

**FROM THE PASTOR
JIM GARRISON**

This issue of the Growler will be coming out just as we launch into Vacation Bible School, a “High Seas Expedition” into the love of God. Our sanctuary will be transformed into a tall-masted sailing ship where kids will gather on deck to sing praises to God. Appropriately, the ship is not only a fun decorating theme, it is also an ancient symbol for the church, often found in stained-glass windows and church banners. If the church is a ship, what kind of a ship should we be? Not every boat conveys the symbolism of the church equally well.

If you sit beside the South Fork of the American River, you are likely to see a parade of kayaks. Kayaking is great fun and exercise, but not really a good symbol for the church. Most river kayaks seat only one, so each paddler is really on his or her own. This is a good symbol for how many Americans think of their spiritual life – something personal that they do on their own according to their own preferences. But church is something we do together. The Christian life was never meant to be lived apart from Christian community.

Some of you have had the pleasure of taking a cruise. You consult your travel agent, pick your destination and accommodations, and pay your money. Then you sit back, relax, and let the crew take care of all your needs. Again, it is an enjoyable pastime, but not a good symbol for the church. Unfortunately, some people do approach church

like a cruise ship. They show up with their baggage, pay their “fees,” and expect the “crew” to do all the ministry.

A sailing ship makes a much better image for the church. Every person on board is part of the crew, not the cargo. Each person has a vital role to play and we are on the journey together. As the crew works to adjust the sails it maximizes the power of the wind a Biblical symbol for the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray that you are onboard and an enthusiastic crew member. May God guide our congregation that we may work together and follow His course.



**Nevada County Concert Band presents its Pioneer Park
Picnic & Pops**

The first concert was on June 27 and had a “South of the Border” theme. There will be two more concerts; one on July 25 and the next on August 22. Concerts begin at 5 and last until about 7pm. The place is Pioneer Park, corner of Park Avenue and Nimrod Street, Nevada City, CA, and the entertainment is free. One or both of these concerts could be a nice outing for our church members. We will all enjoy the music of Jerry Wassmund who is just one of the 60 piece band under the direction of Cheryl Woldseth.

Let's go!



Let's Go Fishing

The first annual "Bob Bennett Let's Go Fishing" day, hereafter known as Let's Go Fishing, was held at Lake Walton on Saturday the 26th of June. We had six kids and two toddlers (they had a pole, but no hook). We enjoyed about three hours of fishing; then we lost their attention. We finished the day with barbequed hot dogs, chips and pink lemonade. It was agreed that we definitely need more kids and adults involved to make this annual event more robust. One fish was caught by one of the children brought by a friend of Carol Martin. My thanks go to Jim and Cindy Garrison, Carol Martin, and, of course, Mary Ellen, for helping to make this event possible.

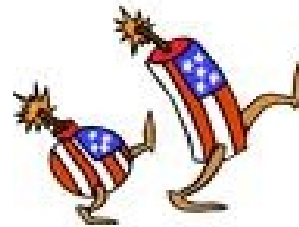
Gary W. Johnson, Chairman Mens Ministry

Divide Food Basket

The Food Bin in Buckner Hall is looking a little empty this time of the year. Please remember that children are out of school for the summer and the demands on the Food Ministries on the Divide have increased. There are a lot of families out there that are hurting and the Food Ministries in

Cool, Greenwood, Georgetown, and Garden Valley are showing significant increases in families coming in for food. We generally need things like peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna and chicken, along with soups and other non-perishable food items. We have identified the first Sunday of each month as our food collection Sunday, but we collect all month long and give to the food ministries by the end of the current month.

**Gary W. Johnson,
Chairman Divide Food Basket Ministry**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ROGER MOSTAR
- 1 JOYCE BUCHHOLZ
- 2 KIM THOMPSON
- 2 MELISSA ARREOLO
- 3 DERALD GRANBERG
- 4 SARAH ROBINSON
- 13 DEBRA JOHNSON
- 15 ETHAN ELLIOTT
- 16 GLYN LONG
- 16 DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN
- 17 BRIAN WALSH
- 17 MARY BOITNOTT
- 27 MIKE MURCHIE
- 29 JUNELL MURCHIE

If you are new to our church family, please call your Growler editor at 530-333-4581. We want to publish your birthday.

