

Community Newsletter



Auburn
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 2022

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Grateful Hearts



Throughout the month of November, during the worship service we took time to highlight four families (new and current) to help get to know them better and what they are thankful for. We are so grateful and blessed to have all of them a part of the Auburn Church Family! Pictured above is the AcMoody's and Jewkes' Families. More photos can be found on Page 4 (back page).

INSPIRATION CORNER

Are You Really a Christian?

You can say all the right things

To prove you are a Christian,
But if you don't live what you sing,
You are not really a Christian.

You can attend church every week,

To prove you are a Christian,
But your actions jive with your speak,
You are not really a Christian.

You can pay your tithe religiously,

To prove you are a Christian,
But unless your heart is in harmony,
You are not really a Christian.

You can sing in the church choir,

To prove you are a Christian,
But until you believe the devil's a liar,
You are not really a Christian.

You can talk the right talk,

To prove you are a Christian,
But until you walk the right walk,
You are not really a Christian.

You can study Christ's preaching,

To prove you are a Christian,
But until you live His teaching,
You are not really a Christian.

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Inspired by a sermon by Dan Appel

Upcoming Events

Dec 4: Biscotti Baking Class
led out by Susan Excell

Dec 9: PHAA 7-12 Christmas
Program at Auburn Church

Dec 10: Fellowship Lunch

Dec 17: Youth Christmas So-
cial

Dec 19-30: PHAA Christmas
Break

Dec 24: Church Christmas
Worship Service

Jan 7: Communion Sabbath

Church Birthdays

Nicole Toppel.....Dec 03

Donald Wallace.....Dec 05

Joanne Pierson.....Dec 07

Viktor Shchedrov.....Dec 07

Viktoria Shchedrov.....Dec 07

Barbara Bende.....Dec 09

Milton Kindrick.....Dec 09

Tim Excell.....Dec 09

Jeffrey Pierson.....Dec 15

Jett Whitson.....Dec 18

Viviana Weeks.....Dec 19

Gil Riojas.....Dec 24

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Sermon Notes



Dec 3: Pastor Mel
Dec 10: Pastor Mel
Dec 17: Pastor Mel
Dec 24: Pastor Mel
Dec 31: Church Member

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Thanks to Nadine Fafard (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2001
THAT'S THE BEST ONE-STAR HOTEL THAT I'VE EVER SEEN



Here are two ways to show that you care: Drop by a batch of cookies or another favorite dish ~ just because you care.

Offer to rake leaves or clean up their yard after a windy storm.

Jan's Healthy Recipes

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

From Nutrition Magazine

Peel and quarter 4 lb Yukon gold potatoes. Add to large pot, cover with 3" of cold water, and bring to a boil.

Add 1 tsp sea salt and simmer potatoes until tender, about 15 minutes. Reserve 1 cup of cooking-liquid and drain potatoes in colander.

GARLIC

Wrap 1 head garlic in foil. Roast in 400°F oven, 45 minutes. Squeeze cloves into milk for potatoes and mash with fork

Return potatoes to pot with 1 c warm garlic/milk, ¼ c unsalted butter, and ½ cup reserved liquid. Mash with potato masher until almost smooth, adding more cooking liquid as needed. Season to taste with sea salt and pepper.



Love Restored

By Marilyn Herron

When God created Adam and Eve in the beginning, they enjoyed a fellowship of oneness—a spiritual union of the human with the divine. I can imagine the first seventh day sabbath was spent in the pair getting to know and worship their Creator in their Eden cathedral. Perhaps each day afterwards there may have been a time of refreshing when their Maker met with them in the cool of the day. That is what love is—togetherness, enjoying each other's companionship in rehearsing the events of the day—until sin reared it's ugly head, resulting in a divorce of the relationship. Satan cleverly won Adam and Eve's affections and they lost their Edenic home.

Since that time God, their first lover, has sought to win back their affections. He woos them in the sacrificial love of a promised Savior, healing the broken relationship caused by sin and restoring them to their Edenic home. God has a plan that will take 6,000 years to accomplish.

God covets that lost love relationship—His desire to be one with His created ones. To Moses, He says, "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." (Exodus 25:8) Here would be a way that the broken relationship might be mended as His people saw that there would be a terrible cost—a sacrifice of atonement by Jesus, their Creator.

David says in Psalm 77:13 "Thy way, O God is in the sanctuary", depicting the earthly and heavenly sacrificial plan. Hebrews 8:5 says that the earthly sanctuary was a pattern of the heavenly where God's throne room is. What we see in the courtyard depicts the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, down to earth as a human, living a perfect life, a sacrifice for sin. Through His sacrificial death, Jesus brings forgiveness that justifies all who come to Him in faith and repentance and a new sanctified life. After His resurrection, He continues His work in the heavenly sanctuary as our redeemer and mediating High Priest.

To resist this drawing of love is separation and death. To receive the offer of this magnanimous love is to enjoy our Maker's loving presence forever and the restoration of all that was lost. Peace that replaces fear—unending joyfulness and praise in reconciliation that is eternal.

Michael O'Haver is publishing his Christian Historical Fiction book – *Sierra Gold Fever*, on Wednesday December 28, 2022, at the Barnstormer Room, Auburn Municipal Airport, 13626 New Airport Road, Auburn, CA, 3-5pm. Theme – Western/Gold Rush, refreshments will be served. The author will have books to autograph and sell. Prizes for guests, Games, Photo Booth, and much more. All are invited. RSVP by Dec.21 to Michael at 530/268-2490

Grateful Hearts Continued



Above: The Osborn's share how part of the year, they are gone in a pastoral type of capacity with the General Conference for the missionaries overseas.



Right: The Lockwood Family introduce a little bit about themselves and the process of moving and joining the Auburn Church Family along with what they are thankful for.

Youth Nerf Night



On Saturday Night, November 5 our Youth Pastor Adam Weeks, in partnership with the school put on a youth nerf night with various games and activities. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun!

