

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

November-December 2025 Issue



Shortly after Arch Deacon George's celebration of life service a few months ago I sat at the desk in the deacons' office reflecting on George's many icons, his life, and thinking about how to use the space. Since I do most of my computer work at my office at home, I didn't really need a desk to work on.

As I slowly walked around the office thinking about what a deacon's space should be used for, I suddenly noticed several large cabinets that were somewhat hidden behind the desk. I walked over, opened them up, and found mostly empty space with scattered shelving and a few office supplies. Into my mind popped a thought "This would be a great pantry!" From that seed an idea grew.

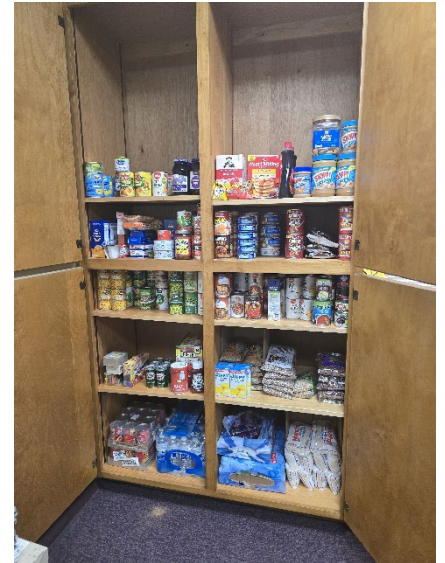
In the next office over we have a catchall of "stuff" that had accumulated over time, including a few shelves of canned food, donated items for the yellow bags and Shower Shuttle, a few boxes of old bibles, and desks. Again, the canned food connected with the pantry idea, but I set it aside for a time.

At our Salvation Army food distribution in October, we had quite a few boxes of food left over from the distribution. We usually deliver the excess to the pre-school next door for their low-income families, or to St. Joseph's pantry just down the street. On a whim, (or what turned out to be a Spirit-driven thought), I held back a box of each non-perishable item and placed it in the catch-all office with the other cans of food we had collected. This proved to be very fortuitous!

During the November Salvation Army food distribution, I noticed we were running out of food to give out but still had almost 30 minutes left to the distribution time and cars were still driving up! The cessation of SNAP benefits that month, combined with layoffs, had grown our usual distribution by 50%, overwhelming the supplies we were given. I suddenly remembered we had more food in the catch-all office and proceeded to bring everything out to the sorting tables to create more bags of food for distribution.

By the end of the scheduled distribution time, we were able to assure that every family that drove up had something to take home with them, and we still had a small amount left over to put back on our shelves. I couldn't help but realize that the seeds of the Spirit, planted a few months before, had sprouted into an unexpected treasure we could give out to those in immediate need. Praise the Spirit of the Holy One!

The following Sunday, Fr. Brian and I announced a can drive to restock the nascent pantry. The response from all of you has been overwhelming. I finally had time the Monday after the Bishop's Visitation to spend time in the deacon's office, which I now think of as the Deacon's Retreat, to clean out the cabinets, reposition the shelving, and move and organize all of the food donations into the cabinets. I can't help but be reminded of the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. (See the picture!!)



We are so blessed. The world is in a great mess, and we can sometimes feel helpless in the midst of so many problems. However, we CAN make a difference just in the immediate world around us. We may be unable to change the world, but we can change the world of one person or family who on any particular day needed just a bag of food to get by for a few more days. In a land of plenty we live the Gospel message of generosity.

A few days after organizing the new Food Pantry I put together donations going to the Shower Shuttle at the Modesto Gospel Mission. Thanks to the donations of parishioners, in both items to bring and donations to the Deacons Discretionary Fund, I was able to bring razors, toothbrushes, (60) pairs of women's underwear, (5) new jackets, (11) new shirts, paper bowls, soup packets, and snacks. We are a small parish, but we have great hearts open to sharing the love of God.

