



The BCC Connection

*October
2025*

*Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans*

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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.

HALLOWEEN



OUTREACH

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring a Halloween Outreach again this year. Your candy donations will be appreciated. There will be a box set out for this purpose.



There's something nostalgic about the scents of autumn, the foliage with rich changing colors, the foods and holidays, traditions like apple picking and leaf piles, and cooler weather after a hot summer. As Christians, let us remember these 3 things about autumn:

1. Autumn Refreshes Us with New Wonder

Spring brings its own beauty to the world, and it's a relief to see green and new growth after a long, harsh winter. Then spring morphs into summer, and after a while, green becomes the new normal. It's not necessarily that we get tired of green, but in a way, we get used to it.

a) "There's nothing wrong with the leaves. It's me: repetition inoculates me against wonder. Like G. K. Chesterton says, I don't have God's capacity to delight again and again at each

new leaf. He keeps unfurling them—they even wave to get my attention!—but the eyes of my soul glaze over."

b) "In autumn, the creativity of God hollers. Look at these things! These paper-thin solar cells that convert sunlight into acorns! They're everywhere, and they're made by a God who, as N. D. Wilson reminds us, doesn't know how to stop creating. Autumn reminds us that there's a world of wonder."

2. Autumn Reminds Us of the Promise of Glory

In our culture, we see glory in youth and newness. Aging is looked upon with a wary and skeptic eye. "We are spring-and-summer," people. But we can learn from change, Rhea shares,

"My parents' leaves are starting to change. Their color is silver rather than red, but the glory is the same. They may not have quite the same speed on the Frisbee field. But they have wisdom and grace and decades of joy that shine in their faces. They're taking on the beauty of autumn, showing dimensions of glory that my green summer-self doesn't display."

3. Autumn Prepares Us for Winter's Coming

Inevitably, autumn's beauty and wonder fades into winter's chilled silence. Autumn doesn't stay; it fades and falls away just like the leaves on the trees. Rhea expounds, "Autumn reminds us that our leaves too will die. The curse we inherited from our father-tree, Adam, means we have our seasons, and then we go. Winter takes us all."

This is a sobering thought. Just like autumn, I will not last forever on this earth. Winter is a stark reminder that there is a price for the curse we were born under...but there is hope. Rhea tells us,

"Autumn can draw our attention to the one man who broke through winter into an unending summer. The one who spent three days brown and dead in the dirt and came back in an indestructible green. The one who wasn't just a leaf; he was a whole new tree."

"Winter comes to us all. But winter isn't the end for Christians, because our lives are joined to a tree that winter cannot touch. Death has no sting; winter has no bite. We will fall from the tree of Adam, but we will flower again in a spring of eternal, glorious growth."

It's this truth, according to Rhea, that "gives us the hope to die beautifully." When I die, I don't want to be clinging to the edges of this earth, begging for one more tainted day. I want to die with grace, falling back into the arms of my Savior, knowing that His beauty is greater than anything I could compare on this earth.

Edited from a Crosswalk article by Joseph Rhea



Twisted Scripture

John 9:2

“His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

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The Eastern idea of reincarnation teaches that after we die, we are destined to return as someone else in another life. Followers of Hinduism and Buddhism believe that how you live now (called “karma,” “which can be made of of either good or bad things) determines whether your next life will be pleasant or miserable. Taken out of context, one might use John 9:2 to argue that the disciples believed in reincarnation, yet Jesus answered their question in a way that proves the impossibility of someone sinning before birth, and hence the impossibility of karma and reincarnation. He said the man was born with an affliction not because he sinned in a past life, but “so that God’s works might be displayed in him” (vs. 3). Hebrews 9:27 further supports the impossibility of karma and reincarnation when it says, “it is appointed for people to die once” before the judgment comes. That is why ‘now is the day of salvation’ (2 Corinthians 6:2). Resurrection, not reincarnation, is what awaits us after death.

John 3:5

‘Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”’

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This verse is often used to justify the mistaken belief that water baptism is required for salvation. There are several problems with this interpretation. First, Jesus elsewhere said that He came to ‘seek and to save the lost’ (Luke 19:10). Since the New Testament never says Jesus baptized anyone, it seems obvious that baptism is unnecessary for salvation. Second, rather than baptizing, Jesus went around teaching everyone who He was and telling them that it was necessary to believe in Him. In His own words, “God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Furthermore, He made it clear that condemnation is based not on failure to be baptized, but on failure to believe in Him (John 3:16). Finally, if baptism is a requirement for justification before God, it would conflict with the biblical teaching that salvation comes by faith alone (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Luke 23:44-46

‘It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.’

