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## HOW<sup>you</sup> can HELP

**Make a generous donation through RUMC to Habitat for Humanity or Relay for Life—our Mission Emphases for September**



**We are fully underway with 10 wonderful girls and boys meeting to learn about God and following Jesus. Confirmation Sunday is October 13.**

## SPIRITUAL GIFTING WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 21, 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Ministry, blessings to you as I write on this lovely, late summer evening. It is written in Romans 11.29, "For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." (NIV)

How often I try to take exception to this Truth...Lord, please forgive me my stubbornness. I don't need to remind you what happened to Jonah when he argued with God. Sometimes I try to tell myself (or rather I listen to a voice of discouragement), "I can't do that," or "I don't have the skills for that," or "I don't have the time for that."

Then God finds a way to remind me, often repetitively, "You don't have to do it alone," or "You don't have to do it the way you think," or "You will have all the time you need." Then after some repetition (as I am a slow learner), I realize that voice of discouragement is NOT my friend, and how alive and miraculous the Holy Spirit really is. The pieces come together, the help, the tools, the time; and God gets my full attention—again. Praise God!

Dear friends, our ministry together is God's calling, and He equips us with ALL the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the job of the moment, when we set out to glorify Him. He also uses our talents, the things that we enjoy that come easy; He uses our passions, the things that really excite us and convict us; and He uses the settings He puts us in. All these He uses to speak to us, to encourage us and to facilitate our productivity for Him. His call and His gifts really are irrevocable. The challenge for us is to listen and be obedient. The end product is always amazing.

So, this message is to invite you to a time of listening to God and to each other on 9-21-13: to learn how He has gifted us for service to Him and to His people, and to share what we think we are called to do in response. I pray it will be for you a time of personal discovery, encouraging fellowship and re-dedication to God's work in your life and in our Church—all for His glory. Amen. Jim Hoover

*"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--**

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

RUMC has a Relay for Life team - **Team United.**

This 24 -hour Relay is set for the weekend of

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at

the Cerro Coso College Track beginning at 9:00 am. RUMC is again a proud sponsor of this event.

Since we are a sponsor there is no registration fee for walkers on our team. Your donations are still welcome! Please make your checks payable to RUMC with "Relay for Life" in the memo line. 100% of your donation will be given to the American Cancer Society to

continue to fight against cancer. Thank you for being a part of this exciting fundraiser for the American Cancer Society by praying for the event, walking an hour (or more!) at the relay.

For more information or to sign up see your co-captains Laura Miller or Amy Ochoa.



As a church, we are proud to have been the first congregation in the Indian Wells Valley to raise enough money to construct a complete Habitat home, and contribute many man hours and lunches for work crews. We all hope to see Habitat for Humanity continues to prosper and build homes for the needy. While the pace of building homes is slow, it meets a need for the estimated 1,500 families living in poverty housing in our valley. Remember that Habitat for Humanity is Christian-based and non-profit. All money invest in Habitat will continue to build new homes as the partner families pay off their mortgages. Habitat for Humanity deserves our continued mission support.

**Living Bread Ministry**



**Food Emphasis for September**

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

The food item for September is:

**Canned Meat**

# In Service In Our Church

Lock up for September: Elsa Hennings

## SEPTEMBER 1

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Diann Severson  
1030 am: Diann Severson  
Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley  
Jim & Mary Netzer  
Acolyte: Jonah Gilbert  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Kathy LaShure  
Helper: Julie Gervais  
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,  
Olivia Zade  
Fellowship Hosts: Terry Millet, Nel Kovar,  
Marty Corzine

## SEPTEMBER 8

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Laura Miller  
1030 am: Cathy Mattis  
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family  
John & Paige Netzer  
Acolyte: Callie Corzine  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert  
Helper: Penny Johnson  
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,  
Barbara Johnson  
Fellowship Hosts: Norelle Shlanta, Michelle Kilikaukas,  
Kim Webb

## SEPTEMBER 15

Flowers: The Gervais Family  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Available  
1030 am: Melanie Branson  
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne  
George & Elsa Hennings  
Acolyte: Meghan Branson  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert  
Helper: Penny Johnson  
Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,  
Joanna Rindt  
Fellowship Hosts: Bonita Becker, Aileen Scott,  
Julie Gervais

## SEPTEMBER 22

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Diane Leveille  
1030 am: Diane Leveille  
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee  
Ken & Patty Wetzel  
Acolyte: Paulina Bautista  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert  
Helper: Penny Johnson  
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley  
James Guess  
Fellowship Hosts: William Stephen, Nancy Hodge,  
Jim Hoover

## SEPTEMBER 29

Flowers: Rob & Julie Gervais  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Available  
1030 am: Available  
Ushers: Youth  
Acolyte: Trevor Frisbee  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert  
Helper: Penny Johnson  
Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,  
Joanna Rindt  
Fellowship Hosts: Melanie Branson, Steven Hall,  
Ann Norris

### Liturgists

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

### Altar Flowers

The flower chard 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 sign up.

