

# Tahoe Community Church

*Notes, Announcements, and Reminders*

*November 2023*

*Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!*

## SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE



### It's Shoebox Time!!

By Karen Beverage

Hello Church, I hope everyone has started packing their Gospel Opportunity Shoeboxes. Ted and I are packing ours!

There are still lots of empty shoeboxes for you to take home and fill up. The table in the foyer has all the information you will need to participate in this year's shoebox drive. Our goal this year is 441 boxes. (Last year we collected 440) We already have 50 boxes turned in, plus what we will be packing at the packing party gets us off to a great start.

Our annual shoebox packing party is scheduled for Saturday November 11th starting at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be packing 307 Gospel Opportunity Boxes. Last year we did 300. Please let me know if you will be available to attend.

If you are unable to attend the packing party, there are other ways that you can participate in the shoe box drive. The best way is to pack your own boxes and bring them in before Dedication Sunday on November 12th. We will be praying over the boxes before they get shipped off to the warehouse and then around the world!

You can also help with a monetary gift. You can donate \$15.00 to cover the cost of filling a box or \$10.00 per box to cover the shipping cost.

God has done amazing things through these boxes in the past and we can trust Him to do amazing things in the future!

**Yea! We get to pack Boxes!**



## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Sunday Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class
9:00 a.m.	Praise Team Practice
10:10 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Preschool and Children's Church Available

## Weekly Church Activities

Tue.	11:00 am	Knitting Group at Kathleen Huggins'
Wed.	8:00 am	Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am	Prayer Gathering
	3:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
	5:30 pm	AWANA Bible Club
Thurs.	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service



## The Search Continues

By Kathy Pavich

The Pastor Search Committee is continuing its search for new candidates to consider for our next pastor.

At this time, we do not have much to report, just know that we are vetting candidates and praying for God to bring us a new pastor soon. Please continue to pray for God's will in this and for the committee to have discernment and wisdom as we vet these candidates.

### Your Pastor Search Committee,

Bill Rowell, Bill Kolstad, Bob Pavich, Christine Feinberg, Kathleen Huggins, and Kathy Pavich



Here are excerpts from a letter I received from the Children's Hunger Fund:

"Thank you for choosing Children's Hunger Fund for your 2023 VBS Mission Moment during **"Keepers of the Kingdom!"**

Thanks to all their hard work, your VBS kids and their families donated \$860.50. That's 3,442 meals! Please relay our gratitude to your VBS families. Those meals will make a real difference for children and families facing food insecurity and will provide local pastors with an important tool to share the hope of the Gospel.

We are proud to recognize your group as "Fantastic Fundraiser." Your group will be listed on our website at: [childrenshungerfund.org/vbs-recognition](http://childrenshungerfund.org/vbs-recognition)."

I was thrilled to see how excited our kids were about collecting the money and Tim Cary did a great job of telling them exactly what their money was going to be used for. I have posted the full letter and a citation on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Also, I receive an informational newsletters from the Children's Hunger Fund every two weeks. I keep them on file in the office and you may read them any time you wish!



## The Acts and Facts Nov/Dec Edition

The Acts & Facts magazine for November and December is now available in the foyer.

Featured articles include:

- Trait Variations—Engineered Alleles, Yes! Random Mutations, No!
- The Myth of Darwinian Plasticity
- Billions of Biological Nanomachines Point to Christ's workmanship

If any of these articles sound interesting to you can pick up a copy of the magazine in the church foyer. Feel free to take copies to share with friends and family as well. We have plenty!

For those of you with children, we also have copies of the kid version of Acts & Facts which is packed full of fun and educational games.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

**"Creation Christmas Wreath"**

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 1:00 to 3:00 in TCC Fellowship Hall

**PLEASE! Be Considerate of our Set up Crew & RSVP by Oct. 28th**

As we surround ourselves in God's Blessings, let us come together to "Spruce up" our Worship Center Wreaths

A delightful surprise is in store for those who attend as we will have 4 short, spiritually inspired, and scripturally based devotions to expound on what each wreath represents.

Featured speakers: Myriam Mayer

Lois Furno

Christine Feinberg

Jan Hurst

Sign-up on the menu clip board in the church lobby for soups or chilis, 1/4 cut sandwiches in which ever direction you so please (with crusts on or off) or desserts.

Contact Christine with event questions 405-609-9276  
Contact Jan to RSVP if you miss the clip board 775-781-1783



Our church cleaning day on Saturday October 14th was a great success!