For Advent we will be collecting donations of socks for the Shower Shuttle. Daniel from the Shower Shuttle tells me they use almost 500 pairs of socks each month for the guests of the Shuttle. Can you imagine the cold of winter for the unhoused and poor when you're unable to put on a fresh pair of socks for weeks at a time? The Gospel is about bringing hope to those who have none. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex starting in Advent for those able to contribute.

Thank You, thank you, thank you!” to everyone who has contributed to the Pantry or the Shuttle. Each time we help someone, we are blessed by Jesus. I know that at some point on that Wednesday morning in November during the food distribution, Jesus drove up to see how we were doing, smiled as we handed him a bag of food, and drove off blessing each one of us. Alleluia, alleluia!!

Please, please, please! If you find yourself running short at the end of the month, or need a little something extra, contact me, Fr. Brian, or Stephanie Gilmer. We would be happy to welcome you to our little store where the only payment required is “Thanks be to God!”

Blessed by God’s Love,

Deacon Greg

Salvation Army Dinner

The Salvation Army Dinner Team provided a delicious dinner to over 100 guests and staff, Sunday November 2nd. The menu was one of our favorites: Chicken and Rice Casserole, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Strawberry Cake with Whipped Cream, and Milk. Through the generosity of many St. Paul’s members, we were able to serve everyone a hearty portion of everything, with folks lined up for seconds. When we don’t serve all that has been provided, we leave the balance of the meal for the staff to distribute another day.

The Team provides dinner six times per year - January, March, May, July, September, and November-all dates for 2026 to be announced. The menu varies each month, using fresh fruit and vegetables, when possible, as well as donations for ingredients and/or parts of the meals.

The Team is not exclusive; help in a variety of ways is always welcome-prayer, donations of ingredients or funds, preparation either prior to the dinners or the afternoon of the date, serving at the shelter.



Contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or lwlowe@outlook.com, for more information.



Breaking News:

Several of our favorite recipes will be available through the *Parish Cookbook* designed by Courtney Smith, one of the featured items at the Merch Table at the Cookie Walk, December 6th.

December 2025 Ministry Schedule

| Dates | Dec 7th | Dec 14th | Dec 21st | Dec 28th | Christmas Eve |
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| Clergy | Fr. Brian Dn. Greg | Fr. Brian Dn. Greg | Fr. Brian Dn. Greg | Fr. Brian Dn. Greg | Fr. Brian Dn. Greg |
| Acolytes | Alex S. Judy T. | Jim P. Judy T. | Nancy S. Gabe T. Evelyn B. | Nancy S. Carlos I. | |
| Eucharistic Minister | Stephanie G. | Joyce B. | Sarah H. | Linda L. Joyce B. | |
| Lectors | Stephanie H-W. Barbara V. | Ann M. Alex S. | Judy T. Nancy S. | Linda L. Joyce B. | |
| Intercessor | Jose C. | Alex S. | Luis M. | Nancy S. | |
| Ushers | David L. Carolyn L. | Alex S. Carolyn L. | Luis M. Claudine R. | David L. Claudine R. | David L. Carolyn L. |
| Greeters | David L. Carolyn L. | Alex S. Lynelle H. | Luis M. Claudine R. | David L. Lynelle H. | David L. Carolyn L. |
| Vestry Rep. | Jose C. | Alex S. | Luis M. | Nancy S. | |
| Coffee Hour Host | Stephanie G. | | | Jose C. Peter K. | |
| Sunday School | Sarah H. | Evelyn B. | Ann M. | Sarah H. | |

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2025

Members Present: Joyce Bell (Sr. Warden), Fr. Brian Dawson, Peter Krewko (Jr. Warden), Luis Martinez, Chuck Sheaffer, Ann Mootz, Courtney Smith, Nancy Silva, Sarah Hartmann, Jose Cruz

Others Present: Dc. Greg Masztal, Carolyn List (Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER: 12:00 noon, by J. Bell

OPENING:

- a. **Apologies for Absences:** Alex Sorino, Lora Burnett, Greg Burnett (Treasurer)
- b. **In Memoriam:** Michael Thorington
- c. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest:** none
- d. **Respectful Conversations:** Read by C. Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 24, 2025

M/S N. Silva / S. Hartmann. Approved

Discussion: Tree trimming bids are on hold. Fellowship Energy will be here Monday 9/22 to clean solar panels.

