

News Notes

September 2020



September Calendar



- 1 – 13 | Shed Project
- 2 | Staff Meeting
- 5 | Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 7 | Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 8 | Finance Committee
- 9 | Staff Meeting
- 10 | Church Board
- 11 – 13 | Church Without Walls Rubicon Trip
- 12 | Worship Service Speaker: Dan Appel
- 16 | Staff Meeting
- 19 | Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 23 | Staff Meeting
- 25 – 27 | Church Without Walls Backpack Trip
- 26 | Worship Service Speaker: Dan Martella
- 29 | Communication Meeting
- 30 | Staff Meeting

Sabbath Worship



As soon as the air clears, PAC will once again gather for in-person Worship Under the Oaks on our PAC campus. Services begin at 9:30 am and we go live on our PAC Facebook page around 10:00 am. Adult Sabbath School classes are offered on Zoom at 11:30 am, with the link provided with the weekly e-bulletin.

New PAC Website



The new PAC website is nearing completion. It is beautiful! And dynamic! It provides a warm introduction of our church to our community and invites people to join this faith movement in service to people here on the Ridge. You can visit the site at: www.paradiseadventist.org.

Produce Box Giveaway



The weekly food box giveaways will resume the second week of September. We are still working out the details on how to coordinate simultaneous food giveaway and shed building on our campus. Volunteers are needed – contact Joelle Chinnock at joelle@paradiseadventist.org to sign up.

Love Delivers



Love Delivers continues to deliver groceries weekly to those living within the burn scar, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve. We could use some additional volunteer drivers for that program. Contact Joelle Chinnock at joelle@paradiseadventist.org



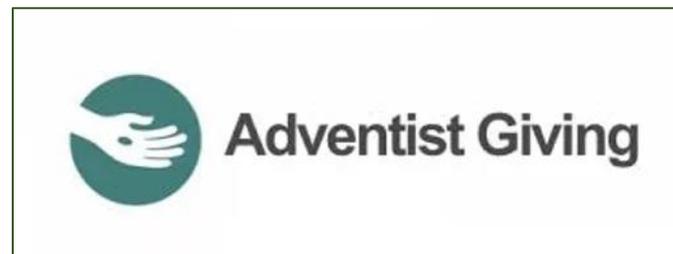
"... and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant's name tags."

Shed Project



The Fall 2020 Shed Project is underway. All the funding necessary for a successful build is in place. We expect more than 100 volunteers. Materials began arriving on August 19. A group of PAC volunteers set up the dining and lodging facilities on August 23. Project leadership arrived on August 25, and the tent area is going up. Project dates are August 30 through September 18. If you would like to come help, simply show up and register – Maranatha is anticipating and accepting walk-ins. Please keep the safety and success of this important community outreach in your prayers.

Church Giving



During this time of social distancing, we can stay close to God and close to His mission here on the Ridge with our giving. Currently we have three giving options to offer:

Give Online. Go to our website paradiseadventist.org and look for the Online Giving button in the top menu.

Give Through the Adventist Giving App. You can download this app to your phone or device from Apple or Android App Store and set up your own giving kiosk.

Mail Your Check. You can always mail your check to the church office – Paradise Adventist Church, PO Box 1266, Paradise CA 95967-1266.

A Call to Prayer



Our entire PAC family is invited to pray for our church and schools each day at 6:00 pm. Set an alarm on your cell phone and you will be daily prompted to pray for our church family and its ministries.

You are also invited to join our United in Prayer ministry at 7:30 am every Sunday. From the comfort of your own home you can join us at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/617375298?pwd=S1U1TXFpQm10bVUvd2orcHFGRGpYUT09>

Sticky Faith Becomes Church Without Walls



We want to update you on our Sticky Faith ministry. Recently we met with a passionate group of PAC couples to brainstorm ideas for practical family focused ministry – especially during this time of social distancing. That event gave us a renewed passion for connecting with people in fun social ways that facilitate our church community to grow. Because our ministry focuses on creative small groups and our church literally has no walls, we decided to change the name of our ministry to "Church Without Walls".

We have scheduled upcoming outdoor events and will be working on implementing other new small group initiatives that reach people in practical ways. Coming events include the Rubicon Trip September 11 – 13, and the Backpacking Trip to Sunflower Flats September 25 – 27.

Paradise School Campus Recovery



Our school campus recovery program is nearing completion! The kitchen is done! It has been inspected and approved for use. The gym floor lines have been painted and the gym will be ready for use in a few weeks. All new granite counter tops have been installed in the elementary school classrooms. A big thanks goes to Rich Cochrane, the Hamilton family, and a host of workers who have made our school completely new again!

Don't be afraid
to start all over
again. You may like
your new story
better.

Paradise Adventist Elementary



PAE began school online this week with 42 students! Our in-person class waiver application has been approved by Butte County. Now we are awaiting approval by the State of California. The classroom renovations are nearly complete, and we are grateful for all the volunteers who have spent the last three weeks getting the campus ready for the new school year.

Paradise Adventist Academy



School began this week with a full slate of 48 online students and plans to begin in-person classes just as soon as we get the green light.

Caleb Rasmussen, our PAA English teacher has created a fun-filled music video about the tough realities of distance learning and the promise that someday, hopefully soon, we will be back. You can see the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BwW1Z_kgTk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR29Ns62fLab-xTcZPWxapwn6DS_MH1sg7QUidTw2bsloK65-zYOxcRrQLg

Adventist Book Center



The Adventist Book Center is making pre-paid order drop-offs on September 9 to the following places: Gridley Church/10:00 – 10:15, Chico Church/11:00 – 11:30, Oroville Church/1:00 – 1:20.

