

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

November 2024

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 Shoe-

boxes. (GO boxes) 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 for this year is 427 boxes. (Last year we collected 420) We already have 52 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 9th at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be packing 315 Gospel Opportunity Boxes, watching inspirational videos and praying for the boxes as we go along. Last year we packed 307. 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 10th. We will be praying over the boxes before they get shipped off to the warehouse and then around the world to children in need!

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

Children's Church Available

Weekly Church Activities

Tue.	8:00 am Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am Prayer Gathering
	10:30 am Knitting Group
Wed.	9:00 am Homeschool Co-op
	3:00 pm Praise Team Practice
	5:30 pm AWANA Bible Club
	6:00 pm Design for Discipleship Class
Thurs.	9:00 am Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm Ladies Community Bible Study
	Satellite Class
Fri.	6:00 pm Word of Life Worship Service



The Shepherds Spotlight

By Pastor Todd Cheney

CREATING A CULTURE OF GRATITUDE

"In everything, give thanks..." (1 Thess. 5:18).

Did you know that high performing organizations, from top to bottom, are consistently characterized by a culture of genuine appreciation?

Author Daniel Coyle, in his book, *The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups*, argues that healthy, relational environments – from families to businesses, from churches to communities, from share-holders to board rooms – share a common denominator: GRATITUDE.

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(The Shepherds Spotlight Cont.)

Someone once observed, "until you learn to be grateful for the things you have, you will not receive the things you want."

So permit me to ask you a series of questions to reflect on: Are you appreciative of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you slow down to notice the "behind the scenes" servants and thank him/her for their contribution to Tahoe Community Church? Do you write hand written "thank you" cards? Are you genuinely appreciative of your spouse, or the child in your home who takes the initiative to knock out a chore? Do you "shine the spotlight" on others...a project that finally comes to fruition? Perhaps, shining the spotlight comes in the tangible form of a celebratory dinner out or a special activity that honors and expresses thanksgiving for that friend or loved one.

It is easy to complain about life annoyances and work tasks. Yet it is refreshing to the soul to look around and be thankful for life, family, friends, and one's abilities/talents.

November is probably my favorite month. It is a time of thanksgiving as I conduct a "year end review." I'm thankful for my wife Kristin (who puts up with me after 30 years of marriage). I'm grateful for my three young adult children and their success. I'm grateful for the humbling privilege to be an American. Moreover, what a privilege it is to possess freedom to spend a LORD's Day worshipping Jesus and exalting His Gospel. I'm especially grateful for a small group of men in my life who call, check in, and hold me accountable as we pursue walking with Jesus together.

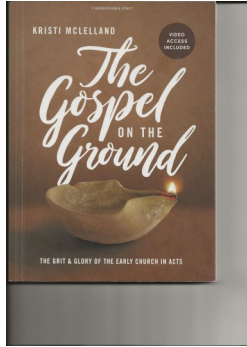
I'm ultimately grateful that I am a forgiven sinner and be innumerable spiritual blessings as the result of being united to my Redeemer, Jesus Christ by faith (see Ephesians 1:3-14).

What are you grateful for and are you creating and/or sustaining a culture of gratitude by unhurried acts and expressions of deep appreciation for those you lead, minister to, and serve?

Update on Pastor Todd Cheney

Pastor Cheney will be in Lake Tahoe Thanksgiving weekend and will be giving the message on Sunday December 1st.

He is scheduled to begin his Career Skills Program (CSP) internship with us on January 1st and will be here through April 30th. He will need to return to Ft. Leavenworth Kansas in May, for Army out-processing and retirement. Pastor Cheney will return as our full time pastor in June.



New Women's Bible Study

"The Gospel on the Ground"

The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts
By Kristi McLelland

All Women are invited to a new Bible Study Starting Thursday, November 21st. 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

This will be a 7 week study with Video access included with the purchase of the study book

Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope.

Please contact Tootie O'Malley to sign up and to order a book. (530) 416-2492



TCC's Women's Fellowship

Presents a

"A Tea of Thankfulness"

*Saturday, November 23rd at 1:00 PM
In the Fellowship Hall*

*Hosted: by Jacki Wright
Speaker: Christine Feinberg*

*To Sign Up for Menu Delicacies text
Jacki at 530-318-3835
For all other questions contact
Jan at 775-781-1783*



Missionary News

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)

"Who doesn't love a walk down memory lane?"

