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A NOTE FROM RICH

(See our main Cover Story)

It has been a real blessing to work with Chelsea over these last 6+ months. I believe that she is answering a genuine call from God by moving into full time children's work.

Tara, who also interviewed for the job last Spring, will begin work on January 6. Her availability is a blessing.

Rich

HOW you can HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support the Heifer Project or Free the Girls—our Mission Emphases for January

NORTH DISTRICT TRAINING DAY

Formerly Called "How-To Workshop"

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Northridge UMC, 9650 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325

STAFF TRANSITIONS IN OUR CHURCH OFFICE

Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, I will sadly be ending my employment as Church Secretary/Bookkeeper on January 31.

I am going to be replaced by the very wonderful Tara Argain whom I am sure will be a blessing to the staff and congregation. I am leaving as I feel an overwhelming call to go back to working full time with children.

God gave me a heart to love children, and I am very excited to start working with them full time again, starting at the beginning of February.

I am going to be working at California Psychcare as an Associate Clinical Supervisor. This entails supervising and delivering Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy to children with special needs. I will miss seeing and talking to everyone in the office, but I will either see you in church or around town.

Blessings, Chelsea Webb

Meet our New Secretary/Bookkeeper



Hello, my name is Tara Argain. If you're anything like me, you might be wondering who this new secretary is, so let me tell you a little about myself.

A small town in Northern California of about 3-5K is where I grew up. In fact it was in this small town atmosphere where I would meet my future husband. We moved to Ridgecrest in 2006 for my husband's job. Both of my children are in college now, up at Cerro Coso and we've really grown to love this town and the surrounding area.

We're a very active family and love to be outside. Some of the activities we enjoy are hiking, walking our dogs, running, cycling, kayaking, and camping just to name a few. My husband and I are training for a cycling event for this spring called the Wildflower. It's a bike ride held up in Chico, CA (his alma mater) the last of April every year.

When my children were young, I worked part time as an Assistant Fraud Investigator for Household Credit Services. If you ever encountered something "fishy" on your credit card, I was the girl you talked with to get it fixed. My next job was teaching computers to K-6. In a couple a years I would leave to pursue my A.A. What a proud day when I received that diploma, and with high honors!

Well, that's pretty much me in a nutshell. I hope this sheds some light on a little of who I am. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you, and please don't hesitate to come by if you have any questions.

Tara Argain

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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--



Heifer Project International

The Heifer Project International provides animals and related assistance to families and communities in need, to help them produce food and income on a long-term basis. Through the years, we have provided enough money to complete two arks.

--And--

Free the Girls

Free the Girls non-profit organization which provides job opportunities to women rescued from sex trafficking. With Free the Girls, we provide an opportunity for women who have been rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second hand clothing - Bras! Bras are a sought after item in second-hand markets and give these girls the chance to earn 3-5 times the minimum wage. Bras can be dropped off in a box in the Narthex.

--Also--



Human Relations

January 19, 2014

Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day will help support: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs related to the General Board of Global Ministries; and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for January

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

The food item for January is:

Macaroni and Cheese

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for January: Available

JANUARY 5

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Diann Severson
1030 am: Diann Severson
Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Toma Hansen
Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Available
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Olivia Zade
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 19

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Laura Lei Miller
1030 am: Hazel Hensley
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Available
Creative Expression:
Lead: Available
Helper: Available
Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 12

Flowers: John Anderson
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Melanie Branson
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Toma Hansen
Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Available
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 26

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Michael Keeter
1030 am: Michael Keeter
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel
Acolyte: Available
Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Available
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess
Fellowship Hosts: Available

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



Blessings for a splendid 2014, May God be with us all.

Overall this past year has been a real joy ride, wonderful, fun, concerts with full audiences to support our efforts. Can't get any better than that. If you missed the Dec. 8th concert with just the Methodist Choir there are CDs available on a table in the Narthex for \$1. Cash or Checks made out to John Veazey. Thanks to John for making the CDs for everyone.

Only 9 rehearsals before the Lenten season of special music begins with the Taize service of meditation and chants, please mark your calendars to join us on March 5th. Now, you can see how the Christian year moves so quickly, especially if you are included on the planning and presentation teams. If you have ever thought about joining the choir then January 2nd would be the time to start the year doing just that. Perhaps you think the loft is full, but notice carefully that most Sundays someone is missing for various personal reasons and chairs can always be added. Good site reading skills are a great asset but not mandatory.

