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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

At our **Maundy Thursday Service** on April 17 at 7:00 pm, the Choir will present the cantata "Come Walk with Me" by Pepper Choplin, with narrator and soloists. We will also share the sacrament of Holy Communion and the sanctuary will be darkened for the service of Tenebrae, Greek for "shadows." Child care will be available.

**Easter Worship** on Sunday, April 20 will include 3 services in the Sanctuary: a sunrise service at 6:30 am followed by our two regular services at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Rich's Easter message will be "LIFE HAS THE LAST WORD." There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the kids in the garden after the 10:30 service.

**HOW** you can  
**HELP**

**Make a generous donation through RUMC to support Habitat for Humanity or Living Bread Ministry**

## PASTOR'S POINT—WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

In the 007 movie "Skyfall" James Bond suffers a pair of gunshot wounds, one through the shoulder, the other in the ribs, blacks out, falls head first from a very high railway bridge into a major river, floats a long way downstream in raging white water, and is washed over a waterfall into fathomless depths below. All of this happens before the opening credits!

He's declared killed in action by his employer, the MI-6 Division of British Military Intelligence. His supervisor "M" writes his official obituary. His London apartment is sold and his belongings are placed into storage. Yet somehow Bond survives by the skin of his teeth—otherwise there wouldn't be a franchise.

He stays off the grid in some shadowy, shabby, seafront stowaway until Wolf Blitzer reports on CNN that the MI-6 headquarters in London has been bombed by unknown terrorists. Bond realizes that his services are still needed, so he returns and reports for duty. Having been declared dead and all, he has to make a new beginning from scratch, like a raw recruit.

Later in the movie Bond has been captured by the notorious villain Silva, who used to be a secret agent himself, and knows MI-6 from the inside out. Silva would like to entice Bond to join him in wreaking global havoc. During a creepy interrogation he says that everybody has a hobby, and asks Bond what his hobby is.

Bond's laconic reply is truly priceless: "Resurrection."

Is resurrection one of your hobbies, too? It's definitely one of mine. Of course, it's much more than merely a hobby. You could say that it's my life's work.

Every year about this time, I read, pray and reflect extensively about the incomparable subject of resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead stands at the very heart of Christian theology. Without the resurrection there would be no church.

To the church at Corinth which was disintegrating under the influence of an "anything goes" world view, Paul wrote these very challenging verses: "But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Corinthians 15.12-14)

That pretty much lays it on the line, doesn't it? To the modern rational mind, physical resurrection seems utterly impossible. Throughout history, we have very few examples of dead persons getting up and returning to life. Medical science insists on the irrevocability of death. Even many theologians have tossed in the towel, and call the resurrection a mere "myth."

Yet to the heart of faith, resurrection makes perfect sense. It's the ultimate demonstration of the atoning deity of Christ, by the power of the Almighty God. The accounts of Jesus' resurrection that we find in the gospels of Matthew, Luke and John also rely strongly on the testimony of eyewitnesses.

So rather than conforming our lives to the rationalism of our time, why not live each day as if the Resurrection is as true as the Bible says it is? Given all that we have heard and experienced about Jesus, I encourage you to take up a new hobby: making Christ's resurrection your resurrection. That is, unless you have no need for new beginnings!

*Rich*

*"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 Emphasis--**



We are proud to be the first congregation in the Indian Wells Valley to raise enough money to construct a complete Habitat home. We also contribute many person hours and lunches for work crews. We expect Habitat for Humanity to continue 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 invested 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 April**

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

The food item for April is:

**Cereal**

**He is  
RISEN**

# In Service In Our Church

Lock up for April: Hazel Hensley

## APRIL 6

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Diane Leveille  
1030 am: Diane Leveille  
Ushers: Wes & Hazel Hensley  
Jim & Mary Netzer  
Acolyte: Destiny Woolard  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Julie Gervais  
Helper: Rosemary Gilbert  
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,  
Olivia Zade  
Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Hinman, Mary Netzer  
Phil Archibald

## APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY

Flowers: Diann Severson  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Available  
1030 am: Available  
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne  
George & Elsa Hennings  
Acolyte: Eleanor Gervais  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Julie Gervais  
Helper: Available  
Counters: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne,  
Joanna Rindt  
Fellowship Hosts: Dale Lane

## APRIL 13

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Diann Severson  
1030 am: Diann Severson  
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family  
John & Paige Netzer  
Acolyte: Chloe Sheffield  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Julie Gervais  
Helper: Melanie Branson  
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,  
Barbara Johnson  
Fellowship Hosts: Shirley Kidner, Patty Wharton  
George Hennings

