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CHURCH CONFERENCE ADJOURNED SESSION

There will be an Adjourned Session of the RUMC Church Conference in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 14 at 12 noon following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt a Church Budget for 2015. This will be an every member meeting.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Wednesday, December 24
6:00 pm and 9:00 pm**

HOW you can
HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support Dr. Elma Jocson, or the 2014 Christmas Offering for Autism Awareness and Imagine No Malaria

PASTOR'S POINT

It has now been a little over a week since Kathy and I went to see the latest Christopher Nolan movie "Interstellar" at the Cinemark IMAX in Lancaster. With my physics background, I am more or less powerless to avoid good science fiction movies, and this is a good one. It's perhaps not as impressive as last year's "Gravity," but still very much worth seeing.

The background premise of "Interstellar" is that, due to catastrophic crop failure, the human race needs to find a new planet to colonize if it's going to survive.

NASA comes up with a plan to send a spaceship to visit a black hole which has been detected near the planet Saturn, travel through the space-time singularity, and arrive at a distant solar system which may contain one habitable world out of 3 planetary candidates.

Heading this mission is Cooper, a retired astronaut. A widowed, single dad, Cooper is very reluctant to leave his two kids behind on a quest that will bend time for him, and not in a good way. Because of relativity, time on earth will be passing much more rapidly than it will be passing for those traveling at velocities near the speed of light.

It would take too long to explain all the astrophysics of the movie, even if I understood it. So quite a lot just has to be accepted as part of the ride.

At a critical point in the story, the crew must make a decision on which planet to visit, realizing that they can't visit all 3.

Astrophysicist Dr. Amelia Brand votes for going to the planet where another scientist with whom she had a relationship was sent on an earlier mission.

Cooper and the other crew member question Dr. Brand's selection, declaring that it's based on love, not science. This is her surprising reply:

"Love isn't something we invented. It's observable, powerful, it has to mean something... Love is the one thing we're capable of perceiving that transcends dimensions of time and space."

In other words, love is even more powerful than science! Amen. I would dare to call that a Christian point of view.

Personally, I'm much more interested in fixing what's wrong with the planet that we have than I am in looking for a replacement. And as I review and meditate on the meaning of Advent, I think that God agrees.

God is reaching across every dimension of time and space to prove how much He loves us and our world. (John 3.16) And when we come to insurmountable obstacles in our life journey, it is good to remember that with God, to quote the Roman poet Virgil, "love conquers all."

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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.

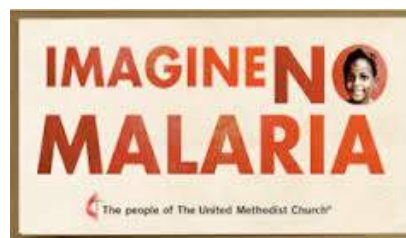
--Mission Emphases--



Dr. Elma Jocson

Dr. Elma Jocson is a general surgeon and a United Methodist Missionary who is originally from the Philippines. She is sponsored in part by Ridgecrest United Methodist Church and the General Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Jocson is located in Liberia at Ganta Hospital.

Christmas Offerings



Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for December

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

The food item for December is:

Canned Chili

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for December: John Veazey

DECEMBER 7

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Michael Keeter
1030 am: Michael Keeter

Ushers: Jim & Mary Netzer
James & Sarah Guess

Acolyte: Eleanor Gervais

Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Gretchen Hawes

Fellowship Hosts: Erica Beeler, Barbara Jayne,
Shirley Kidner

DECEMBER 21

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Laura Miller
1030 am: Jim Hoover

Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings

Acolyte: Jonah Gilbert

Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,
Joanna Rindt

Fellowship Hosts: Julie Gervais, Marty Corzine,
Terry Millett

DECEMBER 14

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Leif Liberg
1030 am: Kristen Hall

Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer

Acolyte: Meghan Branson

Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson

Fellowship Hosts: Ellie Peterson, Melanie Branson,
Aida Stafford

DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

Liturgists:
6:00 pm: Laura Miller
9:00 pm: Diann Severson

DECEMBER 28

Flowers: Available

Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Melanie Branson

Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel

Acolyte: Emilio Bautista

Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess

Fellowship Hosts: Nina Lane, Barb Johnson

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 and UMW Luncheon

Trustee Accomplishments 2014

- Completed the painting of the conduit on the north side and south-east corner of the Ed Building. Used the same paint to paint the conduit on the south-east corner of the portico

- Repaired ladder rack on north side of Patio, leaving room for Ariel's storage locker

- Added video link for projector operation from console

- The wooden kitchen cutting board installed under the counter near the coffee maker was badly cracked and was replaced with food-grade plastic cutting board

- Cleaned blinds in Social Hall

- Marked room keys to Education Building; determined if we needed separate keys to each room or key them all to a single master key

- Repaired the leaking line to the dispenser for the kitchen dish washer

- Replaced the drinking fountain in the Social Hall with a new ADA-compliant model

- Replaced the equalizer in the Sanctuary sound system

- Repaired the kitchen sink in the Social Hall

- Re-keyed all locks for the church facilities, following reports of missing items

- Recarpeted Social Hall

- Built enclosure for storing Ariel

- Removed and re-poured cement slab that had lifted, creating a tripping hazard in the Social Hall courtyard area

- Removed cardboard construction tubes around cement bases of parking-lot light posts

- Repaired door pull and bottom door latch on the main Sanctuary door

Joe Hansen



On December 3, the United Methodist Women will host their Annual Christmas Luncheon. All women are invited and welcome to attend this event. If you are working or have other obligations, please feel free to show up with out feeling any obligation to bring anything to share. Those who are able, please bring a salad to contribute. The board members will have dessert ready too.

Fellowship starts at 11 am and the plan is to start lunch at 11:30. The short program will review the events this past year, Valentine Cookie Sales and the Silent Auction/Harvest Dinner, vote on new officers, and hear a report on the Local Missions supported by UMW. We would love to see you and celebrate together the contributions we have made to Missions and Missionaries! You are invited!

Laura Miller



Sunday School, MOPS & Youth Activities



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

Hensley, upper elementary teachers Shirley Kidner and Rosemary Gilbert, and adult teacher Laura Miller. May God bless each of you!



Final MOPS Event of Fall

The Mothers of Preschoolers ministry will host its final event for the fall semester on Tuesday, December 9th from 10am to 11am in the social hall. Moms and kids are invited to the annual Christmas party! Come for crafts and games, along with lots of baked treats! The spring semester kicks-off Tuesday, January 20th.

Heifer News:

We received a gift of Bees for the ARK!!! Thank you for the SWEET gift. As you know I have been sharing some fun ARK facts so our next animal is Goats:

If Reena's Heifer goat in India produces four quarts of milk a day, for 250 days of the year, how much milk will she have to supply her family and a baby goat and to sell in one year? Hint: 4 quarts = 1 gallon. Answer: One Ton ... that's 250-gallon jugs of milk.

Sunday school News:

I hope you and your children had some wonderful conversations about Moses. We are now shifting gears and preparing for our Christmas Program. So if your kids are participating in the play please help them with any lines they might have and their music.

Mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas Play: WHEN: December 7th. TIME: 6:00 p. m. WHERE: Social Hall

Blessings to All

Juanita Morton...Heifer Project Coordinator

Current Sunday school teachers:

Hazel Hensley, Patty Gomez, Shirley Kidner, Rosemary Gilbert and other Angels who share their time and talents with your children.

Thank You Sunday School Teachers!

The church is blessed to have four wonderful servants of the Lord, who have lead Sunday school classes this fall semester. Thank you to younger elementary teacher Hazel



Youth Group Christmas Bake Off

During regularly scheduled Sunday afternoon youth groups on December 7th, the youth will be competing in a bake-off, to see which group, the middle school youth group, or high school youth group, can bake, and assemble, the most baked goods within their respective youth group times. Youth will be able to take some samplings home, but the majority of what is made, will be passed out at the Children's Christmas pageant.

