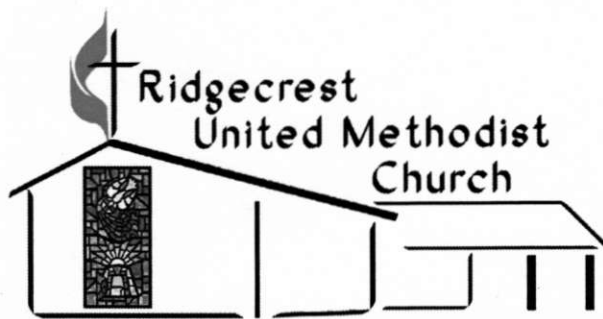


# The Messenger



Newsletter of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

April, 2011

## PASTOR'S POINT

Bishop Robert Schnase serves the Missouri Annual Conference of the UMC. He is a pastor, a marathon runner, a kayaker and an author. His 2007 book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations has become a new standard for measuring church effectiveness. These are his own words, with the 5 Practices in bold face:

"When I talk about **radical hospitality**, it's got to pervade the whole life of the congregation—every cell has to vibrate with an outward focus. Churches that practice radical hospitality are constantly examining every one of their ministries and saying, 'How do we become more attuned to the call of God to reach out to other people?'"

When I talk about **passionate worship**, I'm talking about worship that is authentic, that is true to the Gospel, that is life changing. Worship that we enter into with an air of anticipation that something significant might actually happen in this time together. I'm talking about worship that really connects people to God.

**Intentional faith development** has to do with all those things that a congregation offers to help people grow in faith outside of the Sunday morning service. This is central to our self-understanding as United Methodists, of the sanctifying grace of God. And churches that are vibrant, fruitful, and growing are those that provide rich opportunities constantly for people to grow and mature in the faith. But you can't go very far in engagement with Scripture, or learning in community, growing in Christ—this 'inner holiness'—without being struck by a call of God to make a positive difference in the lives of people around you.

And that leads us to **risk-taking mission and service**. These are the things we do out of our commitment and obedience to Christ that we would not have done if we had never known Christ. Risk-taking mission and service stretches us, and churches that practice risk-taking mission and service are looking at the gifts and abilities of the people in their congregation and the needs of their community and the world, and they're asking, 'Where do these intersect?'"

Now, **extravagant generosity**. I'll just say it up front, what I'm talking about is teaching, preaching, and practicing the tithe, among other things—and just being unapologetic in our proclamation of that. Churches that are growing and vibrant and fruitful talk about generosity—not about the church's need for money, but about the Christian's need to give. They focus on generosity as an aspect of Christian character. The practice of tithing—of putting God first in everything—starts changing how we feel and experience everything else."

Our church is blessed with strength in all 5 Practices, with room to grow. Thanks be to God!

## SSP SOAP SALE

Last year's debut of the **SSP Soap Shop** was wildly successful, so it will be set up again for your soap browsing on **Sunday, May 1 & Sunday, May 8**, in the Social Hall between and after the morning worship services.



This year you will have 90 different soaps to choose from, all priced at \$5.50 per bar. We aim to raise \$4,000 to support our youth's participation in Sierra Service Project this summer. Kathy LaShure has made and donated all the soaps. The High School youth will be available to gift wrap your Mother's Day or other gift purchases.

The youth will also be staffing a display about Sierra Service Project and their participation in past summers. They will be happy to speak with you about their life-transforming experiences helping others. What terrific mission ambassadors they are!

The master recipes for all these artisan soaps include many special ingredients such as Fair Trade shea butter from Ghana, unrefined cocoa butter, goatsmilk, etc. The soaps are excellent for combating the harshness of our desert climate with its extremes of dryness, wind, and sun.



The variety of soaps offered is awesome: many favorites from past sales; 4 different unscented kinds; 8 variations on the popular lavender theme; new choices for guys; sophisticated scents such as Black Vetyver Café & Caribbean Kisses; floral delights including Sweet Pea & Vanilla; new Crème soaps made with the goodness of goatsmilk, including Blushing Berry Mint and Sea Mist; more bars of the popular Gardener's Scrubby Goatsmilk Soap; and 30 bars of Navy Blue & White Soap, a clean, crisp scented bar honoring the Navy guys and gals who serve our country. Some types are in short supply so you will want to shop early for the best selection. Please contact Kathy at 760-377-4541 or [desert\\_encelia@verizon.net](mailto:desert_encelia@verizon.net) if you have any questions.



