

News Notes

November 2020



Sabbath Services



Weather permitting, our *Worship Under the Oaks* services will continue through the month of November.

On November 7 we will celebrate the completion of our school campus fire recovery program and launch our new church building venture. On November 14 we will hold an ordination service for our new elders and deacons, and celebrate the service of our veterans.

November Calendar



- 1 | Standard time begins
- 3 | Election Day
- 3 | PAE Board
- 7 | Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 10 | Finance Committee
- 11 | Veterans Day
- 12 | Church Board
- 14 | Worship Service Speaker: Dan Martella
- 19 | PAA Board Meeting
- 21 | Worship Service Speaker: Brian Dudar
- 26 | Thanksgiving Day
- 28 | Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hamilton

Church Giving



The return of God's tithes and our offerings is an important part of our worship, and an important means of supporting the mission of the Paradise Adventist Church here on the Ridge. As you plan for your year-end giving, there are four ways you can share your gifts:

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.

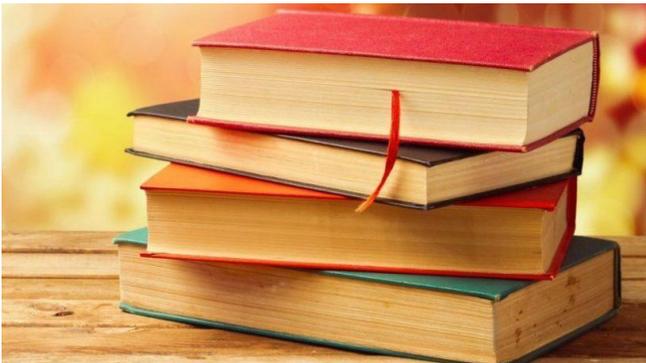
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Fall Vespers Series



Next Friday night, October 30, the all-church *Fall Vespers Series* will begin at 7:00 pm at the PAE/PAA Campus (5699 Academy Drive, Paradise). This series will run for 4 consecutive weeks through Friday, Nov. 20. It will be a "bring your own chair" event and will be held outside. Please ask all members of your family to wear a mask while carrying your chairs from your car to your seating area. Please sit as a family unit and observe social distancing when selecting your seat. Once seated, you are free to remove your mask until you are ready to leave your area and return to your car. We look forward to welcoming in the Sabbath together!

Free Books



Stop by the church office and pick up some free books for your family library. Here are the available titles:

Numerous Ellen White titles

The Taste of New Wine

Sunday's Coming

The Passion of Love

Living Beyond the Limits

As Light Lingers

The Children's New Testament

The Story of the Nativity

It's My Choice

Cruden's Concordance

Vegetarian Cookery

Bread Machine Baking

The Life of Victory

Landmines in the Life of the Believer

Echoing God's Love

Paradise Adventist Academy



After doing classes on Zoom for nine weeks, Paradise Adventist Academy students and teachers joyfully returned to their classrooms on October 19. One student came into class saying, "I learn better and retain better here at school."

We have two new students this quarter, bringing our total enrollment up to 48.

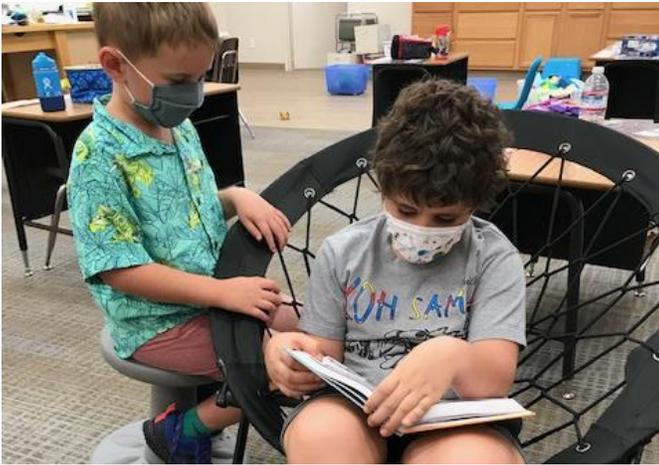
The PAA board has established a planning committee to help navigate planning and conversations for long-term academy needs.

PAA Constituency Meeting



The annual Paradise Adventist Academy Constituency Meeting will be held on January 10, 2021. Fifty delegates from the Paradise church and fifty delegates from the Chico church will make up the voting body which will make important decisions for the future of our shared academy. Please keep this meeting in your prayers.

Paradise Adventist Elementary



PAE grades K-6 have been enjoying full in-person classes for almost a month, thanks to the excellent waiver plans that were developed by our school leadership. Grades 7 and 8 have also been putting in full days at school since October 12.

While some programs, such as the wagon trip, will have to wait, there are a lot of activities taking place on campus – much of it in an outdoor setting. Mr. Vixie's class has been out in the garden, doing some serious math with their wheat harvest.

