



THE CALLER



March 2009

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Sunday Worship:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

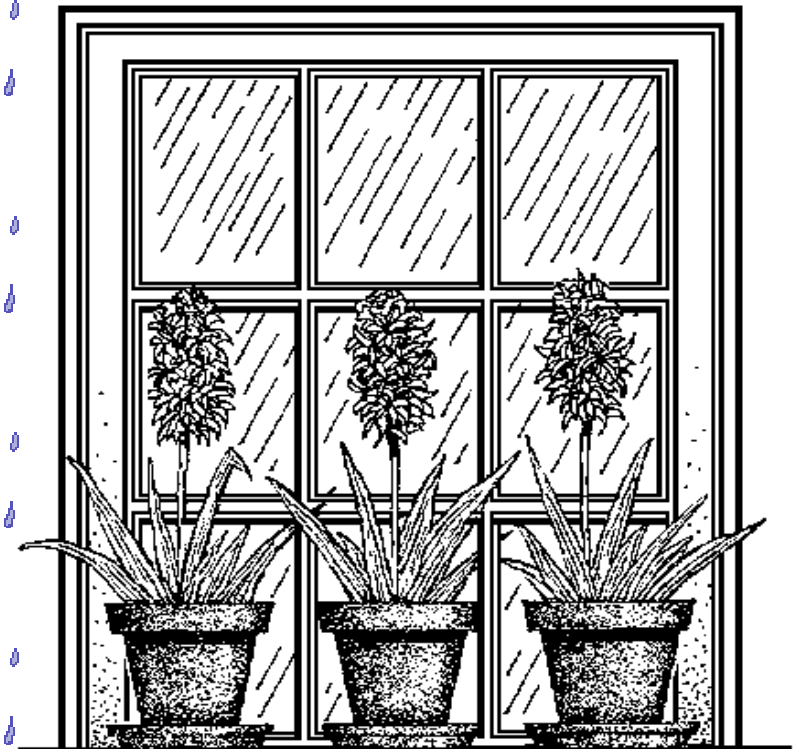
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



Dixon Community Church

955 East A Street

Dixon, California 95620



March



“Happy St. Patrick’s Day!”

(Rev. Danny O’Vraa)



“Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day”. In a sense, this adage is true because St. Patrick is our brother in Christ, even for those of us without Irish blood in our veins.

Whimsical, fictional fables have grown around his memory: Dragon-Slayer and Snake-Banisher. Nonetheless, Patrick is the genuine historical Christian Missionary who brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the pagan Celts of the Emerald Isle. To this day, his life’s story, zeal and work continue to effect us.

Born into a Christian family in southern Wales in 389, Patrick was a nominal Church-goer (“Pew Potato”) with no particular fervor for his faith or his God. At 16 years old, he was walking on the beach when Irish pirates kidnapped him. He spent the next 6 years as an enslaved worker in Ireland with other abducted children. During his captivity, he turned to God for help, surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, and became a man full of faith, fervor and hope. He received a vision from God, that he would escape some day. When the vision came true, he traveled 200 miles on foot to a port in southern Ireland, where he took a boat across the Irish Sea to his family in Wales.

His family and priest noticed how different he was: fully devoted to Jesus Christ is all things, including prayer and the study of Scripture. Eventually he became ordained to fulltime ministry. Bishop Germanus of northern France noticed his zeal and promise, and mentored him. In 432, the Bishop sent Patrick back to Ireland – to the very people who had enslaved him – this time as a Missionary ... an Ambassador of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The last 30 years of his life, Patrick evangelized and converted the Celtic tribes of Ireland. He worked to conciliate the warring chieftains, establish schools to educate children, ordain monks and nuns, found monasteries, and establish a See in Armagh. He united the thinly scattered Christian Church in Ireland, connecting it with the Church on the Continent.

At the time, no one but God could foresee how important these developments would be to European history for the next 1,000 years. For the next 200 years in the wake of Patrick’s apostolic work, Irish monastic zeal and scholasticism flourished. During these centuries, much of continental Europe relapsed into paganism after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West.

In a Providential twist, Irish Missionaries, the descendants of Patrick who evangelized Ireland, now went to re-evangelize Europe! Bold and courageous men like Columba, Aidan, Gallus, Columbanus and countless others went to: the Picts and Celts of Wales, Scotland and Iona; the Saxons of Britain; the Oster-Goths, Franks, Gauls and Angols of Germany and France; the Visi-Goths and Vandals of Italy and Spain. Nearly all the Celtic and Teutonic tribes in Europe were reached for Christ by these zealous and determined Irish Monks.

