

Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church

A Community of Comfort & Care



Where:

- ~ Christ Reigns Supreme
- ~ Worship Lifts the Spirit
- ~ The Bible Touches Hearts & Minds
- ~ Servings Brings Meaning
- ~ Relationships Change Lives

VISION NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2020



VIRTUAL
OFFICE
HOURS

Monday-Thursday

7 AM- 4 PM

Friday

8 AM – 12 PM

The physical church office is closed due to the current shut-down of our

facilities. However, business continues as usual. Caroline Johnson is working from her home to get everything done on time. The church phone number is forwarded directly to her home so you can still reach her by phone if you need something or by email at nipomopres@att.net. She is also collecting the mail from the post office so any checks that you send in will get picked up in a timely manner and deposited into the bank.



WEEKLY REMINDERS

Sunday Zoom Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Sunday Zoom Worship 10:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday Chat w/ Garrett 10:30 AM
(NCPC Grounds)

Wednesday Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer (NCPC Grounds) 9:30 AM

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM



Coming to Your Local Computer!

We will continue the Zoom Worship meetings until such time as we can re-open the church. We are lucky to have the technology at this time. If you

haven't tried one of our meetings, please consider doing so during the month of September. It is really easy to do once you have tried it. Here are some simple follow-along directions for getting on:

To Join a Meeting:

1. Load the Zoom Messaging app on either your computer or smart phone. You can get it from the Apple App Store for Apple devices or the Google Store for Windows/Android devices. All you have to do is go to the store site, find the app, and click on download. The app is free and will install itself. You must have the app on your device in order to enter a meeting.
2. Open the App by clicking on the zoom icon.
3. When prompted, enter the meeting id number 835 0429 2347 with the spaces. If the meeting id changes, we will send the new id to you via email.
4. When prompted enter this **Passcode: 2020ncpc**
5. We are now going to have the "waiting room" installed as a part of our service. This means when you enter the Zoom meeting you will have to wait for approval to be let into the meeting. This new added security feature will mean that if you leave in the middle of a prayer or in the sermon and try to come back into the meeting that the pastor may not be able to let you back into the meeting if he is not paying attention during the sermon. We will work out those issues as they come up.
6. Move your cursor around the screen to locate the various tools you have, especially Mute, whole screen, and gallery (usually a block of 9 dots) that will put everyone's picture on your screen.



PASTOR'S CORNER

“How long, O Lord?” This is a question asked time and time again by people in the Scriptures, and certainly by other ancestors of the faith when they encountered the trials and tribulations of their times. In our time we sit amid stories of a pandemic. There are those who take it with the utmost seriousness, and others who think the whole thing is a hoax.

Yet, people are dying. Most of us know someone who has contracted the virus. Many know someone who has suffered hospitalizations. Others grieve friends and family who have died because of it. So compassion demands that we take this seriously.

Children are experiencing school unlike any of us can comprehend. They are pioneers along with the staff of their schools, forging paths of education that will transform the landscape for ages to come. Many people are moving from crowded urban centers, undoing generations of human history where people have gravitated toward these centers. Likewise, churches are a part of this cataclysmic change.

Phyllis Tickle, the late and brilliant writer on religion, in her book *The Great Emergence*, posited an idea that around every 500 years the church went through great changes. 2000 years ago was Christ, and the church grew in the shadows.

Around 500 years after that the church became a religion of empire as it became the official religion of the Roman Empire. The sociological reasons for this are complex, but it utterly transformed the church.

Around 500 years later the “Great Schism” occurred. The mostly unified church split into the Western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Again the sociopolitical reasons are complex, but again this transformed the church completely.

Around 500 years after that, and now around 500 years ago, the Reformation happened. Martin Luther nailed some ideas to a church door and a fairly new invention allowed those ideas to spread like a fire that could not be controlled. That invention is called the printing press. It revolutionized the church as well as the world.

Tickle believed that we are in a 500-year movement of the church. This means we must be prepared to experience incredible change. The world is smaller than ever. The internet has increased our awareness of what is happening on the planet to such a degree that I read once that the average American receives more information in a day than a person 120 years ago would receive in their lifetime.

Now we add a global pandemic that completely changes the ways the world functions. Certainly we can scream out, “How long, O Lord?!” Virtual worship services are not ideal. Many simply give up on worship completely. This is accelerating a transformation of the church that has been ongoing since the 1960s; church attendance is dropping faster now.

Singing “Give me that old time religion” sounds sardonic at this time when we are further from old time religion than ever before. Instead of crying out with the ancients, “How long, O Lord,” it is prudent to listen for God’s voice in the silence which still says, “Behold I make all things new!”

We may not all have access to the technologies on which this moment relies, but we have God. God will use our technologies, God will use our faith, and God will use our love to do whatever new thing God planned. In other words, we are a part of God’s plan. We are the ones that are predestined for a time such as this.

