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PLANETARIUM HERE MARCH 2

On Sunday, March 2 we will have a very special treat during Creative Expressions. Pre-K through 5th grade youngsters will want to be here for this event.

The portable Beth Armogida Planetarium will be set up in the Social Hall, courtesy of Paula and Mike Herr, RUMC members & docents at the Maturango Museum. This planetarium consists of an inflatable dome and a powerful computer/projection system. It provides an opportunity for young and old to experience the wonders of God's universe—the stars, planets, suns, moons, galaxies and nebulae. It opens up a doorway to learning in a remarkable way. The Planetarium will still be set up during the Social Hour so adults might want to take a look too.

HOW you can
HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support the Jim Lewis Scholarship Fund or Operation Easter Child

PASTOR'S POINT: LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

The liturgical season of Lent is the 40-day interval commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Palm Sunday. It commemorates the 40-day-long sojourn of Jesus in the wilderness following his baptism. (Matthew 4.1-11; Luke 4.1-13)

During Lent, Christians engage in specific devotional practices, including extended prayer, confessing worship, fasting and self-denial. As we do more to make Lent a truly distinctive interval in our life, we grow closer to Jesus.

Again this year, our church has many opportunities for involvement, enrichment and equipping Christian disciples through Lent to Holy Week:

- ◆ On Shrove Tuesday, March 4 we will share a pancake dinner with the Christ the King Anglican Church congregation. This is the congregation formerly known as St. Michael's Anglican Church. They will be coming to our Social Hall kitchen to prepare the food, since they are without a fellowship facility at this time. Serving time begins at 5:30 pm and should run until around 7:00 pm.
- ◆ On Ash Wednesday, March 5 we will share our annual Taizé and Holy Communion Service at 7:00 pm. This is a unique service featuring the meditative chant-like music of the Taizé brotherhood.
- ◆ On Wednesday, March 12 Lenten Soup Suppers begin in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm. Each week for 5 weeks we share a simple potluck meal with soup as the main course, and listen to a devotional program.

Lenten Soup Suppers will happen every Wednesday through April 9. Ellen Hinman is ministering as our Coordinator.

- ◆ On Palm Sunday, April 13 we will be blessed to have the Adult Choir ministering at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services, and there will be a palm procession for the kids.
- ◆ On Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm we will share special worship with the Choir's presentation of the Choral Cantata "Come Walk with Me" by Pepper Choplin. It's a powerful composition telling the story of Christ's Passion. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared. Then the communion table will be stripped and the sanctuary darkened in what is known as the Service of Tenebrae, or shadows.
- ◆ There are other ways of deepening your faith and having a closer walk with Jesus: you can pick up a copy of the Methodist daily devotional *The Upper Room* from the high table in the Narthex. (That's actually the communion table/altar from the old Randsburg United Methodist Church.)
- ◆ Or you might give the new Adult Sunday School Class a try. They are studying Rev. Adam Hamilton's awesome book *24 Hours That Changed the World* Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Room 4.

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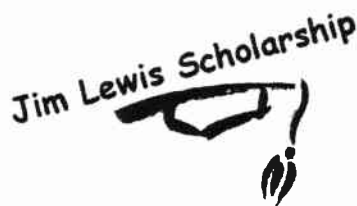
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Our Purpose and Mission

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--



Jim Lewis Scholarship

The Ridgecrest United Methodist Foundation makes this scholarship available every year to honor Jim Lewis. He was a great contributor to our church, and a builder of the Ridgecrest community. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause. Please make your check out to the UMC Foundation and Jim Lewis in the memo line. Thank You

--Also--

Operation: Easter Child

Operation: Easter Child is a ministry where church members pack small boxes of toys and candy for children in Tanzania, Africa to open on Easter morning. Monetary donations are also requested to pay the international shipping cost, which is usually in the \$1000 range. Please make your checks out to the church, and place "Easter Child" in the memo line.