A request has come before me very recently about fragrances being worn to church. A no fragrance policy has been effect for choir members for several years, but even those who sit near the choir section can cause great discomfort to those of us with allergies to many scents. Please consider those around you and save the "smells" for other occasions. Thank You for your kindness.

My blessings and love to you all, and thank you so very much for your support to our singers and musicians. Patrick, you are a great gift to us and we all thank you for the extra time spent beyond the worship and rehearsal hours.

Janice Anderson, Director of Music



Mothers of Preschoolers

The spring semester of the Mothers of Preschoolers ministry, kicks off Tuesday, January 21st from 9am to 11am in the social hall, with optional childcare in Room # 10. The ministry will continue to hold mothering seminars the first and third Tuesday of every month, until June. On non-seminar Tuesdays, the group will meet for out-and-about play dates and tours, please refer to the church website for the online calendar for specific times and locations.



Baby Shower for Kristen Huey

The UMW Friendship Circle will be hosting a baby show for Kristen Huey on Sunday, January 26, at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall. It will be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. Kristen has requested airplane themed baby items. Please come and share in her joy.

Children and Youth Activities



High School Mammoth Trip

A generous church member has once again arranged for the youth to stay in a rental home in Mammoth over President's weekend in February for a time of fellowship. Interested high school youth are to see Amy for more details concerning this trip, which will be from Saturday, the 15th through Monday, the 17th. Youth parents are asked to help transport youth to and from Mammoth. Lodging accommodations are available for parents who help in this way. Deadline to sign-up is the first of February.

Missions



Operation: Easter Child

Operation: Easter Child is just around the corner! Help send the love of Jesus' resurrection to a child in Tanzania, Africa, by sending a small box filled with small toys, candy, and hygiene items, for the child to open Easter morning. United Methodist Global Missionary Eric Soard and his wife Liz, will once again be the recipients of this ministry in Tanzania, and they will pass out the Easter Child gifts to children in their circuit of ministry. Empty boxes will be distributed after church services the last Sunday in February, on the 26th.



January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Office Closed in Celebration of New Years	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8:00 am UMM Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Worship Schedule	4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	6:00 pm Amateur Radio 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday Worship Schedule	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's	5:00 pm Cadets Training 6:30 pm P.F.L.A.G. Rm 4 7:00 pm UMW Board	5:15 pm URSM 6:00 pm Mission 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8:00 am Craft Circle
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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 MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's	9:00 am Sisters Act 12 Noon 3M Circle 6:00 pm Friendship Circle 7:00 pm Ad Council	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday Worship Schedule	6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35	9:00 am MOPS			5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	
1:00 pm Friendship Circle meet for Kristin Huey Baby Shower						

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



January

- 1 Stanley Chassagne
- 5 Jay Hodges
- 8 Judy Burns
- 9 Gaylinn Cloonan
- 11 John Anderson
Wayne Zellmer
- 12 Camie Keeter
- 20 Dr. Elma Jocson
- 22 Ruth Trout
- 25 Tamara Hansen
- 26 John Branson

*Happy
Anniversary*



January

- 4 Patrick & Cherish Rindt
- 12 Anthony & Dora Barnes
- 18 Keith & Debra Heflin
- 19 Dwight & Mary Atkinson
- 23 Simon & Lisa Austin
Jeff & Dianne Hargrove
- 25 Geoff & Michele Lindsay
- 27 Rex & Terry Ratcliff
- 28 Dave & Juanita Morton

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

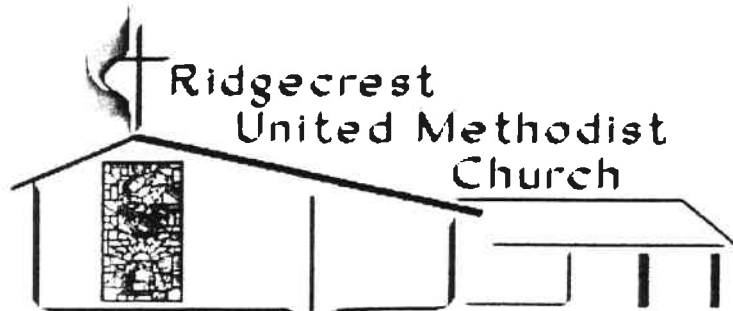
Our Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Will resume on August 11

(Child care is provided)

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