**COMING IN AUGUST
YARD SALE**

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A TRUSTEES PROJECT

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS	CUMULATIVE
JANUARY	11,115.77	9,727.93	1387.84	1,387.84
FEBRUARY	10,512.52	12,365.41	(1852.89)	(465.05)
MARCH	9,102.48	12,749.87	(3,647.39)	(4,112.44)
APRIL	10,119.61	13,279.60	(3159.99)	(7,272.43)
MAY	11,111.26	11,898.98	(787.72)	(8,060.15)

GOOD NEWS

Mark Hendrix was chosen Teacher of the Year by the senior class at GSHS. ASB President, stated "Mr. Hendrix is a hero to high school students everywhere. He makes subjects like economics and civics interesting. He can magically change a boring lecture into an awesome application to life." Mark is also advisor to the award winning student newspaper, ***The Bear Facts... and Grizzly Details***. Annette has five sons and the family is proud of Mark's 20+ years of teaching at Golden Sierra.

The announcement was made at the most recent Healthy Eating Dinner. Wedding bells will ring on October 2nd at the Monument Picnic Grounds when the bride, Diana Noreiga-Parn, and her finance, David Tevis, tie the knot. Congratulations!

Vivian and Buck Teel are bursting with happiness over the birth of their first great-grandbaby! Kane checked in on June 5th at 8:30am. His mother, Kimberly, and he are doing just fine.

Eleanor Hansen is extraordinarily proud of Vanessa Fuller, her granddaughter. Vanessa, while working almost full time, put herself through college at the University of California at Davis. And she did it in four years! To celebrate they are planning a trip to Europe in the fall.

For the third year in a row, Grace, Jane, Samantha & Katie will spend a week with their grandmother, Annette Hendrix, and they will attend VBS

Rob Posley is justifiably proud of his daughter, Giana. She is not only drop-dead beautiful, she was this year's valedictorian from Georgetown School.

The Women's Ministry hosted a festive party honoring John Richard's one hundredth birthday. Bill and Patti Dalton and grandsons John and Aaron were among special guests. It was wonderful to see John looking good with smiles for everyone.

The following Sunday Mary Boitnott and her crew put together a tri-tip dinner for the entire church with the men as the special guests because it was Father's Day. Thank you, Mary! It was lovely!

Here's the good news from Loran Berck. "Our David and his lovely Mary were married as planned under the Sundial Bridge in Redding, CA, on Saturday, June 12th. What an event. It wasn't just a wedding, it was also an incredible time of worship! David and Mary had written their own vows and when David finished sharing his, the officiating pastor said, "Wow, what am I here for; that was incredible!" Mary shared her vows and then I had the privilege of

administering Holy Communion to them. The only problem was that I and everyone else were shedding bucket loads of tears! It was all I could do to keep myself together. What a blessing for all of us. David and his lovely bride took off for a month long honeymoon to the Greek Islands and Israel."

Although we all miss Helen Cornman when she goes off to visit her daughter and granddaughters in Idaho, I don't think she misses us very much! Jack and Helen actually made two trips to Idaho; the first was to witness granddaughter Tara's graduation from nursing school and being pinned. Tara graduated from Northwest Nazarene University with honors. It was a two day event: she was pinned one day and graduated the next day. Because it was a Christian school, hymns were sung and there was praise to the Lord!

The Cornman's second trip was for Trista's wedding. First there was the shower and then an interlude of playing with eleven month-old Jackson. He is almost ready to walk and absolutely the most adorable child! As the wedding date approached the weather was consistently bad, but lots of prayers resulted in a lovely day for the wedding. Of course, the bride was beautiful, but the ring bearers stole the show. Jackson, wearing a tux, rode down the aisle in a little wagon with the ring pillow between he and his cousin, Courtney, who is only two weeks older. Both children were smiling and waving to the congregation. The bride and groom are honeymooning in Hawaii. Helen and Jack brought Carolyn Renwick home with them.