Bishop candidate visits went well.

MATTERS ARISING:

- a. **Nominations for open positions (vestry, convention delegates, diocesan committees)**
Vestry candidates: 6 will need to be elected in January:
Three Vestry members end service terms (S. Hartmann, N. Silva, C. Sheaffer)
One individual has advised will resign (L. Burnett)
Two are on short term appointment and need to be elected in January (J. Cruz, A. Sorino)
A **Parish Treasurer** will need to be appointed. G. Burnett has advised will resign
- b. **Diocesan Council and Standing Committee.** Nominations for 2026 close 9-23. No open positions in the Northern Deanery; one at-large member on Council
- c. **General Convention in Phoenix in 2026**
Diocese delegates: Need 4 Clergy; 4 laity representatives, plus alternates for each.

- d. **Deacon Greg may be reassigned.** Deacons are usually not assigned to the church where they reside when ordained. An exception was made when he was ordained and this may change with the new bishop.

Please speak to parishioners about available roles. Individuals need to be confirmed Episcopal

STRAND REPORTS:

HOSPITALITY

- a. **Hospitality Committee: Visitor /Newcomer; welcome swag**

This committee is not developed yet. Assignments include welcoming visits to new members, presentations of “swag” gift bag. Bags could include pens, stickers, coffee mugs with church insignia. Reusable bags may be purchased 100/\$200 and could be screen-printed

FAMILY

- a. **Property Subcommittee Report: J. Cruz**

Church roof repairs have been made. Roofer believes leak is due to clogging or breakage in drain system. Church built with drains inside walls which would make repairing breakage expensive. Advised that roofer is not same as one that has repaired leak 4 times in last year. Noted that the entire 2025 Maintenance/Repair budget has been spent. However, replacing and repairing gutter and drain system at the school is essential before rain season.

Recent air conditioning leak which flooded carpet in music room hallway was due to clogged floor drain and broken humidity drain. Bathroom toilet also clogged. All was repaired 10/14.

- b. **Stewardship Report: C. Smith**

Committee has sent out Pledge mailer. It is tri-fold; pledge information is on one side; 12 volunteer opportunities with check boxes on opposite side. Request is that completed pledge be put in offering plate or brought in to office. The Formal “Kick off” is on October 5 with the “Paws in the Pew” animal blessings. Coffee hour will be on the lawn.

Fr. Brian noted that several have spoken with him regarding inability to meet financial pledge and expects total pledges will be less in 2026. But volunteer opportunities offer clear message that Stewardship is not just financial.

- c. **Fund raising – Cookie Walk: C. Smith**

October meeting began developing work sub-committees for activities during the event. Supplies are being inventoried to determine what is needed. Generally, items are donated but items may need to be purchases and paid back from proceeds. Ed Bearden has book binding supplies and a machine which he has offered for the Cookie Recipe Book. Plan is to include art work from the Sunday School crafts. Books will be sold at the Merch Booth. Books that do not sell may be put in new member "Swag Bags". Next meeting is Oct. 15.

SOLIDARITY

a. MoPride in the Park: (9/27; 12-7pm)

Event will be on 10-27 from 12-6p; but we possibly may pack up sooner. Church has materials to hand out and an overhead tent has been purchased. Several have volunteered.

b. Ukrainian Sister Parish

Project may need to be stepped back. Liaison Rex Adamson is moving and Lora Burnett, who offered to take his place, has noted they must resign due to the travel distance. Bishop David will be talking to the Ukrainian Bishop who is in Poland. There is no clergy at the Ukrainian church. Interactions have not been determined, but could range from exchanging information and photos, holiday observances, & possible field trips. Most parishioners of the Ukrainian church are ex-pats and speak English.

