

# Community of Christ

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Sacramento Congregation Newsletter ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017  
{Compiled & Edited by Tracy Knight}

4044 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento ~ Shared Leadership

Sunday Services ~ 10a Fellowship ~ 10:45a Family of God time ~ 11a Worship

*"Community of Christ," your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling. If you will discern and embrace its full meaning, you will not only discover your future, you will become a blessing to the whole creation. Do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go. ~ D&C 163:1*

## **CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR**

- OCT 6-8 Women's Retreat at Happy Valley  
OCT 14-15 Sr/Jr High Retreat (location TBA)  
OCT 14 9a-5p **Intro to Priesthood class** (Dave/Tukey Seagraves) at Sacramento  
OCT 21 9a-5p **Intro to Scripture class** (Kim Barney) at Sacramento  
OCT 22 **Youth Connect Sunday ~ POTLUCK LUNCH**  
OCT 28 9a-5p **Ministry of the Elder class** (Zac Harmon-McLaughlin) at Sacramento  
OCT 29 **Branch Business Meeting follows Worship - Election of 2018 Team - Light Refreshments will be served**  
NOV 3-5 Sierra Pacific Mission Center Conference at Happy Valley  
NOV 5 Daylight Savings - "Fall Back" (turn clocks back 1 hr)  
NOV 19 Baby Blessing Service followed by THANKSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCH  
NOV 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
DEC 1-3 Sr/Jr High Retreat at Happy Valley  
DEC 24 9:30am CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRUNCH followed by Special Holiday Worship Service  
DEC 25 Merry Christmas!

### **Youth Connect Sundays & Potluck- 4th Sundays**

These Sundays are for *everyone*. We especially welcome all youth, young adults, and the young at heart to come together for fellowship and donuts at 10:00am and then be together for a contemporary worship service.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**October 22** - Kim Barney

**November 19\*** - Jenny Hedman (3 Baby Blessings)

**December 24** - Potluck is Christmas Brunch instead of Lunch, speaker TBA

*\*November is adjusted for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner to be before the holiday.*

**TEMPLE SCHOOL CLASSES** being offered at Sacramento in October. Everyone welcome to attend, with *current Priesthood encouraged to attend for a 'refresher'*.

a) All classes are *free*, but *students should purchase books* (available online from Herald House - \$29.95 for hard copy, or \$12.95 for printable PDF file)

b) Each student asked to '*bring their own lunch*' - water & coffee will be provided

c) Pre-registration is encouraged, contact each class facilitator (drop-ins may be welcomed)

**OCT 14** ~ 9a-5p ***Introduction to Priesthood*** ~ facilitated by Dave & Tukey Seagraves

**OCT 21** ~ 9a-5p ***Introduction to Scripture*** ~ facilitated by Kim Barney

**OCT 28** ~ 9a-5p ***Ministry of the Elder*** ~ facilitated by Zac Harmon-McLaughlin

### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> - **Jennifer & Carey Howell & family** enjoy trip to Florida to visit all the fun attractions. ~

AUG 15<sup>th</sup> **Derek Louis Stotyn** was born - **Evelyn & Roy Tucker's** first Grandchild (**Barbara Tucker** is great-grandma) ~ AUG 27<sup>th</sup>, son of **Sam & Michelle Allen**, Grandson to **Paul & Ardie Allen**, baby **Luke David Allen** was blessed by **Paul Allen & Joni Rillos** ~ SEP 1<sup>st</sup>, Celebration of **Byron Roberts** life was

attended by over 135 friends & family ~ SEP 4<sup>th</sup>, 4yr old **Michaela Allen** joining the Tots Swim Team ~

SEP 16<sup>th</sup> **Rodney Cardosa** enjoyed a free Fish Derby in Rancho Cordova, even though he was skunked, he

loved the BBQ lunch ~ SEP 17<sup>th</sup> **Jeanette Schmidt** celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday ~ SEP 24 congrats to

**Maya Seagraves** who received the Girl Scout Silver Award as a published author for her book STEM ~

SEP 29<sup>th</sup> **Dave & Tracy Knight** upgraded to a Class A Motorhome after selling their travel trailer, they plan to explore the country ~

