

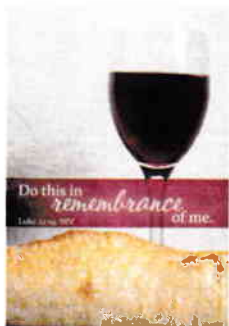
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HOW you can HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to Living Bread Ministry or the Literacy Council—our Mission Emphases for August

August Communion



**Sunday, August 11
8:00 and 10:30 am**

Welcome Our Newest Members

Our ministry has been richly and uniquely blessed by the addition of the following 15 great new members and their 8 children to our congregation over the last 2 months:

Gene and Marianne Benson

Steven Hall and Priscilla Carefoot
Joe, Athena

Mike and Camie Keeter

John and Kathy Manley

Patricia Pfahl
Kate, Owen

Norelle Shlanta

Will Stephens
William, Jordan,
Makayla, Hailey

Steve and Kim Webb
Jesse and Chelsea Webb (adults)

Please get to know these wonderful new members and do everything you can to make them feel welcome!

Confirmation Class Begins Aug. 18

The 2013 Confirmation Class will get underway on Sunday, August 18 at 9:00 am. We are seeking confirmation candidates who are 10 years old and older.

The purpose of Confirmation Class is to prepare young people to make their own decision to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Topics that will be covered include basic church history, how to read and study the Bible, the ministry of Jesus, the special influence of John Wesley the founder of Methodism, and the vital need for every Christian to be in mission to the people of the world.

Kristen Barron and Pastor Rich will lead the class. We will meet every Sunday during the Sunday School hour, take Labor Day weekend off, and culminate with the laying on of hands on Confirmation Sunday, October 13.



"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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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 Emphases--



The Literacy Council is a volunteer organization dedicated to helping people learn to read, write and speak English. Dr. Laubach once said, "You must learn to love people, not for what they are now, but for what you know you can help them become."

--Also--



Living Bread Ministry

Living Bread Ministry is a program started and supported by local churches and managed by the Salvation Army. The program provides food to the needy in crisis situations in Ridgecrest and the surrounding area. Please give generously and help our community feed the hungry.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for August

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

The food item for August is:

Cup of Soup/ Top Ramen

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

AUGUST 4

Flowers: Available
 Liturgist: 9:30 am Hazel Hensley
 Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
 Jim and Mary Netzer
 Acolyte: Emilio Bautista
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Jill Bradford
 Helper: Camie Ketter
 Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis
 Olivia Zade
 Fellowship Hosts: Barb Johnson, Nina Lane,
 Tina Frisbee

AUGUST 11

Flowers: Available
 Liturgist: 8:00 am Diann Severson
 10:30 am Scott Millett
 Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
 John & Paige Netzer
 Acolyte: Paulina Bautista
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Jill Bradford
 Helper: Melanie Branson
 Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane
 Barbara Johnson
 Fellowship Hosts: Laura Lei Miller, Diane Wadelin
 Julie Frisbee

AUGUST 18

Flowers: Available
 Liturgist: 8:00 am Available
 10:30 am Available
 Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
 George & Elsa Hennings
 Natalie Gilbert
 Acolyte:
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Jill Bradford
 Helper: Sheri Boston
 Counters: Sheri Boston, Joanna Rindt,
 Patty Bayne
 Fellowship Hosts: Reid Baker, Mary Netzer,
 Eleanor Winnemore

AUGUST 25

Flowers: Zac & Lorelei Atencio
 Available
 Liturgist: 8:00 am Available
 10:30 am Available
 Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
 Ken & Patty Wetzel
 Acolyte: Gunnar Gervais
 Creative Expression:
 Lead: Jill Bradford
 Helper: Shirley Kidner
 Counters: James Guess, Wes Hensley
 Nancy Hodge
 Fellowship Hosts: Melanie Branson, Joanna Rindt

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.



