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Sunday Worship:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:45 p.m.

THE CALLER



Thanksgiving

2009



Dixon
Community Church

A few years ago, my friend and colleague, Rev. Denn Denning gave me permission to share this. It is a good word for us all.

In Christ, Pastor Dan Vraa

**A Fresh Perspective on Tithing:
“How to trust God with your checkbook”**

[Stewardship Committee of San Mateo Presbyterian Church: Tom Tucker, Diane Cofer, Daryl Compton, Gladys Degenhardt, and Rev. Denn Denning, Pastor]

I can't afford to tithe ... I can just barely pay my bills each month ... How can God expect me to give Him 10% of my gross income and raise our four kids, it's impossible!

I had tried to work tithing into my monthly budget, but, “*Sorry God, not this month*” was my excuse for too many years of my life.

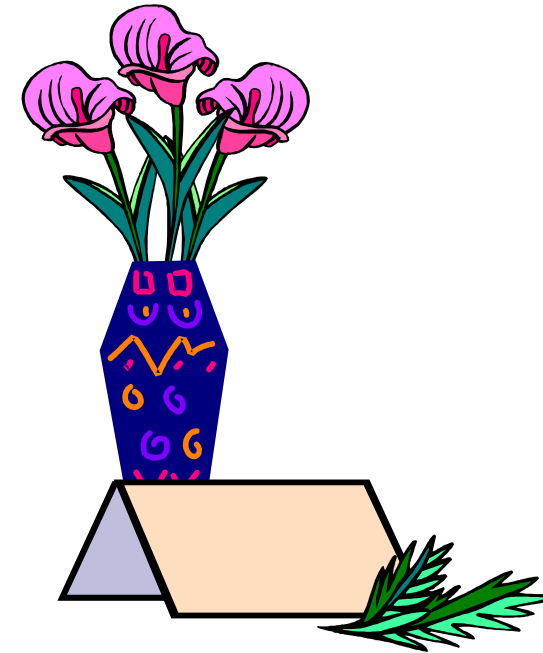
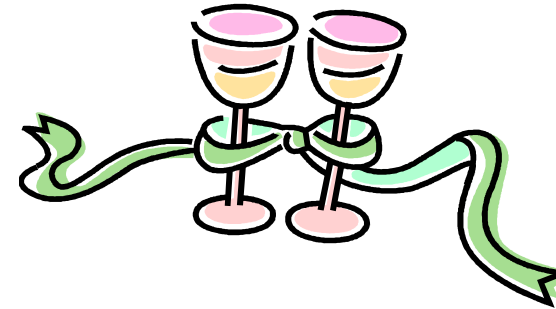
Then one day a close Christian friend gave me some wise advise: “*Tithing isn't about money and budgets, it's about trusting God for all your needs, including money. From all appearances, tithing will never fit into your budget. If you continue waiting for just the right time to start, you will never be able to 'afford' to tithe. You must step out in faith and trust the Father who made you and knows you better than anyone else in this life. He knows every financial emergency that you will ever have in your whole life and the exact amount of each. You need to trust Him with your checkbook. Your tithe check is the first check you write each payday, not the last ... and your budget fits around that.*”

Well, I knew then that God truly wanted me to tithe - no more lame excuses or empty promises. So with much prayer and trepidation, I stepped out of my leaky financial boat into the Sea of Trust. That first month was very scary, the tithe check seemed so huge, and although every bill was paid, I wasn't able to save the usual amount in my children's college fund. The second and third months were the same, all the bills were paid, but nothing left for the college savings account. Now I was getting worried, I knew I was being tested, so I prayed for God's help.

Within one week, the miracle happened. I received a salary increase equaling the exact amount - after taxes (yes, God can calculate payroll taxes) - of the monthly savings deficit. It was definitely God's work ... my employer had frozen all employee salaries; my annual review date was nine months prior; no one else received a raise that entire year; and the dollar amount of my raise was three times higher than any of my previous raises. I was amazed; I was delighted, I felt so grateful and blessed. My heavenly Father had once again answered my prayers in a bold, powerful and loving way. I knew that I had to be faithful to my tithing promise.

