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HOW you can HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to Compassion International or China Lake Navy/Marine Corps Relief—our Mission Emphases for October



Hearts in Motion Guatemala Mission Trip Report—Sunday, October 6 in the Social Hall, Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm

PASTOR'S POINT by Rev. Rich LaShure

Terrorists murdering shoppers in a Nairobi mall...another government shut-down looming on the horizon...a possible war with Syria...with so many discouraging happenings in the news, it can be tempting to think that the church's battle against evil has been lost. But then someone like Rob Renfro comes along and helps put things back in perspective.

Rob, who ministers on staff at the 8,000 member Woodlands UMC in North Houston, Texas, had been invited to speak at Simpson Park in Michigan. That has been the home of Methodist camp meetings for 148 years. Some of the young people were the 5th generation of their family to attend the camp.

Rob writes, "Needless to say, I was honored to be part of such a magnificent tradition and humbled to stand in the same pulpit where so many great preachers and men of God had stood before me.

The highlight of the week was the evening when I issued a challenge for those present to commit to living a big life—a life that will glorify God by bringing grace and truth into a world that is dark and lost. I told them that standing for truth in a world of lies will make their lives hard.

Do it, I said, and you'll be misunderstood and maligned. And some will turn their backs on you. But we follow a Savior who said "the truth will set you free."

We follow a Savior who was willing to be crucified rather than be untrue to his Father. We follow the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who roared so strongly with his words and his life that this world has never been the same. And his Spirit lives in us.

If you're willing to follow him, speak the truth into a dark world, and with love in your heart commit yourself to a ministry and a mission, come forward.

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

And they did. Young people. Teenagers. Boys and girls rushed to the altar and fell on their knees. I knelt before them, placed my hands on their heads and prayed that they would fulfill God's calling on their lives and do all that God had put into their hearts.

The week reminded me of something that's easy to forget. When you're fighting a fallen culture, you can forget what's most important.

And what's most important takes place at altars like the one in Simpson Park. What's most important is young people coming to real faith in Christ. What's most important is the next generation embracing God's call on their lives. What's most important is teenagers hearing the voice of God, calling them to live a different way for a higher purpose. What's most important is you and I passing the baton of truth to those who will carry it when we are gone and who will roar with the power of the Gospel when we are no longer here.

God is still calling young people to count the cost, stand strong, and give their hearts to the cause of Christ. I wish you had had a week like mine recently. You wouldn't be discouraged. You wouldn't believe the battle is lost. And you would be encouraged to continue the fight, knowing that the victory is the Lord's."

I thought about the 2013 Confirmation Class as I read Rob's testimony. We have 11 outstanding young people who will be committing their lives to following Jesus Christ on October 13 at the 10:30 service. They are headed for big lives. Don't be discouraged! The victory is the Lord's!

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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--

Compassion International



Sunday October 6th is World Communion Sunday. This is a Churchwide special Sunday of the UMC. Your generous gifts will support the world communion scholarship, the Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-service training programs.

**China Lake Navy-
Marine Corps Relief
Society**



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has provided financial, educational, and other assistance to active duty and retired military personnel, their families, and survivors, when in need. NMCRS provides no-interest loans and grants for basic living expenses, emergencies, and disasters. Visiting nurses provide compassionate care for wounded warriors and their families, as well as home visits to mothers, new babies, elderly retirees, widows and widowers. NMCRS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization staffed by 250 paid employees and 3500+ volunteers world-wide.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for October

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

The food item for October is:

Oatmeal

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for October: Cole Johnson

OCTOBER 6

Flowers: Janet Hughes
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Diane Leveille
1030 am: Diane Leveille
Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Emilio Bautista
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Sheri Boston
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Olivia Zade
Fellowship Hosts: Available

OCTOBER 20

Flowers: Jim Weeks
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Rich LaShure
1030 am: Rich LaShure
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Meghan Branson
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Melanie Branson
Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Available

OCTOBER 13

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Scott Millett
1030 am: Melanie Branson
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Callie Corzine
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Priscilla Carefoot
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Available

OCTOBER 27

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Jim Hoover
1030 am: Jim Hoover
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel
Acolyte: Renee Bradford
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Kristen Barron
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess
Fellowship Hosts: Available

Liturgists

If you are interested in being a liturgist, 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)

What a summer, can you believe that fall is here and the kids are back in school? Time seems to fly when you are busy and the Trustees have completed many of the items on our Honey do list. As some of you may have noticed, the carpet in the Social Hall has been looking worn. A sub-committee of the Trustees put in some extra leg work to find just the right replacement for the carpet. So keep an eye out for new flooring come the middle of October.

A big THANK YOU to Ad Council for approving the purchase of the new chairs for our Church. They have all been cleaned and set out for use in the Social Hall, Fellowship Room and Rooms 4 & 5. All reviews of people who have tried the new chairs have been positive. So join us at social time and see what you think.

