

The MESSENGER

2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS



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2014 CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm
in the Social Hall

These awesome 2013 Confirmation Class members made their profession of faith with the laying on of hands during worship on Sunday, October 13. Six of them received the Sacrament of Baptism.

This was a real celebration of the true mission of our church: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Kristen Barron very capably and faithfully assisted with the leadership of the Class. She is also our official Confirmation photographer, and has created CDs with individual portraits for families. Get yours from Chelsea in the church office.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

Jeff and Darla Dumas
Kyle, Ashley

Ken and Rosemary Gilbert
Natalie, Jonah, Christian

Lercy and Jenise Williams
Malcolm

Krysta Simons (joining soon)
Kayla, McKenna



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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--
Great Strides Walk**



The Great strides walk is a fundraising event for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Almost \$.90 of every dollar raised goes directly toward vital CF research. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. When the CF Foundation was founded, few patients lived to attend elementary school. Now the median age of survival is 37+ years. Please consider making a donation, and joining our team for the walk. For more information go to ericFrisbee.com/walk or greatstrides.cff.org

--Also--

Holiday Food Basket Ministry

November kicks off the holiday food basket ministry season. The Church partners with the Salvation Army to sponsor families in the community each year. Each family is provided with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals as well as clothing for children under 18.



November 24, 2013

Your generous gifts on United Methodist Student Day will support: United Methodist scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM).

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for November

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

The food item for November is:

Canned Chili

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for November: Joe Hansen

NOVEMBER 3

Flowers: Diann Severson
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Diane Leveille
1030 am: Diane Leveille
Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Jonah Gilbert
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Rosemary Gilbert
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Olivia Zade
Fellowship Hosts: Patty Wharton, Shirley Kidner,
Michelle Kilikauskas

NOVEMBER 17

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Diann Severson
1030 am: Diann Severson
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Sam Johnson
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Sheri Boston
Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Terry Millett, Ellen Chassagne,
Marty Corzine

NOVEMBER 10

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Scott Millett
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Meghan Branson
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Kathy LaShure
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Bonita Becker, Phil Archibald,
Joanna Rindt

NOVEMBER 24

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Laura Lei Miller
1030 am: Laura Lei Miller
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel
Acolyte: Renee Bradford
Creative Expression:
Lead: Hazel Hensley
Helper: Rosemary Gilbert
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess
Fellowship Hosts: Paulina Bautista, Sheri Boston,
Melanie Branson

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

What do you think of the new carpet in the Social Hall? Our next big project will be working towards getting the main Church re-carpeted. But more to come later on that project...

It is time to get our church ready for the Advent Season, and what better way than to have an all church work day. WHEN? November 2nd. 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



2014 Church Conference

The Desert Valleys Mission Area combined Church Conference will take place in the Social Hall on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm. The new format will include Inyokern and Trona UMCs. North District Superintendent Cedrick Bridgeforth will preside. This is our annual every member business meeting. Church Conference reports are due in Chelsea's office by Nov. 4. Disciplinary reports are also due at the District Office 10 days in advance of the Church Conference. See www.cal-pac.org.



Blessings to you all. Your church choir is busy with the fall and winter seasonal church music and special events. Adding to the instrumental talents of Patrick Rindt on piano, organ, & keyboard, plus Mick Rindt on trumpet, Mike Keeter on sax, Ron Backman on melodica, Curt Kidner and Ted Fiske on Guitars, Joe Hansen on base we have now on flute, Rob Gervais. They are a wonderful gift of talents for our worship hour, thank you gentlemen. Plans are being made for youth musicians during Advent, stay tuned.

A new member in the soprano section is Ariel McKinney and Marianne Benson joined us during the summer session, welcome ladies.

Thank You to Amber and Michael Petersen for providing beautiful solos and duets for the early service and thank you to Paula Herr for aiding in hymn leading.