Pg. 1113 Apologetics Bible

Some critics claim that Jesus merely fainted during His crucifixion, and was mistaken for dead, and was then hauled down and buried alive. Further, they say that He escaped the tomb and appeared to His disciples, who mistakenly believed that He was resurrected. However, there are sure signs that Jesus actually died. The Roman soldiers usually broke the legs of the crucifixion victims to speed up their deaths. When they set out to break Jesus’ legs, they discovered that He was already dead (John 19:33). To prove this to themselves, the soldiers pierced Jesus’ heart through His side (John 19:34). This would have killed Him if He wasn’t already dead. In addition, blood loss due to His flogging and the piercing of His hands and feet (which would have severed arteries and nerves) made death inevitable. Also, the skeptic must explain how it’s possible that a badly wounded Jesus could escape a closed tomb, sneak past Roman guards, and go on to convince His followers that He had conquered death.



October

Moments of Worship

Day 1: Daniel 2:20

Day 2: John 4:24

Day 3: Psalm 22:27

Day 4: Psalm 29:2

Day 5: Psalm 66:4

Day 6: Psalm 95:6

Day 7: Psalm 96:9

Day 8: Psalm 99:5

Day 9: Psalm 138:2

Day 10: Jeremiah 7:2

Day 11: Psalm 34:3

Day 12: Psalm 69:30

Day 13: Luke 1:46

Day 14: Psalm 22:22

Day 15: Psalm 27:6

Day 16: Psalm 33:2

Day 17: Psalm 34:1

Day 18: Psalm 35:8

Day 19: Psalm 40:3

Day 20: Psalm 42:5

Day 21: Psalm 44:8

Day 22: Psalm 47:6

Day 23: Acts 16:25

Day 24: Romans 15:11

Day 25: Ephesians 1:6

Day 26: Hebrew 2:12

Day 27: Hebrews 13:15

Day 28: 1 Peter 2:9

Day 29: Psalm 68:4

Day 30: Psalm 69:34

Day 31: Psalm 71:8



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Weekly Service Schedule for October 2025

Service	5th	12th	19th	26th
Greeter	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed		Cyndy Haber-	Karla Reed
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Nursery	Shana Post	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Sound	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Cait Crego
Computer	Maddie Bias	Matthew Zander	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Wyatt Crego
Call to Worship & Prayer	Layne Valade	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Prayer Elder	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Brian Reed
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Diane Lepior
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Evans
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Dan Bryant 1 Corinthians 1:10, 18	Sandy Braid 1 Corinthians 2:1 -5	Carl Cooke 1 Corinthians 3:10-11	Layne Valade TBD
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Financial Team	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Layne Valade	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
Communion	James Huguelet			

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, ***please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.***
The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your service to our church!

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you
do not know what a day may bring



Proverbs 27:1



I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS: POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

*Provide the answers for
these post-resurrection appearances.*

1. The first of Jesus's friends to see Him alive again.
2. The first to reach the tomb and look inside.
3. The second to reach the tomb and look inside.
4. What the disciples thought they saw when Jesus first appeared to them.
5. The town the two disciples were going to when Jesus joined their walk.
6. The disciple who was not with the Twelve when Jesus appeared after passing through locked doors.
7. Jesus showed Thomas this to erase his doubts about Jesus.
8. What Jesus was making for the disciples when they came in from fishing.
9. The largest number of people who saw Jesus at once after the resurrection (according to Bible accounts).
10. This was where Jesus and His followers were when He ascended to heaven.

Answers on pg 11

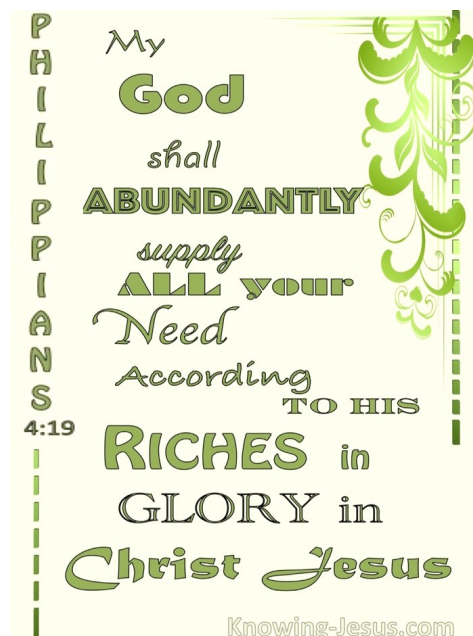
This Month's Cause for Celebration!