FINANCE:

a. August 2025 Financial Reports. Approval of the P & L statements for Audit M/S A. Mootz / S. Hartmann. Approved

Fr. Brian advised that the 2026 Budget will be tight. Pledges are not expected to be as much as previously received. Diocese will only offer an 80% Health Insurance plan to save costs. Fr. Brian advised he will not take the COLA for 2026. Careful discretion will be needed for maintenance and repairs. Many thanks to Sam Wright, a commercial electrician, for inspecting and upgrading the church's electrical system.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Contribution to Bishop David's Farewell

Monetary gifts for Bishop David's retirement will be collected, but these need to be separate from the Stewardship campaign. Fr. Brian has made arrangements for a special knitted gift representing Modesto to be made for him. However, a gift from the Parish is warranted and suggests \$500 be given from the parish.

Motion to provide \$500 from Parish funds as a retirement gift to the Bishop

M/S N. Silva / C. Smith. Approved

b. Additional Information: Dc. Greg

Acolyte training is scheduled for the mid / end of October. This may be tied to Eucharistic Minister training. Both are volunteer check boxes on Stewardship form.

Dc. George Cano's office is being cleaned out. Consideration is for a small food pantry as individuals do come in during the month seeking assistance. Also considered is a small meeting area with a table and chairs. Several pieces of large office equipment (desks, shelving, chairs) may be offered to parishioners

Shower Shuttle; What they need: Men's clothing like t-shirts, sox. (Women's clothing donations are given more); razors and toiletries. Daniel, who runs the shuttle, has offered to bring a shower bus to the church parking lot at Advent for parishioners to see, as well as the public. St. Paul's should consider collecting socks during the Cookie Walk, December 6.

Fr. Brian noted that Saturday Sept 27 will be the Craft Faire in our parking lot which was arranged a few months ago. This will not continue as it could affect the church's tax-free status.

Fr. Brian advised that he will be on vacation for a week beginning Friday 9-26.

CLOSING PRAYER: Dc. Greg

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:16pm

NEXT VESTRY MEETING: *In person. Sunday, October 26, 2025, after service.*

A Grateful Farewell: St. Paul's Modesto Honors Bishop David Rice

The air at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Modesto on **November 16th** was filled with gratitude and warmth as the parish hosted a special farewell celebration for the **Rt. Rev. David C. Rice**, the fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin, who plans to retire in the spring of 2026. The members of St. Paul's presented Bishop David with gifts, marking a moment of thanks for his faithful ministry and a close relationship forged during a challenging period for the diocese.



A History of Sanctuary and Solidarity

The connection between St. Paul's Modesto and the Diocesan Office is not merely one of fellowship; it is a bond forged in the crucible of history. The Diocese of San Joaquin has been in a period of rebuilding since 2007, following a significant "**split**" where a majority of congregations, led by then-Bishop John-David Schofield, voted to sever ties with **The Episcopal Church** over theological disagreements, primarily concerning issues of sexuality and biblical authority.

This schism created a complex legal battle for the Episcopal diocese to retain its properties, including the cathedral. During this time of transition and legal uncertainty, when the diocese did not have access to its own cathedral, **St. Paul's Modesto stepped forward as a sanctuary**. The diocesan office temporarily relocated to St. Paul's, providing a vital center for the remaining Episcopalians to reorganize and continue their ministry under new leadership. St. Paul's Modesto was also one of the earliest church properties to be returned to the Episcopal Church in 2009, prior to lengthy litigation, underscoring the fidelity of the community that chose to remain within the Episcopal Church.

This act of solidarity cemented a deep and lasting relationship between the parish and the diocesan leadership, serving as a beacon of stability and a reminder that the true church lies in the people and their commitment to The Episcopal Church, not just the physical buildings.