If you haven't yet tried a bar of these terrific soaps, please do this year. In fact, try several, give your skin a treat, and help our dedicated youth and the Sierra Service Project!





## **HOLY WEEK @RUMC**

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**

**7:00 pm Choral Cantata by Pepper Choplin  
"Come Walk With Me"  
Holy Communion and Tenebrae**

**Easter Sunday, April 24**

**6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary  
8:00 am Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary  
10:30 am Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary  
9&11:30am Easter Egg Hunts for Kids in the Garden**

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**OUR PURPOSE  
AND MISSION**

We are a richly blessed, loving and spiritual family of Christ who shares god's love through our personal and congregational ministries. Our mission is to share Christ's love with all, through our tradition of scripture, sermons, music, and fellowship. We believe strongly in sharing our blessing with those in need.

Our church family welcomes you to join us n our bible based worship, prayer, and discipleship.

**APRIL 3, 2011**

**One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday**

Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring restroation, healing and hope for tomorrow  
Please give generously--

**-MISSION EMPHASIS-**

Each month, our church has a missionemphasis for giving. Offering for the missionemphasis that is placed in the offering plate needs to be clearly designated (in the memo line on a check or in an envelope).

The Missions Committee has the pleasure of assigning the month mission programs to support. These are then voted on at the Ad Council. For the month of **April** we are supporting: Dr. Elma Jocson and Habitat for Huamity.

**Dr. Elma Jocson**

Dr. Elma Jocson is a general surgeon and a United Methodist Missionary who is originally from the Phillipines. She is sponsored in part by the United Methodist Church of Ridgecrest and the General Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Jocson is now at her new post in Liberia at Ganta Hospital.

**Habitat for Humanity**

As a church, we can be very proud of being the first congregation in the valley to raise enough money to construct a complete Habitat home and contribute many man hours and lunches for work crews. What is the future of Habitat for Humanity in the Indian Wells Valley? We all hope to see it continue to prosper and build homes for the needy. The wall rising for their nineteenth home will have taken place on Saturday the 26 of March.

While the pace of building homes by Habitat is slow, it meets a need for the estimated 1500 families living in poverty housing in our valley. Remember, Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based non-for-profit 501C3. All money invested in Habitat will continue to build new homes as the partner family's pay off their mortgages.

Habitat for Humanity deserves our continued mission support.

**FOOD EMPHASIS  
FOR THE MONTH**

This year the Missions Committee has elected to designated a specific food each month to be provided to the Salvation Army. The food item for **April** is:

**TOP RAMEN**

Of course other items are welcome as well. Please place your items n the blue bucket in the Narthex.

## In Service In Our Church

### Lock-up for April: Joe Hansen

#### **APRIL 3**

Flowers: Lillian Daley  
 Liturgist (8:00) Tammy Ferris  
 Liturgist (10:30) Available  
 Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley  
 John & Paige Netzer

#### Creative Expression:

Lead: Michelle Kilikauskas

Help: Available

Counters: Jim Hoover,  
 Cathy Mattis,  
 Lynn Wade

Fellowship Hosts: Roger & Bonita Becker  
 Barbara Jayne

#### **APRIL 10**

Flowers: Nina Lane  
 Liturgist (8:00) Available  
 Liturgist (10:30) Available  
 Ushers: Rocky and Nina Lane  
 Phil and Linda Archibald

#### Creative Expression:

Lead: Michelle Kilikauskas

Help: Available

Counters: Hazel Hensley  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Nina Lane

Fellowship Hosts: Mission Committee

#### **Liturgist**

If you would be interested in being a liturgist, please feel free to sign up on the bulletin board by the church office. You are not obligated to do both services--just the service of your choice. If you have any questions feel free to call the office - 375-7434.

#### **Altar Flowers**

The Flower Chart is located on the bulletin board outside the main office. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion please feel free to sign up. It will be your responsibility to arrange for the flowers and to bring them to the church. Any questions feel free to call the church office.