We had Bob and Kathy Pavich, Christine Feinberg, Tim Cary, Michelle Uschmann and me.

We thoroughly cleaned the Discovery Zone, Kids Zone and the Office. Bob Pavich worked on blowing off the roofs and parking lots and Tim Cary worked on windows in all the buildings. We were a good team a got a lot done. Thanks to all of you!

I will try to schedule cleaning days once a quarter or as the need arises. Mike Prager does a great job cleaning each week but there is just too much property for him to do it all alone.



## Creative for a Good Cause!

A "Friends Being Friends" Event

On Sunday October 22, some of our ladies got together to make Tie-Dye Bags to put in the OCC Shoe Boxes. These will be what is called a "Wow Gift" for the kids when they open the boxes. With all the great colors, they really will be a "Wow Gift" I have some on display with the shoeboxes in the Worship Center.

Louisa Boone, the organizer of the event, said there was ink left over so she and Myriam Mayer were going to make some tote bags to add to the bags made by the group on Sunday.

**Thank you Ladies, and thank you Louisa!**

Reminder: The shoebox packing party this year is on Saturday November 11th at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to Karen Beverage.



The Elders have designated the last Sunday of each month as "Family Worship" Sunday. What that means is that there will be no Children's Church for kids in grades 1-6. They will remain in the Worship Center with their families. We will still offer Children's Church for kids 2 years old through kindergarten. Please bring those children to the Adventure Zone Room below Fellowship Hall.

The reason for this is twofold. One, the elders feel it is important to expose our children to the entire worship service and to teach them proper behavior. Second, it gives our teachers a break once a month so that they can hear the sermon and worship.

The sermons will be played in Fellowship Hall for family's feeling the need to go there but that is to be a place of worship as well, just a bit more relaxed. The Family Room near the sound booth is always available for those with infants.

Our first try with this will be on October 28 which is before you get this newsletter. The next one will be on November 26th.

Please address any questions you may have about this to Ted, Jacky Daly, or the Elders. We look forward to your feedback!



## Help Needed!!!

We are very greatly that Johnathan Boatman has recently volunteered to help Annarose and the audio visual team. Thanks Johnathan! However, that still leaves us very short handed in the Sound Booth! There were two Sunday's when Mark was the only person working which was extremely difficult.

Remember, prior experience is not required to volunteer, just a willing heart and spirit! Mark and Annarose are wonderful people and very easy to work with! Please contact either of them or Kevin Mayer to join the team!

**Thanks in advance for volunteering!!**



## Knitter's still Knitting

The knitting group is still active and knitting items to benefit missions. They recently sent a box containing 63 hats to the Mexican Medical Ministries. Each hat takes between 4 and 6 hours to make showing how generous the group is with their time. The church pays for the shipping of the hats out of our Missions budget, but the ladies pay for their own yarn and needles. The group enjoys donating to the Mexican Medical Ministries because they are so appreciative of what they receive!



## Building and Grounds

The largest project we tackled this month was painting the outside of Fellowship Hall. Bill

Kolstad and Mike Furno spent several days prepping and painting the lower street side and worship center side of the building. A work day was called for October 19th to finish the project. Bob Pavich, Mike Furno, Bill Kolstad, Tim Cary, Leonard and I worked for about four hours getting the project done. We also painted the doors and touched up the trim on the other buildings except for the office. We will save that for a different day. The shed behind the office needs a lot of work if anyone is looking for a project to do.

There were also some smaller projects completed. Mike Furno fixed the toilet in the Worship Center and he and Leonard installed weather proofing on the front door. I am sure there were other projects that got done that I don't know about so a big thank you goes out to everyone who helps maintain our wonderful property!

As you walk around our campus, keep an eye out for anything you see that needs some attention or needs to be fixed. Please do not assume that we already know about it. Feel free to contact Mike Furno, Leonard O'Malley or me if you see anything and we will do our best to get it done. Thanks!

## GREETERS ministry

## Make Greeting a Priority

We are known for being a friendly church, and I think we are. However, there is always room for improvement. The greeters do a great job of meeting people at the door as they arrive but what happens when they go in and sit down? There have been times when I have seen the regulars talking to each other in groups while visitors, and even some regular attenders, are left alone. This should not happen.