Celebrating Bishop Rice's Tenure

Bishop David Rice, who was first elected as Provisional Bishop in 2014 and then as Diocesan Bishop in 2017, played a crucial role in the healing and rebuilding of the diocese following the split. He came to San Joaquin after serving as the diocesan bishop in the Diocese of Waiapu in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa/New Zealand, bringing a spirit of reconciliation and global perspective. His leadership has helped move the diocese out of isolation and into re-engagement with the wider church.



Bishop David offering the blessings.



Bishop David and the congregation on November 16th.

The recent farewell celebration was a testament to the close relationship between the Bishop and the St. Paul's community, recognizing his ministry, and thanking him and his wife, Tracy, as they prepare for their eventual retirement to New Zealand. The parish, through Fr. Brian, has even prepared a special Māori song of thanks to send them off.

The diocese is currently in the process of electing its sixth bishop, with the Rev. Dr. Gregory Kimura elected on October 18, 2025, to succeed Bishop Rice. Bishop Rice's final official retirement is scheduled for the spring of 2026.



Thank you everyone who contributed and came along to our final visitation from Bishop David on Sunday. Thanks especially to Gayle Ivy for providing the hat and scarf we presented to the bishop. And a huge congratulations to the Bolig family as we celebrated their Confirmations.



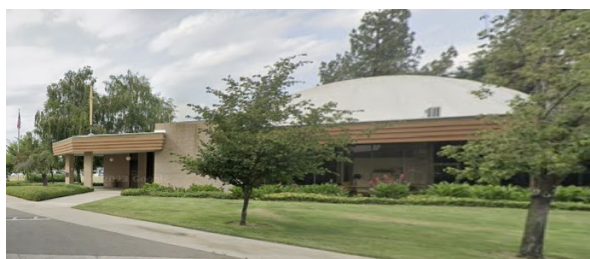
Bishop David and Judy presenting the cake.



Bishop David admiring the cake.



Bishop David at the dismissal





Celebrating December Birthdays

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| Linda Lowe | 6-Dec |
| Alanna Verges | 8-Dec |
| Carlos Iller | 10-Dec |
| Lora Burnett | 19-Dec |
| Eric Sheaffer | 19-Dec |
| Annamary Peck | 20-Dec |
| Niniv Tamimi | 30-Dec |

Celebrating December Anniversaries

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| Beatriz & Chad Peters | 2-Dec |
| David & Linda Lowe | 19-Dec |



Celebrating November Anniversaries

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| Luis Martinez & Daniel Iller | 11-Nov |
| Valerie & Stewart Peters | 12-Nov |
| Ed & Roberta Bearden | 25-Nov |

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Bell (Sr. Warden), Peter Krewko (Jr. Warden), Fr. Brian Dawson, Ann Mootz, Sarah Hartmann, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Jose Cruz, Alex Sorino

OTHERS ATTENDING: Dc. Greg Masztal, Carolyn List (Vestry Clerk), Brandy Anderson

CALL ORDER: (J. Bell). 12:07pm.

OPENING

- a. Apologies for Absences:** Luis Martinez, Courtney Smith, Lora Burnett, Greg Burnett (Treasurer)
- b. In Memoriam** none
- c. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest:** none
- d. Respectful Guidelines:** Read by All

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. – September 2025. No corrections

M/S A. Mootz / N. Silva. Approved

MATTERS ARISING

HOSPITALITY

a. Hospitality committee: Bp David's Visit – luncheon

Bishop David will visit the 11/16 service. Parish will provide Soup and Salad luncheon. Help needed: Food, set up, Take down. Cake will be provided.

New name badges are planned. Considering magnetic, with new magnetic storage board, other types considered. Existing rolling storage is too large. Consider a place to turn in name badges in Parish Hall during coffee hour as often forgotten after service.

Other considerations: Homeless woman found asleep in parking lot before service. Request is NOT to call police. Priest or Deacon will respond

before any calls. Noted that several homeless have been sleeping around church.