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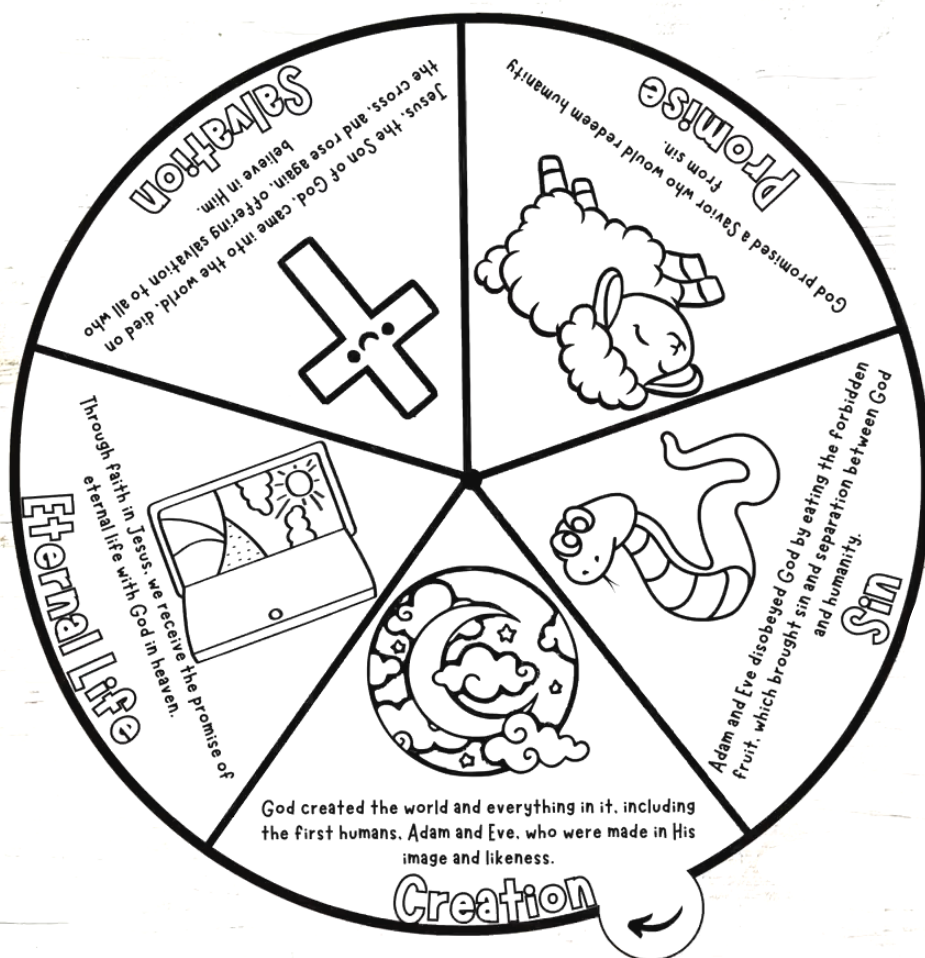
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9	John & Beth	Rumery
12	Lee & Cyndy	Habermehl



Kids Corner



Mission News!

FILL THEM WITH



Operation Christmas Child

We are starting to collect Operation Christmas Child Boxes now! You can pick one up in the overflow room. When you finish filling it, you can return it to the adult CE room. There's a list of ideas you can put in your box on the missionary bulletin board.

There's also a list of things that we can't send. You can take a picture with your phone of the lists or pick up a copy when you pick up a box. The boxes need to be in by the end of October.

The boxes go to children all around the world who may have never received a Christmas gift before! Talk to Karla Reed for more information. She will be in the overflow area on October 5th after church to answer question concerning the OCC boxes!

Missionary Christmas in October!

Each year we collect for each of our missionaries. (The money jar is by the mailboxes in the bell tower, if you'd like to give that way. You can also write a check and write Missionary Christmas on the memo, OR give cash.) Then we send them a generous Christmas gift! It's a wonderful way to let our missionaries know we love them during the Christmas season! We appreciate you for giving to our missionaries!



