



DCC August Newsletter

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Dixon Community Church 955 E. A St., Dixon, CA 95620

10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. **11** He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. **12** I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. Ecc. 3:10-12

Join Us

- Sundays 9:45am Meet and Greet, 10:00am Church Service
- Wednesday Nights 7:00pm Family Night/Bible Study

Upcoming Events

- Terrific Tuesday August 1, 2017 12:00- we are done having fun. Hosted by Children's Ministry.
- Sandwich and A Story August 7, 2017, 11:30 AM in the DCC Back Yard. Hosted by Children's Ministry.
- Back to School (that time of year when we notice our babies are growing up). Hosted by God and hardworking teachers!
- No Men's Breakfast in August but to resume in

From the Pastor's Desk-Rev. Dan Vraa

Communion on the Moon: July 20th, 1969

Before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module in 1969, Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his pastor to help him. So the pastor consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'

I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

September.

Upcoming events cont....

- Night of Worship
August 22, 2017, 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
Hosted by Music Ministry.
- Wake up Bible and Cafe,
August 26, 2017, 7:30 AM at Solano Bakery.
Hosted by Mens' Ministry.

Deacon's Corner

- Deacons meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at Delain & Gretchen Finley's house at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Please consider signing up for Deacon's Meal Ministries. You do not need to be a Deacon. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Miranda if you have questions about Meal Ministries, or are in need of meals.
- Communion will be served on August 20th
- Deacons/Women's Ministries is holding a joint meal preparation event on August 5. More details will be sent out by e-mail.

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Check out our DCC Reveal Student Ministries at
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Recipe of the Month From the Davis Kitchen Korean Beef Bowl

Quick and easy, and filling served over rice!

Ingredients

- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- ½ tsp crushed red-pepper flakes (more or less to taste)
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- ¼ sesame seeds

Directions

1. Whisk together brown sugar, soy sauce, sesame oil, red pepper flakes and ginger.
2. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1-2 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until browned, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks.
3. Stir in soy sauce mixture and green onions until combined. Simmer until heated through.
4. Garnish with more green onion and sesame seeds, and enjoy!