Don't forget the work day on October 5th. So come and enjoy a great breakfast with the United Methodist Men and some fellowship. Work will begin right after.

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



Wow, September has gone by fast. We have been blessed with rather full choir attendance, still missing a few. Please come when you can. Our newest alto from the summer "join us" opportunity is Marianne Benson, we welcome you and love you.

Early service has had the great talents of Amber and Michael Petersen and Paula Herr for most of the month and save Dec. 6 & 7 for Amber's recital at the Maturango Museum concerts nights in your local newspaper.

At 10:30 a.m. we were blessed this passed month with special talents of Mike Ketter on sax, Camie Keeter as soloist and Rob Gervais on flute during the choir anthem time. Patrick is working real magic with the use of our instrumentalists and their gifts of the spirit throughout worship.

By the time this article is read we will have had two Sunday afternoon rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 8th. The remaining rehearsals will be on October 27th, November 17th, November 24th, on Sundays at 2 p.m. and the final rehearsal is on Thursday, Dec. 5th. Please save these dates.

On December 15th our congregation will host the annual multi-choir concert at 3 p.m. Please be prepared to volunteer to bring food to feed our guests and those in attendance, finger foods preferred, more on this later.

Thank you Congregation for your strong support, we feel the love and we sing God's praises and messages to aid in our worship with our God given gifts for us all to receive his blessings.

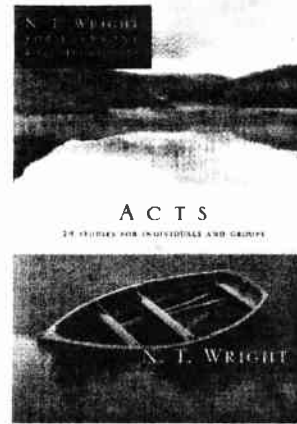
See you on Sunday. Blessings for a beautiful fall in the gorgeous desert.

Janice Anderson, Director of Music



We never thought it would get here, but cooler weather is finally on its way. With this change in the seasons, it is time once again to think about cleaning up our church campus in preparation for the holidays. The United Methodist Trustees are scheduling our next All-Church Work Day on Saturday, October 5. We get to start our day with a warm breakfast served by the United Methodist Men at 8:00, then dive into the cleaning around 9:00 and finish up by noon. We always have a variety of chores, from light dusting to heavy trimming.

It's a wonderful way of joining in the fellowship with your congregation members. If you have any questions, please call Joe Hansen at (760) 375-1219. Hope to see you there!"



New Bible Study

Monday Night Bible Study Starts Oct. 7, 6:30 pm

A new Monday Night Bible study is starting. We will be using the book, *Acts, 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups* by N.T. Wright. The books are available in the office. A donation of \$8.00 will cover the cost. Each student reads the lesson before class, answering as many of the questions from the text as possible. The volunteer discussion leader leads the group discussion of the author's questions. We also join in prayer with our concerns, usually finishing by 8 pm.

N.T. Wright is research professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is the author of dozens of books.

John Veazey

Children and Youth Activities



Sunday School
Testement Travelers
(Pre-K – 5th Grade)

HEIFER NEWS:

If the cow named Buyinza (God is able) in Uganda gives an average of seven gallons of milk a day for nine months (273 days), how much milk does Anna get? How much in eight years (2,184 milking days?) Answers: 1,911 gallons; 15,288 gallons

We are back in full swing with our Sunday school classes. Our Angel Choir has started learning their music for our Christmas play. The Twelve Days of Christmas. This year we will be working with the creative expression kids. Rehearsals will begin October 6th and run through December 1st the day of our play. That's only 9 Sundays until the play, so mark your calendars and join us in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm for a play you won't want to miss.

Blessings to All

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



MOPS Harvest Fest

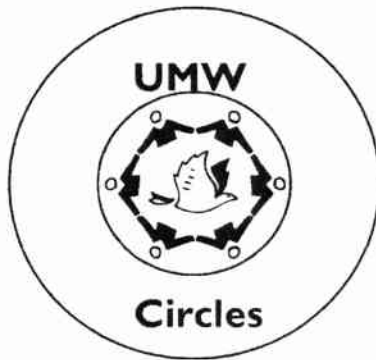
MOPS is hosting its own harvest festival for its members and their any-aged children, since school will be out, on Tuesday, October 29th from 10am to 11am in the social hall. Children may come in their Halloween costumes. There will be lots of yummy food, games and activities. No cost. Non-MOPS members and their elementary school aged children and younger are also invited to participate!