If you see someone sitting by themselves, or someone you do not know, please go over and introduce yourself to them. Make them feel welcomed! Ask them where they are from and tell them about our church and the activities that are available. We have flyers available on church activities in the foyer, make sure they get one!

We should also greet everyone again at the  
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## A Shoe Box Story

Karen Beverage

Since our shoeboxes have gone to Mexico these past two years, I wanted to choose a story from there. There were many great stories but this was the best one I found.

### Mexico: An Alcoholic Father Changed

One of the families that accepted Jesus was the Uriarte Diaz family, where Jafet (8 years old) lives. It was a broken home because the father was an alcoholic. When the teacher gave us the names of all the children that were invited to the OCC event, we prayed for all of them and for their families. This family came and when the call to accept Jesus in their hearts was given, this family was the first one to come forward. The father was crying and hugged his wife and children asking them for forgiveness. Jafet said he had never received a gift before but that the best gift was to see his father hugging them and attending church, and that he wasn't drinking on that day.

We followed up with this family and Jafet told us there is peace in his home and the whole family still comes to church. The teachers give glory to God and thank Samaritan's Purse for being the tool God used to save many lives and give joy to many children.

I really liked this story because it really emphasizes how the shoe boxes affect not only the kids but entire families, and in some case entire communities!

**They really are Gospel Opportunity Boxes!**

**(Greeting Continued)**

end of the service to thank them for worshiping with us. Invite them to other church activities and ask them if they have any questions about our church. Tell them you look forward to seeing them again.

Greeting seems simple but it takes a conscious effort to actually do it. So, I ask you, oh behalf of the deacons and elders, to be aware of the people around you at church and make sure no one walks away not feeling welcomed! Thanks! Ted



## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

For most people, this means an extra hour sleep, for those of who work graveyard shifts it means an extra hours work!



## Missionary News & Prayer

by Ted Beverage

For more details, and photos on missions, check out the bulletin board in the church lobby.

### Tim and Susan Driscoll, Japan (OMF)

I posted the October newsletter from Tim and Susan on the bulletin board. If you didn't know, the Driscoll's have three sons and all of them are involved in missions work of some kind. This is truly a family with their hearts focused on advancing God's kingdom!

The following is a quote from "Heart of a Leader" from the OMF Leadership Training course."

"Another way leaders are formed is through suffering. Testing shapes a leader's ability to listen to God and wait on Him for direction. Testing in a "Wilderness" helps us learn that God alone is our source of authority and power, and that we are but servants and to keep us from trusting in ourselves."

In a way, our church is in a "wilderness" right now without a pastor. Is God testing us to become more reliant on Him?

### Central Asian Family

There is an adoption update on this family on page 6. Bob and Jacky Daly will be visiting this family in November and I am sure we will get a full report when they return.

**Urgent:** Please be in prayer for Hannah who has been very sick with Pneumonia and a serve case of hives.

### Macedonia Missions to the Balkans/ANM: Marino Mojtic and the Evangelical Church of Macedonia"

The July-September newsletter from the Evangelical Church in Macedonia is posted on the bulletin board. It is amazing how on fire they are about sharing the gospel!

We in America can take a lesson from them! This news letter really is worth a read if you have the time. I can make you a copy if you or want I can sent it to you via email.

The Picture above is of a VBS conducted in a local village



### Here are just a few of their prayer requests:

- Pray for the Operation Christmas Child project where shoeboxes will be distributed. (Just think, we are involved in both ends of this project, packing the boxes and distributing them!)

- Pray for the 5,000 plus people that heard the gospel through summer evangelistic events.

- Pray for our churches that work with Muslim people. It is a very difficult mission field.

### I was moved by this testimony in ANM's letter to us:

"Yesterday we went to a town with the supplies we bought with your generosity. A lady was crying and sharing with us. "They burned our home and all household things and also my sewing machine. The sewing machine was the only way of earning for me and my family, and I was providing food for my children. I was asking God for a new sewing machine. I was so happy when a saw that you brought a new sewing machine for me. Our God is a good God and He is always listening to our prayers.

That sewing machine was a tangible expression of God's love the woman and her family., Your support of ANM helped deliver it.