So invite people to our beautifully odd virtual worship. Reach out to those that you know cannot participate. Become the church that God is building upon the sure foundation of Christ! The church thrived in the shadows in the first 500-year movement. In the shadows of our homes it is through prayer, patience, and humble determination that we will meet the demands of our moment and be the ones the future points to as pioneers of the faith. We may not feel ready, but God is with us, so we do what we must!

Riding the wave of the Holy Spirit,
Garrett

Using these tools will make your session more enjoyable.

If you DO NOT have a computer or smart phone:

You can listen in on the meeting by calling in on any phone. The number is 1-669-900-6833. When asked for the meeting id enter 835 0429 2347.

Come and join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. for coffee time followed by the worship service at 10:30 A.M.

We will be putting a recording of the meeting on the church website for later viewing. The web address is <http://www.nipomopresbyterian.org>. There will be a link for you to click on 'Zoom Worship Archive'. It should be uploaded by the middle of the week following the service.



Garrett wants to meet you. There are not great ways to do that, but we can try some things. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings Garrett is going to sit in a lawn chair in the church parking lot from 10:30am till 11:30am 'ish with a cup of coffee and a book. If anyone wants to join him in the parking lot, bring a lawn chair and let's chat, tell stories, talk about God, talk about life, or anything else. He hopes you will join him if you can.



**Wednesday's @ 9:30 am
NCPC Grounds**

Garrett is going to find some place outside on the church grounds to slowly read the passage for the next Sunday's sermon in the ancient style of lectio divina and do centering prayer. He will start that at 9:30am. Depending on the amount of people interested He will figure out where we can be that is safe for all.



PHOTO DIRECTORIES!

If you head up to the church for any of the outdoor things happening, be sure and grab a photo directory from Garrett.



On Wednesday evenings we will begin a Wednesday night Bible study. Garrett likes to go through books of the Bible. Please email him at

garrettjandrew@icloud.com and let him know if there is a book of the Bible you would like to study. Our Bible studies will start on Zoom and Facebook at 6pm.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

During this COVID-19 crisis, most church activities are suspended. A few, however, continue to meet via zoom. The meetings are held at their regularly scheduled time. Contact your group leader to get an invitation and/or meeting id.

MISSION ACTIVITY

Even though the church is closed for services during this time, the church is still actively reaching out to our community. The Local Missions team of the church under the leadership of Byron Jones, continues to be extremely busy. They are running a food distribution from the church on Friday afternoons for people needing food supplies. They pack-up around 25 boxes of food a week for distribution. This is an extremely important mission during this time of hardship for many families.

The People's Kitchen continues to provide meals to the needy under the care and guidance of Barbara Owen.

Our support of global missions continues to go on. We are still contributing money to the missions that we support globally and your contributions are going to worthy causes. For more information, contact Kathy Nienhouse at 805-931-0755.



LADIES BOOK CLUB

During the order to Shelter in Place, we are using Zoom to meet. If you would like to join our discussion and are not on our email list, contact Kathy Nienhouse at knienhouse@yahoo.com for the Zoom meeting information.

September 10: *The Island of Sea Women* – Lisa See (novel)

Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends that come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother. As the girls take up their positions as baby divers, they know they are beginning a life of excitement and responsibility but also danger.

Despite their love for each other, Mi-ja and Young-sook's differences are impossible to ignore. *The Island of Sea Women* is an epoch set over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War and its aftermath, through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers. Throughout this time, the residents of Jeju find themselves caught between warring empires. Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator, and she will forever be marked by this association. Young-sook was born into a long line of *haenyeo* and will inherit her mother's position leading the divers in their village. Little do the two friends know that after surviving hundreds of dives and developing the closest of bonds, forces outside their control will push their friendship to the breaking point.

This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story—one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them—*The Island of Sea Women* introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

October 8: *Where the Wind Leads* - Dr. Vinh Chung (Christian Biography)

ALL WOMEN are invited to join our Ladies Book Club. If you haven't come before, please send your email address to Cathy Brady (cathy.brady@gmail.com) so we can update you on any changes to the schedule.



If you know of ANYONE needing food assistance please contact the church office at (805) 473-8059. We are here to help!



Welcome All Crafters

While most of us have been busy during this pandemic, cleaning out attics, closets, and that junk drawer, Threads of Faith has also been active.

The group hasn't met since the church closed Fox Hall, but each of us is still working at home. We are knitting, crocheting, quilting, and sewing, making the shawls, blankets, scarves, and baby caps that we donate. We are still giving prayer shawls to people who need them now, and are building up our supply of finished items to give to Living Word at Christmastime.

As you clean out your cabinets, if you come across any yarn, fabric, trimmings, or buttons you no longer want, Threads of Faith can always use it.

