

News Notes

August 2020



August Calendar

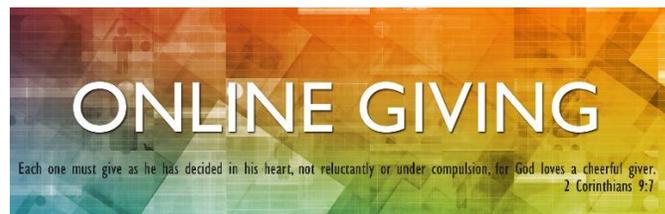


“Christian schools exist because Christian parents have beliefs and value systems that differ from those of the larger culture. They are willing to pay relative high tuition for their children to attend such schools because they know that it is important to expose them to the same world view and value system at both home and school.”

--George R. Knight

- 1 Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 5 Staff Meeting
- 5 Communications Meeting
- 6 Elders' Meeting
- 8 Worship at the Lake
Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 9 1st PAE Campus Work Bee
- 11 Communications Meeting
- 11 Finance Committee
- 12 Staff Meeting
- 13 Church Board
- 15 Teacher Dedication Day
Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 16 2nd PAE Campus Work Bee
- 18 Communications Meeting
- 19 Staff Meeting
- 21-23 **CANCELED** PAA Back to School
Campout
- 22 Speaker: Dan Martella
- 24 First Day of School
- 25 Communications Meeting
- 26 Staff Meeting
- 29 Speaker: Steve Hamilton

Tithes and Offerings



In these days of COVID-19, even when we worship together, it is still safest to give remotely. Here are our three options:

Give Online. Go to our website (paradiseadventist.org) and look for the Online Giving button in the top menu.

Give Through the Adventist Giving App. You can download this app to your device from the Apple or Android App Store and set up your own giving kiosk.

Mail Your Check. You can always mail your check to the church office – Paradise Adventist Church, PO Box 1266. Paradise CA 95967-1266.



Church Under the Oaks



Decades ago, a few oak seedlings took root on the east side of the property at 5720 Academy Drive in Paradise California. Years have come and gone. A church was built. A church building was lost. And now, God's provision of "The Oaks" has come to

be one of our greatest blessings. They provide a footprint of shade large enough for family groups to sit together and maintain social distance while attending church. Their shade extends all the way to the pavement to allow a back row for "drive-in" attendees.

Church members, under the direction of Devon Horning, built a stage structure which has come to be known as "the Porch."



Church leadership and volunteers have worked diligently to craft and revise, as needed, the plans and protocols for the outdoor worship services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning June 20, we began meeting for in-person worship services.



If evangelism is defined as "the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness,"

then evangelism is alive and well at the Paradise Adventist Church through the messages shared during the weekly church services and through the testimony and faith of church members as we meet around the porch "Under the Oaks." While it might be said that the only thing we can count on for certain is change, we submit that while change is a certainty, there is One who is Unchangeable in whom we put our faith, our trust, and our future. Jesus is Lord and His promises are sure.



Summer Vespers Series



Last spring was marked by interruptions and cancellations. God, however, has always used spring to remind us that He makes all things new. So when the "Spring Vespers Series" had to be cancelled, we immediately began to look forward to the time that we could again meet together to welcome in the Sabbath.

Utilizing these same protocols for vespers that were so carefully crafted for outdoor church, and meeting in the outdoor "Quad" at the Paradise school campus, we again resumed a four-part "Summer Vespers Series" in July. We have been blessed by the leadership of the children and youth in this outreach as they minister to their church family. We invite you to join us for our next vespers series in the fall. Please check future bulletins for details!

Paradise Adventist Elementary & Academy Updates

We have a number of exciting and important updates regarding our schools and the campus at 5699 Academy Drive.

Website: PAE has a brand-new website! You can check it out at www.mypae.net.



Church Office: Office services at our new location on the school campus continue to be available to the public and our church family by appointment only.

First Day of School: Following the addition of Butte County to the state's "COVID watch list," our schools have had to delay their start dates to August 24, from the original date of the 19th. School leaders have been constantly reviewing updates regarding school regulations and closures.