Missions



Holiday Food Basket Ministry Continues

The church is halfway through its holiday food basket ministry, and is anxiously awaiting the Christmas food basket delivery to all the church's seventy-five sponsor families on Sunday, December 21st. Thank you for your continued generous support of this ministry, where one hundred and fifty food baskets are prepared and delivered within the span of this two-month ministry.



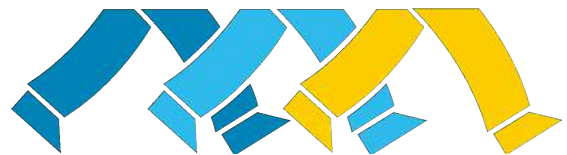
Angel Tree

Within the holiday food basket ministry, is the angel tree, where children under 18 years of age, within the seventy-five sponsor families, are given new clothing gifts to open on Christmas, and are delivered with their family's Christmas food basket. Angel tree tags are posted on the large bulletin board

in the narthex the weekend of Thanksgiving, November 30th, with the child's gender, age, and clothing size. Church members are encouraged to spend \$10-\$40 on new clothing, with tags still attached on every angel. PLEASE do not include other items in the gift other than clothing. If you wish to donate toys, please consider donating to the community's Toys for Tots program instead. Wrapped gifts, with the angel tree tag attached to the front of the package, are due back to church, on or before Sunday, December 21st.

GREAT STRIDES

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



The Frisbee family hopes you will join them at Cerro Coso Community College's track on Saturday, December 6th for the 8th Annual Ridgecrest Great Strides Walk. It's lots of fun and a great way to show support to Ridgecrest families who are affected by cystic fibrosis. As the awareness of CF increases, each year we learn of more families who are coping with this hereditary disease.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, and the Walk starts at 10:00 AM. This year some of Simon Austin's BHS band students will be leading off the Walk. Hot cocoa, coffee, water, sandwiches, and cookies will be available to all participants.



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 1 Rick Ferris
- 4 Janice Anderson
- 7 Hayley Cleveland
Monte Frisbee
- 9 Peter Brown
Jamie Clair
- 12 Dave Flanagan
- 13 Jim Weeks, Sr.
Holly Estrada
- 14 Andrew Christison
- 15 Achilles Ochoa
- 16 Lisa Austin
Jonah Gilbert
- 19 Paulino Bautista
- 21 Lynn Wade
- 22 Anna Benson
Leroy Corlett
Sabrina Estrada
- 23 Darrin Boston
- 24 Carol Corlett
- 25 Jesus
Dick Wright
- 28 Bill Stratton
- 29 Carrie Cope
Eric Frisbee
- 31 Carolyn Magorian
Erik Wadelin



DECEMBER

- 19 Todd & Jennifer Holland
- 21 Wayne & Ingrid Zellmer
- 22 Craig & Carol Porter
- 23 Lowell & Carolyn McDaniel
- 25 Bill & Barbara Hall
- 27 Russell & Phyllis Wise
Rex & Terry Ratcliff
- 28 Don & Dale Lane
Ed & Amy Pillers
John & Beth Seybold
Bill & Donna Stratton

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-7 pm GS Silver Awards 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 6:30 am Men's Devotion 7:00 pm Aquabonita Fly Fisher	3 11am-1pm UMW Christmas Luncheon 5:00 pm Daises 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 6:15 pm Juniors 7:00 pm Administrative Council Budget Meeting	4 5:30 pm HDQG	5 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	6 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
7 Regular Worship Schedule 9:45 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program	8 4:00 pm Girls Scout. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	9 6:30 am Men's Devotion 9:00 am MOPS 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting 6:15 pm Sweet Adeline's	10 5:00 pm Daises 6:15 pm Juniors 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	11 5:15 pm Mission Meeting 6:15 pm URS Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper 7:00 pm BHS Habitat for Humanity Concert	13 5:30 pm White Elephant Gift Exchange
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