

# Vallejo Central Newsletter



*November 2020*

## Servant's Heart Community Projects

~ Pam Ditto

Dear Church Family,

For the last 5 years my friend, Kenya and I, have been spearheading a Christmas gift giving program for Senior citizens. This year, because of COVID-19, the Senior Centers have been closed. Because of this, we have chosen as our ministry, the homeless population in our local communities.

We have invited our friends and family to join us in providing back packs filled with a sleeping bag, hat, soap, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, gloves, handwarmers, comb, razor, two masks, two pair of socks and four compressed towels that expand when water is added and a Glow Tract on COVID-19. Our goal is 500 back packs to be delivered to homeless individuals.

Should you choose to join us in this ministry, a donation of \$260 (totally tax deductible) will service 10 homeless people residing under bridges, freeways, and in the parks of Vallejo, Fairfield, Vacaville, Suisun City and the San Francisco areas. You can also purchase a pack directly from Amazon under the description: "Bulk Case of 10 Backpacks and 10 Sleeping Bags". This is sold for \$218.99 plus tax and shipping, (the additional monies cover the other items we are including in the total homeless pack. You may have these sent directly to me at: 5262 Finkas Lane, Fairfield, CA 94533. We will fill them with the added items. You can distribute them completed backpacks yourself or we can distribute them for you. We have 20 reserved for VCSDA Community Services.

We know this sounds like a lot of money. You are free to donate what your heart and budget dictate. There are several ways:

- Amazon Gift Cards
- Direct Purchase
- Cash App
- Zelle
- Checks (Please make out to: "Servant's Heart Community Projects")

A receipt for your donation will be sent for every gift. Thank you for what you are doing for the "least of these."

In His Service,

Pamela Ditto  
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## Church Board Motions

**Motion 2020-049 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accepted Minutes From Sept. 2020

**Motion 2020-050 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accepted the Financial Report for Sept 2020

**Motion 2020-051 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Remainder of the Bathroom Renovation funds be applied to the kitchen renovation. Those donating to the Bathroom renovation will be contacted for their approval to transfer their donation money.

**Motion 2020-052 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Purchase a total of three Air Doctor Air Filters for the Fellowship Hall and classrooms

**Motion 2020-053 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Motion to include the Senior Ministry within the Women's Ministry Department along with the help of the Men's Ministry and Pathfinders.

**Motion 2020-054 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Motion to Start the Prayer Ministry Call on Sabbath mornings on Zoom at 8 a.m.

**Motion 2020-055 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Pathfinder Fundraiser Holiday Baking to start October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY 101

We value religious liberty because it allows us freedom to worship, or not worship, when and where we please. But this is soon to change. Virtually all of the ground work for sweeping changes is in place. Church and State will soon join hands to activate policies that have been "on the books" for decades; lying dormant until the time is ripe to enact them. The United Nations is ready and waiting. The Constitution will be ignored. But freedom of worship will not at first be touched; that comes later. There will be universal approval as this new order of religion and secular government cracks down on an alarming increase in crime and immorality; and even though we as God's remnant church know where all of this will eventually lead, there will be temptation to cheer them on. Sadly, I fear many of our church family will get pulled into openly supporting, and then joining the new union for the seeming good reforms taking place: punishment for crimes will be toughened, thugs will be pulled off the streets, abortion and gay marriage outlawed, and the LGBT community will hurry back into the closet in fear of the new laws. Nearly all the Protestant denominations will be in favor of these policies; Islam too will rejoice. To successfully bring all this about, the religions of the world will be coaxed into coming together under the umbrella of Unity, set up by the Catholic Church to facilitate world peace. But the worldwide calamities and disasters don't abate, they increase. To stem the tide, bolder, more severe action is needed. What will it be?

~By Richard Brautigan

## November Prayer List 2020

### An Attitude of Gratitude

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

-Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Thankfulness means "to express gratitude." Sometimes we feel glad because someone did something nice, but we never get around to telling that person. Thankfulness is being so full of thanks that we can't keep it inside! We just have to tell God "thank you" or we'll just burst!

Sometimes people confuse praising God with thanking Him. What's the difference? When we praise God, we celebrate Him for who He is. When we thank God, we celebrate Him for what He does. For instance, we praise God because He is love. We thank Him for loving us so much that He sent Jesus!

When we pray, let's be sure to have an attitude of gratitude, praising God for who He is, and thanking Him for what He's done and is doing, and what He has promised to do.

