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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



NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

Disappointment and frustration. That is how I'm feeling as I write this month's article for the Echoes. The Giants have just lost to the "dreaded" Los Angeles Dodgers. I wonder, did the Giants lose because I canceled Bible Study to watch the game?

I'm not alone with these feelings as Giant fans throughout the country are heartbroken by the Giants' loss. Vince Scully the Dodgers Hall of Fame announcer called this the most important game in the 130 year rivalry of these two teams. I'm just wondering what the right response is when your favorite sports team loses. It is not easy to accept defeat. I felt the same way when the Golden State Warriors lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Toronto Raptors in the NBA finals and the San Francisco 49ers lost in Super Bowl LIV to the Kansas City Chiefs.

It is not easy to accept defeat, especially to the Dodgers. Everyone hates to see their team lose. As I looked at my Facebook page I see that many of my friends are obsessed with sports and their favorite teams. I think there is a degree of loyalty that some fans go to that is far beyond wins and losses. I lived in Southern California for 30 years and never once rooted for the Dodgers or the Lakers.

Another question I have is why do some sports fans curse, swear and throw beer at the referees and umpires? Personally, I didn't think the Giants got the calls from the Home Plate umpire. Even the last pitch of the game was questionable by the first base umpire. But I do know that is not the type of reaction that God desires Christians to have.

The Bible teaches us that rather than being consumed by our favorite teams, we are to be consumed by the Lord Jesus Christ. Rather than showing our affection to our favorite team, we are to show our affection to Christ. Getting frustrated over our team's loss is understandable but reacting with bitterness and rage over the loss is idolatry.

I John 5:21 says, "Dear Children, keep yourself from idols."

The very first command that God gave to Moses in Exodus 20:3 was *"you shall have no other gods before me."*

The Giants had a great season and provided a lot of smiles to the fans. 107 wins was a Giants' record. The loss to the Dodgers teaches me a lesson about my own heart and where my affection needs to be placed. I hope next year God teaches that lesson to my Dodger friends!!!

In Christ,

Pastor Ted



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for

Anne Bevier, Don and Dori Chin, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Cary Gota, Ginny Heun, Adele and Marian Kageyama, Kiku Kuwatani, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, May Wong, Pat and Shirley Wong, George Wooding.

The Kuwatani family with the passing of Yaeko (Yae).

The Hattori and the Wong families with the passing of Ellie's brother, Wardon.

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 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.

Friday Evening Prayer Meeting: Every Friday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a prayer meeting. All are welcome to join the prayer session for fellowship, joys and concerns, personal prayer and prayers for those on the weekly Prayer Fuel. This is a ZOOM meeting. Please email Pastor Ted for the ZOOM invitation.

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CHRISTMAS TOY, CLOTHING, AND FOOD DRIVE



EL ESTERO CHURCH
NOVEMBER 13, 2021
Saturday
10:00 am – Noon



The El Estero Church's Deacons have planned a CHRISTMAS TOY, CLOTHING, AND FOOD DRIVE for Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 10:00 am to Noon. This will be a drive up and drop off event.

El Estero Church is located at 490 Camino El Estero. Our drop off lane will be on Pearl Street next to the church. Please drive in front of the church on Camino El Estero and turn right onto Pearl Street into the disabled parking spaces. Our volunteers will be unloading and receiving your donations so you won't have to get out of your car.

We will be collecting unwrapped toys, new clothes for children and adults, socks, caps, and blankets for the Salvation Army. We will also be collecting non perishable food items for the Food Bank of the Monterey County.

Spread the word to friends and neighbors. All donations are welcome.

Thank you for helping us support those of need in our community.



The ART and HIKING FELLOWSHIP had a BBQ at Pastor Ted's home.
We loved his NEW deck!!!



and a PASTOR APPRECIATION CAKE ...



We LOVE you, Pastor Ted !!!

Our ART and Hiking Fellowship will meet on Saturday, October 23, 9:30 am at the Grill at Lovers' Point. We will walk towards the Pacific Grove Golf Course and back to the Grill. Pastor Ted will host coffee at the PG Golf Course Café. It will be a 2 mile walk.

See you all for another invigorating morning walk.