As mentioned in previous newsletters our three big choir events during December will be our own choir concert on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 3 p.m. and the Choral Fest with multi-choirs alone and joining to close on the "Hallelujah Chorus" on Sunday, December 15th at 3 p.m. to be followed with reception in the Social Hall (we will need lots of food donated, please talk to a UMW member). During worship on Dec. 22 at both services it will be the Advent Cantata so you won't want to miss then either.

As a choir, we thank you for your wonderful support; we all feel your love and blessings.

If you are a singer, even without experience, we welcome you on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Have a blessed November.

Janice Anderson, Director of Music



Adult Sunday School

You are invited to join us in a slow reading of the bible. We are starting to read 2 Samuel in November. The first prophet in the bible was Samuel and 2 Samuel is all about the king he anoints for Israel, King David. We meet most Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:15 in Room 4.

The only requirement for our class is a willingness to read the bible. Our class is a discussion format and you may leave with more questions than answers; but, you will be engaged in God's Holy Word.

--Laura Miller

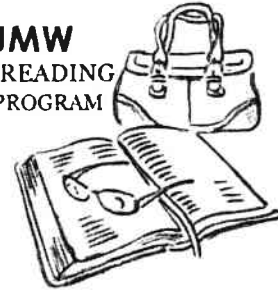


Church Directory

I will be putting in an update to the church directory in the December Messenger. If you wish to be added please either call me on 760-375-7434, email: umcrc@verizon.net or leave a message on my desk.

Thank you,
Chelsea

UMW READING PROGRAM



The UMW'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.

Outcasts United

by: Warren St. John

Clarkston, Georgia, was designated as a refugee settlement center in the 1990s and became the first American home for families in flight from the world's war zones. *Outcasts United* is the stunning real-life story of an inspiring group of refugees and a woman who, with tough love and fiery determination, changes an entire community for the better. (*Leadership Development*)

Mind on the Run: A Bipolar Chronicle

by: Dottie Pacharis



Mind on the Run recounts the life and death of Scott C. Baker. It's the story of a family's efforts to help Mr. Baker through five major bipolar manic episodes – a story of love and loss and of a family's futile attempts to save their loved one. It takes readers inside the bipolar mind, a mind tormented by psychotic and delusional thoughts and a body ravaged by irreversible damage from untreated bipolar disorder. (*Nurturing for Community*)

Children and Youth Activities



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

Heifer question:

One Heifer chicken egg produces one hen that can lay around 400 eggs during her lifetime; half of the eggs (200) will be cocks and half, hens. If the 200 hens each lay 400 eggs in their lifetime (80,000), and half are given to adults, how many eggs are there to provide hungry children with nutritious protein food? (Answer: 40,000)

WOW! Where is the time going? We have started our new Sunday school class for our 4th to 6th grade students. They are meeting in room 9 at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. A special lesson plan for their age group is being covered so please join in this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Our Sunday school and Creative Expressions groups are working very hard on learning their music and next week we will start working on our parts. The Christmas play is only 6 Sundays away! Looking forward to working with all the children who wish to be involved with our Christmas play this year.

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 35 has several fall and winter activities planned. On November they will take part in a merit badge fair followed by a District recognition Dinner in the evening. On November 10-11 the troop will have an overnighter at Fossil Falls. Developing camping skills, hiking and rock climbing are some of the things that are planned.

The troop will deliver several Thanksgiving baskets on the 24th. Regular troop meetings will take place on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the social hall.

December's main activity is a LAN party on Dec. 20 and a chance to practice their cooking skills. They will deliver food baskets on Dec. 20. Dec. 9 will be their annual Pizza Party and Bowling night. The troop will hold only one regular meeting on Dec. 18.

January's Theme will be Winter Camping. The main activity will be a troop shoot on Jan. 18-19 with some cold weather camping. Regular troop meeting will be held on January 6, 13 and 27.

The troop invites any boys to join them between the age of 11 and 17. Don Christison 375-4387 and Tim Johnson 446-3251 are assistant scoutmasters. Paul Johnsen 371-3431 is Scoutmaster.

If you are interested in visiting the troop or know of someone who might enjoy the scouting program, please call one of these people.