They built centers of Christianity and learning throughout France and Germany, and as far as Switzerland, Austria, Italy and central Europe. Their Lay-centered ministry awoke and involved everyday folks. Eventually, this grass-roots Christianity swept again across the face of Europe. Their monasteries served as islands of civilization and education for almost 1,000 years through “the Dark Ages”, until the dawn of the Age of Enlightenment and the Protestant Reformation.

The Kid's Page

PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens

What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.

Just for KIDS

A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

“He _____nd _____ll h____s f____m____l____
 A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w____r____ d____v____t____nd
 A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G____d-f____r____ng; h____ g____v____
 B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g____n____r____sl____t____th____s____n____
 A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C



n____d____nd pr____d____t____G____d____
 A+CA+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D


r____g____l____rl____.” _____cts 10:2, NIV
 A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: “He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.” Acts 10:2, NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS


A special congregational meeting is called for Sunday March 8, 2009 immediately following the Combined 10am Worship Service. The subject is a review to the content and conduct surrounding a resolution submitted to Pastor Dan dated January 7, 2009.

 Daylight Savings Time~
Begins MARCH 8th 



 The Bell Choir will meet on Monday, March the 2nd at 7pm in the sanctuary.
New Players and volunteers are welcome and needed!

New Member/ Inquirer's Class
Come this Thursday, March 5th, from 7-8pm then again on March 12th
Childcare can be available if you contact the church office in advance 678-1981

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, the 7th at 8:00am

Ladies Aid will meet on the 12th at noon! 

Women's Breakfast Saturday the 14th at 9:00am

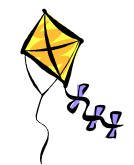
 Women's Retreat~ April 24-26 A Seaside Adventure
Only \$160.00 
Contact Cinnamon or the church office at 678-1981

Do you feel insignificant? Are you a Pew Potato? I'm sure that as the teenage Patrick labored in anonymity and slavery, he was considered insignificant. But God did not see him as insignificant, nor does God see you as insignificant. You are so valuable to God, that he sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the Cross for your sins, and Resurrect from the dead so you can enjoy abundant and eternal life with Him. All you have to do is, like Patrick, call to Jesus in faith. Your honest prayer is not too small to hear and answer. The blessing he will give you will change your life. But, God will also bless others through you, perhaps for a millennium after you. God can even use calamity to give us true joy and true significance in this life. Give Christ your life and love today; the life and love he returns will be a thousand times better than you have ever known.

 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**  

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – MARY JOHNSON
- 1 – MARCEY RIEDEL
- 1 – LYNNE LINCOLN
- 1 – COLBY HEITMAN
- 4 – JOHNNIE AGUILERA
- 6 – MARGARET FORD
- 6 – BRENNAN MADDEN
- 7 – KITTY LOCKWOOD
- 8 – BRYAN HORAN
- 10 – KAREN NOLAN
- 12 – PAULINE BANWART
- 14 – MARY ELLEN JONES
- 14 – MIKE SMITH
- 15 – ALEXIS RIEDEL
- 16 – CHELSEA JOHNSON
- 17 – BERNICE HAROLDSON
- 19 – DEBORAH CUMINS
- 19 – RHONDA DANIELS
- 24 – RICKELLE MINER
- 28 – PATRICK LANE
- 31 – CHRISTOPHER SIMES

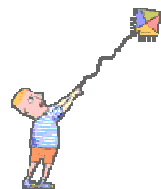


Church Family News

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – MIKE & ARDYCE SMITH
- 6 – ROB & STEPHANIE RIEDEL
- 18 – DAVE & DEVON SOUCY
- 23 – MIKE & ALISON SIMES
- 25 – JOHN & TACY CURREY
- 31 – GEORGE & JEANETTE FARRELL



Income & Expenses for the month of January	
Income	\$ 21,246.88
Expenses	\$ 35,505.77





MARCH 2009



<p><i>1</i> <i>Sunday</i></p>	<p><i>2</i> <i>Monday</i></p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>3</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30am</p>	<p><i>4</i> <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>5</i> <i>Thursday</i></p> <p><i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> <i>Friday</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00am</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Combined Worship 10:00am</p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30am Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Ladies Aid 12:00 noon</i></p> <p><i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Women's Breakfast 9:00am</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>Contemporary Worship 9:00am</i></p> <p><i>Traditional Worship 11:00am</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30am</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> 	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p><i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Spring Begins!</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p><i>Contemporary Worship 9:00am</i></p> <p><i>Traditional Worship 11:00am</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30am Council Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p><i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p><i>Contemporary Worship 9:00am</i></p> <p><i>Traditional Worship 11:00am</i></p> 	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30am</p>	