

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

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## January 2019

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
OF PACIFIC GROVE**

*A Spiritual Sanctuary  
for the Thinking Christian*

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## Happy 2019

*May you all be blessed  
with an abundance of  
Peace, Joy and Love  
throughout the New Year!*

*In essentials, unity.  
In non-essentials, liberty.  
In all things, charity.*

# Notes from the Lion's Den



*"There is a vast difference between saying prayers and praying" - Anonymous*

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." – Martin Luther King*

*"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart." – Ghandi*

*"Pray, and let God worry" – Martin Luther*

*"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for power equal to your tasks." – Phillip Brooks*

*'Prayer is but the Christian's breath.'" – Alexander Campbell*

*"It was his usual practice when singing either in the family or in the church to look up heavenward - his prayers were ever abounding. In the night time, when he would awake I have heard him reverentially address the throne of grace, and so habitual was this fervor of devotion that he fell into the habit of praying aloud in his sleep and most connectedly too." – Margaret Campbell (on Alexander Campbell's prayer life)*

Happy 2019!

The tradition is to make resolutions for the New Year. Most resolutions I hear focus on physical disciplines – like going to the gym more often or eating more salads. And while physical health is important for each of us, so is our spiritual health.

So, I encourage you to make a New Year's resolution focusing on the Christian disciplines. Try these on for size:

- This year, I am going to deepen my prayer life.
- This year I am going to read the New Testament.
- This year I am going to start each day by reading a Psalm.
- This year I am going to have deeper relationships with members of the church.
- This year I am going to meditate regularly.
- This year I am going to find a niche doing something no one else is doing for the congregation.
- This year I am going to visit every member of the church who needs to be hospitalized.

In a larger sense, the resolution is this... "This year I am going to deepen my relationship with God, my conscious contact to the Sacred and my awareness of the Holy."

We get to start this New Year together. God is great!

See you in Church,  
Dan

# Serving Our Church

## Worship Leaders

6-Patrick Flanigan 13- Ken Rockefeller, 20- Deborah Streeter, 27- Scott Billets

## Serving Elders

### Thanksgiving

6- Joy Brittain  
13- Ed Kilgore  
20- Nancy Bingaman  
27- Nancy Bingaman

### Communion

Frances Weesner  
Lori Robinson  
Carole Bestor  
Heidi Toy

### Elder of the Month:

Joy Brittain

### Deacon of the Month

Ken Ruckerfeller

### Flowers

6- Lori Robinson  
13- Open  
20- Open  
27- Open

### Fellowship

Birthday Cake  
  
BlueTheology

### Happy December Birthdays

12- Bob Polson  
16- Linda Henderson  
17- Sally Newberry  
23- Gary Ellis  
30- Angelina Pardi

### Anniversaries

9- Keith & Kimberly Brown  
11- Charles & Barbara Murry  
12- Geoff & Tiffany Bingaman  
26- Conrad & Sally Newberry

# January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2 Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM	3 Lunch Bunch @ Toasties @ noon  Trustees Mtg @ 6 PM	4 Chalice Closet 1-4PM	5 Chalice Closet 1-4pm
6 Meditation with the Pastor 9:45 AM  Worship 11 AM	7	8 Clergy Lectionary @ 10AM	9 Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM	10	11 Chalice Closet 1-4 PM	12 Chalice Closet 1-4 PM
13 Meditation 9:45 AM  Worship 11 AM	14	15 Clergy Lectionary @ 10AM  Administrative Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM	16 Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM	17 CWF @ 10:30 am	18 Chalice Closet 1-4 PM	19 Chalice Closet 1-4 PM
20 Meditation 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM	21	22	23 Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Meditation 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM	28	29	30	31		



## **Meet Nanette Murphy – our new Administrative Assistant!**

Nanette Murphy has agreed to serve as our Administrative Assistant beginning in January 2019. She will be keeping office hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 AM till 2 PM. Among other duties, Nanette will publish the *Lighthouse* and the weekly bulletins as well as maintain our church website and social media presence.

Nanette served two years as the director of Children's ministry for the Sanctuary Church in Carmel. She served as an administrative assistant for Peninsula Christian Center. She also works as a Financial Services Representative for World Financial Group.

Nanette is the mother of five children.

Please welcome her to our church family. She will join the lunch bunch at Toasties' Café on January 3 (her first day in the office) so some of us can get to know her.

## *From Sandi Ellis*

Dear Church Family,

Well, as I now come to the end of my reign as church secretary for over 20 years, I have been thinking back on the days when I worked alongside of Jackie Burns who was then the church secretary and we worked in the office where the Chalice Closet is now. Jackie taught me the ropes so to speak (she scared me). Jackie, being a very detailed oriented person would catch my mistakes so I knew when she looked everything over I was going to hear about it (I smiled, said thank you, and cringed a lot).

