

The Outlook

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

August 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

September 1: Acts 9: 32-42, John 6: 5-32. "Transformative Awe"

September 8: Proverbs 9: 1-6, Mark 7: 24-39. "Cultural Awe"

Rev. Anne Schlesinger, preaching

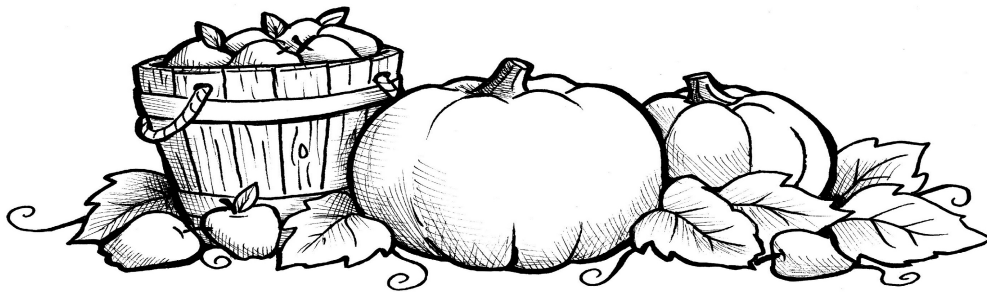
The Pumpkins Are Coming Sunday, October 13, 2024

The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive at noon, Sunday, October 13, 2024. But we need help even before they come. We need help putting up the lights during the last week of September. More info will follow, but if you will be able to help, please let me know.

We will then need your help to unload pumpkins and set up the patch. We have again reached out to the local high schools to offer community service hours for the students help with unloading. The truck will most likely arrive while we are in church or shortly thereafter, so please plan to bring "pumpkin unloading clothes" to change into if needed. We will have hot dogs, chips, dessert, and water to keep up your energy. We will also need help setting up, decorating, or selling during the rest of the day as we will be selling pumpkins until 9 PM. In the past, we have even sold pumpkins during unloading.

Our hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 3 PM-9 PM. Saturday 9 AM-9 PM, and Sunday 12 Noon-9 PM.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and reflections of God's love through the Pumpkin Patch ministry. Call, text, or email me anytime at 699-6625, cgarnmpa@aol.com to find out ways to help. God's love abounds! –Blessings, Carolyn



♪ A Note from the Pastor

The Lord said to Moses, "Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense (an equal part of each), and make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy, and you shall beat some of it into powder and put part of it before the covenant in the tent of meeting, where I shall meet with you; it shall be most holy for you.

Exodus 30: 34-36

The Board of Trustees has been diligently working to keep our church building and grounds safe, but it is an ongoing challenge. Recently, we experienced another violation, likely by a group of professional thieves who severely damaged two airconditioning units on the roof of The Gathering Place. You may have noticed that new fencing has been erected around the education building to enhance security. With this phase complete, our next step is to replace the windows that have been broken. While we strive to maintain a welcoming appearance for our neighbors, the increasing disregard for others' property makes this difficult. Please keep our church and the dedicated Trustees in your prayers.

In a similar vein, we are seeking volunteers to help beautify our church campus. Who can help keep the grounds free of litter? We have two suggestions: either form a group that meets every Saturday or early Sunday morning with the motto "Many hands make light work," or create a dedicated team that rotates on a weekly basis each month. The church will provide all necessary equipment—trash buckets, gloves, and "grabbers" to make the task easier. Please let me know if you're able to help, and I'll ensure you have what you need.

As reported in the last issue of *The Outlook*, beloved member Ruth Shivers passed away on August 3. Per her wishes, there will be no service. Years ago, Ruth established a memorial fund in her name to support the Trustees' work. If you would like to honor her memory with a gift, please clearly mark your donation.

