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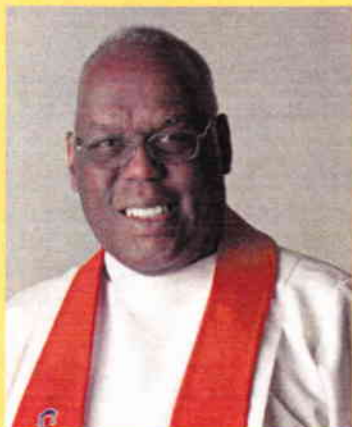
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HOW you can HELP

UMCOR ADVANCE #S FOR OKLAHOMA TORNADOES
 Direct Aid, use #901670
 Disaster Kits, Use #901440
 Checks may be made out to RUMC and memo'd as above.



Bishop Warner Brown

Recent Supreme Court Rulings on Marriage

A Response by Maxie Dunnam—Pastor Emeritus of Christ UMC in Memphis, TN and Chancellor of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore Kentucky

It is not only the witness of the Christian Church, but the witness of previous generations and various cultures that marriage is between a man and a woman...and the Church says, "between one man and one woman."

We do not have to change that understanding of marriage to guarantee people civil rights as it relates to the sharing of financial resources and other dimensions of committed relationships. The Church can champion the guaranteeing of those rights without compromising the meaning of marriage.

The echoing refrain from the secular quarter and the public square is that the die is cast and that the pattern of marriage as defined by the Church is doomed.

But the Church is not shaped by culture; we are called to shape culture. Let's take hope and have confidence in the fact that, as Kingdom People, we have been at our best when we have had to set ourselves against culture. Somehow we must learn to be "in the world" but not "of the world."

I personally don't know a more challenging need today than for Christians to demonstrate the meaning of marriage, and for us to model the rich meaning and blessing of sexuality expressed procreatively and faithfully and in the covenant of marriage. If marriage is, as we understand it, a life covenant between one man and one woman, we must not allow the decision of the Court to determine otherwise.

Bishop Brown Also Responds on June 26

Warner Brown is Bishop of the California-Nevada Conference and President-Elect of the United Methodist Council of Bishops

Today's legal decisions by the Supreme Court will undoubtedly increase the call for change from a vocal and sizeable segment of our church membership, and clergy, that find our official policy unjust. As pastors and congregations in California, and other places where same sex marriage is legal, we must decide how we will provide pastoral care and support for parishioners and their families when they seek to marry.

Under our current rules, I must encourage pastors to reach out to their ecumenical partners, so that pastors and churches that are permitted under their polity to offer marriage to same sex couples be invited to assist in providing pastoral care. Let us continue to be in prayer and dialogue with our brothers and sisters with whom we disagree.

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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 in our bible based worship, prayer, and discipleship.

--Mission Emphasis--



WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center is the umbrella organization for the High Desert which includes the Women's Shelter Network Hotlines such as child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention for Eastern Kern County and surrounding counties to educate the public and community agencies, to heighten awareness regarding domestic violence and sexual assault, and to reduce the risk of victimization.

Your generous offering will assure that the Women's Center's work will continue.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for July

The Missions Committee has elected to designate a specific food each month to be provided to the Salvation Army.

The food item for July is:

Cereal

In Service In Our Church Lock-up for July: Hazel Hensley

JULY 7

Flowers: Diann Severson
 Liturgist: 9:30 am Diane Leveille
 Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
 Jim and Mary Netzer
 Paulina Bautista
 Acolyte:
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Hazel Hensley
 Helper: Melanie Branson
 Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis
 Olivia Zade
 Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 14

Flowers: Available
 Liturgist: 9:30 am Available
 Ushers: Rocky & Nina Lane
 John & Paige Netzer
 Acolyte: Hannah Johnson
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Hazel Hensley
 Helper: Nathan Clair
 Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane
 Barbara Johnson
 Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 21

Flowers: Diann Severson
 Liturgist : 9:30 am Available
 Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
 George & Elsa Hennings
 Meghan Branson
 Acolyte:
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Hazel Hensley
 Helper: Kathy LaShure
 Counters: Sheri Boston, Joanna Rindt,
 Patty Bayne
 Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 28

Flowers: Available
 Liturgist : 9:30 am Available
 Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
 Ken & Patty Wetzel
 Acolyte: Renee Bradford
 Creative Expression
 Lead: Hazel Hensley
 Helper: Sheri Boston
 Counters: James Guess, Wes Hensley
 Nancy Hodge
 Fellowship Hosts: Available

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

Lost but Found

If you think you may have lost something at the church, you may stop by in the church office to see if it has been found.

High School Mission Team

The High School Mission Team will be heading to Smith River, CA on the Oregon border on Saturday, July 27th for a week-long mission on the Tolowa Native American Reservation.