COACH KEN IS ON VACATION WITH HIS FAMILY IN SOUTHERN CA
AND ENJOYING HIS GRANDSON, ALIK!!!

During this time with our church activities suspended, let us know how you have been staying busy. Here are some photos from our church friends. Send Marilyn a photo to let us see what you have been doing.



San Juan Bautista.
Nancy

Sailboat.
Nancy





Spring Landscape. Nancy



Sailing The Bosphorus. Linda



Moselle River. Linda

When The Circus Came To Town.
Mike





Moro Bay.
Lynn



Sailboat. KC



Elephant on Velt.
Mark



Bass Lake-- Rocky Point
Hazy Morning. Mark



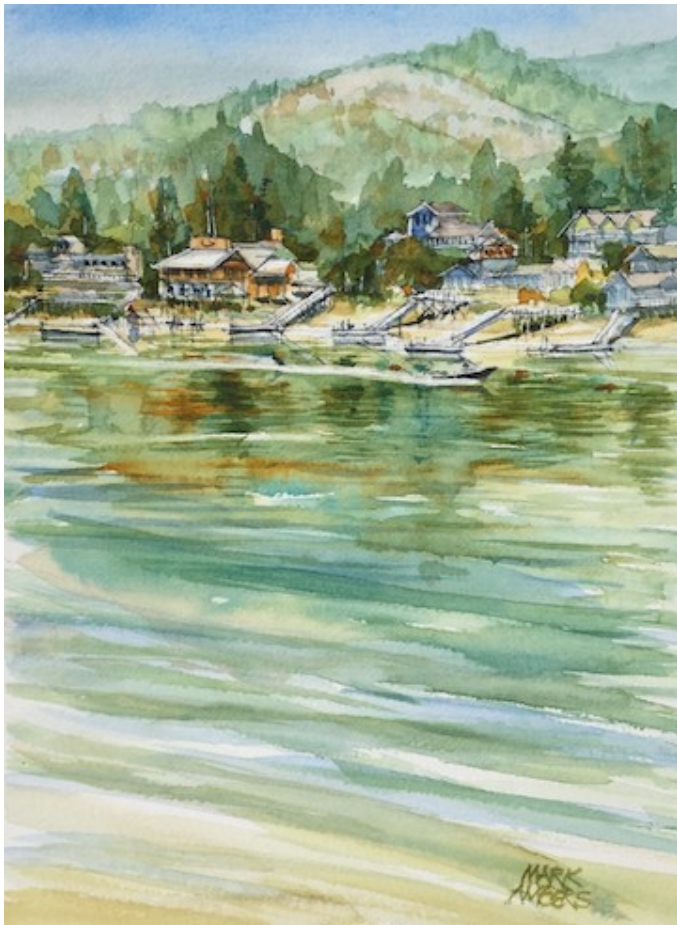
Sailing Ship at Istanbul. Mark



Bass Lake - Cabin Above Millers' Landing
Study Sketch. Mark



Bass Lake - Listing Shack Above The Forks
Mark



Bass Lake - North Shore From The Other Spot.
Mark



Bass Lake - Cabin Above Millers Landing
Mark



My Float. Nancy



Hudson River Secondary
Triad Study.
Mark



This Old House. Mar



Colorful Values. Linda



Istanbul Waters. Mike



MG Roadster. Mark

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOMI !!!
 First Place in the Seaside Fall Art Competition
 Seaside City Hall
 The gallery show is open through Dec. 17, 2021.



Mayor Oglesby, Tomi, and JoAnn.



First Place Blue is Tomi's color !!!

November 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.						
	1	2	3 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	4 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	5 11:00 am Deacons' Mtg 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	6 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
7 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Communion	8	9 3:00 pm Outreach Mtg	10 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	11 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	12 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	13 10:00 am ART on ZOOM 10:00 am to Noon Christmas Toy and Food Drive
14 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM 12:30 pm Session Mtg	15	16	17 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	18 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	19 Echoes Articles Due 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	20 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
21 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 9:30 am Hiking Fellowship
28 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM	29	30				

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 Friday evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 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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*"But you, man of God, flee from all this,
and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.*

Fight the good fight of the faith. "

1 Timothy 6: 11-12