Safe Halloween Events

Thanks to Immanuel Christian Ministry and Calvary Chapel Church for hosting safe Halloween events on Halloween night, Thursday the 31st! Kids of all ages are invited to Immanuel's Harvest Festival in its parking lot located next to the hospital, as well as to Calvary Chapel's Festival located at its church campus on College Heights Blvd. and East Springer Avenue. Parents must accompany children at both locations.

United Methodist Women



Join a **UMW Circle!**

The Ridgecrest UMW has three active circles (a circle is a group of women who meet once a month in a reflection of the purpose of UMW). Each circle is accepting new members.

Sister's Act

Sister's Act is headed up by Aileen Scott and meets in the Fellowship Room at church on the third Wednesday of the month. This circle is currently studying the Roma of Europe. This is one of the UMW yearly studies. To learn more about these marginalized people, please join us from 9 to 11.

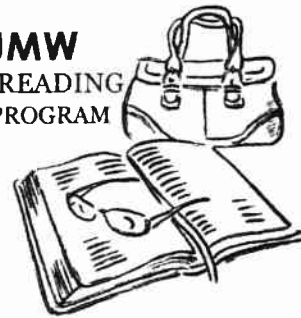
3M Circle

3M Circle is headed up by Barbara Mason and meets in a member's house on the third Wednesday of the month for a potluck salad luncheon. This circle is currently studying the Bad Girls of the Bible. Please call to find out the monthly meeting site and which "bad girl" is the topic of the month.

Friendship Circle

Friendship circle is headed up by Diane Leveille and meets for a social activity in the evening of the last Wednesday of the month. October will feature a Murder Mystery Game. Get in touch with Laura Miller to play a part in the mystery. Playing a part is NOT required for membership—you are still invited to join us for dinner and to practice your detective skills.

UMW
READING
PROGRAM



The United Methodist Women's reading library is located in the Fellowship room and is available to anyone interested. If you decide to read one of our selections, please sign out the book in the notebook provided.

THE POWER OF HALF (One Family's Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back)

When 14 year old Hannah Salwen was stopped in her tracks by glaring disparity, her parents knew they had to act on her urge to do something. What began as an outlandish scheme became a remarkable journey that transported them across the globe and well out of their comfort zone. In the end they learn that they had the power to change a little corner of the world and found themselves changing too. (**Social Action**)

HOW COFFEE SAVED MY LIFE (And Other Stories of Stumbling to Grace)

At age 25, Ellie Roscher, a self-described rich, white North American overachiever, decided to spend a year in Lascano, Uruguay. She reveals her physical and emotional struggles for survival and though spiritually tried and tested, she eventually flourished beautifully. This is the story of Ms. Roscher's year-long mission and how, through a multitude of grace-filled moments, she discovers that god has accompanied her all along the journey. (**Education for Mission**)

Cal-Pac Annual Celebration

On Saturday, October 26th the Cal-Pac UMW will be hosting the 41st Annual Celebration—*The Power of Sisterhood*. The Guest Speaker is Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, our previous Bishop. The event is held at Westwood UMC (10497 Wilshire Blvd.) from 11:30 to 4:00. The registration fee is only \$12 per person for those registering before October 15th. After October 15, the fee will be \$15 per person. Childcare is free (a sack lunch is required and a refundable deposit).

The Annual Celebration includes communion which will be celebrated by our current Bishop, Minerva Carcaño along with our previous Bishop, Mary Ann Swenson.

Registration Forms are in the office. Please pick one up if you are interested in attending this empowering and encouraging event.

Some members of our local UMW are planning on attending. If you are attending and would like to car pool let Laura Miller know at 375-1088. It can be arranged!

Pasadena District Annual Meeting

Diane Wadelin and Laura Miller just attended the UMW Pasadena District Annual Meeting held at La Cañada Flintridge UMC on September 21, 2013. A short business meeting and the election and installation of the new Pasadena District Board followed an exciting presentation about the Filipino Migrant Center by Joy Prim and Terrie Cervas. This mission is run out of Grace UMC in Long Beach.



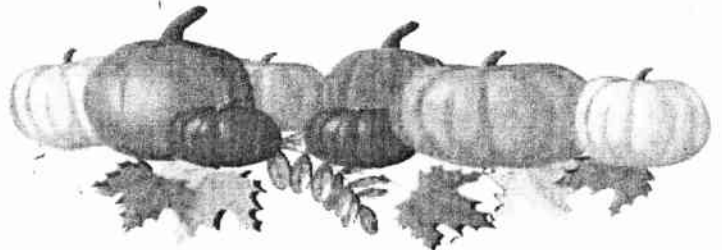
UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY

UMW Christmas Party Scheduled

On Wednesday December 4th, the UMW will meet for a general meeting. The meeting will be a salad potluck for those coming from home and a wonderful lunch for everyone including the women who will be joining us from work!

