

News Notes

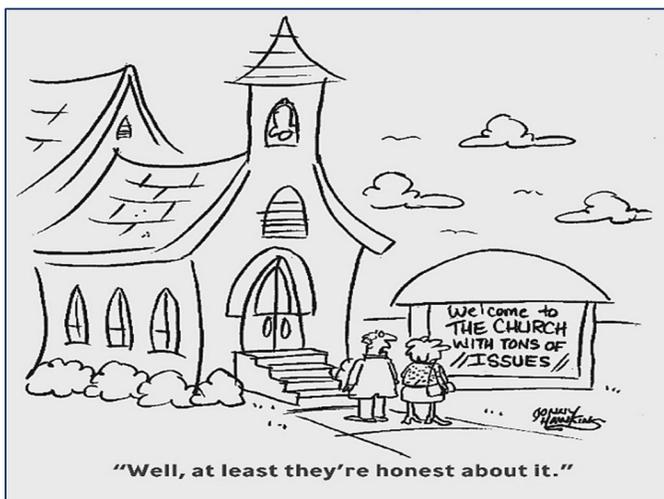
October 2020



October Calendar



- Oct 1 | Elders' Meeting
- Oct 1 | PAA Board Meeting
- Oct 3 | Communion/Worship Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- Oct 6 | Communications Meeting
- Oct 6 | Finance Committee
- Oct 6 | PAE Board Meeting
- Oct 8 | Church Board
- Oct 10 | Worship Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- Oct 16 – 18 | Rubicon Trip
- Oct 17 | Worship Speaker: Randy Waring
- Oct 20 | Communications Meeting
- Oct 24 | Worship Speaker: Dan Martella
- Oct 31 | Worship Speaker: Steve Hamilton



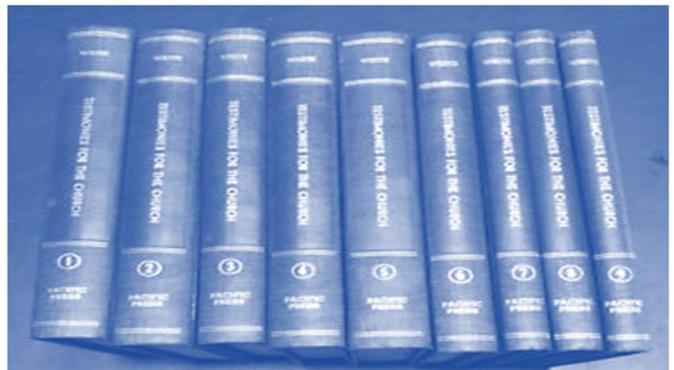
Sabbath Services



Weather and air quality permitting, our Worship Under the Oaks services will continue through the month of October.

On October 3 we will celebrate communion together. Please conduct the foot washing portion of this service with your family at home before coming to worship. You may pick up your communion kit as you join us for worship.

Free Books



The following free Ellen White books are available from the church office: Desire of Ages, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings, Selected Messages, Testimonies to the Church, Child Guidance, Adventist Home, That I May Know Him. Bibles and additional books are also available. Stop by for a visit!

Tuesday Food Boxes



Our Tuesday Food Box Ministry resumed on September 15, took a break on September 22 because USDA issues, and became fully functioning again on September 29. We were recently blessed by a group of volunteers from the Gracepoint Church in Modesto that distributed food boxes from the church parking lot and made home deliveries. If you are free to help with one of our Tuesday food box giveaways, please contact the church office. –Joelle Chinnock

Online Art Show



Attention Parents and Kids: The Pacific Union Conference is hosting the Hearts and Hands Online Art Show for kids 13 and younger. Ask your children to draw a picture of someone who has been a helper to them, and submit it to the show. Art will be featured in the *Pacific Union Recorder* and social media. Deadline is October 15, 2020. For more information go to: <https://adventistfaith.com/pacific-union-hearts-and-hands/>

Church Giving



Giving provides a special opportunity to worship our God and to support His mission here on the Ridge and around the world. Currently we have **four** giving options to offer:

Give at Church: Look for the little red schoolhouse at the back of our Worship Under the Oaks venue and leave your gifts there. Tithe and offering envelopes will also be available.

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

Give Through the Adventist Giving App: You can download this app to your mobile 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.

Now Available at Your Adventist Book Center 916-486-7730



Fire Report



As of September 15, there are reports of eight Adventist families that have lost homes in the North Complex West Zone Fire. They are members of the Chico, Golden Feather, Oroville, and Paradise churches. There is also word that an Adventist family in Pope Valley has lost their home.

Please join us in praying for these families and all our neighbors who have also been affected as they deal with these devastating losses. Let us also continue to pray for the first responders and everyone impacted by the California fires.

Paradise Adventist Academy



Paradise Adventist Academy is currently offering online education for its students. New state guidelines, however, are allowing small student “Family Groups” to gather for live tutoring. This format has also allowed us to do MAP testing this last week.

Our academy students are also gathering online each week for chapel services under the leadership of Chaplain/Bible Teacher Linda Nystrom. Student leadership, involvement, and engagement for these chapel services is helping our youth to *do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.*

—Monte Nystrom

Meet Linda Nystrom



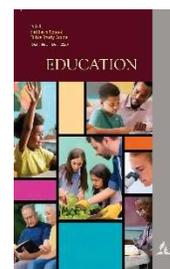
Linda Nystrom is the new Paradise Adventist Academy chaplain and religion teacher this school year. After the 2018 Camp Fire, she and her husband moved from Southern California to Chico to be near family and to help the community. “We wanted to be part of the recovery and healing process,” she said.

