



The Castro Valley Connection

Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene



December Newsletter—2019



“First Sunday of Advent — A Celebration of Hope”
Isaiah 9:6-7

Pastor Steve Redmond

Hope is a word we are familiar with. Perhaps the question we need to be asking is what does hope do? The answer to that question is phenomenal and carries with it implications that are life changing, if not world changing. The Bible always speaks of hope in terms of God's work in our lives and His will for mankind.

Specifically, the most incredible work of God is that hope we get through the coming of His one and only Son, Jesus. And with this, the hope is empowered by the announcement of his coming, the day of his coming, death, resurrection and this promised return. All of these are intensely important to the believer and carry with them the power of daily living.

As believers we must live today with the hope that drives us to live lives of confidence and victory.

Let's consider this together.




Our Guest Leader Worship Today:

Rev. Mike Garcia

Welcome!

Welcome to our House of Worship. May we all lift our hearts, lives, hopes and ambitions to the Lord for His guidance and help. Let us worship Him and Praise Him for He is Good.



End of year giving.

As you give gifts to your family and friends, consider a special gift to the Church and its ministries. Your investment means more opportunity to reach our community for Jesus.



- * Sunday School Classes meet at 9:30 Sunday Mornings.
- * Home Groups meet at various times and places.
- * Senior Luncheons happen every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- * Gospel Music Nights happen every last Sunday of the month.
- * Men's Bible Study Thursday evenings and Women's Bible Studies every other Thursday morning.



SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. All Seniors!!! Join us for a soup and salad celebration complete with a Christmas dessert. Pastor Steve will be cooking making homemade soups and salads, with fresh bread. Come and sing carols and have a great time. Bring desserts and a wrapped Christmas memento or ornament.

Contact Jane Thornell to RSVP



2020 DIRECTORY UPDATE

We'll soon have the directory update on the table for you to review and to be certain your family information is included and correct. 2020 Directories will be available for pick up on Dec. 29th.

Look for the Christmas Card Table Soon

The Christmas Card Table will be set out soon. Get your cards out early!!! Then check the table to pick up cards addressed to you.



“The miracle of Christmas is not in presents, but in His presence.”



Church Board & Leadership Christmas Dinner

December 10, 6:30
Save the date!

Celebrate His coming!



Annual Christmas Community Outreach **The Living Nativity**

December 16-20, 6:30 — 8:30 pm

Sign up with Marilyn Cole to be a part of this fantastic outreach ministry.



Dimes for Africa

Everybody save your dimes for our

DIMES FOR AFRICA

Offering on Dec. 15th

**1 dime will buy food for 1 person
for one day in areas around
Africa.**

If you don't already have a custom made dime sock, pick one up on Sunday.



Celebrations

December Birthdays

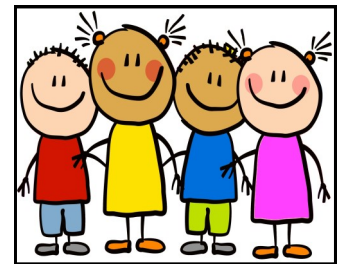
- 2 Robert Davy
- 3 Rick Eastman
- 5 Jackie Miller
- 6 Lorena Martinez
- 7 Clare Cockrell
- 16 Jim Correia
- 17 Pastor Steve Redmond
- 19 Cindy Eastman
- 20 Darrell Shinnette
- 22 Ashely Colburn
- 26 Nichole Frey-Lucero
- 30 Melanie Miller

If your birthdate is missing, please let us know to update our records.

We're Still Updating the Photo Wall:



Get your picture updated for the photo wall today. Please see Rich Oregon if you need an updated pic or if your picture isn't up yet.



Roaring Lambs Children's Church

Children ages 3 to 10 are invited to join our kid's worship. Debbie Olsen will lead today.

Join us in the Kid's Worship Center leaving with staff during offering.

Festival of Carols and Hymns

Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Bask in the joy of the season, celebrate together with Carols and Hymns.

Please bring *Christmas Cupcakes, Christmas Cupcake and bakes, for Fellowship Time afterwards.*



CVNaz Christmas Service
Candlelight
Communion Service
 A celebration of the birth of Jesus.
 December 22nd
10:45 a.m.

Prayer Requests

Mike Roach: the battle against Leukemia is very serious. Please pray for Mike, for his doctors and for Beverly as she supports him.

Greg Marler: is still battling cancer. Pray for healing, comfort and strength.

Stella Riojas needs continued prayer as she is still recovering and needs complete healing

Unspoken Needs: Not all needs are known to us or expressed by some around us. But the Lord knows. Please pray that the Lord will reveal Himself, His Grace and Healing to all who call upon His name.