Ice Cream Social

Annual Ice Cream Social

On August 7 at 6 pm the United Methodist Women will be sponsoring an ice cream social in the Social Hall. The McLane-Robinson Dixieland Band will be providing musical entertainment. If you would like to donate homemade ice cream, pie or cake or be a server please contact Shirley Kidner at 446-4364. Tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are 5 dollars for adults, 3 dollars for children 12 and under and seconds will be available for 2 dollars. Proceeds support the missions of UMW.



We have all been blessed with a nice sized choir throughout the summer. Thank you so much faithful choir members, you are truly into music ministry.

Additional thanks to all who were our dedicated hymn leaders through June and July and then on into August. Thank You!!!

My personal thanks to Mike Keeter for assisting our substitute pianist with keeping pace with the service music, even with my mess in giving her the wrong communion pages to play. Makes us all appreciate Patrick even more.

Our anthem soloists, Aileen Scott, Camie Keeter, and Mike Keeter on sax were an added treat on July 14th.

My personal thanks go to Amber Petersen for directing the choir on August 4 and 11 so that we may visit family in Oregon.

Everyone be ready to return to the school year schedule of services on **August 11th** with 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. time to resume. First fall choir rehearsal will be on **Thursday, August 15th** at 7:00 p.m. Extra hymn practice time is at 6:45 p.m.

Thank you to our appreciative congregation, we sing for the Lord, but are happy with your love and blessings.

May we stay well, and blessed for the remainder of the summer.

Janice Anderson, Director of Music



Potluck With Dr. Elma Jocson, MD
Saturday, Aug. 17, 6 pm

Dr. Elma Jocson, MD, our covenant missionary-physician to the Ganta UM Hospital in Liberia, West Africa, will be visiting us on Saturday evening, Aug. 17. We will share a potluck at 6 pm in the Social Hall, followed by pictures and descriptions of her ministry at the Ganta Hospital. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Elma and hear her stories of improvising, faith, and healing.

John Veazey
For the Missions Committee

UMW NEWS

Woo Hoo! It is August and time for UMW to start back up! This month we begin with our Ice Cream Social and also will entertain the Pasadena District Officers. Our Circle groups will start again in September. Please, start thinking about items to make for sale at the upcoming Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction on October 5. All women in the church are invited to participate in any of our activities and we love to have the men join us for our fundraisers too!

Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for August 7 at 6:00. You will not want to miss our Ice Cream Social Fundraiser. We are having a Dixie Land Band! We are having Face Painting for the kiddos! We are having Delicious Desserts! This is a wonderful event for the whole family to enjoy. It is a fundraiser so please invite your neighbors and friends too. Dessert is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids (12 and under). Seconds are \$2. Dessert includes a slice of homemade pie or cake with a scoop of homemade ice cream. We guarantee it will be delicious!

North End Trip Program

On Saturday, August 24th, we are invited to go to Big Pine for the Pasadena District Program. We will be leaving Saturday morning and returning early Saturday afternoon. The program will be about the current Mission Studies: The Roma of Europe and The Calling (our sacraments, baptism and communion). We will also hear something from Barbara Miller about the Women's Division Jurisdictional Conference. The following day, these officers will be in Ridgecrest.

Pasadena District UMW

You are invited to meet some of our Pasadena District Officers at the August 25th 10:30 worship service. Following the service we will be going to lunch at The Grape Leaf. All women of the church are invited to join us there. This is your opportunity to get to know our sisters in mission much better. I will tell you that they can be a wild and crazy group of women! It will be fun and I hope that you can join us for this entertaining and fun lunch.

Harvest Dinner/Silent Auction

On October 5th we will be having our biggest fundraiser—the Harvest Dinner and the Silent Auction. Please consider taking the time to make an item or two for the Silent Auction. Items donated for the Silent Auction feature the incredible talents of the members of our church. You will find many baked goods or other edibles. You will find some beautiful sewn items. Some incredible knitted/crocheted items and wooden items will be available to bid on as well. Some different art items will be there, as well as pottery and photographs. Please consider making a donation to the Silent Auction this year. These wonderful donations help us to fund missions all over the world for Christ. Your donation is important to us. Please tell us about the donation (did you make it or is it your Aunt's handiwork?), what you would consider a minimum bid (our workers sometimes have no idea about how much time something takes to make!), and don't forget to put your name on the item! We want to know who to thank! I have often bought something and brought it home and am not sure who donated it. I would love to say thank you for your talents!