--And--

On Great Hour of Sharing

On Sunday, March 30, we will join Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief's vital administration. Your gifts lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's caring love throughout the world. Please give generously.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for March

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

The food item for March is:

Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for March: Bill Burns

MARCH 2

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Diane Leveille
10:30 am: Diane Leveille

Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley
Jim & Mary Netzer

Acolyte: Renee Bradford

Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Kathy LaShure

Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Olivia Zade

Fellowship Hosts: Julie Gervais, Patty Wharton,
Jeane Backman

March 5 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Liturgist: Laura Lei Miller

MARCH 9

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Scott Millett
10:30 am: Scott Millett

Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer

Acolyte: Jonah Gilbert

Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Sheri Boston

Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson

Fellowship Hosts: Shirley Kidner, Sheri Boston,
Norelle Shlanta

MARCH 16

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
10:30 am: Available

Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings

Acolyte: Meghan Branson

Creative Expression:
Lead: Melanie Branson
Helper: Camie Keeter

Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,
Joanna Rindt

Fellowship Hosts: Shannon Van Meter, Erica Beeler, L
Laura Lei Miller

MARCH 23

Flowers: Bob and Patty Dale

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Michael Keeter
10:30 am: Michael Keeter

Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel

Acolyte: Natalie Gilbert

Creative Expression:
Lead: Rosemary Gilbert
Helper: Camie Keeter

Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess

Fellowship Hosts: Mary Netzer, Vivian Ryno

MARCH 30

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Sandy Meech
10:30 am: Melanie Branson

Ushers: Youth

Acolyte: Toma Hansen

Creative Expression:
Lead: Kathy LaShure
Helper: Camie Keeter

Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,
Joanna Rindt

Fellowship Hosts: Reid Baker, Joanna Rindt, Sheri Boston

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.

Trustees, Lenten Soup Suppers and Choir



Trustee's News

There is an All Church work day on March 1st starting at 9 a.m. As always we will enjoy the wonderful breakfast provided by the UMM. Then Joe Hansen will have the list of items needing some tender loving care around our beautiful campus. There is something for everyone, so join in on the fellowship of keeping our facilities at their best.

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 2014 Board of Trustees are:

Joe Hansen, Elsa Hennings, Gary Allred
Bill Burns, Cole Johnson, Hazel Hensley
John Veazey, Monte Frisbee, Bob Dale

Hazel A. Hensley
Board of Trustees President



Lenten Soup Suppers start on March 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. They are held in our Fellowship Hall. Ellen Hinman is organizing the suppers and needs volunteers for soups, salads, breads and helpers. She can be reached at 760-608-2208. Please Join us for this special time in our Christian faith.



Our major worship season of the year is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars to attend the Ash Wednesday Taize Service on Wednesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. The choir and Pastor Rich will be leading you in a prayerful, meditative service with hymns for additional inspiration including communion with a very personal touch. Diann Severson will prepare the altar and chancel with candles to help us focus on the loving, giving Christ.

The choir loft has been missing a few of its occupants due to illness and traveling. Please pray for their return so the full body may aid in the worship hour together. Thank you to the early service music leadership of Amber and Michael Petersen and Paula Herr.

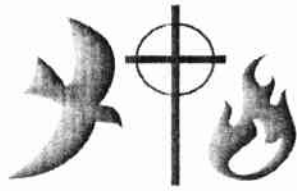
You may have noticed a new sound coming from the genius of Patrick Rindt, yes he now can provide music from the piano and the keyboard at the same time. This means he spends extra hours during the week recording his playing to the keyboard and saving those sounds to replay while he is at the grand piano. We are blessed with a great talent and real friend. Thank You, Patrick.

We are also very blessed to have the instrumentalists that are now playing on a regular basis to augment the hymns and often the anthems. Thanks to Mike Keeter, Mick Rindt, Rob Gervais, Ron Backman, Curtiss Kidner, Joe Hansen, and Zak Atencio, all are greatly appreciated.

Thank You congregation for your appreciation and support.

Blessings, Janice Anderson
Director of Music

Worship Committee, Spiritual Retreat and Adult Sunday School



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Altar Helpers

We are looking for a couple of people who would like to help with altar duties. The duties are quite simple and it would be nice to have someone help or to fall back on if Diann needs to be gone.

Sewing Help

We have a number of pieces of fabric that could be used on the altar or in the entry but they need to be hemmed. If you have a serger or are good at hemming and would like to help we can use you.