### Lost but Found

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

## Church News



### Trustee's News

Just Like Jesus – Ridgecrest  
(The Carpenter)

As always the day to day upkeep of our facilities is the priority of the Trustees. We have some items that are pretty much done, like the extension of the Trustees closet to house the lift. The outside has been painted so the outside is done. Some electrical needs to be run and it will be done! Great Job, and a BIG thank you to those who worked on this project.

If you were lucky enough to be part of the Ad Council this last Wednesday, then you saw our latest addition of comfort to the church. We have been blessed with the opportunity to get new chairs. After presenting the information to the council a vote was taken and passed to acquire the new chairs. I will be getting a crew together to pick the rest of them up on Friday. We will have them in rooms 4, 5, Fellowship & Social Hall.

The Trustees are also making some schedule plans well in advance for the dates of the next two All-Church Work Days. We will be meeting in the Social Hall on October 5 and November 2, immediately following the United Methodist Men's Breakfasts, for a morning of cleaning and repairs around our wonderful campus. These are not Flex weekends, so hopefully they will not conflict with any long-weekend schedules. A willing set of hands is always welcome to join us for a morning of Fellowship with our congregation members.

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



### Choir Notes

Fall on the desert is truly a gift from God, enjoy!!

Welcome back the fall/winter choir, our numbers are increasing, but a few are still away. Safe travels home to all.

The summer choir welcomed Marianne Benson in the alto section, a very warm welcome Marianne and may you enjoy the experience and keep it coming.

Wonderful to have Amber Petersen back leading the music for the early service, and thank you Amber for directing the choir in August and September.

Also, our thank you to Mike Keeter for directing on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, such a great talent and how we do love that saxophone with you playing.

Again, I say mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Concert on **Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.** and this **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> UMC** will host the multi-church Choral Fest where the choirs of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Grace Lutheran Church, and Ridgecrest Presbyterian will each present two Advent/Christmas anthems and the closure will be the combined choirs singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with Mick Rindt and Simon Austin on trumpets. This is always a thrill and welcome to get us excited about the story of Christ's birth. Do join us for both at **3 p.m.**

If you think the choir loft is full, come anyway, we can always make another row, you will be welcomed.

May God give you safe travels and a beautiful end of summer.

Blessings,

Janice Anderson, Director of Music

## Children & Youth Activities



### **Sunday School** Testement Travelers (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### What Does?

I can't believe that summer is over and the kids are back in school. Where did our summer go? I hope that everyone had a nice break from the homework and tests. But along with school starting back up there is Sunday school.

We will be having our traditional meet and greet breakfast potluck in the Social Hall on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. so we can start eating by 9:15. Then on September 15<sup>th</sup> our children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in room 3 at 9:00.

I have been asked when my child can start coming to Sunday school. They need to be able to follow directions and be potty trained. If you have any questions or concerns please let me or one of the other teachers know.

We have a new addition to the Sunday school program this year; our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have a more advanced class led by Shirley Kidner and Al Bradford. Thank you to both of them for their work with our children.

#### Heifer Project News:

We will be starting our year out working on an ARK. Juanita will be bringing you more information as we move forward.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 8, when we hold our annual meet and greet potluck for the Sunday school signups.

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
Al Bradford	Sunday school teacher

Blessings to All  
--Hazel Hensley



### **Youth Groups Resume for Fall**

Youth groups will resume for the fall semester on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Middle school meets from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, and high school meets from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, both in room # 2.

The main study this semester will be, *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*. The high school group will also be discussing Dr. Seuss media in relation to social issues.

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are especially encouraged to begin attending the middle school youth group!

## United Methodist Women



### Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction

The United Methodist Women are having their annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 5, 2013. We will be having a wonderful dinner starting with Roasted Butternut Squash Soup or a California Harvest Salad. Our entrée will be Southern Style Meatloaf accompanied by Smashed Potatoes and Countrified Green Beans. You will have a sweet ending to this meal enjoying the baking talents of the United Methodist Women.

Tickets will be on sale in mid-September from the UMW board members. Prices are \$15 for one ticket and a family maximum of \$35.

Donations of Hand Made Goods for our Silent Auction will be taken in the office during the last week of September. Please remember to include your name, something about the donation, and a suggested starting price. All kinds of talents are welcome. Please donate to this event. Diversity of items, big and small, make this a wonderful way to celebrate Fall.



