

THE CONNECTION

THE PALO CEDRO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST NEWSLETTER
FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES

By Jodel Heier, Head Elder

What an incredible adventure it is to serve the Lord! No matter what happens in our world, we know God is in control and is constant. His love is constant. Our call as believers remains unchanged: to love God, love one another, and to share His great love for us.

This January we were notified of a one-day mission outreach opportunity in our own backyard! Two different Adventist groups, the F5 Challenge (an outdoor activity organization) and Restore International, came together and hosted the event inviting those from this area to attend. The Knutsons, an Adventist family from the Whitmore



Jodel Heier with Luke, Sam and Rylan Heier (l.to r.)

area, needed help. As many of you know, the mom and three of their four children were in a tragic motor vehicle accident nearly a year and a half ago. The mom was left paralyzed (quadriplegic) and their oldest daughter was killed. They live up in the hills and have property that needs much tending. There were many job opportunities such as working in the garden

and orchard, cleaning inside and outside the house, extending the existing fences, splitting firewood, and so forth. Over 80 people arrived from our area and other areas in Northern CA and worked nearly all day with still plenty left to do!

On our lunch break, we sat outside and ate our lunches while the Knutsons shared their story. While their story is tragic and heartbreaking, they have kept their focus on God and the hope of His soon return.

What's Inside:

- ***Helping Hands Project (Pictorial)***
- ***Jackie Reynolds Heads Up Prayer Ministry***
- ***Martin Nelson and Thea Tsagares Celebrate (Pictorial)***
- ***In Memoriam: Everett Farmer***

THE CONNECTION



There have been moments of pain and struggle, but the love of God has not been forgotten. Having lost so much, their story is filled with so much gratitude. We were there to donate our time and be a blessing, but the reality is, they were the ones blessing us with the story of their strength and perseverance amid tragedy. They provided a copy of the *Great Controversy* to all who wanted one, and there were people there who had never heard of the book before. On both sides of the situation, the givers and the receivers had the same goal: to share God's Love!

Physical labor is only one of many ways in which we can serve our brothers and sisters. Pastors often encourage us to reach out and call or send a card to a church member who may need a friend, encouragement, or simply a listening ear. When we ask, the Holy Spirit will prompt us about who we need to reach out to. Listening to His voice can make a tremendous difference in the lives of those around us.

Prayer does change things! Sometimes it seems like we are not doing much by just simply praying for one another, but it really is the most important thing we can do.

It's obvious the world is in chaos, but there's a spiritual war that is often overlooked. At times we may feel defeated but the battle has already been won. We are simply recognizing and receiving our victory. Jesus has overcome! Let us bring His light by the power of the Holy Spirit, and let Him and His love shine through us as we help our brothers and sisters. Let us unite to encourage one another and resist the lies of the enemy. Let us put up our shields of faith so the stinging arrows are deflected. Finally, let us focus on our mission, to be His hands and feet, to be the Light in the darkness, to love one another!

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” 1 John 4:7

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY CUTS AND REMOVES ALL WOOD FROM RAA GROUNDS

Several years back RAA agreed to let Palo Cedro's Helping Hands Ministry store wood rounds behind the school building in an unused space. Volunteers have steadily whittled away the pile periodically on Sunday mornings, then delivered firewood to church members or those in need.

Helping Hands Leader Dan VanZant says, “Some homeless people on the other side of the fence in the back of the grounds cut through the fence and began taking wood to keep themselves warm. We needed to clean up what was left and remove the temptation.”

In early January seven church members showed up and finished splitting and cutting the wood that was left. Eli Carter, Ken Coley, Ken Denny, Jon Jewkes, Rick Penington, Roy Stephens and Dan VanZant provided the labor.

Thank you, Men! And thank you, RAA, for the use of your grounds!

THE CONNECTION



THE CONNECTION



JACKIE REYNOLDS HEADS UP PRAYER MINISTRY

Head Deaconess Deany Giacomelli has always had a “prayer warrior” ministry as part of the deaconess group. Several years back, Deany was assessing her team. She says, “One of my goals has been to put everyone in a leadership role according to their spiritual gifts. Jackie Reynolds is a prayer warrior. I saw this gift in her, so I asked her to take on this position.”

This prayer ministry is unlike others at Palo Cedro. It doesn’t involve people gathering together for prayer or submitting requests on Facebook. “Not everyone feels comfortable praying out loud in a group,” says Jackie. “We don’t use a computer, texting, or Facebook. No social media. It’s personal and private.”

