



Little Brown Church of Sunol

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January-February Calendar

Sunday, January 7 ... Take down Christmas decorations after worship

Sunday, January 14 ... Church council meets at 9:30 a.m. in Babbitt Hall.

Monday, January 29, 4 p.m. ... LBC prepares dinner at Fremont homeless shelter

Wednesday, February 14 ... Ash Wednesday, joint service with Niles Discovery Church,
36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont

Next shelter dinner: January 29

We have three dates lined up so far in 2018 to provide the evening meal at Fremont's Sunrise Village homeless shelter. Please let Robin Spindler know if you can help. Cooks and servers should be at the shelter at 588 Brown Road between 4 and 5 p.m. Menu ideas are always welcome. Many thanks to everyone who helped in 2017!

So far, we have committed to cooking on these dates:

- Monday, January 29, 2018
- Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Special Events in Photos

Along with this newsletter are three photos. One shows the concrete pad poured for a wooden storage shed. One shows our annual Thanksgiving/Stewardship dinner in November.

The third was taken as we welcomed four confirmands into the congregation in December. From left are Shawn Haley, Joe Villarreal, Pastor Mary, and Eva and Hunter Hathcox. In preparation for their membership in the Little Brown Church, they met for several months to study history and basic Biblical knowledge, differences between Protestant, Catholic

and Orthodox churches; the roles of Luther, Calvin, and other reformers, plus the development of the American church. They also studied the UCC statement of faith, the historic creeds of the Christian church and many other topics.

Thanks to Allen Cook and Robin Spindler for the photos!

Adopt-a-Family

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Adopt-a-Family program this year. We "adopted" six families, providing presents for all 21 children and enough groceries for a big Christmas dinner to each family. Special thanks to Pastor Mary for obtaining all the information on the children and their desires; to Mike Brown for grocery shopping; to Dave Dogan for distributing the gifts; and to those donors who added to their shopping lists the members of a family with five children which was added at the last minute.

Update from Council Chair Allen Cook

The Little Brown Church council met on December 17, at 9:30 AM. Takeaways from this meeting are listed below:

Our next scheduled church council meeting is proposed for Sunday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. in Babbitt Hall.

Council action items update:

A) Install a wood storage shed on church grounds to replace our use of the parsonage's shed (it is being used by our tenant).

Status: Mike Brown will arrange for purchasing an Oakridge wood storage shed, sold by Costco. And, many thanks to Bob and Cindy Frillman who graciously donated the cost of installing a concrete pad, just northwest of Kirk house. Bob also arranged for a contractor to complete the work in record time. The pad, 10 x 15 feet in size, was poured and finished December 22, 2017.

B) Get an estimate to replace the linoleum floor in Babbitt Hall.

Status: Susan Ewing-Haley is arranging for a flooring company to provide a price quote for installing new linoleum flooring. Susan is following up with the contractor.

C) Light tower for stained glass window illumination.

Status: Kevin Matlock and John Rigger have erected a light tower and made initial adjustments to optimize lighting of the window. Lights automatically turn on at 5:30 p.m. and turn off at 10 p.m. Further modifications for improving the range of lighting may be needed, but John and Kevin have ideas on what they want to do.

D) Courtyard fountain motor defective.

Status: Fountain drained. No further action to date

E) Church sprinkler system needs repair or replacement.

Status: new action item

Thank you all!

Allen Cook

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