It's always fun to show off our landmarks to visitors and Carolyn has now seen Old Sacramento and the Railroad Museum and Sutter's Fort. On another day Beverly Lambert joined them and they went up to Lake Tahoe to ride the glass bottom boat and a ski lift. They are sorry Carolyn is

going home to Pennsylvania.

It was on June 4th when Ashley and Mickey Rome graduated from Golden Sierra High School. On June 5th Becky Rome graduated from Woodland High School with a Drama Honor Bar. We are proud of all three of you and we wish you all the best things in your future! Congratulations to Mickey Rome who has been accepted into Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, beginning in the fall.



Mary Louise Borello enjoys vicariously the travels of her family members. Her sixteen year old granddaughter, Gwen Brown, is currently in Scotland visiting relatives. She was in Germany on Father's Day, but she called her dad to wish him happiness. One son just returned from traveling in Italy and another son went to San Diego where they visited the airplane museum, Sea World, a car museum and the highlight was Mission San Diego where they saw many docents involved in crafts of yesteryear. Meanwhile, back at home, Gene and Mary Louise helped a good friend celebrate a 90+ birthday.

Shannon Mclaughlin writes to say she will complete the culinary program at SBCC and earn her AA degree in the fall. Good for you, Shannon!

Jeanine DeBerry drove to Santa Cruz to join her daughter and son-in-law, Jacquie and Kenneth, for the big event of

their son's graduation from Porter College-University of California. David Perlmutter earned a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Literature and graduated with Dean's Honors. David is also talented in music where he excels in playing drums, guitar and piano. He will take some time off from school to work before continuing his education.

Kim and Greg Thompson went down to the University of Redlands to be with Jim's girlfriend Kelly and her family for graduation. Kim's mother Alice joined in and every one had a good time. Two weeks later Kim and Greg went to Point Reyes for three days and two nights. They hiked everyday and enjoyed the quite and beauty of the coast

Mike and Rena Harrison just returned from two months on the road in their motor home. Their furthest point of travel was to visit relatives in Mississippi. Welcome home!

It's good to have the Harrison's back from their travels especially since we have just bid farewell to the Poindexter's and the Buchholz for their long anticipated trip to Alaska. Meanwhile Howard Hiemke and his grandson are traveling in Peru. Wayne and Frances Fuller are on a month long automobile trip across the Western United States and into Mexico. We miss you all, but we pray you a safe and pleasant journey.

These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: 'Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer.. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

Vacation Bible School 2010

When you receive your newsletter, we will be in the midst of our 2010 Vacation Bible School. We are excited to welcome children from our community to our High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God! During High Seas

Expedition, the children will be singing, playing games and learning about how God's love works in our lives. Each day, the children will be learning stories from the book of Acts and learning Bible verses from Psalm 119. For example, on Monday, they learned that God's Word is true (Psalm 119: 151) and studied God freeing Peter from prison (Acts 12: 1 - 19). They will also be learning to keep their eyes open for the things God is doing all around them.

During the week we will be participating in a mission project "Operation Kid to Kid," through World Vision. This year we are making special "God Loves Me" blankets - a cuddly blanket with the words "God loves me" printed on the fleece. We also have special "God Loves Me"

coloring books to include along with the blankets. The children will personalize their gifts with prayers and drawings and send them to children in South Africa who have lost their parents and families to HIV-AIDS. We invite you all to help with this project by tying a knot and saying a prayer for the child who will receive the blanket. Look for the blankets in Buckner Hall after worship.

On Sunday morning, July 4, the children will be participating in our worship service. The sanctuary will still be decorated and the children will sing some of the music they learned during the week. Following the service you are invited to the potluck barbeque at the church.

Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard in planning and preparing for VBS! Thank you for all your support and all your prayers!

- Kathy Garrison

High Seas
Expedition Director



The Electrician's Hymn
The Shopper's Hymn
The Realtor's Hymn

Send the Light
Sweet Bye and Bye
I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop

The Gift of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but merry, and they smile through their troubles, in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy or heart....the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

Martin Luther

Life in the Hymnal

The Airport Manager's Hymn	Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
The Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There Is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
The Picknicker's Hymn	Let's Break Bread Together on Our Knees
The Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I May See
The Fisherman's Hymn	t' is Well with My Soul
The Cardiologist's Hymn	True Hearted, Whole Hearted
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On