

FAITH & SPIRIT

Amador

Amador Christian Center, 16829 Latrobe Road, Plymouth, Office phone: (209) 245-3371.

Calvary Chapel

www.calvaryamador.org

Sunday Worship 8:30am in the chapel; child care provided 10:30am in the sanctuary with a full Children's Sunday School, 18400 Ridge Rd, Pine Grove UFC (Uniting the Family for Christ) Wed night program, 5:30-7:45pm to disciple adults, children through relationships with mentors, small group interaction, scripture memorization and practical life application from the Word of God. \$2 dinner followed by family worship, and study for children and adults. Call 209-296-5961.

Calvary Ione Fellowship

www.ccione.org

Sunday Service: 10 a.m. 10501 State Hwy 88, Jackson. Wed evening Prayer: 6pm dinner and 7pm prayer. Call 209-274-3030

Church at the Cross

www.pioneerchurch.net Worship Service, 9:30 am - 10:45 am. Nursery provided for 3 years and under. Sunday School Classes (preschool through Adult) 11:00 am - noon. 21895 Homestead Road, Pine Grove. 209-296-5075.

Church of The Nazarene

14050 Ridge Road, Sutter Creek, Sunday Worship Times 8:30 & 11:00 am; Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am. For all ages. Infant and toddler care provided. Wednesday Night "Refill" Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; 6:30-8:00 p.m. Worship and Ministries for all Ages. Mark Lehman, Pastor. (209) 267-1307.

Cornerstone Church of Ione

www.cornerstoneione.org

Sunday School, 9am, Worship, 10am, 6pm. Church & Market Streets, Ione. 274-4131.

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

faithlutheranpioneer.org Guitar service at 8 am; traditional worship at 10:30 am; Bible study 9am, Sun, and 6:30pm, Thurs. 22601 Highway 88, Red Corral, Pioneer. 209-295-4545. Pastor David Solevad.

Foothill Jewish Community

Sabbath service and social hour, third Saturday of every month at 10 am, Amador Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Road. Call Sharyn 209-267-5254 or Lucille at 295-4215.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

(Jackson Lutheran Mission); 42 Summit Street. Worship: 9AM; Sunday School (Adult) at 10:30 AM; (children during worship service); Wednesday Small Groups; Men's Prayer Fellowship every 1st Saturday, 8AM, at the Waffle Shop in Jackson, CA. Lutheran Women's Missionary League every 3rd Wed. Pastor Gene Davidenas, 209-257-1656.

Ione Community United Methodist Church

Traditional worship services will be held on the first, third and fourth Sundays with a contemporary service being offered on the second Sunday. Worship be-

gins 10:30 am, Sunday School for children during worship service. Food and fellowship in the Social Hall. Senior Meals, Thursdays at 11:30. At 150 W. Marlette; 209-274-2852.

King's View Assembly of God

432 West Marlette St., Ione, CA (209) 274-2785. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Kids Club, Wednesday. night 6-7:30 p.m., Youth Night - Thursday night 7-9 p.m. Pastor Daniel Epperson.

Mt. Zion Assembly of God, Pine Grove

www.mtzionassembly.org, Sunday School, 9am. Service, 10:15am. Wed, 7pm, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, Bible Study. Kids Connection, Revolution. 13891 Cedar Pine Ln, Pine Grove, CA. 209-296-5673.

New Life Christian Center

Breakthrough, young adults, Sunday 6pm. Uturn, youth 12-18, Fridays 7-10pm, food, games, positive message. 87 West Ridge Rd., Sutter Creek. 209-267-1263.

Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church

Sunday, 9:30 am, Tues and Fri, 9:30 am, Confessions by appointment, 26750 Tiger Creek Rd., Buckhorn, CA.