FAMILY

a. Property Subcommittee (J. Cruz)

Sam Wright has completed replacing GFI, signage, and lights as needed. Gathering bids to fix gutter and drain issues at school. Three received and being reviewed, although School doesn't consider gutters a problem. School considers dead tree removal as more important. This could possibly be done without bids.

b. Stewardship Report. Fr. Brian for C. Smith

Pledges received to date: 22; total \$105,000

Noted that budget prep considers actual amounts received in prior years, as many do not pledge but give regularly.

Check list regarding pledging time for tasks has not done as well.

Consideration is being made regarding sending out explanations about activities needing time pledges.

Sunday, 11/2, is the finance wrap up of the Stewardship Drive.

c. Cookie Walk Update

Need for Bakers, Recipes, Event Volunteers will be posted on Nov. 9

Rolls of generic lottery tickets were found during office cleaning.

The Modesto Bee has included the Cookie Walk in its activities list.

SOLIDARITY

a. Faith in the Valley Meeting.

A prayer vigil of priests, deacons, pastors, church officials, and attendees will be held outside the ICE facility in Stockton on Tuesday 10/28 at 10:00a. Vigil will be in the road outside for those standing in line outside. Absolute peace has been requested and PICO who wanted a protest march rather than prayer have been advised 'no'. Fr. Brian noted that his VISA status means he may not participate in anything protesting or violent.

b. Shower Shuttle:

Dc. Greg advised that Daniel, who runs the shuttle would like sox and underwear in addition to toiletries. We should add underwear to the Advent Sock Drive. Daniel has agreed to try to bring the Shower Shuttle to the church parking lot during Advent but advised that the likely speaker is the

minister of Church in the Park. De Greg noted that he used his discretionary funds to purchase men's shirts at Costco, for \$6 each. New clothes give much self-respect based on the men's reactions.

De Greg advised of bringing smaller print NIB Bibles taken from the church pews to the Shuttle for any who wanted them. As a result, one man told him that a women volunteer helped him download the Bible and he gave De G. an animated conversation of reading Job and all the troubles Job experienced.

c. Food Bank request for non-perishable food from churches.

We can collect food, but priority should be given to local needs, and we need to concentrate first on supplying the Shower Shuttle.

d. Sister Parish in Ukraine.

Sunday 10/26 will be Rex Adamson and his wife's last Sunday in the parish. No one has stepped up to coordinate this after Lora Burnett's leaving. This will have to be placed on hold.

e. Sunday School teachers:

Many thanks to Annmarie Lorentz for her continued service. Policy requires at least 2 adult instructors per class. Sarah Hartmann and Ann Mootz have volunteered as well as Evelyn Bolig. However at least 3 or 4 are needed. Arrangements are being made for Evelyn to take the Safe Parishioner training required of all volunteers.

f. Epistle:

Thanks to Barbara Vassell who has taken over as editor. We need to encourage parishioners to contribute articles; Barbara should not also be a writer. Articles should be reasonably brief and current. We need to update our website as it is very slow.

g. Moving funds from savings to checking:

Sometime before the end of the year the parish may need to move funds from savings to checking to cover all bills and payments. We want to keep as much money as possible in interest bearing accounts. The Vestry will be asked to approve any transfers going forward. C. Sheaffer advised considering Money Market accounts for better interest and earnings.

FINANCE – September 2025 financial reports

a. Approval of 9/25 P & L for Audit

M/S C. Sheaffer / A. Mootz. Approved.

No concerns raised but N. Silva asked about the seemingly large amount in the Priest's Discretionary account. Fr. Brian advised that these funds come from contributions from funeral and memorial services he conducts. He has done 9 since starting last August The Deacon's Discretionary fund comes from the Diocese.

