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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR RICH AND KATHY LASHURE—MAY 30

Pastor Rich and Kathy's retirement party will be on Saturday, May 30 at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Jim Hoover will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Please contact Tim Johnson (championbuilder@mediacomb.net) or Tammy Ferris (teferris917@yahoo.com) if you would like to say a special thank you on the night of the event.

HOW you can
HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support Harris Togo Mission or Peace with Justice Sunday

MEET REV. WESLEY ELMORE



Bishop Minerva Carcaño has designated Rev. Wesley Elmore to be appointed to Ridgecrest UMC effective July 1, 2015. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee has voted unanimously to receive Wesley as our church's new pastor. His appointment will be fixed at the close of the 2015 Sessions of the California-Pacific Annual Conference at the University of Redlands.

Rev. Wesley, who prefers to be called Pastor Wesley, writes:

"I was born at Ft. Bragg NC while my father was on active duty with the Army. My father is a now retired UM minister, and my mother is a retired elementary school teacher. I grew up in Charleston and Lewisburg, WV.

I graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1982 and served 8.5 years on active duty as an Infantry Officer stationed at Ft. Benning, GA and Schofield Barracks, HI. While in Hawaii I was active with Wahiawa UMC and felt the call to ministry.

I resigned my commission and entered seminary in January 1991, graduating in 1994 from Duke Divinity School.

I began my ministry as Pastor of Kahuku & Hope (Kaaawa) UMCs (a two-point charge) on Oahu, followed by Parker UMC (Kaneohe) before moving to Kauai. I currently serve at Lihue United Church, a federated United Methodist-United Church of Christ congregation. I have been involved with the Hawaii Walk to Emmaus community since 1994, serving as a Spiritual Director several times.

While on Kauai I have served as a volunteer chaplain at Wilcox Memorial Hospital and have been active as an adult leader in both a local Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop.

I am 55 years old, divorced with two adult sons: Nathanael (22) who lives in Chapel Hill, NC and Joel (21) who lives in Kaneohe, HI. My parents reside in WV and my 3 siblings reside in Virginia.

I enjoy running, biking, hiking, and camping along with watching many different sports."

It's clear to me that the Bishop and her Cabinet have done an outstanding job in selecting a pastoral designate who is a good match with the unique RUMC congregation and community. Special thanks to North District Superintendent Cedrick Bridgeforth (outgoing), and Hawaii District Superintendent Tom Choi (also outgoing).

Pray for Wesley through this pastoral transition from tropical Hawaii to the Mojave Desert, expecting and claiming the guiding and provisioning of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome aboard, Pastor Wesley!

"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 Emphases--



**Togo,
West Africa**

**Garon and Susan Harris, Missionaries
to Togo, Africa**

Garon and Susan Harris are Ridgecrest residents who are now serving as missionaries in Togo, Africa. Their mission work will be in the northern area of Mango through the establishment of the Wendell Kempton Medical and Ministry Center. The center will offer quality healthcare and opportunities for evangelism and church planting. They will also help provide safe drinking water for the community.

--Also--

**Peace with Justice Sunday
May 31st**

Your generous gifts will Support Peace with Justice ministries in the conference and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society. Your Peace with Justice offering aids disciples who are changing lives and the world inspired by Christ's gospel of love and liberation.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for May

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

The food item for May is:

Canned Tuna

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for May: Bob Dale

MAY 3

Flowers: In Memory of Mick Rindt
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Hazel Hensley
10:30 am: Wes Hensley
Ushers: James & Sarah Guess
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Isabel Kidner
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Gretchen Hawes
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Gervais, Shirley Kidner,
Tina Frisbee

MAY 10

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
10:30 am: Available
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Eleanor Gervais
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Terry Millett, Patty Wharton,
Phil Archibald

MAY 17

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
10:30 am: Available
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Callie Corzine
Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Kristen Barron, Melanie
Branson

MAY 24

Flowers: In Memory of Robert Lane
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
10:30 am: Available
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee
Ken & Patty Wetzel
Acolyte: Ralieg Gleason
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley
James Guess
Fellowship Hosts: Available

MAY 31

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
8:00 am: Available
10:30 am: Available
Ushers: Youth
Acolyte: Megan
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Michelle Kilikauskas

Liturgists

If you are interested in being a liturgist, 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 chart 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 5K Run Update



Since our last report, a lot has happened around the church. We had a successful All-Church workday that, as always, was guided by Joe Hanson. Many regular “house cleaning” types of chores are done at these workdays, and that is what makes it easy for anyone to participate. For those who enjoyed that Saturday morning, thanks! We enjoyed your help!

