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**NORTH DISTRICT
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FORMERLY KNOWN AS
HOW-TO WORKSHOP
COMING SATURDAY,
JANUARY 31, 2015
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**Make a generous donation
through RUMC to support
the January Mission
Emphases: Heifer Project
and Free the Girls**

PASTOR'S POINT

—A Holy Spirit Moment from Jim Hoover

Dear Friends,

On a recent Monday evening, I sat down next to my friend Stanley Miller at Bible Study as Stanley was opening his study guide. He said, "Look at that," as he pointed to our lesson, "We are on lesson 8, in Ecclesiastes 8, and today is December 8. (pause) And my birthday is March 8." I wondered what the Holy Spirit might be up to.

Our lesson was insightful as usual, and it ended promptly at 8 sharp, of course; but there was nothing highly unusual. As I wrote this on Thursday evening, I wondered about what is said in Verse 8: Ecc. 8.8 (NIV) "No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death. As no one is discharged in time of war, so wickedness will not release those who practice it."

"Wickedness will not release those who practice it." How significant is that?! Some questions that come to mind: Is living far beyond our means as a nation (e.g., \$18T deficit) practicing wickedness? Is systematically legislating God out of our schools and other public places practicing wickedness? If there can be hope for our nation in the future, then we must stop practicing wickedness.

I also wondered what was question 8 in the study guide: "8. How is allowing God to have authority in our lives more beneficial than operating under our own sense of authority?"

Allowing God to have authority is a builder of faith, a source of peace, and a reducer of defiance toward God and toward others. Anyone who loves God and has ever struggled with the control of something—only to lose it and then discover that God ensured the right result in the end, really understands this question.

I dropped off Stanley after class, and the following day was business as usual—

No "Encounters with 8" that I can remember. But Wednesday evening, I sat down with a book that has been a source of many God-moments in my faith journey. It's titled *The Harbinger* by Jonathan Cahn. And I continued to read from where I had left off at page 40.

The author was discussing the importance of an ancient prophesy given to Israel by Isaiah and Israel's defiant response to it. Defiance was a major theme. The prophesy was not only important but it was key to ancient Israel's future, as time proved correct; and the author claims it is also key to America's future.

The Harbinger goes into many historical examples of how this prophesy is coming true for America and he cites historical events centered around 9-11 that show a defiant, parallel path for America. The prophesy is central and key to the entire story—Israel's past and America's future—as the author works to show.

The prophesy is Isaiah 9.10: "The bricks have fallen down. But we will rebuild." This prophesy is actually composed of 8 Hebrew words...interesting. I set the book down and looked up the title of the Bible study from Monday night—"How Shall We Live Under Authority?"

I started to chuckle out loud and said, "Thank You, God, for the work of Your Holy Spirit." If it is God's authority under which we live, then certainly we should not live in defiance.

May God bless you as you seek and accept the work of The Holy Spirit in your life. *Jim*

P.S. Out of curiosity, I just counted the number of "8 examples" above ... of course, there are 8. Pastor Rich later informed me that the early church used 8 as symbolic of Easter, the 8th day of creation. It's great when we look and listen for God's alignments. Amen!

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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 25, 2015

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 4

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Available
Ushers: James & Sarah Guess
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Available
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Gretchen Hawes
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 18

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Available
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Available
Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 11

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Available
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Available
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JANUARY 25

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
1030 am: Melanie Branson
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel
Acolyte: 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.

Trustees

Trustee's News

WOW – Where has the year gone! As I put this together I realize its 2 days before Christmas. I also realize that 6 years ago I was voted in as a New Trustee. I want to thank you, the Congregation for your faith in me for that position. I also want to thank the Trustees for their help and guidance though all the years. No one person can see everything that needs to be done to keep this facility as beautiful as it is. I want to thank Pastor Rich for his mentoring, to help me learn and grow in the position and as a child of God. I also want to thank Wes our Lay Leader for helping me to keep my meetings on track and running according to Roberts Rules of Order when necessary. But most of all I want to thank God for all his blessings over the last 6 years. As you can see from my Thank You list I was never alone in doing anything. Caring for our facilities is a lot of work, and the people I have worked with over the last 6 years are doing this out of Love. So as I say good bye I ask for one Christmas wish. Please thank your Trustees for the awesome job they have done this year.

May the Joy of the Christmas Season truly come upon you and your families, and the New Year shower you and your families with many blessings.