UPDATES

a. Property Sale

The Chancellor has had business meetings with the business agent of the company seeking to purchase the land. Another group has contacted us about placing housing on the property. The property is not yet on the open market, but the requests indicate more interest if posted. The Chancellor's time is paid by the Diocese, not us.

b. School Lease

Fr. Brian advised that following a meeting with Niniv Tamimi, and J. Bell, he met with Hazel Domson. She didn't realize she had been on a month-to-month rent without a lease as the one previously signed was for only one year. They definitely want to stay with the facility. Fr. Brian noted that a 2025 state law requires that back up data for lease agreements be available, including showing the work and invoices. The new lease base rent will be \$0.97/square foot per month (it was \$0.92), plus 60% of utilities and bathroom supplies. They will continue to have use of the men's bathroom during school hours, and the 5-year contract will have an annual escalation clause increasing rent by 2.5%. The church will also provide monthly music and chapel services which the school is eager to have again. As soon as the Chancellor has prepared the lease and Odom Domson, their business administrator, has reviewed it, it will be signed.

CLOSING PRAYER – Dc. Greg

Upcoming Events 11/16 – Bishop David's Visitation.

Bishop David home has sold, and he and Tracy will be moving to ECCO until they leave for New Zealand. Fr. Brian has had a woolen scarf and hat knitted for him which has "Modesto" stitched on them.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING: Sunday 11/23, in person post service.

Golden Corral Senior Luncheon Group

Come one, come all....spouses, partners, friends...all are welcome-
the more the merrier!

Phil and Anita Machado will be hosting lunch at
Golden Corral, 3737 McHenry Ave, Modesto, Tuesday,
December 2nd at 2:30 pm.

No reservation is required.

The price for seniors is \$15, including drinks. Find Phil and Anita around the corner from the dessert station, ready to enjoy good company and good food.

For more information, contact Phil, 209-527-2727.



Celebrating November Birthdays

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| Sharon Hawley-Crum | 1-Nov |
| Daniel Iller | 2-Nov |
| Judy Teter | 7-Nov |
| Carol Collier | 9-Nov |
| Mary Griffin | 12-Nov |
| Tom Hampson | 17-Nov |
| Chad Peters | 18-Nov |
| Nell Gerber | 19-Nov |
| Jim Peck | 22-Nov |
| Mike Cox | 23-Nov |
| Jim Bland | 27-Nov |
| Marti Persons | 28-Nov |
| Anthony Iller | 29-Nov |

Sock It To 'Em



Our annual “Sock Drive” has begun! Over the next few weeks, the special collection box will be in the Narthex for socks to be given to the patrons of the Shower Shuttle. Socks may also be brought to the church office during the week no later than Tuesday, December 16th.

All styles and sizes are welcome for men and women. As Deacon Greg stated in his article, the staff at the Shower Shuttle gives away over 500 pairs of socks per month. Let's help them have plenty to have on hand!



Christmas Worship Services

Wednesday, *December 24-7 pm*-Christmas Eve Family Service with Eucharist

Thursday, *December 25-10 am* – Christmas Day Service with Eucharist



Cookie Walk

Our fun annual fundraiser is 10 days away, with plans coming together nicely. *Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help in any way; we can only be successful if we have support from the whole congregation.* That support includes:

- Buying/selling tickets-these make great gifts, esp. since one ticket gives you 13 delicious cookies;
- the opportunity to win one of the many raffle prizes;
- listen to local musicians; make a fun craft project; choose from multiple gift ideas at the vendor tables;
- visit with Santa's helper, etc. all for the low price of \$12 per ticket.
 - Spend an hour or more at the Welcome Table.
 - Spend an hour or more at the Merch Table.
 - Be one of the lucky, gracious "walkers", helping fill the cookie boxes for our customers.
 - Spend an hour or more helping plate the delicious cookies.
- Of course.....the main attraction.....making cookies and other treats!

Contact Courtney Smith, courtneyvsmith@gmail.com, for more information and contact me in the church office, 209-522-3267 for tickets and to sign up to help.

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Treasurer: Greg Burnett

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List