#### **April 17 (Palm Sunday)**

Flowers: Available  
 Liturgist (8:00) Peter Brown  
 Liturgist (10:30) Peter Brown  
 Ushers: Dwight & Mary Atkinson  
 Stanley & Ellen Chassagne

#### Creative Expression:

Lead: Michelle Kilikauskas

Help: Kathy LaShure

Counters: Mary Atkinson,  
 Sheri Boston  
 Nancy Saxton

Fellowship Hosts: Mary Atkinson  
 Terry Ratcliff  
 Lillian Daley

#### **April 24 (Easter)**

Flowers: Easter Lilies  
 Liturgist (6:30) Diane Leveille  
 Liturgist (8:00) Diane Leveille  
 Liturgist (10:30) Diane Leveille  
 Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee  
 Ken & Patty Wetzel

#### Creative Expression:

Lead: Michelle Kilikauskas

Help: Available

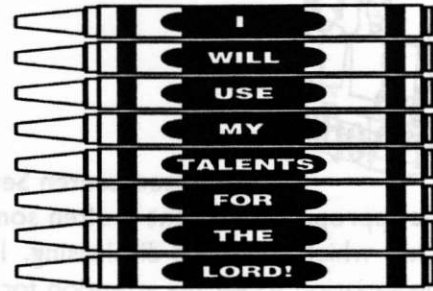
Counters: Kristin Hall  
 Wes Hensley  
 Nancy Hodge

Fellowship Hosts: Patty Bayne,  
 Nancy Saxton  
 Janet Tonkin



## TRUSTEES WORK DAY

Following the United Methodist Men's breakfast on April 2, there will be a Trustees Work day. This is the first work day of the year and we will be taking care of maintenance in and around the church. Everyone is welcome to come--there is a job for everyone.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Last month I promised to attempt to pass on some specific ways one can become more involved as a steward. That promise came after discussing the awesome responsibility that God has given us as managers of His creation. But where to begin? I know from personal experience that getting involved as a steward can seem overwhelming. This can be especially difficult for folks new to our church. In addition to the financial aspects of stewardship, there are abundant opportunities for sharing our time and gifts at RUMC. This newsletter, the church website [www.umcrc.us](http://www.umcrc.us), and the weekly bulletin are great resources.

One suggestion is to begin with "child" steps. In Matthew 18, our Lord answers the question posed by his disciples, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In verse 3-4 Jesus tells them, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What better way to become more like little children than to spend some time with them? Creative Expressions is our "kid's Church" held during the 10:30 worship for pre-school to third graders. Michele Kilikauskas does a wonderful job running this Bible-based curriculum, but she needs a volunteer adult assistant every Sunday. As an assistant, you not only get to be with the kids, but you also get a great Bible lesson from Michele! If you are interested, please contact me or my wife, Jill at [bradfordaj@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordaj@gmail.com). This small act of stewardship has reverberating impact. The children benefit from the presence and example of God-worshipping adults. The parents of these young ones get a small break – a break that allows them to worship and listen to the message without a little one wiggling on their lap and pulling on their ears. And the transfer of joy you receive from these little ones is most rewarding.

Next month I'll keep trying to shine a little light into more specific opportunities available at RUMC for sharing of our gifts and our time.

Thanks! Al Bradford



## Donations Needed

## SAVE YOUR STUFF!!

Terry Ratcliff will be having a rummage sale on Friday, May 13, to help earn funds to go to Guatemala on a mission trip. You may bring your donated items beginning on Sunday May 8, and put them on the stage behind the curtains.



## Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women will be holding a bake sale at the rummage sale and the funds collected from the baked goods will be used to buy sewing machines for the women in the Mara District of Tanzania.



A Blessed Lenten Season to all

The music appropriate for Lent is often somber or minor in key which some find displeasing. I seem to like the variation to get my attention for more seeking his word and listening to the Holy Spirit. We hope the the words to each anthem during this season can speak to you in some new way to build on your faith.

For the month of March we owe our thanks to Kathy Cummings for finding the musicians and singers for the 8:00 a.m. service and leading hymns whenever she is in town. Thank You to Carol Sakai, Diane Foucher, Kathy Cummings, Carol Sakai; Kristin Hall, Jeff Green, Diane Foucher, Cheryl Haun, Sam Haun, and John Anderson.

Always thank you to our song leaders for the 10:30 a.m. service even if they are "voluntold". Thank You to Mick Rindt, Curt Kidner, Ron Backman, Zak Atencio for the great "band" Patrick Rindt directs. Again a reminder of the upcoming events involving the choir or other musicians

April 17 and 24 the choir will be at all services  
April 21, 7 p.m. Communion followed by a cantata by Pepper Choplin, "Come Walk With Me"

May 1, 4:00 p.m. the St. Petersburg Men's Quartet, suggested donation of \$10. They bring along CD's and novalties to purchase.

May 20, 7 p.m. concert with Jim and Jeanne Strathdee, and there is usually a time for sing-a-longs.

Don't miss this inspiring couple who were our music leaders in the 70-80's. Invite your friends. Suggested donation for offering at around \$10. CD's available to buy.

