

SINGLE SERVICE SUMMER  
WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 7, 9:30 AM

# The MESSENGER

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## 2015 CAL-PAC CONFERENCE

The 2015 sessions of the California-Pacific Annual Conference will take place June 18 through June 20 at the University of Redlands.

This year's theme is "JUDGMENT, JUSTICE, JOY." Ridgecrest UMC will be capably represented by our Lay Members Wes and Hazel Hensley and Kristin Hall.

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

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support The Women's Center or our Upper Room Suppers Ministry

## THANKS FOR THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Kathy and I were touched by the very large turnout for our retirement celebration on May 30. We had never seen the Social Hall so full, with several overflow tables outside. The main course of Jim Hackney's famous apple-smoked pulled pork barbecue was a treat.

Our special thanks goes out to Tammy Ferris and Tim Johnson who chaired the event on behalf of SPRC. Real creativity was very much in evidence, along with a lot of care. Jim Hoover served splendidly as MC. Thanks to Doug Hallenbeck and Patrick Rindt who put together a great set of worship songs, the band, and the Choir who sang several of them.

Highlighted gifts included a handmade quilt in Autumn Colors with a star motif, stained glass art by Jim Hoover, a throw and lap quilt crocheted by Hazel Hensley, a nifty portable cooler from the youth for our trailer trips, and a new waterproof Bible. And thanks to all who donated to our Gas Money fund.

Following Annual Conference which concludes on June 20 (see inset paragraphs), my final Sunday in the RUMC pulpit will be June 28.

We will drive to Arizona in July for Kathy's father Gus Kvapil's memorial celebration at his mountain cabin, and attend to his final arrangements.

Then in August we expect to begin our active retirement, going places in our Airstream travel trailer. One of the first locations we want to visit is the Northern California Redwood forest.

As I explained at the celebration, this will be our 8th pastoral transition under appointment together.

Previously we transitioned to Scottsdale, West Los Angeles, Valencia, Highland Park, Sierra Madre, Whittier, and here to Ridgecrest. One of the principal differences this time is that we will not be changing our residence. We plan to remain in our home in Inyokern, enjoying our gardens and battling fugitive dust for the foreseeable future.

As Ed and Barbara Jayne did before us, we will give the new pastor the courtesy of being absent from worship and other church activities for at least the first year. With so much experience under my belt, one thing that I have learned over the years is how to move. (I have followed one or two pastors who didn't know how to move.)

Let Rev. Wesley be his own person, dream his own dreams and lead in his own style. Pray for him and back his play through thick and thin. Remember that the church is of God, and it will be preserved until the end of time.

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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--**



**WOMEN'S CENTER**

The Women's Center is the umbrella organization for the High Desert which includes the Women's Shelter Network Hotlines such as child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention for Eastern Kern County and surrounding counties to educate the public and community agencies, to heighten awareness regarding domestic violence and sexual assault, and to reduce the risk of victimization.

Your generous offering will assure that the Women's Center's work will continue.

**--And--**



**Upper Room Suppers**

The Upper Room Supper Ministry began serving the community on September 16, 2011 with only a handful of people attending. We are now serving 70+ on any given Friday. The meals are served every Friday evening from 5:00 - 6:00 pm -- the doors are open to all. If you would like more information, please visit our website.

**Living Bread Ministry**



**Food Emphasis for June**

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

The food item for June is:

**Pork and Beans**

# In Service In Our Church

Lock up for June: Roy Miller

## JUNE 7

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
9:30 am: Diann Severson  
Ushers: James & Sarah Guess  
Jim & Mary Netzer  
Acolyte: Destiny Woolard  
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,  
Gretchen Hawes  
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Gervais, Shirley Kidner,  
Melanie Branson

## JUNE 21

Flowers: Linda Miller  
Liturgists:  
9:30 am: Jim Hoover  
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne  
George & Elsa Hennings  
Acolyte: Emilio Bautista  
Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,  
Joanna Rindt  
Fellowship Hosts: Patty Bayne, Mary Netzer

## JUNE 14

Flowers: Jim & Mary Netzer  
Liturgists:  
9:30 am: Available  
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family  
John & Paige Netzer  
Acolyte: Jonah Gilbert  
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,  
Barbara Johnson  
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Atkinson, Vivian Ryno,  
Barbara Jayne

## JUNE 28

Flowers: Available  
Liturgists:  
9:30 am: Available  
Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee  
Ken & Patty Wetzel  
Acolyte: Trevor Frisbee  
Counters: Nancy Hodge, Wes Hensley  
James Guess  
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Atkinson, Jennifer Small

### 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 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 & Church Work Day



Spring is upon us with summer just around the corner. Before the high temperatures strike, the Trustees are planning an "all morning" all church workday on June 6th. Joe Hansen will lead us and have tasks and tools ready. Please find time to lend a hand! It's a perfect way to have time to meet those people you see on Sunday and at the same time help us maintain our church facility.

Andrew Christison and Sam Johnson are now either completing, or starting, their Eagle Scout projects. Both scouts have worked with the Trustees to find, select and fine-tune their projects. Andrew had selected, and got a thorough start on, his playground shade structure project, but has run into a growing Ridgecrest specification for required wind loading resistance (now at 130 mph) and the attendant cost growth associated with that requirement. During our last Trustees' meeting he, with the Trustees' agreement, has changed his project. He will now perform much needed wrought iron fence maintenance on our East side perimeter. This welded structure suffers greatly from watering overspray and age. His work with the fence will be much appreciated. Sam has selected the remarking of the South parking lot as his project. Both of these should be completed by the end of the summer. Thank you scouts! I, as one of the trustees, see the planning and project leadership involved with these projects. I have to admire (and wish I'd started this early) the Eagle Scout idea for leadership development. It is really special.