Expect to be entertained a little bit and a short business meeting where we will elect the new board members. Our board is a group of women committed to helping in ministry. All of our events are undertaken in a fellowship of sisterhood. If you are interested in learning about this aspect of UMW or in getting more involved in leadership, we would LOVE to have you join us on the board. We won't turn you away!

We will be meeting at 11:00 in the Social Hall for the luncheon. We hope you can come and join us for food, friendship, and fellowship.



Missions

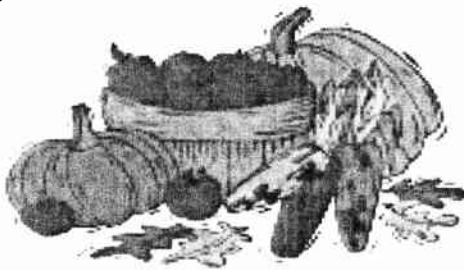


Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction

The Harvest Dinner is the 5th of October. The dinner includes salad and soup, meatloaf, smashed potatoes, green beans, and a wonderful dessert prepared by the wonderful bakers of the United Methodist Women. Tickets are \$15 each and a family limit price of \$35. Children are encouraged to come and enjoy the dinner and the silent auction.

The Silent Auction is of handmade or homemade items that have been donated for sale to support the missions of the UMW. These missions include projects started to help others around the world and missionaries stationed around the world. The USA has many projects and missionaries as well. The mission projects of the UMW are specifically targeted to help women and children. This often means education and nutrition programs are the basis of many of these programs.

If you bake, craft, or have a special talent to share, we would love your donation to support these mission projects. Please come, please donate, please support our auction by bidding!



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. Our church is once again a corporate sponsor of this event.

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. 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. Checks not going through the church (our preferred way) should be made out to the American Cancer Society (ACS). We pray that our fundraising efforts will help to find a cure.

UMW Collecting Albertson's Stickers

The UMW has placed a basket in the Narthex to collect the stickers given out for purchases made at Albertson's Supermarket. We hope to collect stickers to be able to make gifts of dishware to others in our community (that might be the Women's Center or Habitat for Humanity or someone else). If you are not collecting the stickers for yourself, please collect them for the church. Thank you.



OCTOBER

- 2 Marvin Backman
Ed Jayne
- 3 Carol Sakai
- 4 JoAnn Sorbo
- 8 Dwight Atkinson
- 9 Joshua Weeks
- 11 Aiden Heflin
- 12 Reuben Brown, Jr.
- 13 Juanita Morton
- 14 Audrey Campbell
- 15 Dora Barnes
- 17 Mary Atkinson
- 18 Camden Wade
- 21 Ray Miller
- 22 Ellen Chassagne
Carol Porter
Cherish Rindt
- 23 Hannah Johnson
- 24 Art Atencio
Mick Rindt
- 25 Callie Corzine
- 30 Trudy Wood
- 31 Wendy Clevelan

OCTOBER

- 1 Rob & Julie Gervais
- 2 Gary & Cindy Allred
- 3 Ken & Patty Wetzel
- 4 Ed & Wilna Nelson
- 5 Dick & Vivian Wright
- 6 Kurt & Sandra Anderson
Greg & Teri Morrow
- 15 Don & Dena Christison
- 17 Lee & Trudy Wood
- 18 Scott & Terry Millett
- 27 Mick & Shannon Van Meter
- 30 Wes & Hazel Hensley

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am MOPS 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	2 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	3 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	5 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 6:00pm UMW Harvest Dinner/ Silent Auction
6 Sunday Worship Schedule 2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Guatemala Potluck	7 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	8 9:00 am MOPS 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	9 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	10 5:30 pm Mission 6:15 pm URSM 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	12
13 Sunday Worship Schedule Confirmation Sunday	14 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	15 9:00 am MOPS	16 9:00 Sisters Act Fellowship 12 Noon 3M Circle 5:00 pm Cadets Training 7:00 pm Ad Council	17 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	19 9:00 am Relay for Life at Cerro Coso College
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am & 10:30am

Childcare provided

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

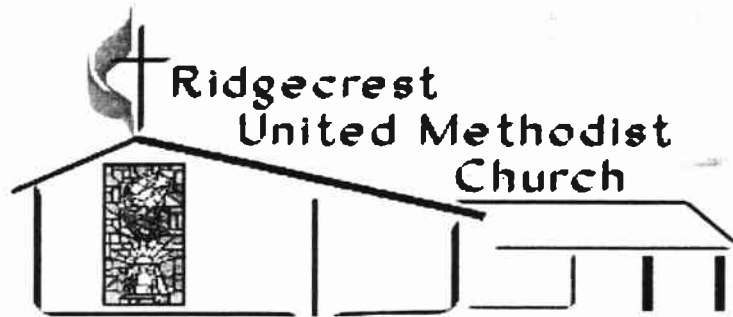
Our Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Will resume on August 11

(Child care is provided)

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