Several members will be going north for the summer after Easter so if you are waiting for an empty chair in the choir loft, now is the time to join us for the summer single service choir experience. Congratulations to our alto lady, Janet Hughes on her engagement to Martin Lininger (we all love him).

A complete and speedy recovery to our alto, Kristin Hall, on her surgery. Great news that Roger Becker has recovered from the diet restrictions caused by a reaction to meds. Terry Ratcliff also had a terrible reaction to meds and we pray for her full recovery from the bronchitis.

Pray always for the choir as with over 40 members there is always a need.

Thank you and God Bless  
Janice Anderson, Director of Music

## NURTURE COMMITTEE

All of us need nurturing so this article is to remind you that we have a committee for just that purpose. All you have to do is ask or volunteer. Thank You to the many friends and members who have delivered meals to Mary and Jim Netzer during her time of healing from serious surgery.

If you are the person who would like some meal assistance please let the church office know or phone me at any time (760-375-8829). Our need is often there for persons to be the provider of a meal or portion thereof, please make that call, does not have to be gourmet.

For those unable to attend church on the first Sunday of the month and miss receiving Holy Communion please let Marge Anderson or myself know and we will get one of our servers to make arrangements to come to you. No trouble, that is their ministry, so let them serve you.

A big thank you to Eleanor Stanford and John Anderson for providing the beautiful setting and power point for the celebration of the life of Natalie Andri. Thank You to all who attended, brought abundant food, shared their stories of Natalie, and thanks to you wonderful clean-up crew who just volunteered.

The Trustees have plans to repaint the lines soon, which will help a great deal to see the spaces in the dark or rain. Thank You trustees!!!

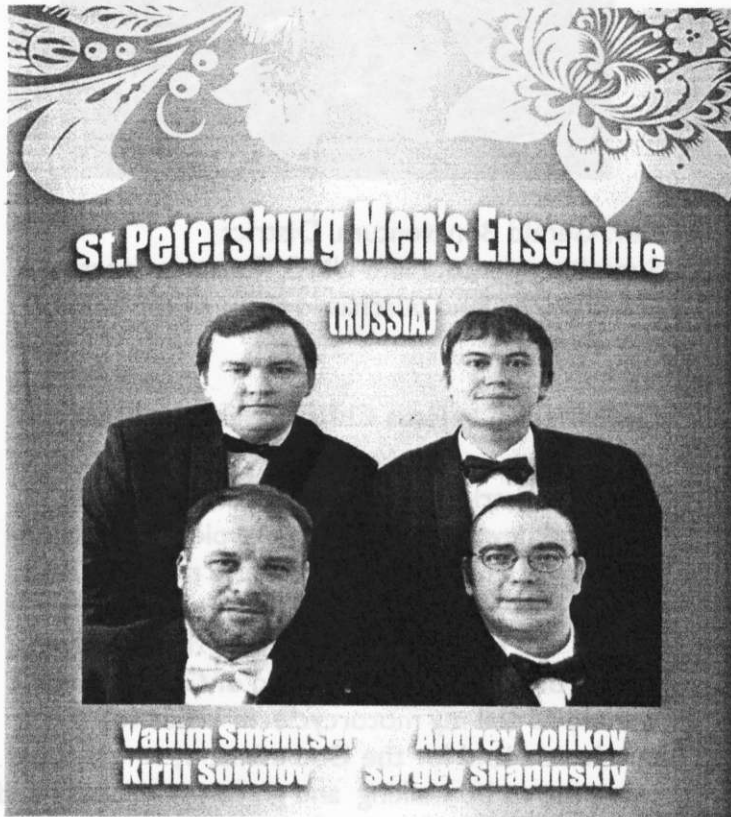
Blessings and thank you all.

Chair, Nurture Committee, Janice Anderson



Helping our  
neighbors in need

**St. Petersburg  
Men's Ensemble  
May 1, 2011  
4:00 pm**



On Sunday afternoon, May 1. The Ridgecrest United Methodist Church will be hosting the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble. If you have not heard them before, now is your chance.

A minimum \$10.00 donation is requested. CD's will be available for \$15.00.

They have no way of cashing American checks, so **cash** is the best way of showing your appreciation.

**Jim and Jean Strathdee  
May 20, 2011  
7:00 pm**



On May 20, Jim and Jean Strathdee will be here in our Sanctuary to present a concert. If you have never been to one of their concerts, you will have a wonderful experience. Jim and Jean were members of this congregation for many years as well as part of our Ridgecrest community. Many of the wonderful songs that we sing were written and arranged by Jim and Jean.