And that is just what happened as we watched some recently digitalized old videos of our first years in Japan. These were made about 27 years ago with the big, clunky video camera as we walked around our house, the neighborhood park, and the corner vegetable store, with our 3 little boys. How else could we share our world with our family and try to help them to connect with our kids living so far away? Wow! In some ways it felt so long ago and in other ways it seems just like yesterday that we were studying Japanese and trying to adjust to Life in Japan.

You can finish reading this article from the Driscoll's newsletter which is posted on the bulletin board.

The Driscoll's are pleased to welcome Hallie Hope to their family! Son Brenton and daughter-in-law Debbie had a sweet baby girl (their 3rd child) on September 3rd in Bulgaria; that gives them 6 precious grandkids spread all over the world!

"Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

"Pastor Rajit holds 100 Bibles in the palm of his hand. The micro-SD cards, uploaded with the complete Bible in the local language in audio format, easily inserts into smartphones. Farooq, a truck driver, was given one. Being illiterate, Farooq could never read a printed bible, but he was introduced to Jesus Christ by what he heard coming through the speaker of his phone. Even when he was in a crowded café he discretely continued listening to Romans or Revelation using his earbuds. In Kenya, where there is more openness, Omwancha gathers his friends so they can listen to the Bible together on speakerphone. In oral societies, or places where illiteracy is common, Scripture content is easily memorized when it can be heard.

There are two other stories like this in FMI's newsletter which is posted on the bulletin board, as well as a story about a Christian radio station that broadcasts in the Turkish Language. FMI is conducting a fundraiser to help establish Christian Radio Stations in other locations. Information on how you can get involved can be found in the FMI newsletter.

It is fascinating to hear how God is using technology to spread the Gospel!

Life Choices, Carson City

From the Life Choices Monthly Letter:

"Clients often come to us feeling hopeless and oppressed, unsure of what to do in their unexpected pregnancy. They are walking in darkness. Scripture tells us in Isaiah 9:2 **"the people walking in darkness have seen a great light;"** Out hope at Life Choices is that we not only can offer expectant mothers hope for their current situation but also have the ability to share the light of Christ with them.

There are four powerful personnel testimonies in the Live Choices Fall News Letter. Here is one of them. **"Life Choices has helped me a lot with diapers and wipes. Also, sometimes I just need someone to talk to and they always listened to me."**

Important 2025 events at-a-glance:

- Student Rally: Saturday, January 18, 2025
- Spring Fundraiser: Thursday, June 26
- Fall Gala Fundraiser: Friday September 12, 2025

Macedonia Missions to the Balkans/ANM: Marino Mojic and the Evangelical Church (EC) of Macedonia"

"Who is Jesus?"

Dear Great Commission partner: A little while ago, I was sitting next to a Buddhist lady on an airplane. The flight was going to Myanmar which is 78% Buddhist. You know, sometimes these random circumstances are "set-ups" for the kingdom. So at one point, I asked the woman, "Do you know Jesus?" She answered, "Who is Jesus?" Wow! Can you believe that?"

You know, billions of people around the world would respond to that question the same way - Who is Jesus? And we have the answer! We just need to get it to them! That's what ANM is about and what you are part of through your prayers and generosity.

The Highlights from the EC newsletter for October was training and evangelism. The Theological School in Kumanovo has expanded with around 10 new enrollments. Pastors are training young adults in the area for ministry and the Royal Rangers program (Kind of like our AWANA) has started up again in earnest reaching many children and teens.

You can read all about their evangelism programs in their Newsletter.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Food Security: EC provides food packages for many impoverished families but the demand is growing and resources are limited.

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Building and Grounds

There has not been too much activity in building and grounds

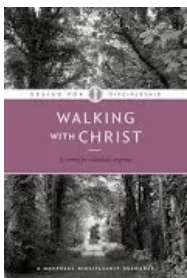
this time around. The new play structures have been given a real test by the Homeschool Co-op and AWANA kids and seems to be holding up fine. The kids are really enjoying them!