PAA Principal Monte Nystrom sent out an email to parents on July 27, noting:

"I am hoping that we will be excused from [the watch list] by August 10. If that happens, then we will have a better chance of starting school 'in-person' on August 24. [...] If we start school on August 24, there is a possibility that we will be required to begin in "distance learning" mode. If [so], we will switch to "in-person" mode as soon as possible.

In a July 28 letter to parents, PAE Principal David Vixie stated:

"[The extra time] will give us a better opportunity to process a waiver offered by the state, which, [...] if approved, will allow us to do in-person learning [and] also give the county a few more days to get off the watch list [...]."

Both principals assured parents that

"During what would have been the first three days of school (August 19-21), teachers will engage in enhanced in-service education to become better prepared to provide excellent Christian education in times of COVID. The rest of the school calendar will remain the same. We will not have to 'make up' those three days."

School Work Bees: In preparation for the first day of school, two "work bees" have been scheduled for August 9 and 16 to help with final touches on campus. There is no sign-up sheet, so just show up for whichever of the two days works for you! We encourage you to bring any tools to help with yardwork (rakes, trowels, etc.) that you may have.

Campus Recovery: More progress continues to be made on PAE buildings every day.



Here's the kitchen, almost ready for use!



Work on the gym floor continues. As you can see in the above photo, the wood flooring has already begun to go in. However, they estimate that it will be roughly an additional 3 weeks following installation of the wood floors before the gym is able to be used.

In the elementary rooms, final touches being made include installing countertops, an intercom system, some elements of plumbing and painting the walls.

(Photos courtesy of Bryan Mallory from the [Paradise SDA Camp Fire Recovery](#) Facebook page.)

Teacher Dedication: August 15 will be having our teacher dedication Sabbath, during which we will be praying for the teachers (as well as the students) from all three of our Adventist schools in Paradise and Chico: COAS, PAA, and PAE. The service will also give everyone a chance to meet the new teachers who will be joining veteran staff at both schools. You can read bios for several of the teachers on their respective school's websites or in our May issue of the News Notes.

Paradise Pathfinders Achieve Success



The Paradise Prayer Warriors Pathfinder Club finished the 2019-2020 year at the end of June. By utilizing Zoom, we were able to teach

14 honors. We had hoped to meet in person again in September but due to the latest CA state virus measures, the Northern California Conference has decided that we must continue with the Zoom format at this time. Watch for day and time and other details to come.

Although we had to cancel the in-person Investiture service, we are awarding the following awards: Adventurers Eden Rasmussen and Alyssa Dickinson achieved the Busy Bee Class and required awards. Ethan Lee achieved the Friend and Advanced Friend class awards. Evann Lee and Dr. Joseph Lee achieved the Voyager and Advanced Voyager class awards. Ethan and Evann have now completed all six classes with their advanced level. Our Male Pathfinder of the Year is Benjamin Seaton. Our Female Pathfinder of the Year is Kali Sopha. Benjamin helped teach the juggling honor and Kali assisted with the Builder crafts and teaching. All other members earned numerous honor patches.

As a Club, we are sad to announce that Jack and Neoma Wisdom have moved away, and Tony Roach has retired from Club life. Their service will be greatly missed. Thank you for your support of our Pathfinder Club.

Summer on the Run

Summer on the Run, the NCC day camp program, is happening this summer—via video! Since June 15, Youth Director Eddie Heinrich and his staff have been sheltering in place together at Chico Oaks Adventist School. The group includes nine high school and college students, as well as Janeen Little, Lodi Academy chaplain and Bible teacher. The

team has been hard at work writing scripts, building sets, filming, and editing to create a series of Summer on the Run videos.

The group initially planned to self-isolate for four weeks, but they have extended the time for two more weeks so they can finish all the videos safely. “These students are amazing!” said Heinrich. “They want to complete their mission.”