This is one of the smallest reservations the team has served on thus far, with less than 300 tribal members. During the week, the team will be building wheel chair ramps for disabled tribal members' homes, and working alongside the Fire Safe Council, to create defensible space around the reservation's neighborhoods.

The team will be housed at the Smith River United Methodist Church along with four other church youth teams from different cities.

Tim Johnson, Al Bradford, and Melanie Branson will once again be acting chaperones for this year's trip. Youth leader Amy will sit out this summer, as she cares for her infant son Achilles.

The team will take over Sunday worship services on Sunday, August 25th to share their experiences of the trip with the church.

Happy Travels To Rebecca Antonio

Rebecca Antonio (formerly Rebecca Shaw) has resigned from her duties as a childcare assistant in the nursery. Rebecca faithfully served the children of the church for three years, along with providing childcare for the Mothers of Preschoolers ministry. Rebecca's husband Corey is back in the country, after serving in Afghanistan for a year with the Army. The newly married couple are

looking forward to their new adventures in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Rebecca's mother Janet Shaw, has taken over her daughter's duties in the church nursery.

VBS Donations

Vacation Bible School is currently seeking specific donations for the snack and craft stations for VBS week. The VBS donation board is up in the narthex, and all needed items are posted there. Please take a look at the board and see if you are willing to help donate. If you find an item you are willing to donate, please take the slip off the board and return it taped to the item you purchased. Some items are FREE, the rest are no more than \$5 each to purchase. Donations really help to keep the church's cost down for this community outreach ministry. Please have donations back to the church on or before Sunday, July 14th.

A Big Thank you To Jessica Boston

Jessica Boston attended Camp Ponderosa Pines Christian Camp in early June with the youth – and the church says THANK YOU JESS for doing so! Youth leader Amy was unable to attend camp this year due to having to care for her baby, and Jessica happily took her place instead! Jessica is currently a full-time student at San Jose State University studying Kinesiology and Athletic Training, who is home for summer break. When Jessica is not busy with her studies, she is a consultant for Thirty One Gifts. Her parents are Darrin and Sheri Boston.

UMW
READING
PROGRAM



UMW report on Book Lending library in the Fellowship Room

Book read by Janice Anderson
Yours Are the Hands of Christ

by James C. Howell

This book had many insightful ideas to practice our faith. I read it first in 2002 and again this last month. I believe it would be worth your time to check out the book, just sign your name in the white notebook on the bookcase in the Fellowship Room (the room south of the Sanctuary).

"Christianity must become something real, tangible, something that pervades all that we are. It must become something we do." a quote from Rev. Howell of North Carolina. If we all take this as a challenge what a difference we could make in our lives and in the lives of others. Perhaps Upper Room Supers, UMM or UMW or a position on the Ad Council or one of the many committees, just talk to Pastor Rich. We truly can be the Hands of Christ. And Ridgecrest has many opportunities in the community of be of help: Pink Ladies/Blue Boys, Senior Services, WACOM Thrift Shop, Salvation Army, SSUSD for your kids or grandkids, etc.

Just look at the books available, including those for youth and children. Enjoy the gift of sight and intellect our Lord has given us with reading.

Cub Scout Pack 341 Needs Your Help

Cub Scout Pack 341, whom we sponsor, is in need of our congregations help. They have been asked by the local scouting district to find a Unit Commissioner for their unit. Judy Burns has been the Unit Commissioner for a number of years, however, has stepped down due to personal reasons. Some of the responsibilities of this position include: helping each unit earn the Quality Unit Award, attend monthly committee meetings, assist with renewal, and much more. But probably the most important is to offer encouragement and support to the adults and the youth of the Pack. If you need further information, please contact me and please, prayerfully consider this. Remember, these young people are our future and the support that can be given to them now will make them responsible adults.

In Scouting,

Diane Leveille

Chartered Organization Representative.



"Quilts Across the Country"

In the aftermath of the Moore, Oklahoma tornado, our country, and our church wanted to help. Many thanks go to Diann Severson and our quilt guild for combining forces and sending 20 comfort quilts to the families from Plaza Towers Elementary School. Diann sent the quilts immediately to the Moore School District to distribute them. Wonderful!

If anyone else wants to donate items or financial support directly to the school district, feel free to email or call me for a direct contact in Oklahoma.

Thanks again!

-Kristin Hall



Our first service as a combined service was a great success, with large choir, nice audience size, great sermon, good fellowship. God has blessed us all.