Please contact Caroline Cohen (805-345-5297).

If you're interested in joining Threads of Faith, call Caroline and she can talk you through what we do. We'd love to have you be a part of us.



Please continue to mail your tithes and offering to the church mailing address: P.O. Box 158, Nipomo, CA 93444 or donate online from our website <http://www.nipomopresbyterian.org>



Presbyterian Women Update

We're making plans! Please join us if you can.

1. Summer Lunch Gathering – All women are invited to a lunch gathering on Thursday, September 24, at noon in Nipomo Park. Bring your own picnic lunch, beverage, chair, and mask. Dessert will be provided. We will meet in the first parking lot at the Pomeroy entrance. If you need directions or other information, contact Kathy Nienhouse at klnienhouse@yahoo.com or 805-931-0755. We will practice physical social distancing but will have plenty of fellowship contact!

2. **Rummage Sale** – The Rummage Sale has been canceled for the foreseeable future. Watch for other ways you can support PW.

The PW coordinating team is sensitive to the fact that all members may not be able to participate as soon as others. We will do all we can to make our activities safe, but we encourage you to only do what is best for you.



Do you shop using Amazon/Amazon Prime? Here is a way to make no cost donations to NCPC

AmazonSmile is a way for customers to support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon.

Shoppers who start at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

Signing up is easy!

Here's how to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com) credentials
3. Choose our church as your charitable organization to receive donations:

Community Presbyterian Church

Location: Nipomo, CA

4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

BARBARA'S BAKED MINI-FRITTATAS

Makes approx 36 muffin-sized frittatas

- Frittatas are very similar to quiche, but without the pie crust.
- This is a quick and easy recipe, designed for muffin sized frittatas. If you want to make it in a casserole, adjust the cooking time.
- These can also be frozen, so you can make a bunch and freeze extras
- I find 1 quart of liquid eggs* are perfect for making a batch of frittatas using this recipe.

Basic Frittata Formula

- 16 eggs*, whisked just until the egg yolks and whites are blended
 - Note: 4 eggs = 1 cup of liquid eggs. 1 quart of liquid eggs = 16 whole
- 4 tablespoons milk or cream

- 3-4 cups diced, cooked and seasoned vegetables or other add-ins (suggestions below)
 - (a *good veggie*:egg ratio is about 1/4 cup of *veggies* per egg)
- 1 - 1½ cup (4 ounces) grated or crumbled cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or substitute, other seasonings to taste

Your add-ins can include any of the following (or whatever you have on hand):

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| Onion | Green onion |
| Bell pepper | Bacon or ham |
| Mushrooms | Zucchini |
| Broccoli | Asparagus |
| Carrots | Spinach |
| Tomatoes | Potatoes |

Note: dice these small. You want each frittata to have a variety of add-ins.

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. Generously spray or grease two 12 standard muffin pans.
2. In a large skillet, preheat oil/butter, then reduce the heat to medium
3. Add the veggies to the skillet (longer-to-cook first, quick-to-cook last), and season to taste.
4. Toss a few times to combine, until veggies are soft. Remove from heat, drain juices, and let cool
5. Whisk eggs and milk/cream (milk helps make the frittatas more fluffy)
6. Combine cheese with the eggs. Add cooled & drained veggies. Mix to combine equally.
7. Spoon into cups, filling about ½ - ¾ (I spoon about ½ to begin with, then come back and fill equally).
8. Bake (center rack) for 20-30 minutes until the frittatas are golden and toothpick comes out clean.
9. Remove from the oven and allow to cool before serving or storing.

Notes

- I find these tend to stick to paper when cooked in paper baking cups. I put into baking cups for storage.
- Use a rubber spatula to loosen from the sides of the pan & remove, cool on a baking rack.
- Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 5 days, or in the freezer for up to 3 months. If you plan to eat them one at a time, I recommend that you store them in individual baggies, so that you don't have to defrost and refreeze the batch repeatedly.

Presbyterian Women
Thursday, September 24th, at Noon
Picnic in Nipomo Park



Bring your mask, a chair, your picnic lunch and beverage.
We will gather in small circles in the shade and rejoice in
each other's company.

All women of the church and their friends are welcome.
Dessert will be provided.

The Jane Plunkett Back to School Drive Begins June 21st/Ends August 30th



Presbyterian Women are requesting support from our church community for our annual Back to School Drive in these uncertain times. Due to the COVID-19 virus, we will be collecting money gifts in lieu of shopping so the Children's Resource Network can buy the multitude of needed school supplies for

disadvantaged children and at-risk youth of the 5 Cities and Santa Maria. Schools will reopen someday and children need supplies for home video schooling too. For more information, contact Joan Rice at joan@joanrice.us or call 1-805-598-3565. **Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women** and mail them to church: Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 158, Nipomo, CA 93444. Any amount will be so appreciated by the children and their parents, even a dollar or two.