There are two other items to report. First, the carpets in the Office and in the Discovery Zone buildings were cleaned and look great. Second, Mike Prager, our custodian, has spent a lot of time on the grounds this past month. Keeping up with picking up pine cones and blowing off the walkways and building roofs has proven to be an endless job but he has kept the property looking great!

Bill Kolstad has been working hard looking into getting property insurance for us. We have been without property insurance for the last four years because our last carrier dropped us after the claim we made for water damage to the Fellowship Hall building. If all goes as planned, we should have property insurance by the beginning of next year.

It looks like the snow might come early this year so it is time to start getting ready for it. The heavy work will be done by All Clean Snow Removal but there will still be plenty of work to do. Please contact Bill Kolstad if you are available to join the snow removal team. Remember, we can't have Worship Services or Church activities if we can't get to the Church!

As always, keep your eye out for anything on property that needs to be upgraded or fixed and let us know. Please do not assume that we already know about it. Thanks for help in maintaining the great property God has given us!



Design for Discipleship Class

This Wednesday evening class is going through a series of books published by The Navigators Ministry on discipleship. I have personally gone through several Navigator's studies and have found them all great! The group is currently in book five of a seven book series. This book is called "Walking with Christ." The current facilitators are Bill Kolstad and Lois Furno. Please contact either one of them for more information.



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- Pray that more material becomes available for local Christian radio stations in native languages.

Central Asian Family

I have not heard from the Central Asian Family but Jacky Daly visited them not long ago and has this update:

"Good news from Central Asia. Little boy D's visa just got approved by the US government. Now we wait for a local court date. H and J and family travel nearly 4 hours roundtrip to the orphanage every Wednesday after J finishes work. They have dinner with D and play games together. Its a very long day. I got him some tiny Lego men that he was so overjoyed to receive! Also a Tahoe tee shirt. He asked for H to take it home said he would have it "when I get to your house." That was wise, as everything goes missing at the orphanage. Love to you all, and Praise to our Lord. Love Jacky



The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Catalog

[Shop 35 Gifts of Hope](#)

Want to get a head start on your Christmas shopping? Browse through the catalog of 34 opportunities and help someone in need this holiday season.

Items in the catalog include, food for families, resources to drill wells for fresh water, and farm animals such as chickens, sheep and goats which provide resources for families for years. You can also give medical supplies to mission hospitals that meet not only physical needs but spiritual ones. You can also help build Churches and send Bibles to those who have none. The items really are 35 gifts of Hope!

"This catalog includes dozens of ways that you can join the work of Samaritan's Purse in meeting physical needs in Jesus' Name. As we do, God gives us opportunities to introduce hurting people to our Savior."

— Franklin Graham

You can also bless a loved one on your list by selecting an item in their honor, and we will send them a beautiful card to let them know of your thoughtful gift. So, prayerfully check out the 35 gifts of hope. Your selection is sure to bring help to someone in need—and touch the heart of a friend or family member.

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

A copy of the catalog is in the Office or shop online!

Prayer

Prayer and Faith

By Linda Robinson:
Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Faith is familiar to everyone of us, it is how we (Christians) came to belief in Jesus. It continues to be an integral part of our Christian walk and life. (2Cor 4:18; Gal 2:20). Our faith, though, is different than worldly faith because it is spiritual faith. In this article I will address some spiritual components of faith in regards to prayer.

Prayer introduces us to a life of faith. Faith is spiritually based and not based on emotions. It takes faith to pray. Faith is required for our petitions to be heard and answered. Faith is strengthened by reading and meditating on God's Word and His promises. We also need to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance when praying, especially if one does not know what to pray for or how to pray. (Rm 8:26-27)

The promises in the Bible are true, the problem is weak faith in not trusting them when we pray. Ask yourself do you have real faith; a faith that keeps you in perfect peace with the world and heaven? True prayer requires sure, unwavering faith and surrendering to God's will. (Matt 9:28,29; James 1:6,7) Doubt or unbelief leads to weak, ineffective faith resulting in unanswered prayers. (1Tim 2:8) Therefore, one must not doubt when praying. (Matt 17:20-21; Mk 11:23-24) If you have doubt pray about this doubt - give it to God. Lack of faith limits the power of prayer.