Deany says, “I’ve had people tell me they didn’t want to be involved in prayer on Facebook.” Deany knew Jackie could provide another way. Her prayer team uses the telephone.

The familiar telephone prayer chain accommodates those who prefer this way of communicating and praying. “There are people who want to be a prayer warrior, but they want to remain anonymous,” says Jackie. “They see prayer as a private thing between them and God.”

For the last four years, six other church members have joined Jackie in the phone prayer chain ministry. She says, “I think of it as a strong chain.”

Jackie has always been passionate about prayer. “I’m real strong on the power of prayer,” she says. “I believe God answers every prayer, even if it isn’t the answer we want. I wish more people realized the power of prayer.”

Jackie had been praying for the needs of church members well before her tenure as a deaconess. “When Betty Hulsey was alive, she would gather all the needs and call me,” she says. “Now different people know what we do and contact me. If anyone has a prayer need, they can get in touch with me. I’m here as a prayer warrior to pray for them and with them and pass it down the prayer chain.”

Jackie says, “Every day I open my eyes, and say “Wow! God is giving me another day! I believe God puts us on a path to touch other people. I believe that with all my heart.”

Jackie can be reached at 221-4611.



Jackie Reynolds

THE CONNECTION



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, MARTIN!



Martin Nelson

THE CONNECTION



Announcing the Marriage of

Martin Nelson & Thea Tsagares

in Reno, Nevada

January 17, 2021

Martin's 90th birthday!

THE CONNECTION



CONGRATULATIONS MR AND MRS. MARTIN NELSON!



THE CONNECTION



In Memoriam



Everett Farmer

March 3, 1946 - December 27, 2020

“A Loving Husband, Father, Papa, and Friend.

He Was My Sunshine.” Julie Farmer

THE CONNECTION



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Christine Sieber | 08 Tammy Musselman | 20 Aubrey Joline Taylor |
| 02 Jonah Jewkes | 09 Riley Keeney | 20 Chris Woodring |
| 02 Ron Penington | 09 Jackie Quirk | 21 Sam Meek |
| 03 Tauni Pigott | 10 Carel Mountain | 22 Eshon DeRose Hill |
| 03 Michael Quirk | 11 Christian Rice | 23 Lauren Bauer |
| 03 Denise Young | 13 Valerie Riddle | 23 Shelli Blakely |
| 04 Elisha Barrow | 14 Gina Douglas | 23 Curtis Cascagnette |
| 04 Rebekah Brehms | 14 Debbie Gungl | 23 Charles Finch |
| 04 Rebecca Brock | 15 Mishelle Hermann | 23 Frances Johnson |
| 04 Graham Chilton | 15 Angelina Moon/Faxon | 23 Salem Keeney |
| 04 Leilani Garcia | 16 Jan Amundson | 23 Jean Wright |
| 05 Cheryl Gregory | 16 Carole Grandmain | 24 Kensley Swartz |
| 05 Shelly Penington | 16 Debbie Milne | 24 Phyllis Yergensen |
| 06 Jaylin Dederer | 17 Jena Nunn | 25 Sara Koenig |
| 06 Les Fowler | 17 Joni Turks | 26 Rachel Douglas |
| 06 Sherilyn Greenlaw | 18 Jonathan Morris | 26 Donna Wyatt |
| 07 Miguel Garcia | 18 Stacey Schalo | 27 Paula Straub |
| 07 Justin Vance | 20 Caleb Bonneville | 28 Peter Gadreault |
| 08 Jared Coulter | 20 Doug Hughes | |
| 08 Zackery Coulter | 20 Jillian Jones | |

22585 Silverlode Lane
Palo Cedro, CA 96073

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our Vision: To Transform All People into Completely
Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

The Palo Cedro Seventh-day Adventist Church

(530) 547-4777 www.pcadventist.org

Lead Pastor: Glenn Gibson Associate/Youth Pastor: Catrina LeSure

Church Secretary: Linda Koenig

Sabbath School (Facebook & Zoom)

Family Service (Youtube)

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor: Diane Butler
Photographer: Diane Butler
Technical Advisor: Sam Meek
Mailing: Penny Coley

Videos of all sermons
are now posted

on the church website

www.pcadventist.org

Click on "Online Sermons" at the top