Because many of her students are dealing with the after-effects of the fire, as well as the stress of the current pandemic, Nystrom incorporates a trauma-informed approach to teaching her classes, which are currently online. The four priorities of this approach are flexibility, predictability, connection, and empowerment – concepts she taught fellow NCC educators at a recent in-service meeting. “I’m here to create an environment for students to thrive – for them to find their voice and learn who God is calling them to be,” she said. “I’m blown away by how active the students have been to try to create a community and campus culture that seeks to embody the values of justice, mercy, and love.”

—Northern California Conference Northern Lights

Sabbath School Quarterlies and Papers

Adult and Children’s Sabbath School Quarterlies and papers will now be available each Sabbath on the back table by the offering box and from the church office. Feel free to pick up your copy!



Don't waste your time
looking back on what you've
lost. Move on, for life is
not meant to be traveled
backwards.

PAE Report



Paradise Adventist Elementary

Your Paradise Adventist Elementary school is thriving despite the headwinds of COVID-19, the North Complex Fire, and the associated air quality challenges!

There are currently 42 students enrolled, which is much better than budgeted.

Paradise Adventist Elementary, Chico Oaks Elementary School, and Feather River School have all been granted waivers the allow grades K – 6 to meet full time with protective requirements. Grades 7 and 8 continue with hybrid programs.

The PAC Worthy Student Fund Committee is working with families who are in need of assistance. The total awards for the 2020/2021 school year will likely be near \$45,000. This help is tremendously appreciated by our families, and is the key piece that allows 19 of our 42 students to attend.

Principal Vixie has hired three part-time teacher aides to help in reducing the student group sizes on campus during tutoring times to help meet state and local COVID requirements.

Thank you all! Our elementary school is off to a great start!

--Mark Lockwood

Church Without Walls

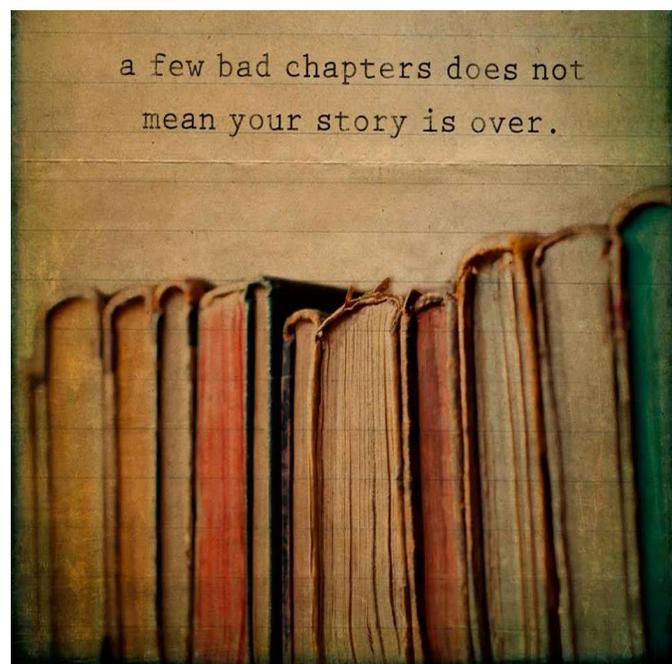


A few weeks ago around 14 PAC members and friends hiked along the river on the Seven Falls trail outside of Oroville. Even though the smoke was thick before the hike, the sky and air cleared-up very nicely by the time we arrived at the bottom of the canyon by the river. We had a wonderful time by the river – there were lots of great rocks for the kids to hop over.

Most of our outdoor activities are on hold while we wait for the air to clear, and our indoor activities are on hold until such gatherings are once again safe.

Future plans include the Rubicon trip, and a backpacking trip.

--Devon and Dawn Horning



Campus Recovery Report



The school kitchen is now complete and has been used to feed Maranatha International volunteers for the past month. The school gym floor is also complete and is now a valued play and athletics space for our students. Modern Construction is just a few days away from completing their work and our school recovery effort will be complete! The remaining minor loose ends will be completed over the next several weeks. School classrooms are fully functioning, and the school has had its emergency alarm system tested. Many thanks to the Doris Marie Byler Estate for donating the funds for our new kitchen. Many thanks to Doug and Gail Hamilton (and family), and so many others for their long-term commitment to putting Adventist education back on the Ridge!

--Rich Cochrane

Shed Project



A few weeks ago, we completed the second Shed Project with volunteers from PAC, the community, and Maranatha Volunteers International. We are grateful for all the PAC volunteers that came out in advance to help us get ready for our guests. We were blessed with a great turnout!

Our volunteer guests showed up in waves. The food services crew moved in to set up the kitchen on August 23. The leadership team arrived on campus on August 26. The project was officially launched on August 30.

Over the course of the three-week project, 118 sheds were built with walls, roofs, doors, trim, and paint. The project was not able to meet its goals because of significant challenges. We lost power on September 7 and had to fall back on our generators for both the kitchen and worksite. Because of the fire evacuations, we closed down the project on September 9. At that point many of our volunteers returned to their homes.

Some returned to see the project through. They painted sheds and trims, and hung doors for the 111 sheds that had already been built. Air quality took another bad turn on September 11, sending yet another wave of volunteers off the ridge. After a few days, a small remnant returned to complete the 118 sheds, deliver sheds, tear down, and clean up.

Local volunteers are needed for our third Shed Project which will be held October 26 to November 11. To sign up, please call the church office.

--Joelle Chinnock