Please mark your calendar's for Friday, May 20.

**MISSIONARIES TO  
TOGO, AFRICA  
PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
APRIL 10 FROM 11:30 -1:00**

On Sunday, April 10, the Missions Committee will be sponsoring a Pie and Ice Cream Social in the Social Hall, following the 10:30 worship service for Susan and Garon Harris.

Garon Susan and Garon have been Ridgecrest residents since 1990 and will be speaking to us about their efforts in Togo Africa and describing how God is working in that region of the world. Garon and Susan will speak briefly at our 8:00am and 10:30am worship services. Please come to their presentation in the Social Hall and learn more about their Mission work and to talk to them personally

Togo, in the Mango Region is a destitute place, located in the oosttest part of the African country. Although 80 oercent of the people are Muslim and up to 10 percent infected with HIV, there has been little evangelical witness and virtually no medical care.

Their Missoin will be to assist with water development, medical needs as well as discipleship

**HEIFER PROJECT  
INTERNATIONAL**

Camels are a very useful animal. They are used to carry firewood as well as plowing the land. Camels can also provide milk.



Our Sunday School is currently raising money to buy three camels. We have \$657.53 towards our goal of \$2,550.00 for 3 camels by epiphany 2012. That is about 25%, would that be over 1/2 a camel?

**MARA DISTRICT NEWS**



Rev. Gerald Bonaventura, District Superintendent of Mara UMC, Tanzania erecting a cross on the land purchased through the help of our church.

Dear friends in Jesus Christ, praise the Jesus.

Mara district we are very glad to send you the good news of purchasing the piece of land on Tuesday of March 01, 2011 for the ministry. And these funds came from the church of Ridgecrest UMC. We real thank the God for that great gift and through this I saw the hand of God because I wanted to sell my motorcycle in order to purchase a land for the God ministry, which could cause me to be walking and go to the ministry and visit the church . But the God said no. I will help you through my people of Pasadena who is your brothers and sisters in Christ. So we are thanking you so much for your help. Now we can start to think about the constructions. I hope God is good for us.

Missionary Jocelyn Havlik is busy too for doing our school set up and since she arrived we have received more boxes from Indiana. Also we thank so much for the help of Ilse Peetz who is sending the Sunday School materials for us . We say thank you so much for your financial support and your gifts. I will email you more once the network here will be good.

Thank you so much ,  
mungu awabariki sana(God bless you so much).

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
Rev. Gerald Bonaventura  
District Superintendent of the United Methodist  
Church of Tanzania.



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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

# The Ridgecrest Reporter

## Seder Meal Scheduled

*"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been Sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us keep the Festival."  
—1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

The **Passover** is the Old Testament feast that celebrates and remembers God's liberation of Israel from Egypt. The book, Exodus, explains how God freed his people from Egypt. God gave his people a way to escape the destruction of the plagues: the blood of a perfect lamb could take the place of the first-born in the family. God gave Moses instructions in Exodus 12. The celebration of this event is now called Passover because God "passed over" the homes marked with lamb's blood.

The Passover was a celebration, remembrance, thanksgiving, and participation in God's mighty acts of salvation for his people. The New Testament equivalent of the Passover, the Lord's Supper, functions in similar ways for Christians today.

1. A time of remembrance and thanksgiving
2. A time for refreshing and communion
3. A time for anticipation and recommitment

On April 16 at 5:30 in the Social Hall the UMW will be hosting a Seder Meal, the traditional celebration of Passover. Our conference chair for Spiritual Growth, **Leah Griffin**, will be leading us in this time to grow closer to Jesus Christ and increase our understanding of what it means to call him our **Passover Lamb**. Please join us for the meal (Chicken Thighs), tickets are available from officers and are \$5.

**The whole church is invited.**

## Book Discussion

Sister's Act, a UMW circle, is inviting all interested parties to join us for our next meeting which will be on the book **Three Cups of Tea**. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room on Wednesday, April 20 at 9:00 am. Please come and have read or be reading the book. This is a wonderful story and the book has exceptional insight into the culture in the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.



**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time**

By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

In *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*, Greg Mortenson, and journalist David Oliver Relin, recount the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. *Three Cups of Tea* is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world—one school at a time.

## The High School Youth Group Needs YOUR Help!

### High School Youth Group Service Month Is Coming!

Service is a very important aspect of our Christian faith and what better way to learn about service then to actually DO service?!

The high school youth group will devote every Sunday meeting in May to work on a different service project within our community.

