

# The Chimes

OCTOBER 2021



CRAIG MEMORIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

**Worship: 10 am Sundays**

“Little Red Church” behind St. Nicholas Episcopal; 5872 Oliver

## Our church's beginnings

In Paradise, the Congregational Church began when interested community members gathered on **September 28, 1879**. Prior to this time, there were no churches in Paradise. Following the establishment of the church, at least four churches in our community were “birthed” from Craig Church.

The original name chosen was “Union Congregational Church.” There were six original members representing four denominations, hence the significance of the word, “union.”

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**Sept. 28**

142nd birthday  
of Craig  
Memorial  
Congregational  
Church

FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR

**Oct. 31**

REFORMATION  
DAY

Martin Luther  
posted his 95  
theses on church  
door in 1517.

**Oct. 7 & 21**

TRUSTEES and  
DIACONATE MEETING

10 am at the Little Red  
Church.



# How Craig Church started...

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For a number of years the church met at various locations in Paradise. After two disastrous fires, church members decided that a new location and building were needed.

In 1908, contact was made through the Congregational Missionary Society, with the Craig Memorial Fund established by Sophia T. Craig of Sonoma. In memory of her late husband, Mrs. Craig donated to the church the large sum (at that time) of \$1,000 for the construction of the sanctuary, which was completed in 1909. As part of the bequest, the name of the church was changed to Craig Memorial Congregational Church.

As the oldest church in Paradise, Craig Memorial Congregational Church has felt a special kinship with the community.

Our church's roots go back to the 16th century English Reformation

when a group known as the Puritans separated themselves from the Church of England and came to America for religious freedom. They arrived in the New World in 1620 on the Mayflower and became known in America as "the Pilgrims."



## Special days:

### October birthdays

- 1 Larry Broekemeier
- 4 Jean Couch
- 11 John Jewart
- 12 Alta Davis
- 15 Maria Rademacher
- 24 Dianne McKasson
- 29 Donna Burl
- 30 Joe Wise

## Building plans move forward

Church trustees continue plans to move forward to build the meeting hall on the church grounds. Church members and friends are invited to attend all trustee meetings for details.

Trustees are contracting to have dirt brought in and leveled to fill in the hole left from debris removal of the former church basement. The existing septic system will be inspected and trustees are considering an architect to provide building and engineering guidance prior to hiring a building contractor.



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