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The Mission of the El Estero Presbyterian Church is to Glorify God
through a Grateful Commitment
to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Pastor Ted's Message



Halloween And The Reformation

"For **by grace** you have been saved **by faith**, and that **not of yourselves**, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

On October 31st, we will see children dressed up in costumes, roaming their neighborhoods, knocking on doors and saying "Trick Or Treat." It seems that while most people's attention will be turned to Halloween parties and Trick Or Treat candies, most Christians will forget that this is the day that launched the Protestant Reformation.

On Monday October 31st much of the culture will be focused on Halloween and "Trick or Treat." Protestants, however, have something far more significant to celebrate on October 31. It will be **Reformation Day**, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation. The Protestant Reformation was a "**protest**" against some of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and Martin Luther along with others sought to "**reform**" the Catholic Church.

Whenever an elder or deacon is ordained or installed in the Presbyterian Church, they are asked the question: "*Do you receive and adopt the essential tenant's of the Reformed Faith?*" Most Presbyterian's do not know or understand the essential tenant's.

Just a few of the essential tenants include the understanding that; true Christianity is based on **Scripture Alone (sola scriptura)**; our Salvation in **Christ alone (sola Christo)**; that we are saved by **Grace alone (sola gratia)**; through **Faith alone (sola fide)**; and all of this is for **God's Glory Alone (soli deo gloria)**. These are a few of the key essential principles of the Reformation.

Take time today to pray that the Lord would give you a deeper understanding of the essential tenants of our reformed faith and that through them your spiritual life would be renew, revived, and strengthened.

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Ted

My Personal Testimony with Jesus, Ellie Hattori

I literally grew up around Lincoln Christian Center in Sacramento, a few blocks from my childhood home. I remember as a young child walking to church with my mother several times a week. We not only went for Sunday services but also my sister's piano lessons, my Bluebird and Campfire Girl meetings, my mother's English lessons and citizenship classes and so many more activities. I think it was our home away from home. It was a comfortable place. There my mother was able communicate with everyone. Cantonese remained her major language her entire 101 years of life.

Being the youngest of 7 children, there was a wide range in our ages. My father left for work early and returned after dinner. My mother returned to the canneries when I was 5 years old. I found myself then always following my next older sister Sylvia around, who was 3 years older. I tagged along for most of her activities after school which continued to be around the church. It was then I heard the bible stories and started memorizing the books of the bible.

Unfortunately, during middle school the majority of my sister's friends were not Christians and we pretty much went to church only on Sundays. By high school church days became minimal.

It wasn't until I became a mother, I felt a need to find a church here in Monterey. I remembered how wonderful it was growing up as a child around a church and wanted my daughter Jenny to have the same experience. In 1977, when Jenny turned 4, I started asking friends for a church recommendation. I had met Setsuko Yamanishi at Jenny's preschool and Setsuko told me about El Estero Church. I found El Estero welcoming and was told they needed a Sunday School teacher. I immediately volunteered thinking I probably had enough knowledge at least for kindergartners.

It was wonderful to see Jenny followed by Tommy grow up at El Estero. It was an opportunity also for me to learn more about Jesus. But as Tommy and Jenny continued to remain active at El Estero through the years it also became time for me to join Rick at the office. My practice took over what time I had left when not at home. I didn't realize then, but I once again was stepping away from the church, attending only for major holidays.

Then about 10 years ago Mickey Tachibana invited me to join her ladies bible study group. I found myself immediately relating to this group. It was my answer to some personal struggles I was going through at the time. It's become not only a place to learn how Jesus fits into our lives but a safe support group to this day.

As El Estero went through it's trying years, my heart always remained at El Estero. When I heard there was a bible class on Wednesday that expanded further on Sunday's sermon, I remember thinking, this is something I may enjoy. I initially felt a bit intimidated because I felt everyone else knew so much more about the bible than I did. But as I've continued to participate over the years, it's become what was missing in my spiritual life.

Getting to know and learn from Pastor Ted Esaki have been the most influential chapter in my spiritual growth. His knowledge and sharing style of Jesus has kept me wanting to come back for more.

Ellie Hattori
June 13, 2022



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for



Anne Bevier, Bill Bevier, Don and Dori Chin, Alan Durant, Bill Esaki, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki,
 Cary Gota, Tom Gunter, Rick Hattori, Nancy Hollingsworth, Nancy Ichijuji, Wendy Ichijuji,
 Adele and Marian Kageyama, Mike Kelly, Kiku Kuwatani, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Bob McIntyre,
 Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Robert Suzuki, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas,
 Rev. Sam Tonomura, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, George Wooding.
 Shirley and the Wong family with the passing of Patrick.

Prayers for our church family, for members who are ill, those away from their loved ones, and those who are
 concerned for family and friends.

Prayers for the citizens of our world that we may defeat this Coronavirus.

Prayers for our medical professionals, first responders, emergency workers, caregivers, grocery clerks., teachers
 Prayers for those who have been laid off or are without income.

Prayers for our research and medical scientists as they work for vaccines and a cure for COVID19.

Prayers for our world leaders as they deal with the complex issues facing their nations and our world community.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Prayers for our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers for social justice, racial equality, and peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please let Pastor Ted know via email or a phone call if you have any
 prayer requests.

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let's learn together.

**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Daily Devotional: Everyday Pastor Ted writes a Daily Devotional that you can receive online through our church webpage: elesteropc.org and click on This Week

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 – 11:45 am, online through ZOOM.