If you are interested or have questions please call Diann Severson, Altar Coordinator, at 760-371-4777 in the evening or on the weekends.



On April 26 from 8:00 to noon the UMW will be having a mini spiritual retreat for ALL members of the church. That's right, men, women, and children, all are invited to join us for breakfast at 8:00 in the Social Hall, followed by a program in the Sanctuary, with a fellowship time to follow. Reservations are a must and a donation of \$5 is asked to cover the cost of program materials and childcare. You will find a registration form in the April Messenger. Please come and grow in the spirit

with us.

Adult Sunday School Class



The Adult Sunday School class meets Sundays at 4:00pm and will be beginning the book of I Kings on March 23. I Kings opens with an account of King David's last days and Bathsheba's behind the scenes plotting to have her son, Solomon, rather than David's older son succeed to the throne. It includes the majesty surrounding the building of the temple, exploits of Elijah, and the great schism. The ten northern tribes withdraw from the monarchy and form their own kingdom, to be called Israel. The southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin form the smaller and poorer kingdom of Judah with its capital at Jerusalem. If you would like to join us in the slow reading of the bible or have an interest in learning about the Old Testament or Solomon's reign, please contact Laura Miller at (760) 375-1088 or just show up on March 23 at 4:00 in Room 4.



Children and Youth Activities



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

Heifer Question:

Trees: Apples harvested from an average tree can fill 20 boxes that weight 42 pounds each. How many pounds is that? (840 pounds) Each apple has 5 seed pockets. Each seed can grow into a tree. Cut up an apple and count the seeds. How many “trees” are in the apple? If each tree grew 100 apples a year, how many apples could grow just from the seeds of one apple? “A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible.” ~A Welsh proverb

As you may have heard the kids in Sunday school are working towards an Ark! That's \$5,000.00. That includes 15 sets of animals, come by room 3 and watch the ark fill up with animals!

Please consider sharing the love of God with your Children. We have two Sunday school classes:

Pre-K through 3rd grade meets in room 3 for angel choir at 9:00 am

4th through 6th grade meet in room 9 at 9:15 am

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

United Methodist Women



Call to Prayer and Self Denial

The United Methodist Women are beginning the Lenten Season with a Call to Prayer and Self Denial. This special time to worship and center ourselves as we prepare for this time in the year is a meaningful way to begin the season. This UMW program will happen on March 5 at 6:00 in our chapel (Room 6). The program will end at 6:30 so you can make your way to the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm.

This UMW Program comes from *A Calling for This Time*, and asks us to reflect on the rich heritage of our mission institutions and our gifts that enable the institutions to be physically sound and safe spaces for ministry. Learn more about the Mission Institutions, pray for them and the people who are served as well as our mission personnel. We hope to see you in Room 6 (the chapel) at 6:00 on March 5, Ash Wednesday.

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle will be having a Murder Mystery Night on March 26 (the last Wednesday of the month) at our regular meeting. Friendship Circle is a group of women who gather once a month in friendship to play games together, eat together, and minister to each other. We are a supportive group and welcome new members. What better way of checking us out than to risk being a murderer or a victim at one of our Murder mystery parties? If you feel the desire to risk everything, except your soul, join us for a night of fun and mayhem in the Fellowship Room at 6:30 pm (so you can go to Soup Supper if you want). Parts are available by contacting Laura Miller at AgIBgls@yahoo.com. You can come and not play a part, but it is really more fun to play a part. If you find yourself able to come but you haven't RSVP'd, come anyway! We welcome newcomers.

Missions



Guatemala Mission Trip Rummage Sale

There will be a rummage sale to help pay for expenses for the mission trip to Guatemala. The rummage sale will be held on Friday, March 14, starting at 6:00 AM and ending at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall.

Spring time is a great time to clear out your treasures! So save your stuff and bring it to the Social Hall starting Sunday, March 9th. Please place your items behind the curtain. Anything you might want to donate to the rummage sale will be accepted!!

Set up for the rummage sale will be Thursday, March 13th, starting at 8:00 am. If you would like to help set up – please come!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Ratcliff at 760-446-9652 or terry.ratcliff49@gmail.com or the church office at 760-375-7434.



