

# The Orchard Weekly

November 8, 2020  
Issue 33

## Mark Your Calendar

### Sunday—11.8

9:30am Morning Worship—Prof. of Faith  
11:00am Adult Education Class  
6:00pm Evening Worship

### Monday—11.9

6:30pm Cadets  
7:00pm Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday—11.10

7:00pm Council Meeting

### Wednesday—11.11

6:30pm Grief Share Meeting  
7:30pm HS Youth Group

### Thursday—11.12

6:30pm Worship Rehearsal  
7:30pm Alpha Class

### Sunday—11.15

9:30am Morning Worship—Baptism  
11:00am Adult Education Class  
6:00pm Evening Worship

## Church Family

**Birthdays this week:** 11/8 Dave Kamper  
11/11 Joyce Van De Pol, Simon VanDyke  
11/12 David Koolhaas 11/13 Clint Kamper,  
Joyce Kok

**Anniversary this week:** 11/11 Ric & Margie  
Winters

## Announcements

**ADVANCE NOTICE: “Let’s Go Out for Breakfast“** next week Monday, November 16, at 8:30. We’re trying Country Skillet in Ripon this month. Questions call Francis or Judy Groen 599-6619

**GEMS See’s Candy Fundraiser** is going on now and you can find order forms at the Welcome Center. Orders need to be placed by Nov. 16 and will be delivered to you by Dec. 15. *Please place orders and payment made out to Almond Valley GEMS in the basket at the welcome center, our mailboxes are still not in use at this time.*

**Advent Testimonies** – The church season of advent focuses our hearts and minds on waiting for the coming of Christ. We are blessed with salvation because he has come to die for our sins. We will be blessed in his presence forever when he returns. During our advent worship services (starting November 29) the congregation would be blessed to hear testimonies from our members that answer the question, “What are you waiting for?” How does your waiting teach you about the coming of Christ? Talk with Pastor Mark (209-556-3252 or [pastormark@almondvalley.org](mailto:pastormark@almondvalley.org)) if you would like to share a short testimony on how God has been faithful during a season of waiting.

**Exciting November of Professions of Faith & Baptisms** – Throughout November AVCRC will be blessed during worship by several professions of faith and baptisms. Here’s what will be happening throughout the month:  
-November 8 – Professions of Faith of Kate Vander Veen and Madelyn Yonker  
-November 15 – Baptisms of Paul McMurray, Ethan McMurray, Sydney McMurray, and Avery McMurray  
-November 29 – Baptism of Evelyn Goslinga (Daughter of Jordan and Rachel)  
In preparation for this month please pray that each of these people will grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, **Grief Share Meeting** in the Council Room. New members welcome. Questions? Call Jerry at 543-2695.

**The Interfaith Ministries Board** is looking for a team of individuals who can fill various positions within this organization. We have a need for food, clothing and schedule coordinators as well as computer programming needs. If you are interested in a leadership role or have questions about other volunteer opportunities at Interfaith, please contact a board member at your church, or call Brechtje Harrewyn at (209) 225-5282.



**Modesto Pregnancy Center** will be hosting our fifth drive thru gifting experience this December. These drive thru events have been great blessings to hundreds of local families throughout this year. As we celebrate Christmas, our hope is to bring a little glimpse of the Christmas story into the homes of each of these families. This event's gift bags will be filled with baby necessities, information about the services our clinic offers for FREE to our community, a few fun items, and a children's book that stars Jesus as the main character. Our prayer is that the Gospel will infiltrate homes in our area while we make spirits bright in our Holly Jolly Drive-Thru.

If you want to help, gift bag kits are available at the welcome center today! Fill it & return it to AVCRC by 11/22.



## Weekly Prayer Guide

**Monday** - Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who experience severe persecution for being called Christian. Pray for endurance and faithfulness in their walk with God.

**Tuesday** - Pray for our members who are struggling with end of life decisions for themselves or for their loved ones. Pray for peace and assurance that they experience God walking with them in very tangible ways.

**Wednesday** - Thank God for the successful harvest this year. Give thanks for the safety that we were blessed with during all the work that was done. God is good.

**Thursday** - Thank God for the worship team that practices tonight. Praise God for all the talents that are shared each week: musicians, singers, tech people, and those that put the services together. May God be praised.

**Friday** - As we look back at this past week, thank God for His faithfulness to each one of us. Ask God for forgiveness where we have failed or where we could have done better. May we grow in our walk of faith each week.

**Saturday** - Pray for those who are confined in their homes and quarantined from being around others. May they experience new ways of fellowship and community with friends, neighbors, and church family.

**Sunday** - Praise God for the great work His Spirit is doing in our congregation. Praise Him for the professions and baptisms that we experience today and next week. Thank God for His faithfulness and goodness.

### Ripon Christian Sober Grad Annual Christmas Ham & Pie Sale starts now!

9 lb. Spiral Cut Honey Glazed Hams - \$35.00

Locally Made Pies - \$16.00

Order deadline is November 13th and pick up is in the PAC parking lot Friday, December 18th any time from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Use this link to order - <https://tinyurl.com/y5fwxmcz>

Contact the Sober Grad Committee if you have questions or would like to place your order over the phone. Call Melanie Mendes 209-605-4430 or Amy Dolieslager 209-604-8612

**Support RC Ag Ed & FFA** while taking home a high-quality Christmas Tree to enjoy in your home! We offer premium, long lasting, Nordmann, Noble Firs, and Douglas Firs, freshly cut and delivered from Oregon. Our sizes range from 6-10 ft and all trees are kept in cold storage. Each tree receives a fresh cut when put on display, is in a stand with water while on the lot, then gets another cut before it goes home. We are proud to offer the highest quality trees possible!

Pick up begins November 27th. The lot will be open all season and located behind the football stadium. If you have any questions, contact [ffa@rcknights.com](mailto:ffa@rcknights.com) or call Becky at 209-765-2936 to place your order! If easier you can also go to [www.rcschools.com](http://www.rcschools.com) under support RCS and you will find an order form.