Here's what they have planned for their special service projects:

#### May 1<sup>st</sup> Church Projects

*May 8<sup>th</sup> No Group due to holiday.  
But guaranteed that they will be  
serving their Mothers!*

#### May 15<sup>th</sup> Can Food Drive

#### May 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Fair

#### May 29<sup>th</sup> Emergency Responders Recognition

Because of this special month, we are in need of extra adult chaperones to help us in our efforts! If you are available to offer YOUR service in this way, please contact Amy Ochoa!

Also, if you know of high school students who would benefit from this month of service then be sure to invite them to attend! High school youth group meets every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in Room 2.



On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> our high schoolers will be honoring our local emergency response organizations for their dedication and support in our community by dropping off platters of bakes goods and thank you cards.

The teenagers will be busily baking for this occasion, but could use your help too! They would appreciate any bake good donations from the congregation to help fill up those platters!

Please drop off your donated cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, cupcakes (handheld sized treats only please, no cakes or pies) on or before the morning of Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> to the church office with "Youth Project" on the items.

Thank you for showing your support for our local emergency response heroes!

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt



The annual after Easter service Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be here before we know it! Thank you for your plastic Easter egg and treat donations. For children with allergies, please refrain from donating candy with nuts.

## April Young Adult Mixer



We are headed to the movies! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for the 7pm showing at the Ridgecrest Theater. If you are interested in attending be sure to watch the Sunday bulletin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or contact Amy Ochoa to uncover what movie we are headed to that night and at what exact showing. If you require babysitting, please be sure to contact Amy before the event to set-up a sitter.

# Our Missionaries



Krista Givens and Laura Miller at the Missionary Luncheon at Annual Conference.

## An Excerpt from Elma Jocson's E-Musing



There has been a steady stream of Ivorian refugees brought here for medical care but thankfully only one old woman who is a direct war casualty. She was

running away from the fighting when a big branch fell and hit her right thigh breaking her femur.

Well I would like to tell you of a 26 year old Ivorian man who had a chronic ulcer on his right leg. Iric has been brought to different bush doctors, clinics and hospitals in his country. But the progress he had was from an ulcer of the right leg to swollen leg; to black, dry gangrene of the right foot; to weeping, foul smelling right lower extremity. They got to the border and was brought here by an NGO (Non Government Organization). By the time i got him my only option was to do an AKA (above knee amputation). I did just that after meeting with the mother and the patient. Iric's mom comes to our chapel service every morning. The first few days she was requesting prayers for strength and guidance. Then later on she praised God for Iric's recovery. She even brings other patient's relatives to the chapel service, giving witness to God's faithfulness and encouraging others to trust in Him. Iric remains in good spirits and keeps a happy outlook. After 3 months, he will be ready for prosthesis fitting. Lets pray that something will be available at the right time.

War is always devastating. Continue praying for Ivory Coast, and the Arab countries especially Libya. My heart broke when i heard over BBC short wave a Libyan man who recounted their ordeal. Imagine running towards an ambulance hoping to get medical help, only to find that the ambulance carried armed men with orders to kill. Please Lord intervene quickly for all the oppressed.

## An Excerpt from an Interview with Krista

**Question:** How did you decide you had a calling to serve in the mission field?

**Response:**

In the summer of 1997, I travelled to Sacramento to visit my folks. They picked me up from the airport and as we were driving home, we witnessed a horrific car accident. A pickup truck ran the red light and collided with an ambulance on its way to an emergency. With lights flashing and sirens blaring, the ambulance crashed into the truck and sent it flying through the air with its underbelly on fire.

As it landed, glass and panic went flying and hundreds of people ran from their shopping and from their lunches to help. People pulled the ambulance workers and the truck driver from the burning vehicles and started CPR. I got out of the car, shocked by the sight, and stood helplessly on the curb and watched.

In that moment I heard the voice of God say, "If you were a minister, you could do something." Whether that was comforting family members, calming nerves, assisting folks to pass from this life to the next. . . I felt if I was equipped, I could help.

And thus, I was called, in smoke and flames, in blaring sirens and flashing lights, God called me into His service and in service to His people.

When I was called to ministry, I was really called to mission work. My call from God was to "go and be" the hands and feet of God in far-away lands. I have always expressed a desire to work in Africa, but when I applied to the GBGM, they (and God) had other plans for me.

