



## **Little Brown Church of Sunol**

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### **October 2019**

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#### **October-November Calendar**

Sunday, Oct. 6 ... Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, Oct. 22 ... LBC hosts dinner at Sunrise Village homeless shelter

Sunday, Nov. 3 ... Reformation Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 24 ... Stewardship Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinner

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

We will continue our traditional Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, Oct. 6. Well-mannered animal companions (with dogs leashed and cats crated) will be blessed near the beginning of the worship service. Larger or more active pets can be blessed after the service in the courtyard.

#### **News from The Little Brown Church Council chairman**

Greetings, everyone!

Autumn is now in the air and school is back in session. Hot days and sultry nights are welcome, but I think we all look forward to cooler days as the sun begins setting earlier each evening.

A few things of note:

1) Many thanks go out to church member Joe Villarreal for his volunteer work in updating and improving our website and internet presence for Little Brown Church. You can find the new and modern look at <http://www.thelittlebrownchurchofsunol.org/>. Please take a few minutes to explore the multiple pages on our website. Joe did a spectacular and professional job.



LBC Visitor

2) An interesting and curious thing has come up in both our parsonage house and studio rental. Apparently, they have been invaded by small, harmless frogs! These frogs are showing up in the bathrooms of each unit. It was reported that over a 30-day period over a dozen frogs have popped up. Wilson Property Management was at a loss as to how they were making their way in, but a little internet research enlightened me as to the likely method of entry. Apparently, it's not that uncommon for frogs, given overhanging trees, to drop onto the roof and make their way, clumsily, down the vent stack into the depths of the toilet! The solution is simply to add a screen over the vent stacks and the problem is solved. Wilson Property Management is tasked with this work.

3) Also, with overhanging trees, we have enlisted Wilson to clean out the rain gutters on both the parsonage and studio. Both were determined to be stuffed with leaves.

4) Another item of note: The church council plans on having a much overdue council meeting sometime in October. We just need to confirm council members' availability to firm up the schedule.

Blessings to all,  
Allen Cook

### **Nov. 24: Stewardship and Thanksgiving Sunday**

This November marks the 399th year since the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts and established the church which would become the direct ancestor of our own United Church of Christ, Congregational. LBC hasn't been around quite that long, but we do have a long tradition of celebrating our own Thanksgiving Day, combined with Stewardship Sunday, on the Sunday

before the official Thanksgiving Day (which this year is Nov. 28 – always on the fourth Thursday of November).

Please join us for the potluck dinner immediately following the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 24. Bring your favorite holiday dish and also be prepared to fill out your pledge card.

### **Shelter dinner**

Volunteers from Little Brown Church will provide the evening meal at Fremont's homeless shelter, Sunrise Village, once more this year, on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Please let Robin Spindler know whether you can help. Helpers should be at the shelter at 588 Brown Road by 4 p.m. Menu ideas are always welcome.

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