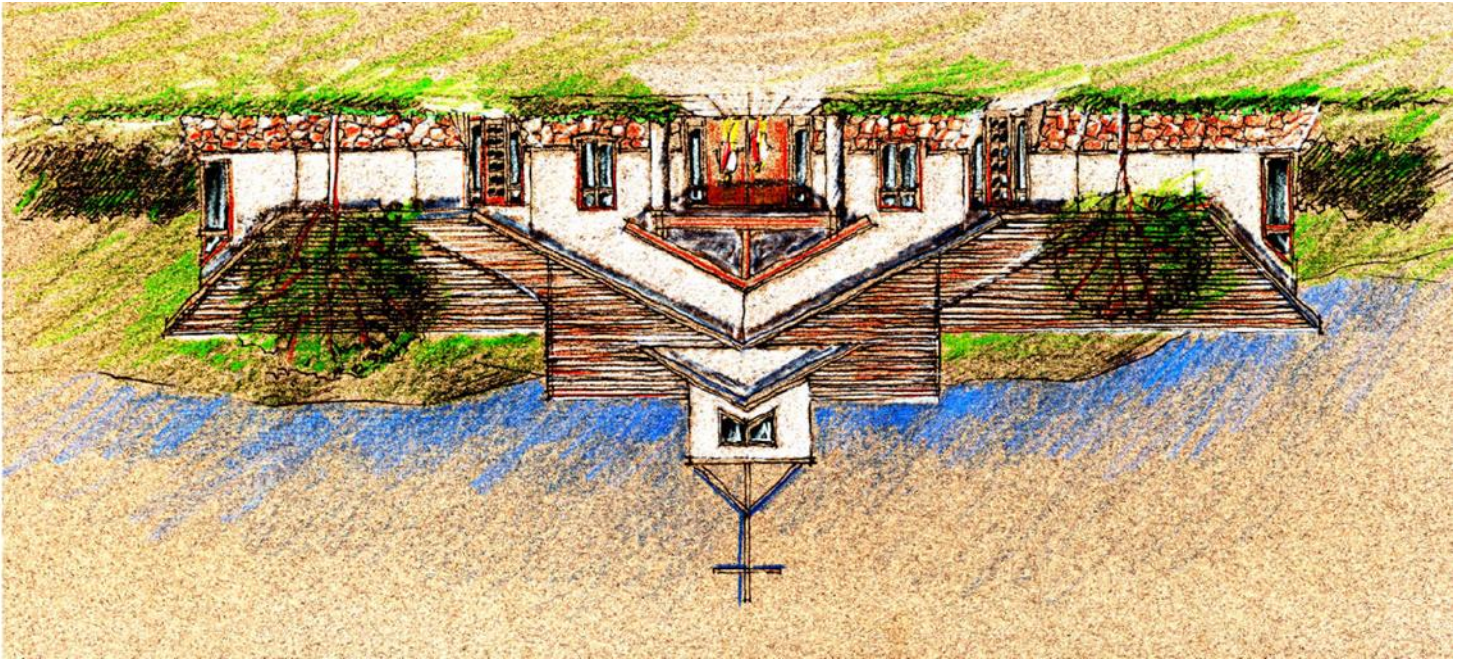
**On behalf of a local child in need,
we thank you!**

Childrens Resource Network
of the Central Coast



Please visit www.nipomopresbyterian.org for a full description calendar.

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| 30 10am - Zoom Coffee Time Mtg 10:30am - Zoom Worship/ Mtg | 31 | 1 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ | 2 9:30am - Lectio Divina and 6pm - Bible Study ZOOM | 3 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ | 4 10am - People's Kitchen Food 1:15pm - Food Pantry Pick Up @ | 5 |
| 6 10am - Zoom Coffee Time Mtg 10:30am - Zoom Worship/ Mtg | 7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 8 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ 6:45pm - Session @ Fox Hall | 9 9:30am - Lectio Divina and 6pm - Bible Study ZOOM | 10 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ | 11 1:15pm - Food Pantry Pick Up @ | 12 |
| 13 10am - Zoom Coffee Time Mtg 10:30am - Zoom Worship/ Mtg | 14 | 15 10am - PWCT Meeting @ Zoom 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ 3:30pm - Deacon's Meeting @ | 16 9:30am - Lectio Divina and 6pm - Bible Study ZOOM | 17 10am - Ladies Book Club @ Zoom 10:30am - Chat w/ Garrett @ | 18 VISION DEADLINE 1:15pm - Food Pantry Pick Up @ | 19 |
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September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: NCPG Grounds
Chat with Garrett
September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom & Facebook
Bible Study
September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Location: NCPG Grounds
Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer
September 24 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Location: Nipomo Park
PW Summer Picnic

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