The full interview with Krista and the full letter from Elma are both available on the website: [www.umcrc.us](http://www.umcrc.us)

## Purpose of the United Methodist Women

The organized Unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of Women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## Calendar of Events

April 9	Board Meeting
April 16	Seder Meal
April 20	Sister's Act 3M Circle
April 27	Friendship Circle
May 13	Bake Sale
May 18	Sister's Act 3M Circle
May 21	Week's 50th Anniversary Party
May 25	Friendship Circle



### You're Invited! 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration Kay and Jim Weeks May 20, 21, & 22, 2011

#### Schedule:

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Family Open House  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
737 Mamie Avenue

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> - Reception  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
United Methodist Church Social Hall

Renewal of Vows  
4:00 pm  
United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Worship Service  
8:00 am  
United Methodist church

No Host Brunch  
9:30 am  
The Grape Leaf  
901 N. Heritage Drive #102

RSVP; [www.50thteamweeks.ws](http://www.50thteamweeks.ws)  
or (760) 375-9383

PLEASE NO GIFTS  
Your Presence Will Be The Gift  
We Will Cherish  
Dress: California Casual

### Friendship Circle Plans Picnic

On April 27th, the Friendship Circle will be meeting at Leroy Jackson Park for a Picnic and then will be walking the labyrinth at Maturango Museum. The Friendship Circle is a UMW group that meets primarily for the purposes of fellowship with other Christian women. We do activities that are chosen by the group at our first meeting of the year in January. All Christian women are invited to join us. Activities include some crafts (we send cards), games (we are playful), and eating (we like to eat together). Our plan in April is to meet at the park at 6:00 pm and have dinner together. Bring a sack dinner and wear your walking shoes!

### Bake Sale Scheduled

On May 13th, Terry Ratcliff will be having a yard sale/rummage sale to support her mission trip to Guatemala. At the same event, the UMW will be having a Bake Sale.

We will be looking for bakers to make and bring items packaged and ready to sell. We will also need workers who will sell our baked goods. And, of course, we need buyers to pay for the goodies.

The proceeds of the bake sale are going to be sent to the women in the Mara District to purchase a sewing machine (or, maybe, two sewing machines!). It is our hope to be in mission with the people in Tanzania so that they can develop marketable skills to improve their way of life.



### Bake Sale

# PRAYERS

## Family and Friends in Need of Our Prayers

### Thank You for Your Prayers

If you have a family member or a friend that you would like us to pray for through our prayer chain ministry, and include on our prayer list, please contact Margaret Anderson at 375-9860 or Diane Wadelin in the church office at 375-7434. It is our policy for names to appear on the prayer list for two months. For ongoing concerns please notify the office or Margaret Anderson.

Avery Anderson  
Bob Atkinson  
Lynette Boston  
Florence Condos  
Bonnie Dale  
Tammy Ferris  
Kathleen Hansen  
Elnora Jedlicka  
Dick Lewis  
Crystal Racicot  
Carrol Sewell  
Shari Sinsley  
Elizabeth Watson

Linda Archibald  
Anna Benson  
Chloe Bryant  
Chuck Gordell  
Elise Ellingsworth  
Taylor & Isabella Frisbee  
Herman Hoffman  
Charline Kvapil  
Tim Loscar  
Gaylon Ryno  
Diane and Frank Seymour  
Rex Walraven

Lorelei Atencio  
Ruth Blandon  
Judy Burns  
Carol Corlett  
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Bill Hal  
Ron Greenwood  
Dale Lane  
Mary Netzer  
Kathy Schimpf  
Kira Shearer  
John Walsh

### MISSIONARIES

Dr. Elma Jocson, Missionary to Liberia

Krista Givens, Missionary Hamburg, Germany

### U.S. MILITARY

Victor Anquino	David Bird
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Brandon Deussenberry	James Garwalki
Michael Leveille	Ben Marvin
Tyler Odell	Danny Oestreich
James Ryan	Andrew Smith
Maggie Tidwell	Andrew Toll
Steven Whitmore	Randall Zade

Alan Bradford  
Jason Desmarais  
Sheldon Greshem  
Jason McCalk  
Tyson Price  
Gary Sullivan  
Andrew Valadez  
Ryan Carmichael  
David Dunaway  
Todd Holland  
Rob Mettitt  
Karl Randall  
Matthew Taylor  
Katie Weback