*Sandra Higley (PrayKids!, p. 1. Pray! Issue 26, p. 21.)*

Please pray for our members:

- Ana-Miriam Avalos-Monjaras
- Jean Bracy
- Donna Cox
- Pamela Ditto
- Guillermo & Buenflor Galsim and Jasmine Tenorio
- Martha Hardy-Lee
- Nimfa Jimenez-Umali
- Antoni & Jennifer Lopez
- Charles & Carla McKinney, Joshua Davis Justin, Marcus and Jayla Cruse
- Leticia Pacas, Jose, Mario and Pablo Garcia
- Rudolfo & Goldie Raras, Marcus, Christopher and Marlee
- Mildred Sowell
- Margie Verdan

*Submitted by Pam Ditto, Prayer Ministries Leader*



Looking for some new books to read while we all stay at home? The Church Library just got a new shipment in of books for kids! Children's Ministry has specially chosen these titles for your family. There are even some great books for family worship! Check them out!

**The Beginning of Time Series by Lisa Kack  
(board books for toddlers and early readers)**

*The Beginning of Time Series Book 1: Creation*  
*The Beginning of Time Series Book 2: The Fall*  
*The Beginning of Time Series Book 3: Cain and Abel*  
*The Beginning of Time Series Book 4: Noah's Ark*  
*The Beginning of Time Series Book 5: The Tower of Babel*

**Tales of the Exodus Series by Nicole Parker**

*Sanctuary Light: A Story of God's Redeeming Love for Children of All Ages*  
*Faith Roots: A Story of God's Trustworthy Love for Children of All Ages*  
*Humble Stones: A Story of God's Self-Sacrificing Love for Children of All Ages*

**Detective Zack Series Two Books in One by Jerry D. Thomas  
Published by Pacific Press**

**Ages 10-12**

*Detective Zack Series: The Secret of Noah's Flood & The Mystery at Thunder Mountain*  
*Detective Zack Series: The Secrets in the Sand & The Red Hat Mystery*  
*Detective Zack Series: Trapped in Darkmoor Manor & Secret of Blackloch Castle*  
*Detective Zack Series: The Missing Manger Mystery & Danger at Dinosaur Camp*  
*Detective Zack Series: The Secret in the Storm & Mystery on the Midway*

**Seek-and-Find Activity Books**

**Published by Safeliz (Adventist publisher in Spain)**

**Ages 9-12**

*Find Me If You Can! Old Testament - Search Activity Book*  
*Find Me If You Can! New Testament - Search Activity Book*

**The Hannah's Girls Series by Ruth Vitrano Merkel**

**Published by Review and Herald**

**Ages 9-12**

*True Stories of God's Leading in Six Generations of Adventist Girls*  
*Hannah's Girls: Ann 1833-1897*  
*Hannah's Girls: Marilla 1851-1916*  
*Hannah's Girls: Grace 1890-1973*  
*Hannah's Girls: Ruthie born 1931*  
*Hannah's Girls: Elaine born 1961*  
*Hannah's Girls: Erin born 1988*

**Bedtime Stories by Brenda Walsh**

**Published by Pacific Press and 3ABN Books**

*Miss Brenda's Bedtime Stories Book V1: Based on True Character-Building Stories*

Thanksgiving is a time to gather, to feast, and to be thankful for all that has been provided. It is important to remember the spirit of the holiday, and to take stock of your life and the many blessings that have come your way. There are so many ways to practice gratitude.

# Thanksgiving

## *Favorite Holiday Recipe*

*Greta Henderson*

### Really Good Fruit Cake

Remember the words of Jesus: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Matthew 25:42-45.

#### FRUIT:

4 cups dried fruit (golden raisins, dried apricots, dried cherries, dried cranberries and crystallized ginger)  
1 cup spiced apple cider  
1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest (optional)

#### BATTER:

3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
2 sticks unsalted butter  
2 cups light brown sugar  
1/4 cup honey  
4 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon allspice  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon instant espresso  
1 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans

#### SYRUP:

1/2 cup spiced apple cider  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla



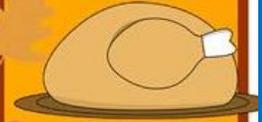
1. In a non-reactive bowl, toss the dried fruit with the apple cider and orange zest (if using). Cover with plastic wrap and let soak overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 300 degrees and spray nonstick 9-inch springform pan.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Set aside.
4. In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium high heat. Cook, whisking constantly until brown and nutty in aroma, approximately 4-6 minutes. Transfer to large bowl and let cool.
5. To the cooled butter, whisk in the brown sugar, honey, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, nutmeg, instant espresso and eggs. Fold in the soaked fruit and any liquid from the bowl, followed by the flour mixture and chopped pecans.
6. Pour into prepared cake pan and smooth the top with a spatula. Bake until golden and the center has reached an internal temperature of 190 degrees. Approximately 90 minutes.
7. While cake is baking, make the syrup: In a small saucepan combine the spiced apple cider, sugar and vanilla. Cook until sugar dissolves, about 2 minutes.
8. Once the cake comes out of the oven, brush the syrup on top of the cake. After 10 minutes, release cake from springform pan. Brush sides with remaining syrup. Let cool completely before serving.



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## Thanksgiving Wordsearch



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