## APRIL 27

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
8:00 am: Available  
1030 am: Melanie Branson  
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee  
Ken & Patty Wetzel  
Acolyte: Emilio Bautista  
Creative Expression:  
Lead: Available  
Helper: Available  
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley  
James Guess  
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Gervais, Ellen Hinman

## APRIL 17 Maundy Thursday

Liturgist: 7:00 pm: Diann Severson

### 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.

## Choir Notes and Trustees News



Our Lenten Season is off to a good beginning. Thank You, choir for some great anthems and strong attendance. Our March events included anthems with solos by Carol Sakai and Kristin Hall plus the inspiring Taize service on Ash Wednesday. It is so great that the congregation out numbered the choir, thanks folks. Thank You to Amber Petersen for directing the 10:30 a.m. service choir so that John and I could be away for the wedding of Ariel Backman in Temecula. Also, at that location we had breakfast with the daughter and husband, Karen and Bill Locklin, daughter of Beth Bjorklund with lots of great memories and catch-up about families.

April will be bringing lots of devotional and inspirational opportunities. April 6 is the usual monthly communion service, April 13 is Palm Sunday with the choir singing at both services, April 17 is the annual Maundy Thursday communion service with cantata, "Come Walk With Me" by Pepper Choplin (don't miss this 7 p.m. one hour service) with soloists and narration of the last days of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday brings three services on April 20th, see details elsewhere.

April 27 our morning guest director will be Jim Strathdee, with Jeanne Strathdee on piano, to lead the choir in their own revised anthem "Christ Is Alive". At 5 p.m. please come to a potluck supper in the Social Hall to visit with Jim and Jean, followed by music and presentation with their inspirational and emotional visit to Israel/Palestine last December. They will have great stories of the

region with music and slides. Please join us for a few hours; all ages welcome, you will be glad you came.

Love and Blessings,  
Janice Anderson  
Director of Music



### Trustee's News

First I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who showed up for the ALL CHURCH WORK DAY!!! Due to our prayers for rain being answered, we had to cancel the work day. If you have spare time and would like to do some work around the facilities, please contact one the Trustees listed below.

I would also like to thank the UMM for putting on a wonderful breakfast. The breakfast are not a Work day only event, the UMM hold a Breakfast and time of sharing on the first Saturday of every month. If you haven't joined them mark your calendar, there is always room at the table.

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

## Children



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

#### Heifer Question:

Water Buffalo – Nah Beh has two acres of land from which he used to get 5,000 kilograms of rice per year. With the help of this Heifer water buffalo, he can now harvest three (3) times as much rice per acre than before. If he keeps half for his family to eat, how much will he have to sell? ANSWER: 7,500 kilograms

Update of the ark: What a wonderful year so far! The kids have been able to put several animals on the path to the ark, Geese, Ducks, Oxen, Goats, Chicks, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Donkeys and Heifers.



### Miss Juanita with the Sunday school class

Please consider sharing the love of God with your Children. We have two Sunday school classes: Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meets in room 3 for angel choir at 9:00 am and 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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



**Come to VBS!**

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School 2014. It will be held Monday thru Thursday, June 23 thru June 26, in the evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a Christ centered, fun-filled family event that includes dinner. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Roxann Gibbs by email at [roxann.gibbs@gmail.com](mailto:roxann.gibbs@gmail.com) or call 760-301-2345.

## United Methodist Women



I attended the Pasadena District UMW Spiritual Retreat and Quiet Disciple meeting on March 22, 2014 at Scott UMC. This wonderful program featured Rev. Dr. Kalesia 'Ulu'ave Tu'ifua. The keynote address brought tears to my eyes from both laughter and inspiration. She talked about how serving in the church has helped her to come to know God. She learned to be obedient and respectful and experienced some discipline from the congregational members too. The focus of her message was how the Power of the Holy Spirit makes us one big family. It was the first time I have attended this district event and it won't be the last time. It was truly a blessing.

At the event, it was announced that the Pasadena District UMW local organizations have given over \$103,000 to the Auxiliary at United Methodist Hospital last year. Thank you for supporting UMW fundraisers! Those dollars add up. The auxiliary provides the funding to teach hospital chaplains. These trained pastors then go to serve in other hospitals. It is a way of blessing others and witnessing at a stressful time in life. Thank God for your support of this and other UMW missions.