### **HEALTH UPDATES**

8/20/17 **Willie Wixom** suffered a heart attack, while on vacation at Tahoe with family & friends; he was taken to a hospital in Reno. **Cary and Andy Heekin** have been right by **Denny's** side and continue to

provide loving support as well as Cary's medical expertise in performing CPR and helping Denny to understand the details of Willie's condition. Early Sept Willie was moved to skilled nursing in

Sacramento. He was then re-hospitalized due to possible pneumonia, along with 9 broken ribs. He is responding to medications and is now recovering at home for 4-6 weeks before he can undergo heart

surgery. 10/1/17 Great News, Willie has improved enough while at home to no longer need a feeding tube & will be able to gain back some of the weight-loss by enjoying delectable treats. He has been out

walking & was able to attend his grandkids soccer game. On Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Willie will undergo a procedure to have a stent inserted.

9/5/17 **Scott Lacy** was hospitalized with severe abdominal pains, he may have Celiac - must undergo more tests. 10/1/17 Scott continues to struggle with Celiac and its many uncomfortable side effects.

10/2/17 **Tracy Knight** has recovered 99% from Sciatica; she is 'back' to her usual busy life, thanks to everyone for their prayers.

## BUILDING REPAIRS/UPDATES

July/August - The lighting in the hall could not be turned off, the main on/off switch failed and had to be replaced - ongoing issues with one of the lights in the bank of two lights near the stage in the hall, turned out to be wrong bulb installed. - Aug 18<sup>th</sup> the hall floor was stripped & waxed by **Norcal Cleaning**, the company that replaced the cleaning crew for the church building. ~ Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> a suspicious package was found located on the roof over front of church near chapel doors, very poor response from Sac Sheriff, prompting a neighborhood watch meeting to discuss vandalism/loitering issues around church ~ SEP: the sodium light bulb on the pole light over the steps (to Norris Ave) was replaced with the help from a friendly **SMUD Crew** with a bucket truck. Thanks to **Howard Sakima & Ed Rillos**, battery powered timers were added to 3 of the sprinkler stations, that were previously watering only by turning on manually.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES/CORRECTIONS

Joni & Ed Rillos 8520 Casablanca Way Sacramento, CA 95828	Lindsay (Kory) Rillos 1027 Park Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691
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## BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING held AUG 13, 2017

**Tukey Seagraves** was happy to announce two Priesthood calls, **Justin Troxel** to the office of Elder, and **Tracy Knight** to the office of Priest. **Zac Harmon-McLaughlin** introduced **Jessica Jones**, who recently moved to the Sacramento area from San Jose. She has accepted a Priesthood call to the office of Elder. All three calls were confirmed and once the three complete their required Temple School classes, they will be ordained. **Brian Cummings** reported on the Steering Committee's evaluation of the Shared Leadership Team's progress in the past 7 months. This was followed by Zac introducing his "next step idea" as an opportunity for innovation. After prayerful discernment, he felt compelled to suggest that the Sacramento congregation consider co-pastors for 2018. Both **Daniel Hedman** and **Jessica Jones** have been asked and have accepted the challenge, and will be presented for a vote, as co-pastors at the next business meeting to be held on October 29, 2017, for election of 2018 officers.

<p>The Next <b>BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING</b> ~ Election of Officers for 2018 <i>Sunday, OCTOBER 29, 2017</i> ~ following Worship Service Light Refreshments will be Served</p>
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Feel your Emotions ~ don't Follow your Emotions!

**HELP WANTED** ~ beginning DEC 2017 ~ *Volunteers* are needed to take over the following tasks:

1. Type & print weekly bulletin announcements & prayer list
2. Compile, edit & distribute quarterly congregational newsletter
3. Change marque sign bi-weekly

Please contact **TRACY KNIGHT** (916) 487-2267 call/text [goofyblu@surewest.net](mailto:goofyblu@surewest.net) email ~ if **interested**. *Your time & talent will be a blessing to many!*

**TITHING ENVELOPES** ~ Beginning 2018, the Tithing Envelopes will be mailed Quarterly. Also, a blank line will be added to the right side of the envelopes for users to write in designations for special projects such as Bridge of Hope or Disaster Relief. Congregations are not required to use quarterly envelopes. You may choose to use pew envelopes, or not use envelopes at all.