Scouting is a large part of the church family’s activities at our church, and for that we are happy. The capstone of Boy Scouting is the Eagle badge and the Eagle project that is a part of that badge. It is interesting as we go through life to discover those influential folks and to be surprised to find how many of them were Eagle Scouts! Often the Trustee Committee is asked to suggest, or to approve of, potential projects that improve our church. Several projects, in various stages of completion, are underway now, and we were interested to find their status at our last Trustee meeting. The church family will, in the coming months become aware of these projects as they complete.

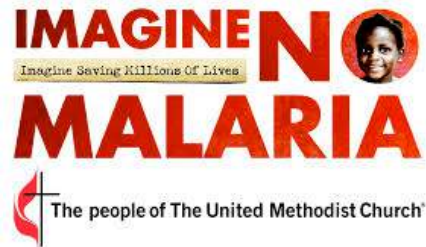
During the past month, several projects have been underway. John Veazey finished repairing the window blinds in the education building’s nursery rooms. This is normal wear and tear maintenance that must not fall through the cracks. Ray Miller and Ken Wetzel just completed the leak proofing of the social hall roof over the kitchen. This is a regular job

that must be done every 2-3 years and involves brushing, cleaning, preparatory painting and seal painting of the foamed roof. It involved several long days and must be done during bright days without rain. Thanks guys.

Stewardship of resources is one of the very important Trustee tasks and one that we are continually monitoring. As our community will soon fall under water restrictions, the Trustees will be responsible for implementing new watering guidelines without destroying our beautiful campus.

I will continue to ask for those of you interested in being a part of your church maintenance to contact any of the Trustees, or me directly, at the number below. We’d love to use other hands a little, or a lot, as you might have time. We can find a job that fits your abilities and time, and either ask you to assist us, or just turn you loose!

In God’s Service,
Monte Frisbee
Trustee President
760-375-8353



5K Fun Run/Walk To Benefit Imagine No Malaria Raises \$550

A big thank you to everyone who came out, and also donated, to the 5K Fun Run/Walk on April 12th. Congratulations to Anthony Barnes, who crossed the finish line first! Together, the church was able to bring in \$550, which will now be sent to Imagine No Malaria, in helping to end this preventable disease in Africa!

Choir Notes and SSP Soap Sale Update



Happy Easter Season and Happy Mother's Day!

A huge thank you to the Senior Choir, the Youth and the congregation who all participated and attended the Maundy Thursday service. A special thank you to Diann Severson, Altar Guild, Amy Ochoa, Patrick Rindt and Pastor Rich for their contributions to the powerful Tenebrae service.

Thoughts turn to our mothers as we prepare to celebrate them on May 10. Our Lord and Savior was blessed with a wonderful and faithful mother as are so many of us. A mother's spiritual guidance, nurturing support and constancy can have a tremendous impact on a young life. I can certainly testify to that personally! We hope that you will plan to attend services on Mother's Day and enjoy the special music and tributes presented in honor of our mothers!

We extend congratulations to Amber and Mike Petersen on the birth of their son, William Michael. Amber is certainly missed at the 8am services with the wonderful music ministry that she brings. I do want to thank those who have stepped forward to provide music in her absence, including Paula Herr, the Senior Choir, Kristin Hall, Ted Fiske, Toma Hansen, Emma Heflin and Carol Sakai, to name a few.

May God bless you all during this Easter season!