The person who prays with real faith will be diligent and persevere in their prayers. Prayer is dependent on faith and God is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him in prayer. (Heb 11:6)

How does one obtain greater faith when praying?

(Lk 17:5-6) Wesley L Duewel, in *Mighty Prevailing Prayer* suggests:

1. Realize your helplessness and total dependence on God: this enables faith to grow
2. Read all of God's Word: look not only for His promises, but also how God answers prayers
3. Spend time in prayer: All forms of prayer will strengthen your faith
4. Obey God in every aspect of your life: hidden sin (s) weaken faith and effective prayers- repent
5. Trust God to answer specific prayers: this increases faith. Keep a diary of answered prayers
6. Always praise God: By using praise verses in the Bible and/or by singing hymns

Faith is God-believing, God-focused and God-consciousness.

May your faith and time spent in prayer continue to grow!

Linda Robinson (PMC)

Prayer

Opportunities to Pray Together

Tuesday Payer Gathering

This mid-week prayer session meets every week at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Bible Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this important mid-week activity.

Sunday Prayer Time

Church Members meet every Sunday Morning at 8:30am in the Adventure Zone Building for prayer.

Prayer Team Meeting

There will be a Prayer Team Meeting after Church, Sunday, November 10th. Please make an effort to attend.

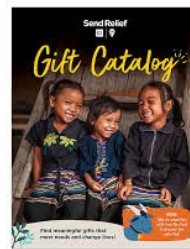
Immediate Prayer Needs: If you have an immediate prayer need, our Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Linda Robinson can be reached anytime at (530) 721-0942 or at TCCPrayerministry25@gmail.com



AWANA Meals

We are still in need of volunteers to provide meals for the AWANA families on Wednesday evenings. These meals are important because for some of these families it is the only Christian Fellowship they get! Also, without these meals, some of these families might not be able to attend.

Meals can be as simple as a big pot of soup, a large bowl of macaroni and cheese, or a frozen lasagna. What ever you can bring would be appreciated.



Send Relief Catalog

This is the time of year when the church starts receiving Gift Catalogs. This one is from a group called Send Relief.

From the president of Send Relief: "I'm excited to share this gift Catalog with you

because it's filled with opportunities to meet urgent physical needs in the name of Jesus. Choose a goat, crisis relief meals, a sewing machine or even a well to provide fresh water. You'll make a life-changing impact on people in need in the U.S. and around the World." Because operational expenses have been covered, 100% of your gift goes to meet physical needs and share the hope of Jesus.

I only have one catalog so I will keep it in the office. I will let you know when other catalogs come in.



Ten Prayers for Schools

Note: This article is continued from October's Newsletter.

5. Struggling Students

Scripture: "And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone" [1 Thessalonians 5:14 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Lord, I ask You to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Show them your love and their worth.

6. Protection

Scripture: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them" [Psalm 34:7 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children, their families, and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought into the school premises and render it harmless.

7. Christian Programs

Scripture: "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink" [1 Corinthians 12:12-13 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Father, I pray for abundant blessings on positive programs that bring the love of Jesus Christ into public schools. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to Your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers.

8. Christian Students

Scripture: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" [1 Timothy 4:12 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Pour your favor onto the Christian students who attend school, filling them with wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates.

9. A Chosen Generation

Scripture: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,

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A Shoebox Story

Guyana: God Sends a Football

The village of Siperuta is a remote community bordering with Suriname and inhabited by Amerindians whose main activities are fishing /hunting and wood cutting. It has a population of about five hundred people, and is Christian in religion with three churches.

The world was awaiting the World Cup football tournament in Brazil and football was in the air; in Siperuta the young men played football every afternoon. Caleb Aaron, 4 yrs old, wanted to play with the football with the bigger boys and was crying as he ran out onto the football field to retrieve the football for himself. His father took him up in his hands and told him the Lord will send him a football if he prayed. Aaron prayed "Lord give me a football please."

The next day OCC did distribution at the Church where Aaron attended. On that day he received a gift-box and was very happy. He took it to his father to open it for him. In that box was a football! Aaron was very happy and excited when he saw the football. His father reminded him of his prayer and how God answered his prayer. For Aaron, game was on!!