MOPS Summer Program Ending

Tuesday, August 6th from 9:30am to 10:30am is the last MOPPETTS children program for the summer. This summer, the children of the Mothers of Preschool ministry have been learning about the Apostle Paul's travels to many lands.

Regular MOPS mothering seminars resume Tuesday, September 17th in the social hall from 9am to 11am.

All moms with children under 5 years of age still in the household are welcome to participate. Join the group on Facebook, search for IWV MOPS.

Youth Summer Pool Parties

Summer wouldn't be complete without some pool parties! Middle school and high school youth are invited to come together on Sunday, August 11th and Sunday, August 18th from 12noon to 1pm, for some swim time! Bring your bathing suits and a towel. Pool locations to be announced, check the bulletins.

Regular Sunday afternoon youth groups resume September 8th.

SSP Sunday on August 25th

The high school mission team will be taking over regular Sunday worship services on the 25th of this month! Come experience with the youth, the sights and sounds of their mission trip to Smith River.

Relay for Life

Save-the-date for the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life, which will be held at the college track, beginning at 9am, Saturday, October 19th and ending 9am, Sunday, October 20th. TEAM UNITED will be seeking relay participants for the 24-hour event. Youth will once again be invited to stay overnight on the track. Make note, that this year, the relay is being held two weeks later than previous years! The dates are once again, October 19th and 20th. Fundraising efforts and relay team sign-ups will begin in September.

Upper Room Suppers Seeking PICs

The free Friday night dinner ministry, known as Upper Room Suppers, is seeking people interested in becoming trained Persons in Charge (or PICs). The PIC is responsible for planning, shopping, cooking, serving and overseeing an entire Friday night dinner (with others to help you of course!). Currently, there are less than 8 trained PICs in the church. Training takes less than one hour to complete, and requires no professional restaurant experience. Once you are trained, you will be partnered with a seasoned PIC to ease you into the process slowly. Most PICs select a menu that is comfortable for them to prepare, however, menu ideas are available, along with quantity suggestions and help. Being a PIC is very rewarding, and is essential for the continuation of this successful ministry. Contact Amy Ochoa in the church office, if you feel called to serve in this way.

August 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper |
| | | | | | | 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 12:00 Midnight Youth Return from SSP trip |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study | 9:00 am MOPPETTS 7:00 pm Fly Fishers | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts #2263 6:00 pm Amateur Radio 6:00 pm P.F.L.A.G. Rm 4 6:00 pm UMW Ice Cream Social with Dixieland Band 7:00 pm Trustees | | 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper | |
| | | | | | (Flex) | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Sunday Worship Schedule | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study | | 12 Noon 3M Circle 5:00 pm Cadets Training 7:00 pm UMW Board Meeting | 5:15 pm URSM 6:00 pm Mission 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper | 6:00 pm Potluck for Elma Jocson |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Sunday Worship Schedule | 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study | | 9:00 am Sister's Act Fellowship Room 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 7:00 pm Ad Council | 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper | 7:30 pm SSP overnight |
| | | | | | (Flex) | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Sunday Worship Schedule | 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 | | | 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper | |

Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00am & 10:30am
Last Summer Worship Service ends on August 4th



If you wish to be added or have your information corrected in the phone directory please email me at umcrc@verizon.net or call me at 760-375-7434. Thank you, Chelsea Webb

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Expression Of Gratitude



The Leveille family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the people of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church for their prayers and support during this past month.

Our family has been deeply touched by the outpouring of love and support of our church family. Dan always enjoyed fellowshiping with you all and this church family will always be a huge part of his family's life. Again thanks to all.