Plymouth Pentecostal Church of God

18519 Poplar St., Plymouth, CA. Church services start at 10:30 am, 209-245-3140.

Sierra Baptist Church

www.sierrabaptistpioneer.org. Sunday Worship: Sunday School-9:45am; Morning Worship-11am; evening Worship, 6pm. Wed Prayer, 630pm. At 26355 Buckhorn Ridge Rd., Pioneer. Pastor Overstreet, 295-5395.

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Saturday, 4:30 pm, Confessions by appointment, Plug at Immigrant St., Volcano, CA.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

www.stpatparish.org

Sat, 6pm; Sunday Mass, 8am & 11am; 12:30pm in Spanish. Daily Mass, 8am (except Saturday). Confessions: Sat, 3:00-3:30pm, 115 Court St., Jackson. 223-1068.

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church

www.saintsavajackson.org, 724 North Main Street, Jackson, CA. The clergy and parishioners of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church welcome all to our historic little church. Vespers Saturdays, 6 pm; Divine Liturgy 10am on Sundays. Weekday festal liturgies, 9am. Fr. Stephen Tumbas at 245-3142.

Sutter Creek United Methodist Church

www.suttercreekumc@sbcglobal.net Sunday services 9am, at 14 Main St.; Pastor Alex Cambe, call 209-267-0226. The United Methodist Church welcomes all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. Nursery care for young children is provided. Food and fellowship in the Social Hall following. Men of the congregation and their friends and coworkers are invited to attend the men's breakfast, held in private homes at 9:30am, the second Saturday of each month

Sutter Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church

www.sutterhillsda.org

Sat, 9:30 am, Bible study; Worship Service, 11am. Mon evenings, 4pm, free supper/food distribution. Wed evenings, 6pm, prayer and praise service. K - 8 grades, Mon-Thurs, 830am to 330pm; Fri 830am - 1230pm. Pastor Myron Tait, 267-1456; at 12900 Ridge Rd, Sutter Creek

The Healing Word, a

Foursquare Gospel Church

healing@volcano.net, Sunday Service 10:30 AM; Wednesdays: 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, 5:00 pm Prayer Ministry, 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study. Food Bank food distribution, 2nd & 4th Thursday each month, 12 Noon to 3 PM plus free clothing. Every Thurs, 1 to 3pm, comm-unity lunch open to all. Men's Bible study Mon, 6:30 pm; Group Study meets Wed at 6:30pm. Sunday morning service 10:30 am; family style lunch afterwards. At 26675 Tiger Creek Road, Hwy 88/Pioneer. 209-295-8699.

Trinity Episcopal Church

www.trinitysuttercreek.org At 430 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek, CA. Sunday services 8:30 and 10:30, potluck following 10:30 service on 4th Sundays. Child care, Sunday school, 10:30am service. Centering Prayer Wednesdays, 9:30am. Free English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) classes Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. office@trinitysuttercreek.org; Sutter Hill, 209-267-0255.

Calaveras

Church of the Living Word

West Point, 23717 Hwy 26, West Point. Sunday- 9:00 a.m., Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Church Service. First Sundays "Prayer Time" @ 5:00 p.m. Mon/Tues, 7:00 pm, 12 Step Recovery Group. Pastor Rod Landreth, 209-293-4366.

First Baptist Church of West Point

Sunday School, 9:30am, worship at 10:45am; evening worship at 6:00pm; Wednesday, Children's program, 6pm, Thurs, Bible Study and prayer at 6pm. Dr. Kenneth R. Terry, Pastor. 209-293-7207.

Foothill Evangelical Lutheran Church

225 East Highway 12, Valley Springs, CA 772-0940. Worship 11AM. Sunday School (Adult/Children) 10AM. Tues, 9AM. Lutheran Women's Mission Society every third Tues, 10:30 AM. Pastor Davidenas, erdavidenas@att.net

Our Lady of Guadalupe, WP

Bible Study, Thurs from 4:30 to 6PM. Saturdays, Mass 4-5 PM.

West Point Community Covenant Church

www.westpointcovenant.com Sunday school 9:45am, Church Service 11am. Monday, Youth group, 7pm; 22264 Hwy 26, West Point, CA (209) 293-4226.