You can place your orders at 800-400-1844. Last order date is September 7. Please remember this is not a bookmobile. You must call the store and place an order and pre-pay. This is only a delivery. Please note that we have started implementing a \$5.00 handling charge to offset delivery costs.

Tithe Report



With all the bad news going around these days, I thought I would share some good news with you for a change. Our July NCC Tithe Report shows that we have a tithe increase compared to last year of \$303,706.19! And, we are just slightly under last year's total tithe year-to-date (0.19%)! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!

Thanks to each of you for your diligence and commitment to having tithe remitted from your congregations. On behalf of us all, please thank each of your church members for their faithfulness during these challenging times. We wouldn't be able to operate this conference without the faithfulness of God's people and your leadership.

Thank you again for all that you're doing to advance God's kingdom in our territory and to minister to each of our congregations.

--Marc Woodson, NCC President

Leoni Meadows



Although Leoni Meadows has been closed for summer camp, staff members have been serving the nearby community, making the camp more beautiful, and developing projects for the future.

Since May, Leoni has distributed 500 loaves of homemade bread, 200 homemade sweet rolls, and many boxes of fresh produce to the community of Grizzly Flats. The Leoni garden has 1,000 squash plants and 2,700 feet of corn, which provide a huge crop to give away.

Financed by recent donations, staff repainted the barn, built new concrete steps at the craft building, restored the stairwell on the Meadow View Inn, and reassembled the horse pens at the barn. They built and installed seating for 400 at the Morrisonville venue, so campers won't need to sit on hay bales any longer! As part of a wildfire mitigation plan, the camp also mowed the meadow and cleared 100 acres of dead trees and brush.

In addition, the camp re-erected the 85-foot Baltic Peak fire tower. Originally built in 1931, the tower now stands on a hill above the Leoni House and offers incredible views of the camp property.



Comfort for the Day



Paradise members are well acquainted with loss and restoration. Now we can become acquainted with three comforting and healing resources intended for sharing with others who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Possibly you need some support for a grief that is either fresh or from times past. Comfort for the Day on Facebook offers regular posts that can inspire, educate, or affirm your healthy grief options. In addition, the web site <https://comfortfortheday.com/comfort-for-the-day-blog> speaks to both the griever and those who comfort them with pertinent blogs. But wait, there is even more. You can now access virtual grief coaching from the privacy of your home with two online courses. This link takes you right there, <https://comfortfortheday.com/grief-coaching>. Whether you access these resources for your own purpose or share them with a friend, Comfort for the Day is a trusted source for God based hope and healing.

Fires Across NCC



Although wildfires continue to burn in Northern California, as of August 24, 2020, all Northern California Conference employees, churches, schools, and properties are safe. We have heard reports that some members of our NCC family have lost their homes, but we will not know the full extent until evacuation orders are lifted. Some members are temporarily sheltering at NCC churches and schools. Please check out Cal Fire for the latest updates: www.fire.ca.gov/incidents.

NCC schools in the at-risk and evacuated areas have temporarily paused their classes, which started last week. The teachers are making an effort to connect with each of the students on a regular basis during this very stressful time. The NCC education department is working closely with each school and will evaluate options once students and teachers can return home.

Please continue to keep everyone affected by the fires in your prayers, claiming the promise of Isaiah 41:10: “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with My victorious right hand” (NLT).

Feather River Health Foundation Continues to Support Ridge Health



Since 1950, the Feather River Health Foundation (FRHF) has worked diligently to ensure that resources are available to support the healthcare needs of residents on the Ridge. After the Camp Fire, the scope of the foundation had to change, but the central mission has not. Feather River Health Foundation continues to be a force for good in creating health for our Ridge community.

By partnering with several other organizations, FRHF has supported the following:

- Butte Emergency Medical Service base station to be established in Paradise, utilizing centrally-located property owned by Adventist Health
- Cancer Care Center expansion for Infusion Therapy in Chico
- COVID-19 response programs:
 - o Food delivery programs in Oroville and Paradise
 - o Food banks in Butte, Tehama and Glenn counties

- o Food pick up programs through Boys and Girls Clubs in the north state
- o PPE supplies to be developed and/or purchased to support businesses reopening in Butte County as well as for shelters and rescue missions, residential housing facilities and educational organizations
- o Gift cards for low-income families to support the purchase of books and clothing through First Five to impact literacy and well-being
- o Support for Catalyst Domestic Violence Services to protect women and children who are at risk due to increasingly strained situations
- o Increased COVID-19 testing capacity at all three rural health clinics operated by Adventist Health in Butte and Tehama counties
- o Safe Space project to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the most vulnerable of the homeless community in Chico
- o PPE and basic supplies to support the reopening of several different resource centers for various community segments
- o Media support for public service announcements (Keep Butte/Glenn/Tehama County Open) on the radio and through posters and yard signs

Additionally, FRHF has helped to fund a feasibility study that must be conducted in order to determine the effective viability of a freestanding emergency room in Paradise. This study is a requirement in the process to open emergency room services and includes a full assessment of construction and improvements needs of the facilities, equipment and utilities. These are required by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OHSPD) as well as SB 156 (which is a bill put forth by Assemblyman Gallagher and Senator Nielsen) that provides a special permit for Adventist Health to explore the possibility of stand-alone emergency services in Paradise.

For more information about the Feather River Health Foundation or to make a donation, please visit our website at <https://www.adventisthealth.org/feather-river/feather-river-health-foundation/>