



## **Little Brown Church of Sunol**

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### **November 2018**

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#### **November-December Calendar**

Sunday, November 4 ... Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 18 ... Thanksgiving Dinner and Stewardship Sunday

Thursday, November 22 ... Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 29 ... Shelter dinner at Sunrise Village

Sunday, December 2 ... First Sunday of Advent – Decorate the church

Sunday, December 23 ... Christmas-themed worship

Monday, December 24 ... Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

#### **Thanksgiving Dinner and Stewardship Sunday**

The Little Brown Church will follow its annual tradition of holding a Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. That Sunday falls on Nov. 18 this year. It's also Stewardship Sunday. So bring your favorite holiday dish for the potluck and also be prepared to fill out your pledge card.

#### **Holiday Schedule**

Advent is approaching, beginning Dec. 2 as the first Sunday of Advent. We will decorate the church after worship that day, so please stay after to help. As usual, Little Brown Church will provide gifts and food for low-income children through its Adopt-a-Family program. Let Barbara Egbert know if you want to participate. The Sunday morning worship on Dec. 23 will be Christmas-themed and we will have our traditional Christmas Eve service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. Council chair Allen Cook points out that this year is the 200th anniversary of the song "Silent Night," first sung publicly on Dec. 24, 1818, in Tirol, Austria. *Jesus der Retter ist da!*

### Shelter dinners

A huge thank-you is owed to Helene and Kathy, who by themselves cooked and served dinner at Sunrise Village homeless shelter in Fremont after the rest of the helpers had to call in sick or drop out for other reasons.

We have one more date lined up this fall: **Thursday, Nov. 29.**

Please let Robin Spindler know if you can help. Cooks and servers should be at the shelter at 588 Brown Road, Fremont, between 3:30 and 5 p.m. (Cooks come on the early side, please.) Menu ideas are always welcome.

### News from The Little Brown Church Council Chair



Little Brown Church Fountain

Greetings, everyone.

We were able to hold a long overdue church council meeting October 21 with a quorum of attendees. A few items to report on:

After many, many months we now have the courtyard fountain repaired and running again. It's nice to hear the splash of water cascading down from one level to the next. The motor had burnt out when the fountain was left on during a week-day event and had run dry. To help prevent possible future damage to the motor we added a weatherproof wireless remote control outlet for powering the fountain motor.

In Babbitt Hall's kitchen we upgraded the coffee machine to one that has an auto-off feature. In the past, we have encountered multiple times of finding the coffee maker being left on for days, after use during the week. The auto-off function eliminates this issue.

Blessings to all,  
Allen Cook

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