El Dorado

Bayside of Placerville

www.baysideplacerville.com 9-1015am, 1045-12pm; 530-626-7288. Senior Pastor Brian Lopez, 4602 Missouri Flat Rd., Placerville, CA.

Camino Foursquare Church

www.caminochurch.com.

Sunday services 10am. Life Groups.

Christian Life Center of Pollock Pines

www.clcpollockpines.com.

Sunday Services 1030am to 12 p.m. Pollock Pines

El Dorado Community Church

- 4701 Church Street.

Sunday Service: 11:00am;

Pastor Claude Dunn, contact: hunnibears@sbcglobal.net.

Faith Episcopal Church

www.faithec.org.

Sunday Worship services, 730am, Eucharist, full services 9am & 11am.

First Baptist Church of Pollock Pines

www.fbcfpp.com. Sunday Services, 830am and 11:10am.

First Church of Christ

Church and Sunday School

11am - 2950 Bedford Ave., Placerville, one block North of Hwy 50 - Call for info (530) 622-3290.

Reading Room hours are posted at www.csplacerville.com

The Mother Lode Jewish Community

will be holding a Tu B'Shvat Seder and tree planting on Sunday, February 12 in Copperopolis at 1:30 pm. For further information and directions, call 209-533-1650 or emailmotherlodejc@yahoo.com.

Tu B'Shvat is a holiday of nature -- the New Year of the Trees. In our Mother Lode communities, we are surrounded by nature's bounty and celebrate this uniquely Jewish holiday mindful that we are stewards of the earth and its produce.

It is a wonderful holiday for old and young alike. Please join us for a relaxed afternoon. There will be ritual, song and prayer - and a few shovels of dirt to be lifted. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a folding chair, and a picnic lunch; refreshments will be provided.

The MLJC's mission is to provide opportunities and events that nurture a vibrant and enduring Jewish identity, culture and community in the Mother Lode, drawing its members from Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties. New members are most welcome.

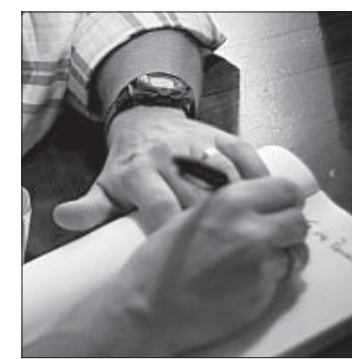
Sonora Celtic Faire

March 9-11. \$40 209-533-4420.

At the Motherlode Fairgrounds.

www.sonoracelticfaire.com

"Keeping the Faith"



Step into the Water

By Ronnie McBraye

I met Candice on a Florida sidewalk while walking to the beach. She was a young, blonde, attractive woman, and she was hovering close behind me as if she had something to say. She had something to say alright - I haven't been the same since hearing her story. My Florida congregation, where I once lived, was having a beach baptismal service, something fairly common along the coastline on Sunday mornings.

A dozen people were stepping into the water that morning, and at the last minute, Candice wanted to be one of them; thus her lurking presence behind me. Turning to her, I asked, "Can I help you?" She answered, "I think so - if you think I'm not crazy." Admittedly, such an introduction did not instill confidence. I've met more than one spiritual loony bird in my life, and I have a pretty good instinct for when one is close by. Candice didn't seem "crazy."

She appeared timid - wounded - but not crazy. She said: "Today is my first visit to your church, and I can't say why I showed up except that God wanted me here. See, this is the first time I've been to any church in a long time.

When I was a fifteen I had my long hair cut and donated it to Locks for Love, so a young girl who was having radiation treatments could have a beautiful blonde wig. I went to church the next Sunday so happy about what I had done, sporting my new pixie haircut. But the leadership of the church - because of their beliefs - was not very happy. They told me I had forfeited my 'woman's glory' and that I had disgraced myself ...

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