Eventually, Jackie lovingly handed over the reins to me to become the secretary, telling me she was proud of me and she knew I could handle it. I must admit I missed her and so, I muddled along without my good friend and mentor, (so I thought). It wasn't long and she was back close by with her watchful eye on the bulletin and newsletter to still let me know if I needed to change anything.

Some years later, came along our homeless man, John Hughes (he is buried outside on the side of the church). John, being another detailed oriented person spent endless hours in the office with me, and became my right-hand guy. I found out real soon, that John was a very intelligent and gifted man. John became extremely helpful in proof reading for me, and if I remember right, he was never afraid to tell Jackie a thing or two either.

So, to all of you reading this, a Big Thank You!! for through all my misspellings, wrong hymn numbers, wrong birthday months, wrong dates, forgetting to add or take out information, you have all continued to love, support, pray and care for me and always make me feel like everything was alright and how much I was appreciated, and for that, I'm eternally grateful and blessed to be a long-time member of this very special little church.

I have been very humbled by the lovely thank you cards I have been receiving over the past couple of weeks and I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your kind words of appreciation as well as your kind generosity at Christmas time to me over the years. It truly has been a labor of love.

A special Thank You to Pastor Dan who has always been a wonderful support to me in being my pastor and my boss. He always had my back!  
Peace, Joy and Love!

Wishing you all a wonderful and Happy Healthy New Year!!  
Sandi

## **Election Results and More!**

### **By Lori Robinson**

Your new Administrative Board was elected, and the budget for 2019 was approved at our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 11, 2018. Board members are as follows:

- Moderator, Lori Robinson
- Vice-Moderator, Nancy Bingaman
- CFO, Steve Brydon
- Financial Secretary, Perci Paulsell
- Board Secretary, Linda Nichols

Trustees, Deacons and Elders have selected their Chairs: Janet Billets returns as Deacon Chair, Ken Rockefeller will once again chair the Trustees, and Joy Brittain will continue as Elder Chair.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our meeting and an even bigger THANK YOU to those who served on our Board and committees during 2018.



### **Sunshine Lady**

Although Sunshine Lady is not an elected position, it is an important one. Sadly, we said goodbye this year to our friend Eppie Hoover, who previously held the post. Thank you to Lois Rockefeller for serving in her stead and for organizing the cards and member records. An additional nod to Kimberly Brown for her help during the month of November.

Fortunately, Linda Nichols has agreed to serve in this position. She appreciates those who have shared their photographs on the *instantchurchdirectory.com* site, so she can match a face to each card as she writes it. Please see Lori Robinson if you need help sending a picture to the site. We hope you will turn to this web site for easy access to our directory. Thank you, Linda. We appreciate your offer to hel



**Trustee Report and Newsletter Article  
December 2018  
By Ken Rockefeller Trustee Chair**

*Action Item : The Trustees request \$4814.00 to replace the Sanctuary Front Doors. We will need to provide Pacific Valley Glass, Door, and Window a check for \$2500 for start up costs and then the remaining \$2314.00 at the time of completion.*

*That's the good news. The not so good news is that we will probably have to install a dedicated meter for the gas line going to the Swann building. More on that when I find out. I will be setting up a time that the fire marshal will come by to orchestrate an emergency plan of action protocol and hopefully advise us on options that may have and don't know that we do. Most importantly he will eventually have to approve a set protocol for occupants of the Sanctuary to follow. Traps have been set and are being attended to in the attic to rid ourselves of our unwanted guests. The tree limbs that are in the vicinity of our roof line will be cut on Thursday 12/20. Dan Paul is running with the sound system project and will advise the Trustees in their roll when the time comes That's it for now, this is Ken signing out. Merry Christmas*



Mark your calendar.... Blue Theology Sunday is January 20.  
We will have a learning/serving group visiting from Danville Congregational Church  
that weekend.



*CWF on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM.  
Lunch Bunch at 12 noon. All are welcome.*

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PACIFIC GROVE

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## Church Administration

Moderator – Lori Robinson  
Vice Moderator – Nancy Bingaman  
Board Secretary/Clerk –Linda Nichols  
Financial Secretary – Perci Paulsell  
Chief Financial Officer - Steve Brydon  
Chair of Trustees - Ken Rockefeller  
Chair of Elders – Joy Brittain  
Chair of Deacons – Janet Billets

## Church Staff

Pastor - Dan Paul  
Minister of Music– Heidi Toy  
Organist- John Shykun  
Choir Director – Pam Brydon  
Administrative Assistant- Nanette  
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