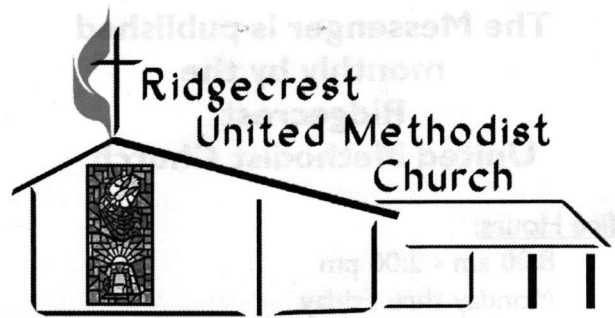


# The Messenger



Newsletter of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

June, 2011

## PASTOR'S POINT

### Upper Room Suppers Mission

On Wednesday, May 18 the Administrative Council voted unanimously to begin a new missional project to help feed the hungry, on a 6-month trial basis.

Visioned by the Missions Committee and approved for facilities feasibility by the Board of Trustees, the Upper Room Suppers will be offered free to the public on Friday evenings. Please see the full article by Missions Co-Chairperson Terry Ratcliff elsewhere in this issue of The Messenger.

Our Cal-Pac Conference theme for 2011 is "Ministry with the Poor: Creating Communities of Justice and Compassion." What a tie-in! Our District Superintendent Rev. Adiel De Pano says, "So pleased to hear of this new ministry to benefit the poor of Ridgecrest! Blessings on you, your leadership, your lay leaders, and the faithful community at RUMC!"

The Upper Room Suppers represent a significant new opportunity for Christian service. If you have been wondering how you might do more in your Service dimension of ministry, this could be for you.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We were greatly blessed when these wonderful families stood up for church membership on Sunday, May 22:

MATTHEW and KENDRA SCHAEFER

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Matthew is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and he serves as Supply Officer for VX9. He is a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in business. He joins by transfer from Peace Lutheran Church in Chehalis, WA.

Kendra is a graduate of Willamette University with a degree in biology. She joins by transfer from Northwind Christian Fellowship in Springfield, Oregon.

Matthew and Kendra are proud new parents of Isaiah, who will be 6 months old on May 28.

LEE and TRUDY WOOD

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Lee grew up in the Indian Wells Valley and attended RUMC before our Education Building was built. The Woods are longtime Inyokern residents, and they were active in the Fellowship of Inyokern UMC with Rev. Miriam Stump.

Lee and Trudy are parents of an adult son Alex and Beverlee, who is a sophomore track star at Burroughs High School, also lettering in her freshman year. They own a beautiful sailboat and love to ski. Trudy now manages the Indian Wells Valley ISP, which was launched by Lee and his brother.

## SSP SOAP SHOP REPORT

This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year we have sold artisan soap to support our fine team of High School mission ambassadors who will be participating in the Sierra Service Project in South Los Angeles this summer. It was the most successful fund raiser to date, raising \$3,984.50.

You generously bought 698 bars of soap. For a bit of perspective, our first SSP Soap Sale in 2007 brought in \$955.00 and we sold 115 bars of soap.

If you didn't get a chance to buy soap, Kathy LaShure still has quite a few bars left. She will contribute all sales through the end of May to SSP. Give her a call or send her an e-mail to get the availability list. We're just 3 bars away from reaching our goal of \$4,000 by the end of the month!

Kathy says, "We continue to be the soapiest church in the Indian Wells Valley, in the Pasadena District, in the Cal-Pac Conference. Following in the tradition of John Wesley, I think, therefore, this is also the Godliest church around!"

Thank you to everyone who purchased soap, whether one bar or many. Thanks also to Amy for her unflagging positive support and outstanding youth leadership. Thank you to our Youth who inspire us all with their dedication to others.