The 2014 accomplishments are as follows:

- A. Complete the painting of the conduit on the north side and south-east corner of the Ed Building.
- B. Repair ladder rack on north side of Patio
- C. Add video link for projector operation from console
- D. The wooden kitchen cutting board installed under the counter near the coffee maker (replaced with kitchen-quality plastic cutting board)
- E. Clean blinds in Social Hall

- F. Replaced the drinking fountain in the Social Hall with a new ADA-compliant model
- G. Replaced the drinking fountain in the Sanctuary with a new ADA-compliant model
- H. Replaced the equalizer in the Sanctuary sound system
- I. Repaired the kitchen sink in the Social Hall
- J. Re-keyed all locks for the church facilities, following items coming up as missing
- K. Re-carpeted Social Hall
- L. Built enclosure for storing Ariel
- M. Fixed the Girls bathroom in education building of leaks
- N. Fixed the Men's bathroom in the Sanctuary
- O. We have had 4 successful All Church Work Days throughout the year
- P. Cleaning of the Gutters and down spouts
- Q. Clearing the street gutters of debris
- R. Changed countless light bulbs
- S. Replaced batteries in smoke detectors and clocks
- T. Replaced a clock in the Fellowship room
- U. Hand rail in Sanctuary for access to Chancel
- V. Painted and set the Front Parking lot to meet ADA access requirements
- W. Fixed the Church Marquee where it had been vandalized
- X. Day to Day duties that no one ever sees

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 2015 Board of Trustees is:

2015 John Veazey, Monte Frisbee, Bob Dale
2016 Joe Hansen, Elsa Hennings, Gary Allred
2017 Bill Burns, Ray Miller, Diane Foucher

Hazel A. Hensley
Board of Trustees President

Sunday School and Missions



Sunday School News

Christmas is here and I hope you were able to join us for the Christmas Play. We really had a great time sharing the Christmas story with all who were there.

For Christmas we have been looking at the Nativity, the stump of Jessie and Christmas traditions. In the New Year we will be back to following the lectionary. Some fun events will be a Passover meal. The date for that will be announced along with the menu. That way if your child has a food allergies we will all be aware of the need to be watchful. There will also be a skit for Easter to work on. More to come...

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

Heifer News

We are currently working on rising the funds for the Camels...Ask your children about how much water a camel can drink?

GREAT STRIDES

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Frisbee family would like to thank our United Methodist Church family for its wonderful support. Thank you especially for your prayers for Taylor and Isabella throughout the last eight years. Also, thank you to those of you who came out to our December 6th Walk at CCCC. We had a beautiful day, and it was uplifting to have Simon Austin's BHS Pep Band lead off the Walk, followed by over 300 walkers. Each year the awareness of the cystic fibrosis disease increases in our community. At this year's Walk we had 6 teams, representing 7 people who have cystic fibrosis.

As of this date, the 2014 Ridgecrest CF Great Strides Walk raised over \$45,000. Of that total, members of our church family donated at least \$7,200, both through the church, at the Walk, and online.

The Frisbee family greatly appreciates your support of CF research that is helping those with cystic fibrosis to have a better quality of life and to live longer. The hope is one day a cure will be found. Once again, thank you very much!

With love and appreciation,

From the entire Frisbee family,
Including Eric and Julie, Trevor, Taylor, Isabella
and Monte and Tina



January

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

January

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

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 4:00 pm BSA Banquet
4 Regular Worship Schedule 9:45 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm No Youth Group 4:00 pm No Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	5 4:00 pm Girls Scout. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 and Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	6 6:30 am Men's Devotional 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 6:15 pm Sweet Adeline's 7:00 pm Aquabonita Fly Fisher 7:00 pm SH Renovovation Committee Meeting	7 5:00 pm Daises 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 6:15 pm Juniors 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	8 5:15 pm Mission Meeting 6:15 pm URS Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	10
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**RIDGECREST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

2015 CHURCH OFFICERS, p.8

Met 9/8, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

Administrative Council

Chairperson
Assistant Chairperson
Lay Leader
Lay Member of Cal-Pac Annual Conference
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Recording Secretary
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson
Trustees President
Finance Chairperson
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Stewardship Chairperson
Christian Education Chairperson
Family Ministries Co-Chairpersons
Worship Chairperson
Missions and Outreach Chairperson
Nurture Chairperson
Lay Speaking Coordinator
Evangelism Chairperson(s)
RUM Foundation President
UM Women President
UM Men President
Member at Large