The Family of Dan Leveille



JLJ— R/C

Just Like Jesus – Ridgecrest
(The Carpenter)

The Trustees have been busy with the day to day items on the honey do list. But their big job at the moment is extending the trustees closet to hold one of our large pieces of equipment. The big blue piece of equipment that I have named Arial is used to change the light bulbs in the church. Even though we have kept it housed under the cover, it has been damaged from the weather. We are now able to keep it out of the elements ensuring that it will be a vital piece of equipment for many years to come.

As always, if you see anything around the campus that needs fixed, please contact one of the Trustees so that we can take care of the issue.

Your 2013 Board of Trustees is:

Joe Hansen, Elsa Hennings, Ray Miller
Bill Burns, Cole Johnson, Hazel Hensley
John Veazey, Monte Frisbee, Bob Dale
Hazel A. Hensley
Board of Trustees President

All Church Adjourned Session

The all church adjourned session on Sunday, July 21, 2013 was attended by around 30 people. Phil Archibald was voted in as the Interim Church Treasurer for the remainder of 2013. The need for a third nursery attendant for the second service was addressed and agreed to that the budget could be increased by \$440. This will pay for the third nursery attendant for the remainder of 2013. Finance Chair Scott Millett said we will be able to use money we currently have from retained earnings in previous years.

Testament Travelers



Sunday school
(Pre-K – 5th Grade)

What Does?

2 cows, 2 sheep, 2 camels, 2 oxen, 2 water buffalo, 2 pigs, 2 beehives, 2 goats, 2 donkeys, 2 trios of ducks, 2 trios of rabbits, 2 trios of guinea pigs, 2 flocks of geese, 2 flocks of chicks and 2 lamas all have in common? An ARK!

At the end of last year's Sunday school program, the children decided that they wanted a GOD size goal! And what could be more GOD sized for them than an ARK. So how big is this goal? An Ark is \$5,000.00. Our church has already given 2 Arks in the past, so this will be our third.

Juanita will be bringing you more information as we move forward.

Please mark your calendars for September 8, when we hold our annual meet and greet potluck for the Sunday school signups.

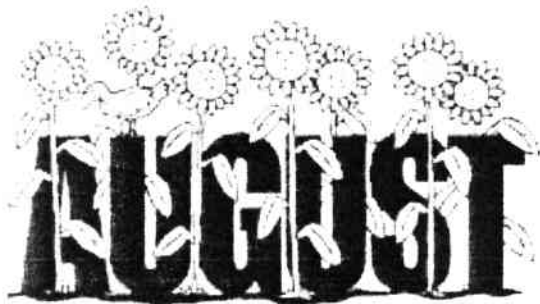
Blessings to All

Juanita Morton...Heifer Project Coordinator
Kristin Hall...Angel Choir Director
Hazel Hensley...Sunday school teacher
Shirley Kidner...Sunday school teacher
Patty Gomez...Sunday school teacher

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)
Bring A Friend To Church



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RIDGECREST
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Current Resident or

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AUGUST

- 2 Reid Baker
Bryan Williams
- 4 Sharon Backman
- 5 Jenna Cope
Elsa Hennings
- 8 Renee Bradford
- 9 Sarah Guess
- 12 Tammy Ferris
- 17 Bob Scott
- 18 Chris Gibbs
Debra Lane
Martin Liniger
- 21 Zakary Atencio
- 23 Sheri Boston
- 24 Howard Anderson
Alan Bradford
Cheryl Haun
- 25 Lorelei Atencio
Rob Gervais
- 27 Simon Austin
Emilio Bautista
- 28 Laura Lei Miller
- 29 Aurel Hays
- 31 Vivian Wright

AUGUST

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- 7 Ed & Barbara Jayne
- 19 Bob & Aileen Scott
- 22 Ray & Minnie Miller
- 23 Mike & Paula Herr
- 25 Darrin & Sheri Boston