Again if you can help fill in the choir during the summer so that regular singers are free to be away a bit please come at 8:30 a.m. and you can learn all you need for the current service, which is planned to be simple summer music. Well, speaking a being away, I am planning to take more time off since we have very capable substitute directors, Carol Sakai will direct on June 23, Amber Petersen directed in May and I am hoping she will be available in August when we make our annual trip to Medford, OR to see our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. Thank you for all who come to the aid of director, hymn leaders, etc.

A very lovely solo was presented on June 2 by Celese Sanders, one of Amber's voice students, and Amber did a great job, as always, on June 9th, both at the 8:00 a.m. service.

The return to two services will be on August 11th, with the first Thursday night rehearsal on August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

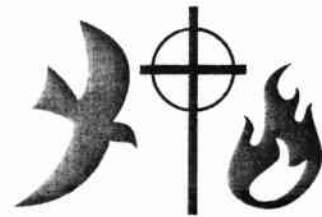
Blessings and Safe travel for the summer.
Janice Anderson, Director of Music

Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor Rich and Pastor Staff and all who were involved with my retirement party. The food was great and the presentations were priceless. I am humbled by the outpouring of well wishes and all the many cards I received. Thank you for the "airplane" I had a good visit with my mom and sister and her family in Portland. I have truly been blessed to have served this church as secretary for the past 13 years. Of course I will continue to support this church, just in different ways.

Thank you again.

Diane



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As many of you may know, the Anglican congregation of St Michael's Church has been made to leave that facility. They are now the Christ the King Anglican Church and are worshipping in the Immanuel Baptist Church Chapel. When leaving the St Michael's facility, they were unable to take anything that belonged to the facility, including items needed for worship. While doing some housecleaning here at the Ridgecrest United Church, the Alter Guild discovered some beautiful, ornate alter cloths that are no longer used by our congregation. If there are no objections from the congregations, we would like to give these to the Christ the King Anglican Church congregations. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact Pastor Rich or myself.

In the service of our Lord,

Diane Leveille

Worship Committee Chair

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	3 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED- Independence Day	5 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	6
7 Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	9 9:00 am MOPPETTS 6:30 pm Worship Committee	10 5:30 pm Girl Scouts #2263 6:00 pm Amateur Radio 6:30 pm P.F.L.A.G. Rm 4	11 5:15 pm URSM 6:15 pm Mission	12 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	13
14 Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	16	17 9:00 am Sister's Act Fellowship Room 12 Noon 3M Circle 5:00 pm Cadets Training 7:00 pm Ad Council	18	19 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	20
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am

Our Summer Worship Service ends on August 4th



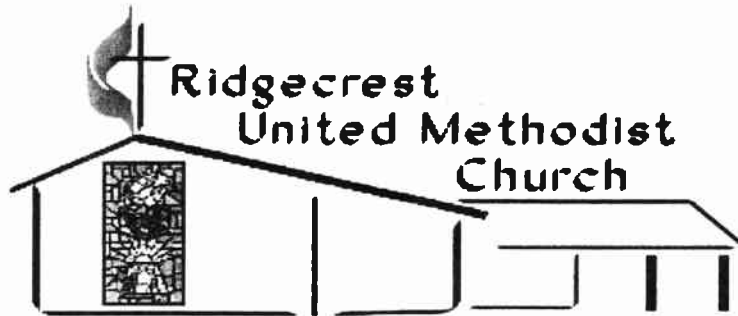
JULY

- 1 McKinley Hennings
- 2 Rachel Layfield
- 7 Mike Herr
- 9 Diane Foucher
- 6 Steve Smith
- 10 Alex Kilikauskas
- 12 Dan Leveille
- 13 Chloe Bryant
RaeLeigh Clair
Dolores Hoffman
Sam Johnson
- 14 Julie Gervais
David Hall
- 15 Cindel Barnes
Julia Rindt
- 16 Janet Tonkin
- 19 Robert Lane
- 20 Dennis Manson
Phyllis Wise
- 21 Patricia Bayne
Michelle Lindsay
- 23 Taylor Corzine
Nathaniel Hansen
- 23 Savannah Holland
- 27 Sandy Meech
Terry Millett
John Veazey
- 31 Patricia Gomez

JULY

- 3 Andrew & Rebecca Toll
- 4 Adrian & Amy Ochoa
- 7 Ralph & Cathy Mattis
- 13 Joseph & Kathleen Hansen
- 16 Dan & Diane Leveille
- 17 Eric & Julie Frisbee
- 18 Jim & Donna Weeks
- 19 Marc & Carrie Cope
- 25 Richard & Sue Marvin
- 26 Peter & Debbie Brown
Leroy & Carol Corlett
- 31 Harris & Patricia Brokke
Dennis & Barbara Mason

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Our 9:30 Summer Worship Schedule
will end on Sunday August 4
Our Worship Schedule
8:00 am and 10:30 am
Will resume on August 11
(Child care is provided)
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