Doug Hallenbeck, Music Director

2015 SSP SOAP SALE SELLS OUT ALL INVENTORY



Thank You to everyone who purchased Kathy LaShure's Encelia Botanicals handmade soaps last Sunday.

This is now the 9th year that Kathy has created and contributed her artisan soap products in support of our Senior High Youth summer mission trip with the Sierra Service Project.

It's a joy to report that all of the soaps were sold this year, over 400 bars, raising \$2,830.50. That brings the 9-year grand total of SSP Soap Sale proceeds to \$29,372.25. To God be the glory!

Kathy's Encelia Botanicals Soaps will continue to be available through the Maturango Museum gift shop.

Sunday School, VBS and Youth Activities



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

Heifer News:

Thank you to everyone for helping us complete our third ARK. This gift will help families and communities all around the world. **Sunday**

school News:

We had a GREAT time with our Passover meal and I wanted to thank all the adults who took time to join us in this celebration. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We are currently learning about Jonah. It is a 3 part lesson so I'm looking forward to hearing what they know about this story.

The 2014/2015 school year coming to a close we will be having our end of year party on May 17. I have really enjoyed spending time with your children and sharing the stories of the bible with them.

May you have a safe and Blessed summer.

Current Sunday school teachers:

Hazel Hensley, Julie Gervais, Al Bradford, Curt Kidner and other Angels who share their time and talents with your children.



Thank You, Sunday School Leaders!

As the spring semester winds down for the summer, the church would like to express its gratitude for the leadership and dedication of the following church members, for their service to the

Sunday school ministry. Thank you to: Al Bradford, Dena Christison, Julie Gervais, Rosemary Gilbert, Hazel Hensley, Curt Kidner, Shirley Kidner, Michelle Kilikauskas, and Laura Miller.

Mrs. Hazel Hensley has announced her “retirement” from Sunday school, beginning in June. Thank you Hazel, for your many years of service in Christian Education! Hazel not only created her own curriculum to teach the Sunday school children with, she also help lead the Angel Choir, Heifer Projection International mission activities, and the children’s Christmas pageants, along with so many other points of service. We praise God for you, Hazel!

The church would also like to acknowledge the exceptional leadership and dedication of Juanita Morton, who entered everlasting life on April 2nd, 2015. Juanita, also known as the “Heifer Lady,” has been a member of the Christian Education team for many decades, and the love that she showed the children in Sunday school, and her love for the Sunday school mission, Heifer Project International, has made such a positive impact on the entire church, and she will never be forgotten.



Vacation Bible School 2015

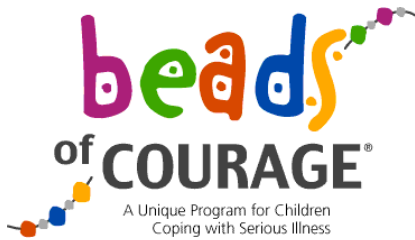
Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!

A collection box of needed craft items is in the narthex. Currently, there is a need for empty paper rolls, emptied and cleaned 1 or 2 liter clear plastic soda bottles with lids, emptied and cleaned 28 oz. plastic jars with lids (like peanut butter jars), and unwanted/scratched DVDs or CDs. Be on the look-out in early June for the complete list of needed donations for the craft station and kitchen.

Adult and high school youth volunteers to help lead VBS, are also in need at this time.

If you are interested in helping with the crafts station, game station, storytelling station, registration table, kitchen, rotation aids, music, or skit players/scientists, please contact Roxann Gibbs, or the church office. If you are only able to serve just one night even, you are needed! No experience necessary! Station leaders will be provided with materials and lessons.

VBS will be held Monday, July 13th through Thursday, July 16th, dinner at 6pm, with program from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, in the social hall. Registration to begin in middle of June.



Special Youth Project on Sunday, May 31st

Beads of Courage is an arts-in-medicine organization for children facing serious illnesses. The concept is that children earn beads, as encouragement tools for surgeries, hospital stays, certain procedures, remission celebration milestones, etc. The beads are then put onto strings, or in bags, and children (and families) carry the beads with them to the hospital, or during recovery, for encouragement and strength.

