



Little Brown Church of Sunol

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September-October Calendar

Monday, September 4 ... Labor Day

Sunday, September 10 ... With summer officially over, Fall Church begins

Wednesday, October 11 ... LBC serves dinner at Sunrise Village homeless shelter

Sunday, October 29 ... Observance of 500th anniversary of the Reformation

Confirmation classes under way

Four students are attending confirmation classes with Pastor Mary. Classes began August 28.

Christmas planning

Christmas falls on a Monday this year, so Christmas Eve will be on a Sunday. We will only hold one service that day. Typically, Little Brown Church holds a Christmas Eve service in the early evening. The question the church council needs to decide this year is: Should the service be held in the morning (at the usual Sunday worship time of 10:30) or in the evening (as the traditional Christmas Eve service)? Many people will be traveling. So council members would particularly like to hear from people who will be here and who plan to attend church that day and may prefer one time over the other. Our candle-light Christmas Eve service is very special, but if many people will have left by that time, it might make more sense to hold the service Sunday morning. Please express your thoughts to Pastor Mary, to members of the church council, or to the editor by responding to this newsletter.

News from Council Chairman

As Little Brown Church council chairman and moderator, I have a few updates for this month's newsletter:

Our church council met August 13 in Babbitt Hall.
A few key takeaways came out of the meeting.

1) Wilson Property Management will send a termite inspector to check the parsonage for termites and determine remedial action.

Status: John Taylor Termite Co. is scheduled for August 28.

2) Susan recommended contractor Al Kellogg for hire to address maintenance projects.

A) Rebuilding the parsonage front porch (safety issue)

Status: New redwood front porch completed August 24. (**See Allen's photo included with this newsletter.**)

(We will add redwood stairs to the porch in early September)

B) Get an estimate for a wood storage shed to replace the metal one on parsonage's rear deck.
Status: Pending

C) Get an estimate to replace the linoleum floor in Babbitt Hall

Status: No action to date

3) Have A-1 Septic Service company pump out the common septic tank for Kirk house and parsonage.

Status: A-1 Septic Tank Service pumped out the tank on August 18. The tank is in great shape. We should not have to pump again for about four years.

4) Light tower for stained glass window illumination.

Status: No further action to date

5) Courtyard fountain motor appears defective.

Status: Fountain drained. No further action to date

There are changes in the wind for the parsonage. Allison and Daniel Wecks gave their 30-day notice in July and as of August 28 the parsonage was vacant. With this notice, Wilson Property Management quickly went about advertising the house for lease. Good news! We have secured a new tenant, renting at market rate, which will increase cash flow to Little Brown Church. The new tenant takes possession September 15. There are a number of cleaning and maintenance issues to complete by then, so we are actively pursuing them.

Thank you all,
Allen Cook

Shelter dinners

Thanks to everyone who helped with the shelter dinner on August 15! The residents greatly enjoyed our substantial summer salads.

The next one is **Wednesday, October 11**. October can still be pretty warm. Please send menu ideas to Robin Spindler.

Future dates are:

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Monday, January 29, 2018
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Sunrise Village homeless shelter at 588 Brown Road in Fremont provides emergency and transitional shelter for individuals and families with children. It also provides job counseling, support groups, and other services. Typically, adult residents have jobs and the children attend school. We like to provide them with meals that are delicious, nutritious and different from typical institutional food.

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