--Laura Lei Miller, Mission Coordinator for Education for Mission



Remember to plan to attend the wonderful educational and spiritual retreat for women in our conference. It is called Mission U and will be held at Biola University from July 18 to July 20. The cost is \$225 and includes a room in the dorms and all the meals in the

dining room. There is so much happening at this event. When you sign up you are given some class choices. This year, those choices are How Is It With Your Soul?, The Roma of Europe, and The Church and People with Disabilities. The first is a spiritual growth study, the second is a geographical study, and the third is a social action study. I have taken every type and benefited from every class.

Scholarships are available to help defray the cost or cover the cost completely. Please do not let that be a concern if you want to come. Children are welcome too with their own program (both boys and girls). I do recommend making a decision early so you can get the book and read it. I hope you will join me.

--Laura Lei Miller, Mission Coordinator for Education for Mission



The UMW Praise and Spiritual Renewal Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon. The special guest speaker will be Karen Veazey, the special accompanist will be Shari Sansom and the special vocalist will be Kathy Cummings. There will be child care for young children and a special program for elementary age children. There will be breakfast in Social Hall from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. Reservations are requested in order to plan on the number of people who can attend breakfast and the special program for children. Also a \$5 donation at the door is requested to offset costs. Excess proceeds will go to the "Imagine No Malaria" that is a mission of UMCOR to treat and to prevent malaria with medications and mosquito netting.

Please fill out reservation forms or call church office at (760) 375-7434. Also, Aileen Scott may be reached at (760) 793-7104.

## SSP Soap Sale and Fun Run/Walk



### SSP SOAP SALE

*Repairing Homes, Building Faith,  
Serving Others*

Around Ridgecrest United Methodist Church, springtime means thoughts turn to soap in all its lovely sudsiness. Why? Because by offering artisan cold-process soaps for sale, we support our Senior High youth's participation in Sierra Service Project. This summer these fine kids will be traveling to Chiloquin, OR to renovate housing for the Klamath Tribes. This marks the 10th year we have sent a team to SSP and the 8th year Encelia Botanicals soaps have helped fund the trip.

The **SSP Soap Shop** will be set up on **Sunday, April 27** and **Sunday May 5** in the Social Hall between and after the morning worship services. There will be over 90 different soaps to choose from, all priced at \$5.50 per bar. Kathy LaShure has made from scratch and donated all the soaps. The High School youth will be available to gift wrap your Mother's Day or other gift purchases. And they will be happy to speak with you about their life-transforming experiences as mission ambassadors.

The master recipes for all these artisan soaps include many special ingredients such as Fair Trade shea butter from Ghana, sustainably produced palm oil, unrefined cocoa butter, babassu oil, and goat's milk. The soaps are excellent for combating the harshness of our desert climate with its extremes of dryness, wind, and sun.

Among the 800 bars offered you'll find favorites from past years' sales including 6

lavender variations, 5 different unscented types, terrific choices for guys, guest soaps, many floral, tropical and sophisticated scents. New selections for 2014 include Chardonnay Splash, Citrus Spritzer, Kauai Fling, Marmalade Skies, Melon Spritzer, Pink Berry Mimosa, Poppy Pizazz, Seaside Sorbet, Senorita Margarita, Serenity Suds, Strawberry Fizz Viking Valor and 2 special shampoo bars. Some types are in short supply, so you will want to shop early for the best selection.

Please contact Kathy at 760-377-4541 or [desert\\_encelia@verizon.net](mailto:desert_encelia@verizon.net) with any questions. We can arrange early sales if you will be away on the sale dates.

If you haven't yet tried a bar of these terrific soaps, please do this year. In fact, try several, give your skin a treat, and help our dedicated youth and the Sierra Service Project!



The mission committee is hosting a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 3:45pm in the social hall. Race begins at 4:00pm from the social hall parking lot.

The race route is mostly on sidewalks, with a small amount of dirt trail, beginning from the church, then west on Las Flores, north on Mahan, and east up Drummond, back to church. A two mile route is available by cutting across Downs Street.

Everyone is invited to participate, including children in strollers, on skates and bikes, and friendly dogs on leashes. A \$5 donation is asked of all two-legged participants over 18 years old. All under that age, are free.

Prizes will be offered to the first ten people to complete the race.

## Mission Updates and Youth



### Operation: Easter Child

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Operation: Easter Child ministry this year, by either donating to the international shipping cost, or packing a goodie box, or two, for a child in Tanzania, Africa to open on Easter morning. Thanks to your support, 75 goodie bags were filled, and were packed into 12 large mailing boxes. All 12 mailing boxes are now in route to Africa!