Middle school and high school youth are invited to a special youth group on Sunday, May 31st, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, in the social hall, to participate in learning more about this awesome organization for kids, to hear from a family here in town who have earned their own Beads of Courage, to work with adults from the church in sewing together bags to send to recipients to put their own beads in, to assemble bead strains for children on the bead waiting list, and to learn more about a special one-of-a-kind “traveling” bead program, that youth may choose to take part in this summer.

Participating youth are asked a \$5 donation, if able, to help offset the cost of shipping and materials.



Youth Summer Trips

Camp Pondo (Middle school and high school youth)

Youth entering 6th 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 9th to Friday, June 13th**. Parent carpool is being established to get campers to and from camp, when you submit your payment and forms, please tell Amy if you can drive Monday or Friday, and the number of seatbelts you have. Cost per camper is **\$310**, and an additional \$40, if youth wish to attend special, optional afternoon watertubbing or wakeboarding at Big Bear Lake.

SSP High School Mission Trip (high school youth only)

Youth entering the 9th 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 going to Navajo Nation in Tsaile, Arizona, from Saturday, July 25th to Saturday, August 1st. Cost per participant is **\$400**, plus each participant must actively help with the SSP soap shop the weekend of April 15th.

Summer Planning and Calendar Meeting for Youth Ministry

Parents of youth, and other adults of the church, are invited to attend the summer planning and calendar meeting for youth ministry on Sunday, May 17th, after the 2nd service, in room 2. We will be discussing upcoming summer trips to Camp Pondo and SSP, as well as the special youth summer series, The Top Ten Bible Stories of All Time.



Birthdays of the Month

MAY

- 1 George Hennings
Adrian Ochoa
- 4 Mindy Brown
Karen Veazey
- 5 Michael Leveille
Destiny Woolard
- 9 Shasta Hennings
Patrick Rindt
- 10 Diane Leveille
- 13 Ann Norris
- 15 Curt Kidner
Beth Seybold
- 16 Hazel Hensley
Joseph Kovar
Tyler Woolard
- 17 Paul Clair
Derek Wadelin
- 18 Laci Marcum
- 22 Jeanne Backman
- 25 Megan Wade
- 26 Larry Baile
- 27 Dena Christison

- 28 Dylan Layfield
Michelle Kilikauskas
- 31 Calvin Johnson
Lowell McDaniel
Preston Wade



MAY

- 13 Janet Hughes & Martin Lininger
- 14 Curt & Shirley Kidner
- 21 Jason & Olivia Zade
- 22 David & Kristin Hall
- 31 James & Sarah Guess

May

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:00 pm BSA Leader Training 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper Girl Scout Campout in Quad	2 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 8:30 am UMW Board Mtg 10:00 am BSA Q&A 11:00 am Service for Mick Rindt @ Grace Lutheran
3 Regular Worship Schedule 9:00 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm St. Petersburg Quartet 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	4 4:00 p.m. GS Bridging 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 6:30 am Men's Devotional 9:00 am MOPS 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 7:00 pm Aquabonita Fly Fisher	6 5:00 pm Daises 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:15 pm Juniors 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	7 7:00 pm Choir Practice	8 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	9 8:45 am High Desert Individual Recitals 9:00 am Messy Church Training
10 Regular Worship Schedule 9:45 am Choir Practice 11:30 pm SPRC Potluck 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	11 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting 7:00 pm SH Renovovation Committee Meeting	13 5:00 pm Daises 6:15 pm Juniors	14 5:15 pm Mission Meeting 6:15 pm URS Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice	15 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	16 11:00 am Oasis Garden Tea Party 3:00 pm Service for Juanita Morton 4:00 pm Fellowship after service
17 Regular Worship Schedule 9:45 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	18 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	19 6:30 am Men's Devotional	20 9:00 am Sister's Act 12:00 pm 3M Circle 5:00 pm Daises/Jrs Court of Awards 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting	21 7:00 pm Choir Practice	22 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	23 10:00 am Beads of Courage
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