United Methodist Women



Circle Reports

Our circles are active and new women are always welcome to join them.

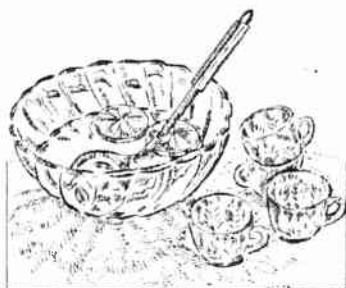
Sister's Act meets the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room at church. The circle is currently studying the UMW study on the Roma of Europe.

3M Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month also, but at 11:00 a.m. in a member's home. This circle is learning about the Bad Girls of the Bible.

Friendship Circle meets in the evenings on the last Wednesday of the month. October's meeting will be a Murder Mystery Party.

UMW's Annual Celebration

The Annual Celebration of the Cal-Pac UMW will have met by the time the Messenger is in print (October 26th). Two Bishops will be there, Mary Ann Swenson and Minerva Carcano. Our unit has sent in money in memory of Kay Weeks for the Candle of Commitment which is burned during this event. More will be reported and pictures shared on FaceBook.



Choir Concert Reception

UMW will be supplying the reception following the choir concert on Sunday, December 15. Contact Laura Miller to contribute some finger foods as well as cookies to this event and support our choir and UMW. Thank you in advance for your contributions!



World Thank Offering

The World Thank Offering program will be in the Fellowship Room on Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00. This is a short program to celebrate the Thanksgiving Season and honor our Lord. If you have felt like Thanksgiving has become a flurry of activity and you would like to take a few moments to worship and praise God for anything and everything, please come join us for this program given by Shirley Kidner and Laura Miller. Gather with us as we celebrate with thankfulness.



UMW Christmas Luncheon

The UMW Christmas Luncheon is a salad potluck with dessert on Wednesday, December 4th. If you are a working woman, please just come and enjoy the food and the program—do not feel obligated to bring a dish to share. We will gather at 11:00 in the Social Hall for fellowship and eat at 11:30 to accommodate our working women. This event is an opportunity to recognize the board members and to VOTE on our new board members! Amy Ochoa is the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and her committee has been working to fill the different positions on our board. New members are WELCOME! If you would like to participate in the leadership of UMW, please contact Amy Ochoa.

Missions



Balsam Street Fair, November 2nd

The church will have an information booth on church supported missions at the town's 50th Anniversary Street Fair on Saturday, November 2nd. Bring the kids down for this community event and be sure to stop by the church booth! Children are invited to play a game at the booth for prizes.



Holiday Food Basket Donations

The church is honored to sponsor 70 families this year for the holiday food basket ministry. All sponsored families will receive the ingredients needed to provide their families with plentiful Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

Also, for the second year in a row, the church will donate to the IWV Women's Shelter, to ensure that the clients and their children living in the shelter during the holidays receive holiday meals and new clothing for every child.

The love and hope of Christ especially comes alive during the holidays. Thank you for helping to spread that hope and love to some of our neighbors in the community.



The holiday food basket ministry provides new clothing for all children under the age of 18 within the 70 sponsored families, as part of the angel tree. Angel tree tags will be available starting Sunday, November 17th. If you chose to sponsor an angel or two this season, please bring the clothing back to church wrapped, with the original angel tree tag attached to the front of the gift on or before Sunday, December 15th.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2013 Relay for Life event on the weekend of October 19th. TEAM UNITED donated over \$5,300 (as of late October) to the fight against cancer, and for the support of life. Way to go team!