Each episode includes music, a skit, a craft, a nature lesson, and more! Subscribe and watch at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeae01ByG6ZqERZvMPxLGQA>

Meet Mark Lockwood



Mark Lockwood is our new PAC Business Manager and comes to us with more than 17 years of business management leadership roles with Lodi Academy, Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Upper Columbia Academy, and Rio Lindo

Adventist Academy. Mark and his wife Jenny are both graduates of Armona Union Academy and Pacific Union College and have been married for 25 years. Jenny is a nurse and is looking forward to her new role at Skyway Surgery Center. There are three children in the Lockwood family: Leilani (18), Julia (15), and David (13). The Lockwoods plan to make their move to Paradise mid-August.

Adventist Health Improves Patient Portal

Thanks to significant work completed by the Adventist Health digital team earlier this year, a new MyAdventistHealth patient portal was launched this summer. Improvements to this portal include easier access to the portal, increased access to test results, secure email messaging to care providers, the ability to review provider notes, and a personal health trend option. Patients can continue to receive

account alerts via email and are able to complete forms before appointments, streamlining the check-in process.



MyAdventistHealth is now available by self-enrollment, which means that a patient can create an access point at any time, without requiring an invitation from their health care provider. This improvement has made it significantly easier for patients to access their medical

information on the portal and continue to connect with their providers in easy and safe ways.

Learn more at

www.adventisthealth.org/patient-resources/myadventisthealth/ or download the app (MyAdventistHealth) from your app store.

Wear a Mask!

Adventist Health would like to remind everyone that wearing a mask helps to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.



Our patient care providers work hard to ensure that they are ready to meet your health care needs, and they wear masks every day, all day to help protect our patients and their families. We will continue to screen all visitors to all clinic facilities, and we are requiring all who enter to wear a mask (we will provide you with a disposable mask if you do not have one). Please do not enter the clinic facilities if you are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19. Call us when you arrive, and we will come out to your vehicle to screen you separately as a precaution. This helps us provide appropriate protection for our staff and for our other visitors.

Our website has valuable information about COVID-19, and you can access our symptom checker there to determine if you are experiencing any symptoms that may be due to COVID-19.

We continue to offer Virtual Visits as a safe and effective alternative for in-person visits. Thank you for helping us to keep our associates, our patients, and our community safe.

AH Welcomes New Providers

Adventist Health is pleased to welcome the following new providers:

- ❖ Christopher Banks, PA-C (Rapid Care)
- ❖ Laurie Bethke, NP (Rapid Care)
- ❖ Doug Edgar, PA-C (Rapid Care)
- ❖ Arthur Tawatari, DDS (Dental)
- ❖ Cynthia Wilson-Grillo, DO (Pediatrics)

Adventist Health is also pleased to welcome back Dr. Calvin Hu, Dr. Philip Jones and Dr. Sydney Jones to the Feather River Health Center. These orthopedic surgeons will rotate to cover appointments for patients in Paradise. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 530-872-2000.

Shed Project Update



Plans for the second round of shed building continue to move forward, with the date set for August 30 through September 18. Shed Project leadership is in weekly conversations, evaluating the latest information regarding the ever-changing COVID situation, in order to be able to comply with restrictions while still preserving our ability to do the project.

Please pray that we are able to get all the materials for the build as availability of building products is dwindling while the cost of lumber has doubled. We could also use two more refrigerators and freezers, as well as deck-over trailers.

If you want to volunteer, please sign up with Maranatha. We plan to implement all the COVID precautions necessary to keep volunteers as safe as possible.

“Love Delivers” Provides Food Boxes



Since the first food box giveaway on June 2nd, Love Delivers, in partnership with Love Paradise, Adventist Health: Feather River Health Foundation, and the Paradise Adventist Church, have given

away over 43,000 lbs of produce, helping over 2,500 people—upwards of 40 Ridge households—with much needed grocery assistance. And to top off that good news, the program just received \$50,000 from Albertson’s Nourishing Neighbors program! What a blessing, indeed!

Unfortunately, due to a suspension of food deliveries from the USDA for the month of August, the giveaways are temporarily postponed, hopefully to return in September/October. However, we are grateful that this will give our volunteers a much needed break, considering they’ve been at this for the past ten Tuesdays in a row!



Thank you to everyone who has helped out with this worthy project!



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