Kristin Hall
Rob Gervais
Wes Hensley
Wes Hensley
Hazel Hensley
Kristin Hall
Tara Argain
Alan Bradford
To Be Elected
Scott Millett
Camie Keeter
Lynn Wade
Jay Hodge
Rosemary Gilbert
Sheri Boston and Patricia Pfahl
Mike Keeter
Terry Ratcliff
Janice Anderson
Jim Hoover
To Be Elected
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To Be Elected
Roxann Gibbs

Board of Trustees

Class of 2015

John Veazey
Monte Frisbee
Bob Dale

Class of 2016

Joe Hansen
Elsa Hennings
Gary Allred

Class of 2017

Ray Miller
Bill Burns
Diane Foucher

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Tim Johnson
Roger Becker

Class of 2016

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Jason Zade
Shirley Kidner

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Jeanine Corzine
James Weeks, Jr.

Lay Leadership Committee

Class of 2015

Kristin Hall
Alan Bradford

Class of 2016

Donna Weeks
Janice Anderson

Class of 2017

Don Christison
Jim Hoover

Ridgecrest UM Foundation

Class of 2015

Darrin Boston
Melanie Branson

Class of 2016

Chris Millett
Janet Hughes

Class of 2017

Norelle Shlanta
Position Available

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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Christian Education Committee

Chairperson	Rosemary Gilbert
Attendance / Heifer Project Coordinator	Juanita Morton
VBS Director	Roxann Gibbs
Nursery Coordinator	Amy Ochoa
Member at Large	Michelle Kilikauskas
Director of Youth and Young Adults	Amy Ochoa

Family Ministries Committee

Co-Chairperson	Sheri Boston
Co-Chairperson	Patricia Pfahl
Kitchen Co-Coordinator	Nancy Hodge
Kitchen Co-Coordinator	Gerry Rambo
Member at Large	Clark Newbold

Worship Committee

Chairperson	Mike Keeter
Banners	Diann Severson
Director of Music	Patrick Rindt
Service Music Coordinator—8:00 am	Amber Petersen
Usher Coordinator—10:30 am	George Hennings
Acolyte Coordinator—10:30 am	Tamara Hansen
Wedding Coordinator	Tara Argain
Music Representative	Camie Keeter
Altar Guild	Diann Severson
Communion Steward—8:00 am	Juanita Morton
Communion Steward—10:30 am	Diann Severson
Member at Large—8:00 am	Patty Dale
Member at Large—10:30 am	Merritt Guggenbuehl
Sound Tech Coordinator	John Veazey

Evangelism Committee

Co-Chairperson	Position Available
Co-Chairperson	Position Available

Communications

Messenger Editor	Sarah Guess
Messenger Helper	Joanna Rindt
Web Master	John Veazey

Scouting Ministries

Boy Scout Troop 35 C.O.R.	Tim Johnson
Cub Scout Pack 341 C.O.R.	Ed Pillers
Brownie Troop 56 Contact Person	Amy Pillers
Girl Scout Troop 2263 Contact Person	Jennifer Small

Auditor

Russ Meech

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Missions and Outreach Committee

Chairperson
Upper Room Suppers
Food Basket / Angel Tree Ministry
Missionary Liaison
Members at Large

2015 CHURCH OFFICERS, p.10

Terry Ratcliff
Gerry Rambo
Amy Ochoa
Laura Lei Miller
Melanie Branson
Diane Wadelin
Terry Millett

Youth Missions Committee

Chairperson
Members at Large

Amy Ochoa
Melanie Branson
Nancy Hodge
Tim Johnson
Kathy LaShure
Lynn Wade
Ed Pillers

Nurture Committee

Chairperson
Receptions Coordinator
Home Communion Ministry
Greeting and Remembering Cards
Members at Large

Janice Anderson
Patty Bayne
Marge Anderson
Linda Miller
Judy Campbell
Laura Lei Miller
Diane Wadelin
Sharon Moore
Rev. Ed Jayne

Finance Committee

Chairperson
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Stewardship
Counter Coordinator
Member at Large
Ex-Officio

Scott Millett
Camie Keeter
Lynn Wade
Jay Hodge
Kristin Hall
John Veazey
Wes Hensley

Social Hall Building Renovation Committee

Chairperson
Members at Large

Hazel Hensley
Peter Brown
Nancy Hodge
Jill Bradford
Gerry Rambo
Paul Clair
To Be Elected
Wes Hensley

Trustees President
Lay Leader (Ex-Officio)