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeff Hargrove  
Andrew Toll
- 2 Ellis Tiffany  
Jessica Boston  
Karen Veazey
- 4 Phil Souza
- 8 Ben Marvin
- 9 Mallory McDaniel  
Tim Johnson  
Nina Lane
- 10 Dale Baker
- 12 Terry Ratcliff
- 13 April Sousa (Herr)
- 16 Nate Clair
- 16 Skyler Smith
- 19 Dick Noland
- 20 Mary Netzer  
Ginny Friz  
Melanie Branson  
Emma Heflin  
Mallory Burns
- 23 Barbara Johnson
- 24 Sabrina Lawson  
Kathleen Hansen
- 25 Les Saxton
- 26 Scott Millett
- 27 Dale Lane
- 28 James Guess
- 29 Kevin Geiger
- 30 Lillian Daley  
Joe Cloonan



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Joe & Gaylinn Cloonan
- 8 Rick & Tammy Ferris  
Tom & Carol Sakai
- 9 Marvin & Jeanne Backman
- 15 Stanley & Ellen Chassagne  
Jeremiah & Sabrina Estrada
- 18 Arnett & Judy Campbell
- 26 Alan & Leslie Layfield
- 30 Preston & Lynn Wade

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in our Church Directory, please contact the office know so we can honor you on your special day.

# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					2:45 pm Youth History Museum overnight trip 6:00 pm United Methodist Men's April Fools' Day Dinner Flex	8:00 am UMM Breakfast in Social Hall followed by Trustees Work Day
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 3  One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday	6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship Room BSA 341 6:30 pm Pack Mtg. and 7:00 pm BSA Troop 35 Ed. Bldg. & S.H.	2:00 pm Home School Social Hall  7:00 pm Fly Fishers Social Hall	12 Noon A.S.L. Class S. H & R 2 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm P.F.L.A.G R m 4. 6:00 pm.Soup Suppler 7:00 pm Trustee Fellowship Room	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm Young Adult Mixer in the Social Hall	12 Noon UMW Board Mtg at Lugo's
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 10 11:45 Mission Pie and Ice Cream Social 2:00-5:00 pm Crop Circle- Social Hall	6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship Room  Cub Pack 341 6:00-8:00 pm and 7:00 pm BSA Troop 35	2:00 pm Home School Social Hall	9:00 am Sister's Act 11:30 am 3M Circle 12 Noon A.S.L. Class Rm.2 & S.H. 5:30 pm Girl Scout 7 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Missions. Rm 2.	6:00 pm Mission's Mtg Rm 2 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Eagle Scout Court of Honor Sanctuary and Social Hall  Flex	5:30 pm UMW Seder Meal
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 17 <b>Worship Schedule</b>	6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship Room 6:30 Young Adult Mixer Cub Pack 341 6:00 pm 7:00 pm BSA Troop 35 Ed. Bldg. & S.H.	2:00 pm Home School class Social Hall	12 Noon ASL Class Rm. 3 & Social Hall 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Mission Rm 2 7:00 pm Ad Council	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service followed by Adult Choir Rehearsal		
<b>EASTER</b> 24 <b>Sunday Worship Schedule Services</b> 6:30 am 8:00 am 10:30 am	6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship Room Cub Pack 341 6:00 pm 7:00 pm BSA Troop 35 Ed. Bldg. & S.H.	12-2:00 pm Home School drama practice  2:00 pm Home School Social Hall	12 Noon ASL Class Rm. 2 & SH 1:00 pm Quilters Fellowship Room 6:00 pm Soup Supper TBD Friendship Circle	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wedding Rehearsal	9:00 am Soap Sales Set up  2:30 pm Wedding

## Sunday Worship Schedule

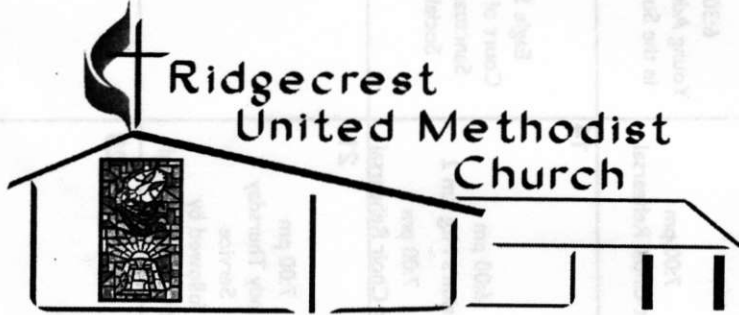
8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship Service  
 9:00 am Sunday School all ages  
 Middle School Youth Group 2:30 - 4:00 pm Room 2  
 High School Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 pm Room 2  
 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School Room 4

# SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Worship Service  
8:00 and 10:30 am

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
(Child care is provided)

5:00 pm Adult Sunday School  
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