Halloween Outreach

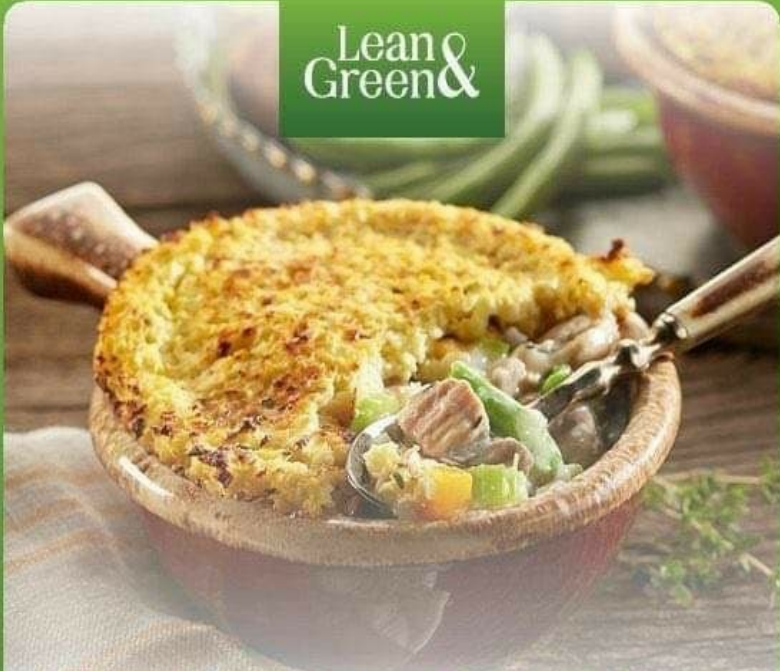


Our Halloween outreach is coming up soon! You can donate Halloween candy in a large box provided near the doors. We hand it out October 31, when our town has trick-or-treating hours. We also usually have cider, coffee and donuts. We've had many good opportunities to talk to people in our neighborhood! It gives us a great opportunity to show love to our neighbors! Watch for the date that we will be putting candy bags together. It's fun to come and help do that!!

Mission Meeting

Our next mission meeting is Monday, October 13th, at 10:00 a.m. (We're looking for a few new faces to join us! Are you interested?)

Grandma's Kitchen



Lean & Green

Cauliflower Crust Chicken Potpie

• Yield: 4 Servings • Per Serving: 1 Lean, 3 Green, 2 Condiments
• Total Time: 45 minutes • Per serving: 270 Calories • 31g Protein • 9g Carbohydrate • 12g Fat

Ingredients

- 4 cups riced cauliflower
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 egg
- ¼ tsp or less of each: salt & pepper, divided
- 1¼ lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs cut into bite-sized cubes
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ cup diced kabocha squash
- ½ cup quartered button mushrooms
- ½ cup cut green beans
- 1-2 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Combine cauliflower and water in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 5 minutes or until cauliflower is tender. Drain and allow cauliflower to cool. Place cauliflower in a cheesecloth to squeeze out as much liquid as possible.
- Mix ¾ of the riced cauliflower with the parmesan cheese and egg. Reserve the other ¼ of riced cauliflower for later.
- On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, spread cauliflower mixture into 4 equally-sized circles that will fit the inside circumference of your serving bowls. Bake cauliflower crusts until center is dry and crust is golden brown.
- Add the remaining ingredients to an Instant Pot, including the reserved riced cauliflower, to make the potpie filling. Secure lid, push meat/stew mode, and adjust time for 10 minutes. When Instant Pot beeps, naturally release pressure.
- Ladle chicken potpie filling into bowls and top each with a cauliflower crust.

Slow Cooker Method: Make the cauliflower crust as direct. Add all of the remaining ingredients for the potpie filling to a slow cooker. Cover with lid, and cook on low for 2 hours.

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Spaghetti Squash Gratin

1 lean - 3 Green - 0 Healthy fat - 3 Condiment
(per serving)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. 3-oz. spaghetti squash
- 1 egg
- ½ cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ¾ tsp fresh thyme
- ⅛ tsp salt
- ⅛ tsp pepper
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat grated Parmesan cheese
- Cooking spray

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Halve the squash and scoop out the seeds. Bake face down on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper until squash is easily pierced with a fork, about 30 minutes. Allow to cool, then scoop out spaghetti strands and place in a large bowl.
- Meanwhile, in a medium-sized bowl, mix remaining ingredients except for the parmesan cheese. Stir the mixture into the spaghetti squash strands.
- Spread into a lightly greased casserole dish. Top with parmesan and press down to moisten. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes.

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Tuesdays by appointment
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 	6	7	8 ? Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elder's 7:30 pm	9	10	11 8:00 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast
12	13 Missions 10 am CE 6:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18 10 am to Noon  5:15 PM Game Night
19 6-7:30 pm  & Youth Group	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

Weekly activities: Wednesdays 10am Adult Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30pm Adult Small Group
Tuesdays: Karate

**I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS:
POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES**

1. Mary Magdalene
2. John
3. Peter
4. a ghost
5. Emmaus
6. Thomas
7. hands and side
8. breakfast
9. 500
10. Mount of Olives



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