Mrs. Baumbach's class recently built the Great Wall of China in the mud where the K-4 classrooms once stood. They have also enjoyed boating and swimming, and eating freshly picked persimmons.

We Still Believe!

Don't miss "We Still Believe," a NCC series of online conference-wide prayer and praise meetings coming Nov. 4-7. Speakers will include Pleasant Hill church Youth Pastor Miguel Verzas, Carmichael church Associate Pastor Melissa Howell, and Fremont/Livermore district Pastor Sean Kim. President Marc Woodson will give the final sermon, followed by a video presentation of the NCC midterm report. Music will be provided by NCC students. Don't miss this time of inspiration and solidarity as we come together as a conference family to praise God and encourage each other!

Watch it on the NCC Facebook page [Northern California Adventists in Action](#) or the YouTube channel [NCCSDA](#). The meetings may also be connected to your local church Facebook page.

Shed Project



We have delivered all but 10 sheds and are saving them for phase III so volunteers can help deliver. One family of 6 living in a trailer has expressed their extreme gratitude for a shed. Mom said it was a "game changer". Being able to store all the extra stuff that such a large family like this has been amazing. It has given them a bit of extra space as they build their house.

And as it turns out, Jenni, the mom, will be taking over for Whitney on the shed project as we are hiring her through the Alliance for Workforce Development.

Please see the flier at the end of News Notes for information about the Shed Project III. --Joelle Chinnock



Food Boxes/Love Delivers



Tuesday Food Boxes resumed three weeks ago and now include milk, eggs, dairy and meat, in addition to the fresh produce. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community, and our numbers keep steadily growing as word of mouth as well as social media posts are circulated.

Love Delivers has slowed as the COVID shelter in place restrictions are lifting, but we continue to offer the program. We average two to three deliveries per week.

We received two 20-foot shipping containers last week from the Pacific Union Conference that will be utilized as we move forward with establishing a food pantry. We had a lot of first time "customers" two weeks ago, which was terrific. A family just moved back up from living in a Chico Apartment since the fire. The mom told me how this food box will make such a difference as finances are super stretched these days. We are blessed and grateful to be able to offer such practical help to our community. –Joelle Chinnock

Fresh Christmas Trees



Do you enjoy the scent of a fresh Christmas tree? The COAS/PAA junior class is selling Christmas trees this year from October 19 to November 10. We are also selling wreaths & garlands. If you don't like greenery, you can always donate a fresh-cut tree to an armed forces family through our Trees for Troops program. Please consider buying a tree from us! Delivery is available! Contact Anita Lee at (530) 519-1613 or Mr. Rasmussen at (916) 212-9777 with any questions.

THERE IS
always, always,
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something
to be thankful for

PAC Worthy Student Fund



Hi church family! We are so excited about this school year. Along with PAA in Chico we have a school in Paradise! Yeah! We have 29 children and 19 families that have asked for our church family to come alongside them and help them provide a Christian atmosphere and instruction for their children. We, as the Worthy Student Fund Committee, are committed to getting the word out that help is needed! Our children and their families are counting on your help to meet the tuition.

Please think about how you can help, by giving a one-time gift or a monthly pledge to help with a child's tuition. Every day that they are in school is a chance for them to give their hearts to Jesus. What a ministry and what an opportunity! We are so blessed to give in this way so that we can fulfill the dreams and prayers of a family and provide a special ministry for their child.

Thanks for giving to the PAC Worthy Student Fund!
– Marna Carli

Adventist Health: Blue Zones Launch in Walla Walla



On October 20, Adventist Health announced the launch of its Well-Being Division, solidifying its commitment to lead a 21st century well-being transformation movement. With this far-reaching change, Adventist Health is further demonstrating its commitment to inspire health, wholeness and hope within the communities it serves.

“Adventist Health’s Well-Being Division is an important part of our 10-year transformation strategy to move from a healthcare company to a health company,” Adventist Health CEO Scott Reiner said. “Our mission to live God’s love calls us to care for communities in ways that measurably and sustainably improve well-being.”

In keeping with these goals, Adventist Health acquired Blue Zones® earlier this year, marking the first step in the creation of its Well-Being Division, and appointed Ben Leedle, Blue Zones CEO, as division president. This month, the organizations began their first partnership Blue Zones Project, a transformational community-led well-being initiative, in Walla Walla, Washington.

Adventist Health and Blue Zones will work with the Center for Humanitarian Engagement at Walla Walla University and other organizations and leaders to improve well-being and enhance community vitality through their first Blue Zones Project® together. The project reinforces Adventist Health’s commitment to the Walla Walla Valley, where it operated a hospital from 1899 through 2017.