Terry Ratcliff is collecting donations for Guatemala:

- Eyeglasses for reading & uncomplicated prescription eyeglasses
- Vitamins for children, women (prenatal) & adults
- Over the Counter medicines — Aspirin, Tylenol & cough & cold medications for adults & children
- Small, Pocket-size toys
- New or gently used children's clothing

- Sewing Kits with light/dark thread, needle, scissors, measuring tape

Most of the items listed above can be purchased at one of the dollar stores in town.



She travels with a Christain non-profit organization called Hearts In Motion that has worked in Guatemala for over 20 years sharing God's Word by taking surgical, medical clinic, eyeglass and construction teams. They hold Vacation Bible Schools, create daycare and nutrition centers for preschool children and seniors. They also educate fire and rescue personnel.

Contact Terry Ratcliff at 446-9652 or terry.ratcliff49@gmail.com if you have any questions about donations.

If you would like to donate to help with expenses of the trip, please mark "Guatemala Mission Trip" on your offering.

You can find Hearts In Motion on the web at heartsinmotion.org



Mission Updates

UMW Thanks You

Thank you to all who made the Valentine Cookies boxes such a great success: the wonderful cookies made by so many, the great packing ladies on Saturday morning, and all the purchases made by so many of you.

We are estimating proceeds of nearly \$1,000 which will cover 1/3 of our mission pledge to the Cal Pac Conference undesignated giving accounts. Blessings and thank you all.

Janice Anderson and Terry Ratcliff
Co-chairmen

Nurture Committee



The Nurture Committee would like to thank all those who have helped Thelma Lewis after her recent fall and with the preparation of her move to Compton. It is very much appreciated! These folks include:

John and Janice Anderson
Nancy Hodge
John Veasey
Jim Hoover
Bill Burns
Diane Severson
Marty Corzine
Ellen Hinmon
Shirley Kidder
Diane Wadelin
Eleanor Winemore
Pastor Rich
Upper Room Suppers

Thank you All!
Patty Bayne

Thelma Lewis

In Celebration of the ministry of Thelma Lewis, member of Ridgecrest UMC since 1961.



These photos were taken on Sunday, February 23, 2014 prior to Thelma's relocation to stay with her daughter Evelyn.

In April, she will be moving to Delaware to live with her son James and his wife.



March

- 1 Sierra Hennings
- 2 Sue Marvin
- 3 Stephanie Brown
- 4 Claire Goodell
- 7 Ron Backman
Jeremiah Estrada
Elizabeth Watson
Eleanor Winnemore
- 8 Ray Magorian
Stanley Miller
- 10 Brent Huey
Shirley Kidner
- 12 Ed Nelson
- 15 Nancy Saxton
- 16 Kristin Huey
Steve Webb
- 17 Kathy LaShure
Kathy Manley
- 18 Kristin Brown (Mattis)
Barbara Mason
Joe Cloonan
Trish Hoover

- 20 John Manley
- 21 Bill Burns
- 23 Margaret Anderson
- 24 Cyndi Herbert
- 25 Randy Holmes
- 26 Judy Hasting
Galen White
- 27 Jeff Green
- 28 Tiana Cope
Jim Netzer
- 30 Ingrid Zellmer



March

- 5 Larry & Marcia Baile
- 7 Brent & Kristen Huey
- 12 Mike & Judy Hasting
- 14 Dick & Pat Noland
- 22 Phil & Becky Souza

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am UMM Breakfast All Church Work Day 9:00 am UMW Board Meeting
2 Sunday Worship Schedule 11:00 am-2:00 pm Boy Scout Taco Fundraiser	3 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	4 9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	5 1:00 pm Quilt Group 6:00 pm Game Night	6 6:30 pm Amateur Radio Training 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8
9 Sunday Worship Schedule 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School	10 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	11 9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's	12 5:30 UMW Call to Prayer 7:00 Ash Wednesday Taize Service 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	13 6:30 pm Amateur Radio Training 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	15 8:00 am Craft Circle
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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00am & 10:30am
Childcare provided