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

18 – JEFF & DIANE TACHIERA



<u>Income & Expenses for the month</u> <u>of October, 2009</u>	
Income:	\$ 22,796.12
Expenses:	\$ 19,166.88



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

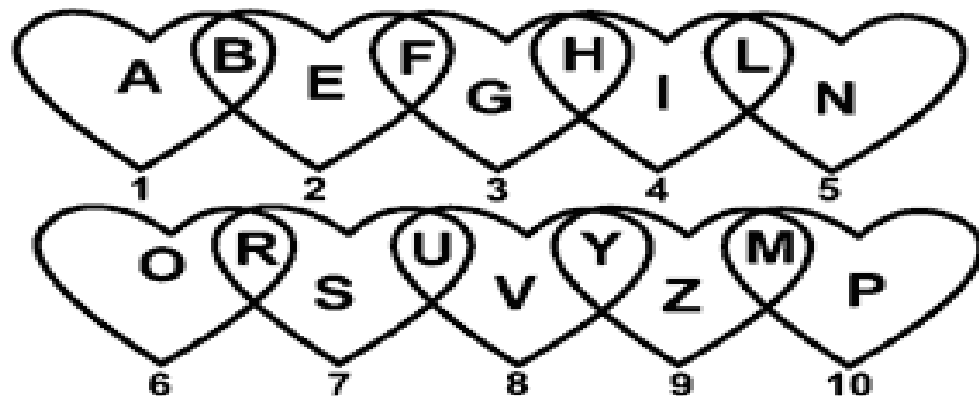
- 4 – BENJAMIN THIESSEN
- 5 – JOHN DAWSON
- 14 – GINGER BEAN
- 14 – DENNIS LeVASSEUR
- 17 – JEFF TACHIERA
- 20 – MERIDITH AMASS
- 21 – NANCY BLANKENSHIP
- 21- BRIAN THIESSEN
- 24 – SAMANTHA SIMES
- 30 – GREG ALBERTON





THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Years have gone by since then, and tithing has changed my attitude about many things. I have learned to trust God more completely in all aspects of my life, not just the financial ones. "My" money and "my" possessions don't seem to have such a hold on me anymore, especially since they all belong to God anyway. I now realize that I am just God's steward, responsible for the people and things He has entrusted to me. There are some months when I do a good stewardship job and other months I'm not so good. But one thing is for sure, I'm still trusting God with my checkbook ... after all, it belongs to Him!

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for prayers for my brother, Mark. He is fighting an infection right now, and cannot start treatments until it clears up. His request is for continued prayer for his healing (failing kidneys). He, his wife and son thank you all for your prayers and concern.

Love in Christ, Daniel Vraa.

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your lavish expressions of love and support during October: "Pastors' Appreciation Month." Karen and I were truly blessed by your cards, food, nice gifts, goofy gifts and other expressions of love. Thank you. We love you, too.

Dan and Karen Vraa.

Tithing facts:

Tithe (10%) is a "floor" not a "ceiling" for financial stewardship

OT teaches tithing (firstfruits) + special offerings (Pharaoh wanted 20%)

NT teaches 100% of who you are and what you have

God does not want your money ... he wants you, and He wants you to be free from mammon.

"Excellence in All Things"

Honor God, and God will honor you

Principle of Excellence in Giving:

first fruits of crops

spotless from the flocks

NOVEMBER 2009

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Ministry 6:45—7:15pm Awana 6:45—8:15 pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:15—8:15 pm	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Women's Bible Study 10:00am Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm	<i>11</i> VETERANS DAY Adult Bible Study 10am Family Ministry 6:45—7:15pm Awana 6:45—8:15 pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:15—8:15 pm	<i>12</i> Ladies Aid Potluck @ 12:00 pm Everyone Welcome	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Ladies Aid A Holiday Bazaar 10:30—2:00 Lunch @ noon
<i>15</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Women's Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 7:00pm	<i>18</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Ministry 6:45—7:15pm Awana 6:45—8:15 pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:15—8:15 pm	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am Stewardship Dinner 5:30—8:00	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Women's Bible Study 10:00am	<i>25</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Ministry 6:45—7:15pm Awana 6:45—8:15 pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:15—8:15 pm	<i>26</i> Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	<i>27</i> Office Closed	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	<i>30</i>	Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Adult Bible Study 10am Family Ministry 6:45—7:15pm Awana 6:45—8:15 pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:15—8:15 pm			