

# The Country Christian



## *Sierra Christian Church*

May 2017



### **May Overview**

May promises to be a busy month. We will begin our visioning process on May 6 and May 21. Heifer Sundays will be on May 7 and 14. There is a board meeting on Wednesday, May 17. Sunday, May 21, is our Potluck Sunday.

### **Visioning Workshops**

It is important that everyone in the congregation makes attendance a priority so that we can get everyone's ideas for the future of our church. Please try to attend.

**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm-6pm**

Our first workshop will be one of celebration! It is important to celebrate the events, people, ministry and Spirit that has brought Sierra Christian Church to this place and time. During our time together, we will explore who we are - our identity, historical strengths and patterns, our assets, and opportunities. Dinner will be a part of this celebration.

**Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> (immediately following worship)**

Our second workshop will explore our weaknesses, challenges and together we will begin identifying our Core Values. This is our regular scheduled Potluck Sunday, so once again a meal will be shared!

## *Elders' Schedule*

May 7 – Pat Hughes

May 21 – Karen Steinke

May 14 – Gary Weatherly

May 28 – Joy Reed

## **Visioning Workshops for June**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (immediately following worship)**

Who is our Neighbor? We will explore who lives in our neighborhood, what their longings, fears, hopes, dreams and spiritual needs are.

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 5pm Potluck Dinner**

What is God calling us to be and do. We will ponder what it means to be the church, compile insights from our previous workshop, and grounded in prayer, discern a plan that expresses 3 key aspects of the church's identity and focuses on 3 ministry directions that will guide us into the next year.

<b>The Budget Box</b>			
July 1 – April 23 (43 weeks).			
Budget Amt.	\$47,961.54	Special Day Outreach Goals	\$5,050.00
<i>Per week (avg.)</i>	\$1,115.38	Actual Outreach Giving	\$1,831.00
Amount Given	\$40,094.01	Difference	<b>-\$3,219.00</b>
<i>Per week (avg.)</i>	\$932.42	Giving to Special Funds	\$1,365.00
Difference	<b>-\$182.97</b>	Memorials	\$1,960.00
Accum. Diff.	<b>-\$7,867.53</b>	Total of all giving	\$45,250.01

We are at this point seriously behind in both budget and Outreach giving.  
How much can we catch up??



## FRUIT TREES ARE COMING TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Thanks to a generous anonymous gift to SCC there will be a variety of fruit trees planted up at the community garden. The fruit from these trees will be for the benefit of the Placer Food Bank. These trees will be planted in the fall.



## SCHOLARSHIP/CAMPING FUND

This fund has two components. The first component is for youth camping scholarships. We use it to help our young people go to church camp. In the past several years we have been able to help Caleb Knowles go to CGC. The youth camping component has been funded by generous gifts and recently through Karen Steinke's cookie sales.

The second component is scholarship assistance for our adults. In the past few years we have paid the small registration fee for Pat Hughes and Judy Bever to participate in CCNC-N regional holy week work trips. This component is now at zero dollars.

For those who might want to help fund this component for our adults and have extra resources above your regular church support, you may give by designating on your memo line, "scholarship fund". Thank you for any amounts you may give.

### SDA will be using the facility

Friday-May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday-May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday-May 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday-May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Friday-May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday-May 20<sup>th</sup>

They would like to use the building for one to one and a half hours starting at 7:00pm on these dates. (So approximately **7:00 to 8:30pm**)

Board approved their usage.

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## Chapman University Update

Our Disciples of Christ college campus on the West Coast, supported through our giving, is moving ahead! New facilities include the Hilbert Museum of California Art, the Musco Center for the Arts, Chapman Studios West, the Erin Lastinger Tennis Center and the most ambitious project to date scheduled for a fall, 2018 opening, the Center for Science and Technology.

Over 8,200 undergraduate and graduate students come from all 50 states, three territories and 88 countries. 20% are first generation, 39% are students of color, 7% are international and 46% study abroad during their years at Chapman.

If you are visiting Southern California this summer, campus tours can be arranged and should be a must on your visit. Disneyland is only 15 minutes away!

We are a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a member of the Christian Churches of Northern California-Nevada. Our Vision is *to Welcome and Nurture all people as We Become more Faithful Together in a Loving Relationship with God.*

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### **WHERE We Are**

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DIRECTIONS: Exit I-80 at Rocklin Road and go east past Sierra College. The church is on the left, about ½ mile past Sierra College Blvd. We are on top of a hill. Look for the beautiful red barn overlooking the wonders of God’s nature!

