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Mark Your Calendars

Come join us for Study & Worship Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and for the following.

Apr 7 Sat 11:00 AM Communion Sabbath

Apr 7 Sat 1:00 PM Outdoor Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Health Ministry / Prayer Team)

Apr 8 Sun 10:00 AM Picnic & Mini-Train Ride — Hunter Park, Riverside

Apr 14 Sat 11:00 AM Women's Sabbath

Apr 15 Sun 8:00 AM Work Bee

Apr 15 Sun 11:00 AM Women's Tea

Apr 17 Tue 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

Apr 21 Sat 11:00 AM Worship in Music: Christian Edition

Apr 21 Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Deaconesses / Deacons)

Apr 27-29 Fri-Sun Annual Campout @ Mountain Lakes, Lytle Creek

May 5 Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Deaconesses / Deacons)

May 5 Sat 1:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (during potluck)

May 15 Tue 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

May 19 Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Men's Outreach Team / Deacons)

May 19 Sat 1:00 PM Deaconesses' Meeting (during potluck)

March 2018

Coming Up!



Volunteer at the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. April 7 at 2:30 p.m. is the next opportunity to serve our neighbors.



AllIll-aaaaa-board! On April 8 beginning at the 1:00 p.m. children's ministries will be hosting a **Picnic at Hunter Park** in Riverside. There are fun little trains to ride as well as a nice big playground to play on as well. Invite all your friends and family!



<u>April 15</u> will be this year's **Annual Women's Tea**. There is always plenty of food and socializing. Bring a friend with you and enjoy this decidedly feminine event!



Singing for the glory of God since 1981 **Christian Edition** will be performing at our church for the worship on <u>April 21</u>. This is a well known and highly talented group sure to thrill our hearts with the love only Jesus can bring. It will be a concert worthy of all the friends and family you can collect.



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on <u>April 15 at 8:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> Maintaining our facility is an act of worship! See Article on what a Super Work Bee means for you.

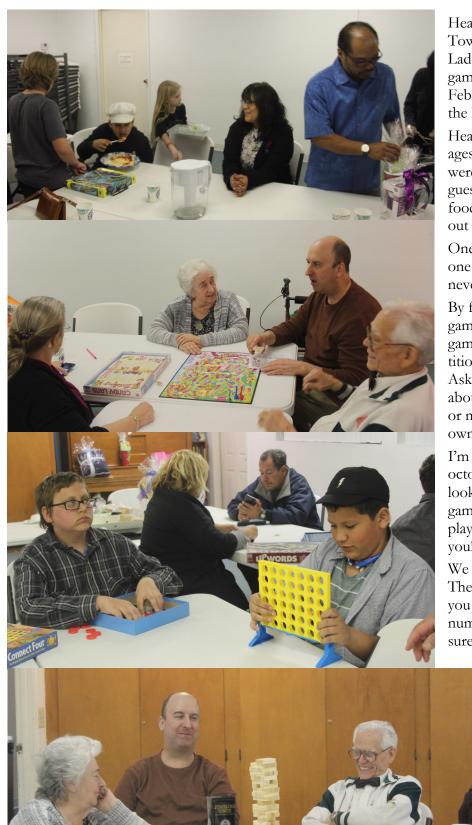


Calling all board members! **Board Meeting** Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14



<u>April 28-30</u> will be the annual **Church Campout** at Mountain Lakes in Lytle Creek. See Blanca for more details

Game Night



Headbandz, Pit, Candy Land, Jumbling Tower (better known as Jenga), Snakes-n-Ladders, and Connect Four were just a few games that were played on game night, February 24. Unfortunately you can't see the laughter in these pictures!

Headbandz was enjoyed by a variety of ages as we all tried to figure out who we were. Who knew it could be so hard to guess a picture of either a "thing, animal or food," but many of us never could figure out "who we were."

One group worked hard on not being the one to knock down the Jumbling Tower. I never found out who was the unlucky one.

By far the loudest and most aggressive game played was Pit. This stock market game is full of bulls and bears and competition to see who can corner the market. Ask Mary Lou, Nestor, Carlos or Mary about their introduction to Pit, they may or may not be able to tell you over their own laughter.

I'm still giggling over watching 2 of our octogenarians playing Candy Land. The look on Jerry's face when he chose the game and carried it away to his group of players was priceless. (Yes, Jerry I saw you!)

We all laughed so hard our stomachs hurt! The next time a game night comes around you won't want to miss out. Mary brought numerous prizes to win raffle style. I'll be sure to come to the next Game Night

since I didn't win any of the prizes!

Thank-you to all who came you brightened my life and helped me remember just how fun old fashioned games combined with good people can be. Pictionary next time? Or some other group game that only you know?

Kristi Cruise

Super Work Bee

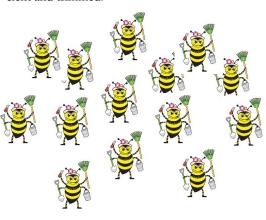


On Sunday March 18 a group of super heroes began the day with power food! (Some of the super heroes were too fast to catch in a photograph!) Before the super work bee was over the lawn had been cut, hedges trimmed, and the kitchen de-cluttered among other things.

You too can be a super hero! Come to the next work bee and contribute your skills to the job of keeping the house of God effi-

cient and trimmed.





Potluck with Promusica



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My Father's Amazing World - Venom Part 9

Slow lorises are from South and Southeast Asia. The big eyes, which make them so adorable, are an obvious indication of their nocturnal lifestyle. There are currently nine species of the slow loris and one of their claims to fame is their opposable thumbs.

Of course cuteness and opposable thumbs are not the reasons the loris is on our list, so you know venom must be involved somewhere. On the upper inner arm these little creatures have a gland that secretes a strange substance. Most interestingly this substance only becomes activated as a toxin when it mixes with the slow loris's own saliva. When the gland secretions and saliva mix, it produces a venom that is very deadly. Interestingly scientists are still trying to figure out why these little primates need a toxin of this magnitude. There are several theories such as using it as defense and using it for prey. Using it for prey could be possible, as they do occasionally eat meat, but their mostly vegetarian diet complicates this theory. On thing is known, a mother loris will spread the venom over its young, making the baby loris a very risky prey item.



It makes me think of the righteousness of Jesus. His righteousness is our covering, which He spread on us by the shedding of His blood. We are protected from the judgment not by our own righteousness but by Jesus's righteousness. We will never earn our way to heaven, it

was given to us by a loving Parent who knew we were defenseless against sin. Have you accepted what Jesus has given to you at a price unimaginable to the universe but is free for us? If not take the free gift Jesus gave you and have a new life.

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http://lemur.duke.edu/discover/meet-the-lemurs/pygmy-slow-loris/

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