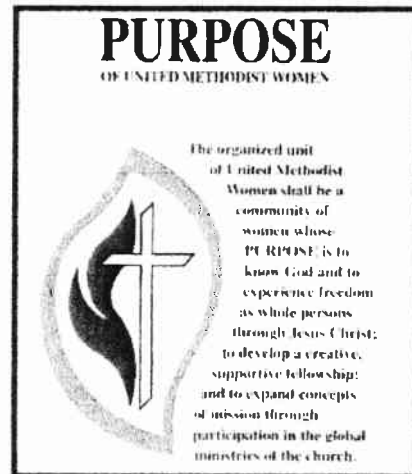
Visit us on  
**Facebook**

### Facebook Group

The Ridgecrest United Methodist Women have had a Facebook group for over a year now. We recently decided to open our group and you are invited to visit us on Facebook. You will find pictures posted, events talked about, church family news shared, and inspirational messages.



Our United Methodist Women are looking to expand our leadership so we are inviting you to join us in discussing the future of UMW at the Ridgecrest church. Join one of our circles and participate! Join one of our events and grow in Christ! Join one of our fundraisers and contribute to the global mission of the church!



## Missions

### WILL YOU BE MOVED TO HELP PURCHASE A MOTORCYCLE FOR PASTOR ROTILLO IN GUATEMALA??



Jesus said "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16: 13-20) when He was talking to his disciples. This passage has a bit of a different meaning when talking about Pastor Rotillo, in Guatemala, as he alone, with a pick, started carving the corner of his church out of a rock on a mountain side.



Pastor Rotillo is a gardener that works at the hotel in Rio Hondo, Guatemala, where Hearts In Motion teams stay when they are in Guatemala. He earns \$7.00 a day to feed his family and rides a bicycle 27 miles to and from work. About 15 miles of his ride is on a main highway, which is a major truck route through Guatemala. He then rides his bicycle, up hill, to get home on a road that is sometimes paved but mostly dirt and rocks.

On Sundays, his is doing God's work with Pastoring his flock. God's call has been strong with Pastor Rotillo, as he for several years has been asking Karen, the Director of Hearts In Motion, to help him build his church. His congregation is too poor to give

money to build the church, as most don't even have enough money to feed their families. Karen would give him a few dollars, and with that few dollars, he started to build the church. He was able to get the frame work and a roof over the church. It was this year that Karen's heart was touched by God to really take the time to see the church, and see what Pastor Rotillo had accomplished. She then put out a call to a church in United States to see if they could raise enough to buy cinder blocks for the walls of this simple church. In July, Gerry Rambo, myself and the Hearts In Motion team were blessed to meet Pastor Rotillo, his family, and see what God has done. What a moving experience to stand in this sacred place, sing songs, pray and lay hands on Pastor Rotillo and his family.



Gerry and I were moved by the Holy Spirit to help this Pastor and his family, and we are asking for your help by donating to buy this Pastor a motorcycle, so he can get to work and home to his family, and be able to visit partitioners, without his knees hurting him all of the time. The cost of the motorcycle is \$1300. So please, if you are moved in your heart by the Holy Spirit, please donate to help this Pastor and his family with a motorcycle. Mark "Guatemala – Motorcycle" on the memo line on your check.

Blessings, Terry Ratcliff

**Please come on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to a potluck and to hear Gerry Rambo and myself talk about our God experiences in Guatemala!!**



The 2013 Relay for Life will be held at Cerro Coso Community College track this year. However, please note the date change: Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Your team captains for the Team United relay team are Amy Ochoa and Laura Miller. We plan to have the youth responsible for the hours from 9:00 pm to morning. They will be staying overnight. That means that our available openings for walkers will be in hour increments from 9:00 on Saturday morning till the youth take over at night. The event starts with a survivor lap. If you are a survivor, please let us know to sign you up for this special lap. Caregivers join them on the second lap. Sign-ups will appear on a bulletin board in the Narthex mid-September.

Luminarias are also available for purchase in memory or to honor a cancer survivor. To donate to the American Cancer Society, please place a check or envelope in the offering plate made out to the church but put Relay or ACS in the memo line or on the envelope. The church will write one check to the ACS.

Our church is once again a corporate sponsor of this event. This disease is so close to many of our hearts. We pray that our fundraising efforts will help to find a cure. Please continue to pray with us for a cure and to have another successfully safe night for our youth and their chaperones. If you would like to ask family and friends to donate to our Relay for Life team, Team United, they can do this on-line. Our on-line team can be found on the ACS web site under the Ridgecrest

Relay for Life. You can also solicit checks and cash from them and submit that in an envelope to either Amy Ochoa or Laura Miller. Checks not going through the church (our preferred way) should be made out to the American Cancer Society (ACS).



