Salvation Army. If you have a suggestion as to what organization could use the funds in the future, please let me know at (805) 636-8505.

Please attend and support this event with us. If you aren't able to attend and still desire to donate, please go to our Facebook page and donate your desired amount, and let one of the church officers know and we'll make sure the money goes where it's intended. I will Livestream this event on Facebook.

True North Vacation Bible School

A note from Pastor Andrew:

I appreciate everyone who helped make the Vacation Bible School ministries a success this summer.

First Congregational Church co-sponsored two VBS's... One in June at our church, and another in August at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Other co-sponsoring churches were the local Salvation Army (for the one in June) and Pursuit Christian Church and Wynn Memorial Church of God in Christ (for the one in August). The people of Jordan Crossing Ministries were instrumental in helping with both of them. A lot of credit goes to their children's ministry director, Pastor Winifred Drymon.

Each night we gathered for 3 hours. We had dinner together, played games, explored Bible teaching on trusting in Jesus, and sang songs of praise and worship. It was high-energy and lots of fun.

We've had between 20-30 in the June VBS and 30-40 in the August one. Funding help was provided by a missions grant from the North Central California Presbytery - (i.e. the regional denominational hub for Trinity).

On our end, I want to thank Kay Castro for leading the Imagination Station section of the June VBS, and Kathy Hardy for serving as the registration leader for both of them. Ron Olsen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (down the street) also provided food for the Monday night gatherings of both events. We're thankful for their support.

Let's pray ahead for next year! All kinds of things are possible looking ahead.

Donations

We have an online option for your offerings and donations! It's incredibly easy and safe. Check it out at FCCOroville.org. If you have any questions, please call John Zenor at (530) 521-8177, or, please mail your contribution to: FCCO, 1715 Bird St., Oroville, CA 95965.

Services

Our live worship service on Sundays begins at 11:00am, with fellowship in the social hall beginning at 12:00 noon. Join us in person if you can.

For those who cannot join us in-person, online ministries will be available as an alternative for those who prefer to stay at home. People can participate either by Zoom or Facebook live. Facebook link: <http://www.facebook.com/fccoroville>.

Bible Study is held in person most every Wednesday at 2:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, and can be found using the info above, live on Zoom or on www.facebook.com/fccoroville. It will remain on our website for future viewing.

If you have any questions, or need help accessing any of these online events, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Andrew McHenry, 530-360-6030