### Wow! Our God is a good God!

### -Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

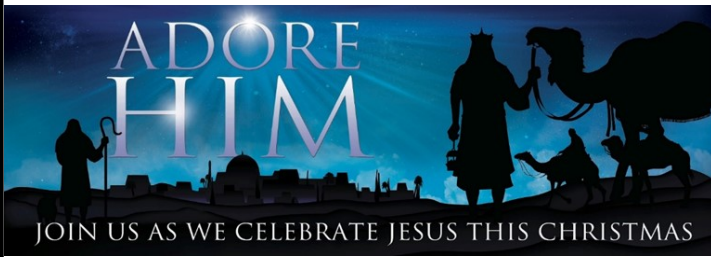
Please read the lasted newsletter from FMI which is posted. It is too long to include here but it includes an absolutely wonderful testimony of salvation!

### Here is the 2023 Mid-Year report from FMI:

"Your support of Pastor W. during the first half of 2023 encouraged him and his church members for new avenues of ministry among their Muslim neighbors across 5 different ministry sites. The average combined weekly attendance of these congregations is now more that 240 people. From January through June, Pastor W. was privileged to lead 72 people to faith in Jesus Christ and baptized 3 of them. He also trained 54 church members for evangelism and they, in turn, were delighted to lead 79 people to faith in Christ. Please keep praying for Pastor W. and the people in his congregations.

### - Life Choices Clinic, Carson City

"We are so thankful we can link arms with those in our community to continue to provide compassionate care to women in need of support. Your support today leaves an impact for years to come. Thank you so much! We are praying for your church!"  
Becky Katzorke, community Outreach.



# TAHOE COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Saturday, December 9th @ 5:30 PM**  
**Tahoe Community Church Fellowship Hall**

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**Please RSVP # Attending & Sign up for Potluck Dish**

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**Please call or text Jan @775-781-1783 to Volunteer & RSVP**

**Set Up is on Friday, December 8th, at 10:00 AM**



## Sunday School Teachers Update

We are pleased to announce that we have added two ladies to our Children's Church Team!

The first one is Erica Cantwell. Erica and her family have been faithful supporters of the AWANA program all year and she and her husband Tim both served as teachers for VBS last summer. Also, Erica and Tim have added their God given talents to the Praise Team as well! Welcome to the Children's Church Team Erica!

The Second one is Chai Nelson. Chai is not new to our church by any means. She, her husband Daniel, and their four wonderful kids have been regular attenders off and on for a number of years. The Nelsons are back in Tahoe for a while and Chai will be volunteering as a Children's Church Teacher as long as she can. Thanks Chai!

If you would like to be a part of this very important team, contact Jacky Daly. The more teachers we get, the lighter the load will be for everyone.!



## Bible Studies

Here is look at what the Adult Bible study groups are up to.

### Wednesday Breakfast Study

The Wednesday Breakfast Study gang is going through a study on the book of Philippians. To aid them, they are using a Bible Commentary Book called "BE Joyful" by Warren W. Wiersbe. The subtitle of the book is "Even When Things Go Wrong, You Can Have Joy." That certainly sounds encouraging!

The members of the group are taking turns facilitating the study which is beneficial to all.

If you have been involved with the breakfast study before, or are thinking about joining the study for the first time, this would be a great time to join in!

This group provides a perfect mix of Bible Study and Fellowship. All you need is a Bible, an open mind to learn, and o yes, a good appetite for a hearty breakfast! Participants are asked to sign up to bring breakfast but there is no obligation to do so. Everyone is welcome!

### Wednesday Prayer Gathering

The Wednesday Morning prayer group continues to meet at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this weekly event. This is a great opportunity to pray for our church and our communities.

Another opportunity to pray is on Sunday Mornings at 8:30am in the Adventure zone which is the room below Fellowship Hall where Children's Church is held. Again, everyone is encouraged to participate. There is no better way to start Sunday morning than with prayer! We can always move to a larger room if we need to!

### Women's Thursday Study

The Ladies will start a new study on November 2nd on the book of Jeremiah called "Jeremiah—Daring to Hope in an unstable World" by Melissa Spoelstra. Here is a portion of the overview.

"When we look around at today's world, hope, usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and everyday demands of a fast-paced life get us down. In the book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to his people with a message of hope—a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world." Intrigued?

Contact Tootie O'Malley or Kathy Pavich for more information and to get a book.

## Adoption Story Update

(From our Central Asian Family)

"We were encouraged by Luke 14:12-14 in which Jesus says to invite the poor, the lame, the crippled and the blind into your banquet. We saw the Lord showing us that this is for this specific boy; through adoption we are inviting him into the banquet of our family. The events of the last two years also remind us that Jesus may return any day, and we agreed we would feel sad if Jesus returned before we'd adopted one of the unnumbered plethora of orphaned children with special needs, suffering greatly throughout the world. In July 2022 we sent our application into Lifeline, and in August I had one more dream about this specific boy. In this dream he was older and adopted into our family.