Upper Room Suppers was the recipient of a very generous gift of \$229 from Christ the King Anglican Church following the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Father Waddill made the announcement that proceeds would be used to support our outreach mission of feeding the hungry. Several churches have joined us with their time, talents and gifts. We continue to receive more than we give... praise God!



### Youth Summer Trips

It is time to start planning for summer, and the church is offering two exciting trips for youth to participate in!

Youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall 2014, to graduated seniors in the spring 2014, are invited to attend Camp Pondo, near Big Bear Lake, from Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13. Parent carpool is being established to get campers to and from camp. Cost per camper is \$300, and is due to Amy, in the church office, by June 1.

Youth entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall 2014, to graduated seniors in the spring 2014, are also invited to attend a week of mission, with the Sierra Service Project. This summer, SSP will be at Chiloquin, Oregon, assisting the Klamath Native American tribes. The team will leave Ridgecrest on Saturday, July 19, and return late Saturday, July 26. Cost per participant is \$400, plus each participant must actively help with the SSP soap shop, beginning in late April. Sign-up to attend SSP with Amy, in the church office, on or before June 1.

Youth trips are offered to any youth of age. Youth do not need to be affiliated with Sunday afternoon youth groups to sign-up.

Full or half scholarships are available for youth, along with deferred payment options. Cost is NEVER the reason why a youth does not attend a youth trip. Please see Amy, in the church office, for more information.



# April

# 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:00 pm Lenten Suppers 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm Amateur Radio Training 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	8:00 am UMM Breakfast All Church Work Day 9:00 am UMW Board Meeting 2:00 pm Amber Petersen Studio Recital
6 <b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 3:45 pm 5K Fun Run/Walk	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 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's 7:00 pm Fly Fishers	9 6:00 Lenten Suppers	10 6:30 pm Amateur Radio Training 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	12
13 <b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School	14 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 34 6:30 pm Bible Study	15 9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's	16 9:00 am Sister's Act 12:00 pm 3M Circle	17 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday; Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion; and Choral Cantata  8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	19 8:00 am Craft Circle
20 <b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School	21 4:00 pm Girls Scout 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	22 9:00 am MOPS 6:15 Sweet Adelaide's	23 7:00 pm Ad Council	24 6:30 pm Amateur Radio Training 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	25 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	26 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat
27 <b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> SSP Soap Sales Strathadee Potluck 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School	28 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35	29 9:00 am MOPS	30 1:00 pm Quilt Group 6:00 pm Friendship Circle Murder Mystery			

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



- 25 Lex Saxton
- 26 Scott Millett
- 27 Dale Lane
- 27 Jeff Green
- 28 Jo Morton
- Chelsea Webb
- 30 Lillian Daley
- Joe Cloonan

## APRIL

- 1 Jeff Hargrove
- 2 Jessica Boston
- 4 Phil Souza
- Kennedy Zade
- Marianne Branson
- 8 Ben Marvin
- 9 Tim Johnson
- Nina Lane
- Mallory McDaniel
- 11 Marcia Baile
- 12 Terry Ratcliff
- Shannon VanMeter
- 16 Nate Clair
- Skylar Smith
- Steve Webb
- 19 Dick Noland
- 20 Ginny Friz
- Emma Heflin
- Mary Netzer
- 21 Seth Graham
- 22 Melanie Branson
- 23 Barbara Johnson
- 24 Kathleen Hansen



## APRIL

- 3 Joe & Gaylinn Cloonan
- 8 Rick & Tammy Ferris
- Tom & Carol Sakai
- 9 Marvin & Jeanne Backman
- 15 Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
- Jeremiah & Sabrina Estrada
- 18 Arnett & Judy Campbell
- 26 Alan & Leslie Layfield
- 30 Preston & Lynn Wade
- Anthony & Kristen Brown

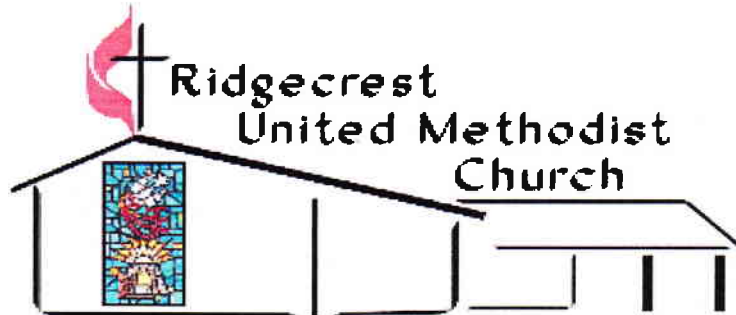
# SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Our Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:30 am

(Child care is provided)

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