A follow up of Pastor Ted's Sunday Worship Service message. Discussion follows a review of Sunday's sermon with the Sunday worship study guide. Please watch for Pastor Ted's invitation to join each Wednesday's Bible Study on ZOOM. If you would like to join a ZOOM online Bible study, please contact Pastor Ted for more information.

Thursday Evening Q&A: Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a session of questions and answers about Christianity and the Bible. You may submit your questions to Pastor Ted via email and he will respond to your thoughts on Thursday evening. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and in depth learning. Please contact or email Pastor Ted if you are interested and your questions.

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HIKING FELLOWSHIP

September 24, 2022

A Beautiful Morning at Whaler's Cove, Point Lobos State Reserve





Tomi is leading the way ...



Whaler's Cabin, Point Lobos.

See you all for an invigorating morning walk on Saturday, October 29, 10:00 am starting at the Marina Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina in Locke-Paddon Park. This will be a 30 minute walk with lunch following at 11:00 am at Richard and Natsuko's home at 228 Harben Circle, Marina Please RSVP to Richard and Natsuko if you can attend for lunch so that they can have a count of guests.

Hope you can join the Hiking Fellowship !!!





Food Bank Fund Raiser

The Deacons of El Estero Presbyterian Church kicked off the annual fundraiser this week to benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County. Letters and envelopes were mailed to members and friends of the EEPC family. The Food Bank serves more than 50,000 families monthly and 100,000 individuals annually either directly or through 240 distribution centers county wide. Please make your donations by November 10th through the mail or by leaving your envelope at the Church. Thank you from the Deacons of EEPC!

Open ART Studio

Join us for art classes led by Bob McIntyre. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00 am on ZOOM. Our class is sponsored by the El Estero Church. Everyone is welcome to sit in and listen or join in with sketching and painting. Please let Bob or Lynn know if you would like a ZOOM invitation.



Remembering The Queen

Dairy Farm.
Suzette



Calla Lily with Black Background. Regina



Arroyo Farm.
Mar



Playful Flowers. Nancy



Corrizo Plain Super Bloom. Nancy



Yosemite View. Nancy



94th Street View on 9/11/22



Hummingbirds. Michelle



Harbor Scene.
Nancy



Boathouse Morning.
Mark



Snug Harbor.
Mark



Bass Lake West Shore. Mark



Bass Lake Misty Morning.



Bass Lake West Overlook. Mark



Egret Study 1. Mark



Bass Lake Rocky Point At Dawn.
Mark

Spooky Black Cat.
Suzette



Black Cat On A Dark Night. Suzette



Our Neighborhood Bobcat. Mar

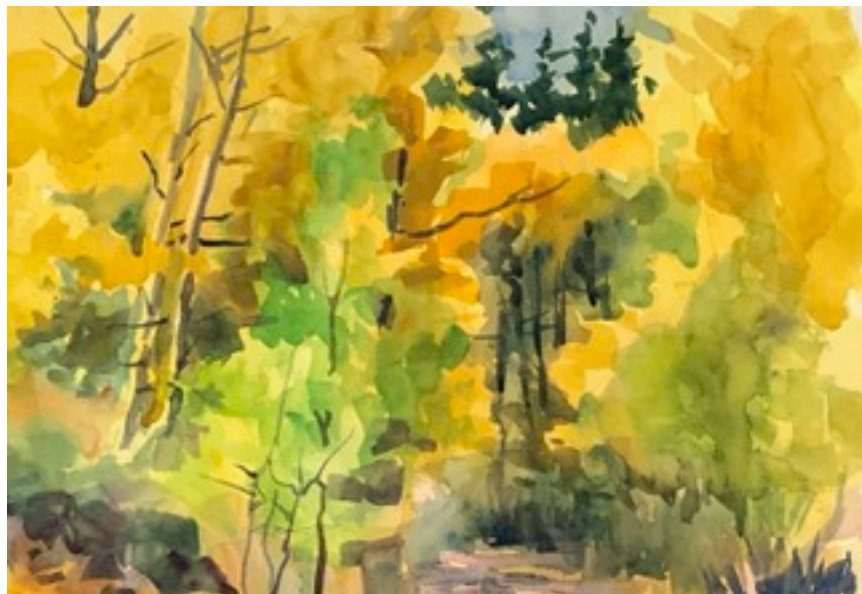
Kitty. Mike



Morning On Lake Tahoe.
Tim



Tahoe Trail.
Tim



Tahoe Aspen.
Tim



Reflections.
Rose



Open The Gate
Rose



Morning Color.
Rose



Purple Haden Cory. Irene




Halloween Sentinels.
Mark

River Valley.
KC



Spooky Owl.
KC

NOVEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month						
		1	2 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	3 1:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	4	5 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
6 10:30 am Worship Service Communion	7	8	9 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	10 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	11 Veterans Day	12 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
13 10:30 am Worship Service Session Mtg	14	15	16 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	17 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	18 Echoes Articles Due	19 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
20 10:30 am Worship Service Stewardship Sunday	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 9:30 am Art and Hiking Fellowship
27 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 am Worship Service	28	29	30 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg.			

El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, please contact Pastor Ted Esaki and watch for his email invitation. To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website elesteropc.org and click on Messages.

To join our Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:30 am on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Thursday evening Q & A session 7:00 – 8:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Open Art Studio on Saturday, 10:00 am on ZOOM, please contact Bob McIntyre and watch for Lynn's email invitation.

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*And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28*