I am doing a happy dance of celebration this morning! We got USCIS approval!! Which means we are temporarily done dealing with the US government and all be sent to Kyrgyzstan! Wahoo!

Prayers once again for quick processing of our dossier. Once we are registered with the ministry we will get our referral for the boy we are pursuing to adopt! "

Who what a journey! There are flyers in the foyer and in the church office with a QR code that can be used if wish to provide much needed financial support to this family.

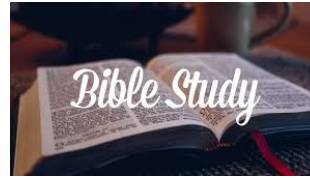


## Advent Readers Needed

The Advent season includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The first Sunday in advent this year is December 3rd. We celebrate advent in our worship service with a reading from scripture and the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath. We are looking for families, or Individuals, to lead this for us each week. All of the readings will be provided in advance so that you can look them over. Please contact me in the office if you would like to volunteer!

Also, we have Advent booklets made up that provide information about advent and how to celebrate advent in your homes. These will be available in the Sanctuary starting the Sunday after thanksgiving, November 26th.

**"Come Lord Jesus, Come!"**



## Sunday Morning Study

The Sunday morning study is still working their way through the book of Acts. Elder Bob Daly is the primary teacher with others filling in from time to time. Bill Kolstad and Tim Carry will be leading the study throughout November. Anyone can join this group at anytime which makes this the perfect study to invite visitors to!

Acts 17:11

**"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures everyday to see if what Paul said was true."**



## Join the Snow Team!

It won't be long before it winter hits again and we will need help with snow removal. We have four snow blowers just waiting to be used! If you are available to help in this effort please contact Bill Kolstad. Remember, if we can't get the snow cleared, we can't have church!



Olive Tree  
Ministries

## "Understanding Our times" Seminar

**Thursday November 9th at 6:30 pm  
Tahoe Community Church Worship Center**

Ken Mikle from Olive Tree Ministries will be giving the presentation. Come and learn the answers to the following questions:

- What in the world is happening?
- Are we stuck in this "new normal"?
- Are things going to get better or worse?
- Are you prepared for what may come next?
- Is there more beneath the surface than we realize?

Mr. Mikle is a former detective and security consultant from Minneapolis, MN. As an OTM representative, he will present facts and evidence about is happening in our world today and relate everything to what God says. The Contact for this event is Bill Rowell.

**Plan on attending and bring some friends with you!**



## Upcoming Events

### **Creation Christmas Wreath**

Saturday November 4th, 1:00p in Fellowship Hall

### **Fellowship Meal**

Sunday November 5th, after Church

### **Special Speaking Event: "Understanding Our times"**

Ken Mikle from Olive Tree Ministries

Thursday Nov. 9th, 6:30p in the Worship Center

### **Shoebox Packing Party**

Saturday November 11th, 1:30p in Fellowship Hall

### **Shoebox Dedication**

Sunday November 12th during the Church Service

### **Church Family Christmas Dinner**

Saturday December 9th, 5:30p in Fellowship Hall

### **Memory Verses for November**

- November 5 1 John 3:1
- November 12 Isaiah 42:8
- November 19 2 Corinthians 12:9
- November 26 Hebrews 11:1



## Gift Catalogs

I am starting to get Gift Catalogs coming in the mail. Some of them, like Christian Book Distributer, are catalogs where you can purchase Christian gifts. Others, like the Send Relief Gift Catalog, are designed for you to support missions buy sending a practical item to those in need, like animals and plant seeds.

So far I have catalogs from Advancing Native Missions, Samaritan's Purse, Send Relief, and Christian Book Distributers. All of these are available in the church office.

### **Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

- November 5 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- November 12 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- November 19 Tim Cantwell
- November 26 Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church
- December 3 TBD

### **Here to Serve You**

**Elders:** Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Bill Kolstad, Leonard O'Malley, Bill Rowell

**Deacons/Deaconesses:** Ted Beverage, Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly, Christine Feinberg, Jan Hurst, Jerry Klosterboer, Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich, Tootie O'Malley (On Sabbatical)

**Church Staff:** Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

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