



## **Little Brown Church of Sunol**

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### **February 2019**

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#### **February-March Calendar**

Sunday, February 3 ... Souper Bowl of Caring

Tuesday, February 26 ... Shelter dinner

Wednesday, March 6 ... Ash Wednesday service at Niles Discovery Church

Sunday, March 10 ... Daylight Saving Time begins

#### **Annual Meeting**

The Little Brown Church of Sunol held its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27. After Pastor Mary Conant gave the invocation, Council Chair Allen Cook thanked “unsung heroes” Barbara Egbert for publishing the monthly church newsletter and serving as back-up pianist, Mike Brown for maintaining the church’s website, Susan Ewing-Haley for serving as regular pianist, Helene Villarreal for her gardening work, and Robin Spindler for coordinating shelter dinners at Sunrise Village. He described the many maintenance and repair activities the council achieved this year, including assembly and painting of a storage shed; air conditioner repair; upgraded light tower for the stained glass window; replacement of the cross on the steeple; and repair of the courtyard fountain. Upcoming projects include better supports for Babbitt Hall, which also needs a new linoleum floor, touch-up paint on the sanctuary, and a new phone line. Treasurer Landy White presented the budget. Rents for Kirk House and the parsonage are now at market levels. More wedding parties are using LBC. And thanks to the new storage shed, we no longer need to rent storage space for files and archives. The congregation approved the budget with the addition of \$900 to sponsor girls overseas who need help to attend school. Membership-building activities were discussed. The current council members will continue in their current offices so no election was held: Allen Cook, Kevin Matlock, Susan Ewing-Haley, Helene Villarreal, and Landy White. Allen pointed out the many LBC members who help with everything from painting to cooking, justifying Mary’s description of LBC as “little – but mighty.”

## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

We will continue our Super Bowl Sunday tradition (along with scores of churches nationwide) of collecting money to feed the hungry. The idea is to contribute a small sum roughly equal to the value of the snacks you'll eat while watching the game. All of the money goes directly to local charities which serve the poor. Over the years, more than \$100 million has been collected in this way. Empty your pockets and coin purses of small change into the offering plate this Sunday. You don't even have to be a football fan!

## **Shelter dinners**

Little Brown Church will cook and serve dinner at the Sunrise Village homeless shelter in Fremont on the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 26
- Tuesday, April 23
- Wednesday, May 29
- Monday, September 30
- Tuesday, October 22

Please let Robin Spindler know whether you can help on any of those dates. The menu for February 26 is our very popular chicken pot pie.

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