Members are encouraged to use **tithing** ~ The benefits to the congregation are substantial:

- > it's free (congregations are not charged for members using tithing)
- > It's a green solution (there is no waste from unused envelopes)
- > It allows for contributions to both local and worldwide mission tithes
- > Funds are automatically transferred to the congregation's account each month
- > It provides ongoing, consistent contributions even if members are out of town or unable to attend

If you would like more information about tithing, please go to

<https://www.cofchirst.org/etithing-faq>

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME** ~ Approximately 663 pieces of Buffalo China and Ceramic plates & bowls are available and free to anyone who can use them. The Sacramento Congregation previously used these items in years past, as they were left-over from the (1960s) Old California State Fair. They are in good condition and would be a great addition to a restaurant or deli. Advertising will be done through Craigslist, FreeCycle Network and other online sites, along with this newsletter.

**For more information, contact Tracy Knight 916-487-2267 or [goofyblu@surewest.net](mailto:goofyblu@surewest.net)**



This is a Letter about  
the  
2017 REUNION



By  
Rodney Cardoso

9-24, 2017

HAPPY VALLEY REYOUN  
I WENT TO CHURCH AND  
CAMP FIRE. AND HELP THE  
YOUNG KIDS IN CLASS. I  
ALSO ENJOYED LOTS OF  
VERY GOOD FOOD THERE. AND  
TOLD MY JOKES ON TALENT  
SHOW. AND PLAYED SORRY  
GAME N TROUBLE GAME. N  
PING PONG GAME TOO.  
BY RODNEY  
CARDOSA

### SEAGRAVES FAMILY UPDATE

The **Mike & Ruth Seagraves** family has been a blur of activity and we are looking forward to things settling into a more normal school-year rhythm. I get asked a lot --what are you up to? What is Mike doing? What are the kids into these days? So, here's the scoop in case you're interested:

This summer, Mike climbed Mt. Rainier with two friends from Seattle (on his bucket list) and later observed the total eclipse in Oregon while out there on a business trip. He continues to travel a lot for Dignity Health and work on his PhD in Organizational Leadership.

**Georgia** went to Sr. High Camp and Spectacular and was so inspired by the "Girl Strong" Class taught by **Ginelle Sakima** that she is teaching a session on it at this year's Women's retreat in October. This is her second year taking the class at Spectacular and she said, "It is life-changing!" Also at Spec she won the two big scholarships they give out there and has decided that GU is where she wants to go next fall (which her family is trying not to think about too much--we will miss her terribly). She is playing soccer again and continues to work part-time as an "event character" usually Belle from Beauty and the Beast or as Wonder Woman.

**Maya** attended her last year of Jr. High camp and said that the bond was so strong from the second day of camp--she loved it. She is a freshman this year and is in an engineering class that she likes and is

completing her Girl Scouts Silver Award this week by delivering the book she just published on Women in STEM careers to 10 school libraries. She is also one of two freshmen to get a part in the school play "Much Ado About Nothing." (Georgia is in the play too.)

**Kendra** is in 5th grade this year she is really enjoying gymnastics and voice lessons. She attended Children's Camp and spent every spare moment in the crafts class. She spent most of the summer concocting "Slime" recipes. Some off of the internet and some of her own invention. Currently, she is drawing up diagrams to build a fort in the back yard that she wants to look kind-of like the Hobbit house.

I (**Ruth**) have decided that my role in the family these days is a lot like the "pit crew" of a car race. A lot of encouragement, quick problem solving, strategy and support for my family that races in and out of the house stopping briefly to refuel or work on things and then the next day they've got to be ready to zoom back out to face the world again. Also, I am planning a trip to Lamoni Iowa in early October to take care of my mom (Beth Knotts) who fell and fractured her L-3 vertebrae.



A Midsummer Night's Dream - August 19-27, 2017

Starring **Georgia Seagraves** as Hermia and **Maya Seagraves** as Puck or Robin Goodfellow



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