I have heard stories like this over and over and I still get chocked up as I read them! We truly serve an amazing God!



Home School Co-op helps with shoeboxes!

On Thursday November 6, the Homeschool co-op kids, under the supervision of Liz Higgins, packed approximately 200 pencil bags for the OCC shoeboxes that will be packed on Saturday November 9th. The kids not only completed a worthwhile task to help missions, but they also learned about the importance of helping others. And oh Yea, they had a good time doing it! Some of these kids will also be assisting at the packing party on Saturday.

Thanks to Louisa Boone who provided some of the bags and to Karen Beverage who had everything laid out, labeled and ready for the kids to pack!



Advent Readers Needed

The Advent season includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The first Sunday in advent this year is December 1st. 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 to participate!

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 Sunday November 24th.

"Come Lord Jesus, Come!"



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that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" [1 Peter 2:9 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Father, may Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. From the students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship You in spirit and in truth and love.

10. Hope

Scripture: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" [Matthew 7:7 \(NIV\)](#).

Prayer: Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the Gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus.



Our Daily Bread
Ministries

Our Daily Bread

Don't forget to get your copies of the Our Daily Bread devotional. I am getting more copies now so don't be afraid to take some to share. I have ordered Special Christmas editions of the Our Daily Bread as well. They should be available in Mid-November and I will put them out as soon as they come in. I also have a few older editions that I would like to use up. And don't forget the other magazines that are available in the foyer including Acts & Facts.



Bible Studies

Here is a look at what the Adult Bible Study Groups are up to.

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Study Group

The Breakfast Study Group is still working their way through the book of Ezekiel using a video series by Chuck Missler as the primary resource. They are up to chapter 36 in a book that has 48 chapters so they still have a ways to go. Bill Kolstad, the primary facilitator, said that they will be looking at other prophecies as appropriate to reinforce what is being taught in Ezekiel. Remember, the underlying goal of this study is to recognize prophecy in current events.

Note: There will be no study on November 26th. They are taking a break for Thanksgiving!

Women's Thursday Morning Study

The women's Thursday Morning Study Group will be concluding their current study, "Abide" by Jen Wilkins, on November 14th. I think all of the ladies have enjoyed studying the books of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John. The next study will be "The Gospel on the Ground: The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts" by Kristi McLealand. Refer to the article on page 2 for more information. Contact Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich or Christine Feinberg to sign up for the class and to order a book!

Note: There will be no study on Thanksgiving

Community Bible Study Satellite Class: This women's study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm. The study is an in depth look at the book of Matthew and runs through next May. They are currently up to chapter 9: "Jesus Demonstrates Power and Authority." This is a class you can join anytime and not feel lost. Contact Jan Hurst for more information.

Note: This Class will not meet on Thanksgiving either!

Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

When Elder Bill Kolstad began a four week study on Peter, he had no idea where it would lead. He finished his four weeks and Tim Cary continued for two more weeks. I am assuming they will continue to study Peter until they are finished with the books! Elder Bob Daly, the primary teacher on Sunday Morning, will return from his travels soon and will determine where the study goes after the current one on Peter. Anyone can join this class at anytime which makes its the perfect study to invite visitors to!



Upcoming Events

Shoebox Packing Party
Saturday November 9th at 1:30pm

Shoebox Dedication
Sunday November 10th

Prayer Team Meeting
Sunday November 10th after Church

Descon's Meeting
Sunday November 17th After Church

New Women's Bible Study Begins
Thursday November 21st

Women's Fellowship Event
"A Tea of Thankfulness"
Saturday November 23rd at 1:00pm

Memory Verses for September

- November 3 Isaiah 26:3
- November 10 Genesis 16:13
- November 17 1 Timothy 4:7
- November 24 2 Peter 1:5



Save the Date

Our Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Saturday December 14th at 5:00pm.

Please contact Jan Hurst if you would like to help organize the event. Look for more information on the Christmas Dinner in the next newsletter.



We are in need of more teachers and helpers for Children's Church. If you have heart for children and would like to volunteer one Sunday a month to assist with Children's Church, please contact Jacky Daly.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- November 3 Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church
- November 10 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- November 17 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- November 24 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: Todd Cheney, Pastor (Starting date TBD); Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

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