Mission Updates



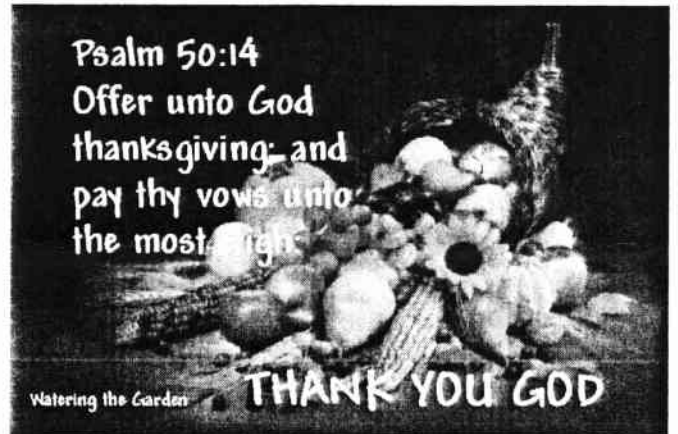
Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction

This major fundraiser was a success! We had several guests for a family style dinner and lots of bidding on wonderful homemade crafts and goods. Thank you for all the wonderful things made with love for the auction. We raised over \$2000 for the mission of the church. UMW sends money to support our missionaries and many of the missions of the church. We also support local missions too. Thank you for supporting this event and contributing generously to UMW.



Thank you! We received a lot of books in the month of September (about 100). Thank you for the new books to be included in our Christmas giveaway at the Salvation Army and thank you for the gently used books to be included in our giveaway at the Family Fun Fair on November 9. You also supported our group with donations to cover the costs of new curriculum for our students in English as a Second Language classes, Literacy tutorials, and Citizenship class. These projects help to promote a community that can read and engage one another in dialog. You are helping meet a fundamental need in our community. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Laura Lei Miller
ESL Tutor and Historian for the Literacy Council of
IWW



Let us not forget to be thankful to the one that provides us with so much to be thankful for. Our Lord and Savior.

Wishing You a
**Happy
 Birthday!**

Anniversaries
 to
Celebrate



NOVEMBER

- 1 Nel Kovar
- 4 Julie Frisbee
Margi Preston
- 7 Carolyn McDaniel
Gerry Rambo
- 9 Aileen Scott
- 11 Ellen Hinman
Wendy Wadelin
- 12 Jordan Boston
- 13 Bill Tonkin
Bill Hall
- 14 Alan Layfield
- 16 Joanna Rindt
- 18 Jill Bradford
- 19 Oliva Zade
Patrick Rindt, Jr
- 20 Sandra Anderson
Corrinna Kilikauskas
- 21 Jim Hoover
- 22 Robert Atkinson
Alan Bradford
- 24 Marc Cope
- 27 Joseph Hansen
- 28 Cathy Mattis
Mick Van Meter
- 29 Michael Keeter

NOVEMBER

- 2 John & Melanie Branson
- 11 Erik & Wendy Wadelin
- 21 Les & Nancy Saxton

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	2 8:00 am UMM Breakfast & All Church Work Day
3 Sunday Worship Schedule	4 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 9:00 am MOPS 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	6 6:00 pm Amateur Radio 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	7 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	9
10 Sunday Worship Schedule	11 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 9:00 am MOPS	13 5:00 pm Cadets Training 6:30 pm P.F.L.A.G. Rm 4 7:00 pm UMW Board 7:00 pm Church Conference	14 5:15 pm URSM 6:00 pm Mission 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	16
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am & 10:30am

Childcare provided

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

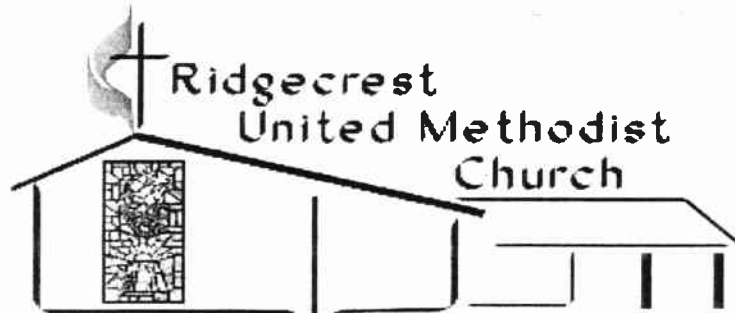
Our Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Will resume on August 11

(Child care is provided)

Bring A Friend To Church



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