Worship Leader: Please continue to pray for the Lord to send us a permanent worship leader.

Our Church: For great spiritual growth, the Lord's presence here and ever-increasing love for one another.

Church Bulletin Bloopers



A worm welcome to all who have come today.
 Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility

December Giving Report

Tithes/Offering

Monthly Income Goals:

Needed Ministry	
Budget:	\$ 18,000.00
Received: for November	\$ 16,005.13
Needed for December	\$ 18,000.00

Thank you for your faithfulness !!

Merry Christmas from Pastor Steve and Family

Christmas really is a wonderful time of the year. I get a strange little grin on my face when I'm walking through the store and I hear the sacred music of our Savior being played in the secular halls of society. The world really needs to know about Jesus. They need a Savior, they need something to believe in that will really make a difference in their lives. They need something to give them hope and bring peace. Well, if they'd listen they would hear the answer....

Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her King!"

We all know the true importance of Christmas; the celebration of the Savior, Jesus. It's not just a legend, but a life changing reality. He comes even today into the hearts and lives of those who need Him. Wow! What a message!

My family and I are so grateful to share these great truths with you. This past year has been incredibly wonderful and we are so blessed to be here serving you.

May this powerful message of this season serve as a reminder of how important you are to God, and to us. You are loved!

With best wishes and God's blessings during this wonderful Christmas Season!

Pastor Steve, Suzanne, Stacie, Allie, Sarah and Maddie.



John 14:1 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

WELCOME

**Thank you for joining us today!
We pray that you will experience
Jesus in a way that will transform
your life.**

*If you are here for the first time, please fill out a
Welcome Card so that we may connect with you.*



ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Saturday, December 14th we're having

Game Night (6-8:00 p.m.)

COME ONE, COME ALL! BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO PLAY. WE'LL START WITH BINGO AND GO FROM THERE. SNACKS AND A BINGO PRIZE PROVIDED.

ADVENT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

If you are interested in participating in the Advent season, here are resources that can help.

If you go to the web address below you'll find a very thorough resource that weaves the whole story of Scripture into the Advent season, beginning with the Old Testament and moving through to the New Testament. It also includes ornament ideas to celebrate each day of the Advent season.

<https://gospelshapedwomanhood.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/tracing-glory-advent-devotional8.pdf>

You can also go to the following web address to sign up to receive Bible Gateway's Advent newsletter.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/newsletters/>

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Tuesday Evening Small Group

Pierce Small Group
7:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Center

Senior Bible Study

Meeting in the Fireside Room, Sunday mornings at 9:30

"New" Adult Sunday School Class

Sunday Mornings at 9:30
Meeting with Young Adults in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study Fellowship

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Fireside room

Senior Home Ministries

Wednesday
9:00 Emeritus Hayward
10:00 Castro Valley Acute

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday morning at 10.
See Dana Cintrone for information.





COMMUNITY CAROL SING

December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Plan to join us — Invite friends and family, neighbors and co-workers. We'll have our December Music Night here, celebrating Christmas with the Carols and Hymns of this glorious season.

Please plan to bring some (homemade) Christmas cookies, Christmas cupcakes and other Christmas bakes to share with everyone during the time of Fellowship directly afterward. There will be coffee available.

Let's make this a great night for all, a time to reach out to our friends and community. Let's take time to focus on the season of the Prince of Peace. Let's welcome the Presence of the Lord as we gather in song and fellowship.



Changing Seasons

This week, we move our focus from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Let us not leave thankfulness behind. Let us focus on seeing the miracles of Life, of Nature, of God's Love and the Birth of Christ as we move into the Christmas season.

Coming Up

Women's Ministry Gathering - "Getting to Know You"

Saturday, December 7th

We'll be meeting from 10 a.m till 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall For a lovely time of loving on one another, getting to know each other better, a light bit of brunch, a fun craft and words of God's love from Suzanne Redmond. Don't miss this wonderful time just for women (of all ages!!)

Church Board Members and Leadership Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30

Senior Christmas Dinner at Church

Friday, December 13th at 4:00

All Church Game Night

Saturday, December 14th from 6:00 till 8:00

CVNaz Christmas Program—Community Carol Sing

Sunday, December 15th at 6:00

Dimes for Africa Offering Collected

Sunday, December 15th

CVNaz Living Nativity

Monday December 16 through Friday December 20

Men's and Women's Bible Study

Men, each Thursday evening at 7:00 a.m.

Women, Thursday Dec. 12 and 26 at 10:00 a.m.

