

NOVEMBER 2021

# The Chimes



CRAIG MEMORIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

**Worship: 10 am Sundays**

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

## Board hires architect and seeks pastor

The board of trustees voted Oct. 14 to approve a \$32,100 bid from Gary Hawkins, a Chico architect, for design services to build a church facility.

The initial bid includes construction drawing, planning submittal, color rendering, structural engineering and required energy calculations.

Additionally, members of the Pastoral Search Committee shared with trustees that the December 2021 issue of “The Congregationalist” will include an announcement of the “pastoral opportunity” at our church.

In part, the announcement said, “We are rebuilding and need an energetic and future-thinking pastor to lead us.

“The perfect fit is a pastor who will provide our spiritual guidance and work with the Board on rebuilding the Church and congregation.

“As all Congregational churches we are governed by the congregation. The challenges will be interesting and abundant. We are financially sound and eager to see where God is leading us.”



**LEFT:** Looking toward Pearson from about where the former church altar was located. October 2021



**RIGHT:** Looking from the former “front door” of the church. October 2021.



**Nov. 11**  
VETERANS DAY

**Nov. 25**

GIVE THANKS  
TO GOD



FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR

**Nov. 15-22**

SHOEBOX COLLECTION  
FOR OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD



# Fill a shoebox with love!

You don't need to miss out on the joy of participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"—there are ways you can still have the joy of filling your own shoebox for a special child in need. Take your pick—and regardless of which you choose to do, be sure to send your prayers along with your shoebox gift!

**ONLINE:** It's easy and fun to fill your shoebox online—and you

## Remembering the lives of those who've passed

On All Saints Day this year, we give thanks for the lives of these members and friends who went home to be with our Lord since Nov. 1, 2020: Jack Carmichael, Jack deCoup-Crank, David Feldhaus, Bruce Hagen, Jean Herrick, Kay Hintz, Shirley Marsh and Mildred Younger.

## Special days:

### November birthdays

- 3 Jeannine Gates
- 19 Isolde Grandfield
- 24 Fran Hitchen
- 25 Jay Elliott
- 27 Barbara Flesher

### November anniversaries

- 7 Mike & Janice McCollester

don't even need to head to the store (or put on a face mask). Go to [SamaritansPurse.org](http://SamaritansPurse.org) and click on "Start Packing." You choose the age and sex of the child you'd like to build a shoebox for and then you can choose the items to put in it—from a soccer ball or a harmonica to a stuffed animal, flip-flops and school supplies. Your donation of \$25 covers the items you choose, the filling and the delivery to a child. Easy-peasy and fun!

**IN PERSON:** Fill a regular shoebox or purchase a plastic one (like the ones we had in

2019) at Hobby Lobby for \$3. Fill it with the items you choose and drop it off, along with \$9 to cover distribution costs, at Calvary Chapel (in Chico) during the week of Nov. 15-22. See [SamaritansPurse.org](http://SamaritansPurse.org) for times



and dates as well as tips for the "just right" gifts that will show children how much God loves them. This is a great activity to share with grandchildren, too!



**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD:** The Congregational Church in the US traditionally traces its origins mainly to Puritan settlers of colonial New England who first arrived on the Mayflower to settle the colonies.



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