## *Driver Available*

### **Driver Available To Bring Worshipers To Church**

Ginny Friz has offered to pick up and drop off anyone who needs a ride to and from church for the 10:30 am service. Please call her at 760-371-3453 if you need a ride. If possible please notify her at least a day in advance.



## MOPS & YOUNG ADULT EVENT



### Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS resumes for the fall semester on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am in the social hall, and will continue to meet every first and third Tuesday of each month until June, 2014.

This semester, the group will learn ways to raise happy and healthy Christian boys and girls in today's secular world.

Childcare provided in room # 10, or children are welcome to stay with their mothers in the social hall. MOPS is open to all moms with children under the age of 5 years old. No cost.



### Welcome Baby Gwen

Mothers of Preschoolers member Michelle Lopez, and her husband, welcomed their second child into the world on August 29<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 7.5 pounds.

May God bless you, sweet Gwendelyn Lilly!



### Upcoming Young Adult Mixer

The young adult ministry is hosting a mixer at the Pizza Factory, at the Triangle, on Flex Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30pm. Come ready for a Disney trivia game like none other. Prizes for top ranking Disney know-it-alls! All others will enjoy dinner on the ministry.

Children welcome. No cost. Must RSVP to Amy in the church office, no later than the Sunday before the event.

HE CALMED THE STORM  
TO A *whisper*  
AND STILLED THE WAVES.

WHAT A  
*blessing*  
*was that*  
*stillness*

AS HE BROUGHT THEM  
SAFELY INTO HARBOR!

Psalms 107:29-30



- 24 Jim Weeks, Jr.  
Brodey Zade
- 25 Kurt Anderson  
Wes Hensley  
Sutton Vie  
Diane Wadelin
- 28 Herman Hoffman
- 29 Ralph Mattis

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Gary Allred  
Minnie Miller
- 2 Cindy Allred  
Jason Zade
- 3 Thelma Lewis
- 4 Todd Layfield
- 5 Eleanor Lanzillo  
David Watson
- 6 Margot Hoover
- 7 Keith Heflin  
Nancy Herberts
- 8 John Netzer
- 12 Eleanor Gervais
- 13 Debbie Brown  
Beverlee Wood
- 14 Chris Millett
- 15 Sophia Zade
- 16 Paige Bradford
- 18 Donna Stratton
- 19 Tony Miller
- 20 Gene Benson
- 21 Anthony Barnes  
Matthew Kidner  
Isabel Kidner  
Amber Lane  
Patrick Edward Pillers  
Lauren Rindt



## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Rich & Kathy LaShure
- 3 Tim & Barbara Johnson
- 7 Howard & Margaret Anderson
- 13 Jay & Nancy Hodge
- 17 Jim & Mary Netzer
- 21 Paul & Felicia Clair
- 28 Bill & Audrey Campbell
- 29 Mike & Camie Keeter

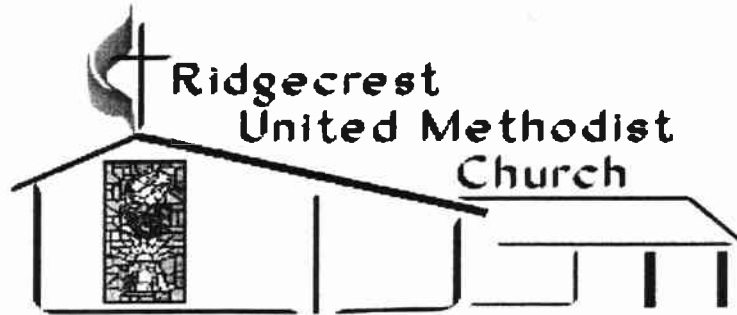
# September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Office Closed due to Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30 pm Bible Study	7:00 pm Fly Fishers	7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8:00 am UMM Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 12:00pm VBS Review Meeting Rm 4	4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	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 7:00 pm UMW Board	5:30 pm Mission 6:15 pm URSM 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b>	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	9:00 am MOPS	12 Noon 3M Circle 5:00 pm Cadets Training 7:00 pm Ad Council	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8:30 am Spiritual Gifting Workshop
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b>	4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	9:00 am MOPS	1:00 pm Quilters 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:00 pm Friendship Circle 6:30 pm Bible Study	5:30 pm YA Mixer at Pizza Factory  7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	
29	30					
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b>	6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35					

**Sunday Worship Schedule**  
8:00am & 10:30am  
Childcare provided

# SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Our Worship Schedule  
8:00 am and 10:30 am  
Will resume on August 11  
(Child care is provided)  
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