Looking ahead, our choir will gather at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 8, and Wednesday rehearsals will resume on September 11. If you enjoy singing, we invite you to join us! We are a group of non-professional singers led by a wonderful accompanist and talented conductor, both of whom help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Anne

Prayers

We pray for our friends and family serving in the military

We pray for those in need of healing—body, mind and spirit:

• June B • Steven Bautista—peace in his mind, spirit & hands • Laura D (Friday's surgery was successful; prayers for complete recovery) • Rose & Arnie—complete recovery • Nancy J • Stella's neighbors Ed & Rose with COVID • Continued prayers for Richard, choir director @ Laguna Country UMC • Bill T. (Sunshine's father in law) following emergency surgery • Deanna—broken femur • Danny, Jenifer, Lea and Balthazar, all with significant health issues, and peace and comfort for Linda R • Cindy and Bill W both feeling ill • Michelle & family: prayer for care and comfort • Bill B • Laura D: surgery • Linda T • Bonney • Lora—healthy pregnancy, safe delivery, and that her unborn daughter Cataleya will be healed of her health conditions before birth • Mandi—throat infection • Suzanne (Rose G's sister) • Sherry—pain has returned • Edee's cousin Barbara awaiting a kidney transplant

We pray for other needs:

• People struggling with relationships • Shawn and Carmen • A way for the family to happily celebrate John R's birthday • Children, teachers & other staff as schools open • Support for Martha C • Robert & Amanda—preparing to move • New teachers, a new school year • Comfort for people whose pets have died • For thieves and destructive people—may

they repent and feel God's love & healing • Fire victims • Peace talks in Egypt regarding Israel/Hamas/Palestine

We pray for travel mercies:

• Vance and Linda • Jerry and Scott L • Griffin • Sherry and David

In gratitude, we remember and praise God for our abundant blessings...

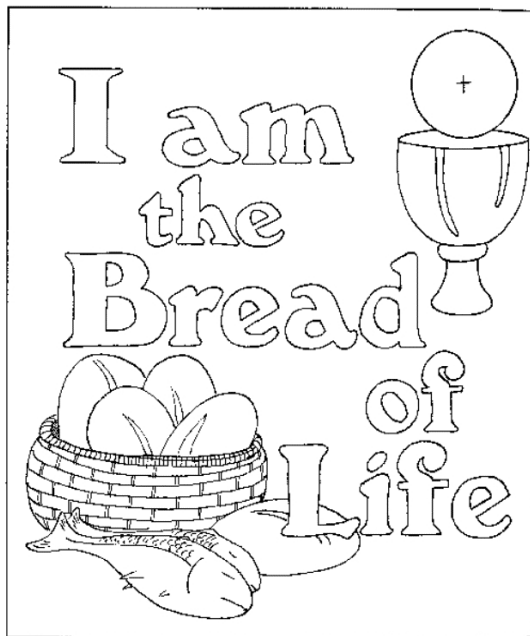
• Cooler mornings and evenings • Children and teachers who had a good first day • Toby's health is improving; continued prayer for healing • June & David's house has sold • Josh B's visit from the East Coast • Thanks for teachers • Barbara is grateful for a lovely lunch with James • Laura D & David A played a duet—between them, they play 36 bells! • Madeline and Scottlyn both turned 3 years old this week • Stella's neighbor received good news from the test results following recent biopsy • Laura gives praise for a good surgical team and support from her family and friends, She is doing well following her surgery • Laura's neighbor Roger is home following his double transplant surgery • Terry's birthday • Leona's 3rd birthday & extra praise that the family had a very good week celebrating • Brenden recovering following a bad fall • Linda's great niece Kathleen has started her new job. Prayers for her and her family as the baby experiences day care for the first time • Both major political conventions are over—prayers that the country can stay positive during this season • David A feeling better following strong eye pain. Eye doctor scratched cornea will heal nicely • Sherry is thankful for thoughtful writers in her local paper • Children in our lives!

Happy September Birthday to.....

- 10 Donnel Lester
- 17 Evan Neath
- 20 Jack Saba
- 22 Bonney Friday
- 24 Ernestine Torres
- 27 Laura Daillak
- 29 Marlene Moore
- 30 Ana Lester

Happy Anniversary to....

- 2 Scott and Lizbeth Hallam
- 9 Marvin and Marilyn Barnes
- 23 David and Jennifer Rous



**Refugees, Migrants, &
Immigrants:
A Global Perspective**

Learn about global migration challenges and discover how you can support refugees, migrants, and immigrants in Kern County.

Saturday, September 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2216 17th
St, Bakersfield
\$25 tickets: appetizers, drink, and music
by Richard Noel.

An anonymous donor is sponsoring a table for Wesley participants. June Braun will have a sign up sheet at the coffee bar on Sunday.