CEO Scott Reiner said he’s excited about the project. “Our support may look different, but Adventist Health’s commitment to the Walla Walla Valley remains strong,” Scott said. “This is an opportunity to inspire health, wholeness and hope in a new way. We look forward to

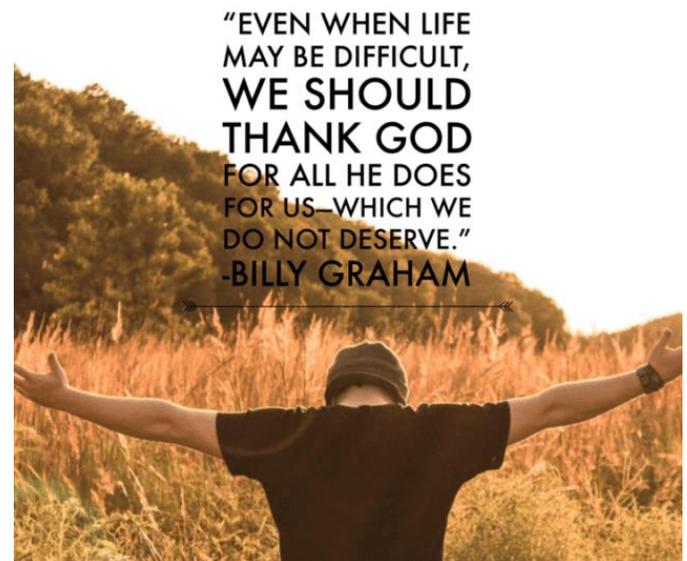
partnering with Walla Walla and many other communities to improve health and well-being by design.”

Former Walla Walla County Director of Community Health Meghan DeBolt has been hired as the project’s executive director. The work will begin immediately with local leaders, residents and organizations to create a transformation plan that will drive lasting changes to benefit the entire community and future generations. A kick-off for the general public will be held next year.

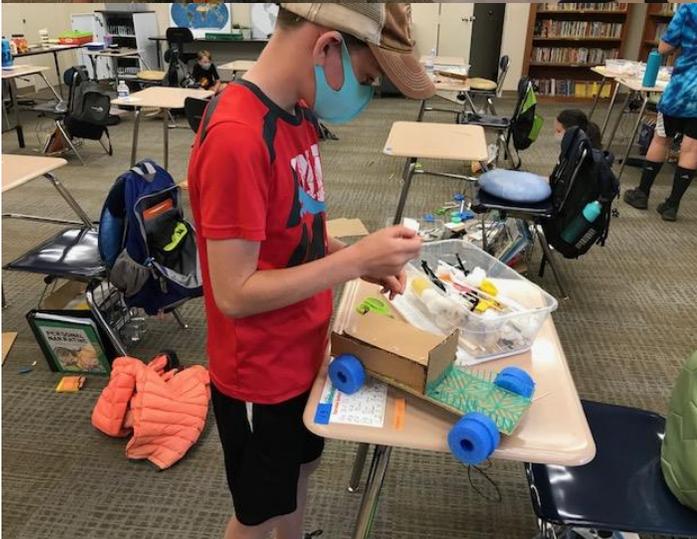
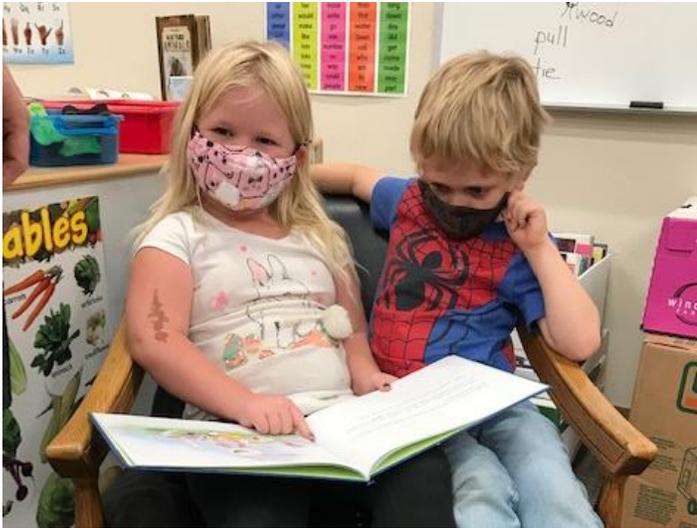
The work of Blue Zones in over 50 communities across the United States has been credited with double-digit drops in well-being risk factors such as obesity and smoking, transforming lives and achieving millions of dollars of savings in healthcare costs. While Blue Zones Projects have been helping communities since 2010, this is the first in partnership with Adventist Health.

This strategic vision to improve well-being is rooted in the Seventh-day Adventist cultural heritage. Since its inception in the 1840s, the Seventh-day Adventist tradition has encouraged healthy lifestyles. The focus on well-being comes at a critical time during the COVID-19 pandemic and is essential to help communities and individuals recover and build long-term resiliency.

More information on Blue Zones Project Walla Walla will be available at info.bluezonesproject.com/walla-walla.



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