Major renovation is being done to the floors in the sanctuary bathrooms. To maintain

proper sanitation we must strip these floors down to the tile, clean and start a regular maintenance schedule for these floors. The floors in these rooms have a "no-wax" tile that must be maintained in that condition.

The Trustees are working with Earth Landscape, our maintenance contractor, to change our watering schedule to comply with the Indian Wells Valley Water District requirements. We will be watching the health of the landscaping to minimize the impact of the new watering schedule as we transition to summer.

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



Whew! Our valley's windy spring season is finally over! Before the heat kicks in, the Trustees are holding our next All-Church Work Day on Saturday, June 6. We will be enjoying breakfast with the United Methodist Men at 8:00, then dive into our chores at 9:00, with our iron-clad guarantee that we will be done by noon. We have inside and outside tasks, from light to heavy duty. Please join us for a morning of fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to call Joe Hansen at [\(760\) 375-1219](tel:760-375-1219).

## Choir Notes, Family Movie Night & A Thank You



"June is Busting Out All Over!" from Carousel celebrates the start of summer. On May 30, we celebrate Pastor Rich and Kathy's Retirement with a dinner, music and tributes. The Adult Choir and music staff want to thank Pastor Rich and Kathy for the musical contributions they have made, especially with the addition of more contemporary praise music in our worship services. We appreciate them and their faithful ministry over these past years and wish them much happiness and fulfillment in their new retired life!

Father's Day falls on the first official day of summer and we want to remember to honor our dads as well as our Heavenly Father for his loving protection and constancy. So please plan to be in church on the 21st as we honor all Fathers!

Another summer celebration is our tradition of going to one service at 9:30 am beginning on June 7. Please mark your calendars and let's enjoy seeing folks who normally attend different services in our one combined service! The Adult Choir is not taking the summer off, so we have lots of great music planned as well as incorporating more youth and instruments into the summer services. You won't want to miss it!

Happy summer and God bless,  
Doug Hallenbeck, Music Director



On June 16th, a Tuesday night, we are having a family night at the movies event in the Social Hall. The movie will start at 6:30 pm. We will have popcorn too! We plan on showing some older Disney movies. While we are calling this Family Night, singles are welcome to attend also! This should be a fun night where we share our pleasure in great Disney movies. Check your worship bulletin insert for the name of the movie. Hope to see you AT THE MOVIES!!!



As several of you know, I deliver the message to the Trona and Inyokern congregations on average once a month. I am just one of the Lay Servants that Wes Hensley has scheduled to serve in this ministry. However, you may not realize that for the last several months, two women have been sharing their special musical talents with these congregations as well. I would like to share how much I appreciate Paula Herr and Kathy Cummings for sharing their talents and singing for the church in Trona and Inyokern. It is especially enjoyable the times that Mike and Paula Herr have been able to come. I am so blessed to be a rider in the car so I can relax between the services somewhat. Thank you! You are a blessing to me and to others!

--Laura Lei Miller, Lay Servant

## UMW



### UMW News

Your local organization of United Methodist Women continues to work to become in better fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Sister's Act has completed a study on The Church and People with Disabilities. If you are interested there are books in the UMW library on this subject including the excellent study book for this class. Sister's Act will now be dark for the summer but will resume on September 16 with a study on Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God. Sister's Act meets in the Fellowship Room on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11 under the leadership of Aileen Scott.

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs is the study that will be completed by 3M Circle this June. 3M Circle meets on the third Wednesday of the month, as well, in private homes. They meet for study, fellowship, and to enjoy lunch together. After their June 17th meeting, 3M will go dark for the summer as well. They will resume on September 16th.

Friendship Circle is meeting for the first time this year on Sunday May 31st for lunch in Inyokern. A calendar for the rest of the year will be announced after the meeting. Friendship Circle traditionally meets for dinner on the Last Wednesday of the month. No idea if this will continue at the time of the Messenger's publication. All circles are welcoming new members. Each circle has their own "flavor" of meeting. If you want to visit one and discover for yourself the wonderful learning opportunities that are enjoyed by each, you would be welcomed.



Also, coming up at the end of July is Mission u which is the name of the annual weekend retreat for UMW. The retreat is held at Biola University in La Mirada from July 24th to the 26th. You will be offered the choice of one of the studies for the retreat. This year's studies (to be used for the year following Mission u too) are:

- Spiritual growth: Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God
- Issue study: The Church and People with Disabilities
- Geographic: Latin America: People and Faith

They will all promise to be excellent studies. The retreat includes a room in the dorms and a pass to the cafeteria for meals. Young people are encouraged to attend and youth have their own classes. Scholarships are available both from our Ridgecrest UMW and from the Cal-Pac Conference UMW. Last year not all the scholarships were even applied for. If you have questions about Mission u, please speak to a board member. Most of us have enjoyed the experience at least once!

Have a wonderful summer!

Laura Lei Miller

## Youth Events



Regular Sunday afternoon youth groups have ended for the spring semester, and youth are now on the summer schedule, which does not meet every week.

This summer, on select Wednesday nights, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, in the social hall, youth entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, to graduated seniors this spring, are invited to a combined summer youth group, where they will be studying the TOP TEN Bible Stories of All Time! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for the first four Bible stories.



Remember that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit all summer Camp Pondo paperwork and fees, as well as the Sierra Service Project mission trip paperwork and fees to Amy in the church office. Scholarships are available.



Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, to graduated seniors this spring, are invited to an overnight lock-in with Grace Lutheran Church's high school youth group. Permission slips are required, and due upon arrival to the lock-in (parents may fill these out when they drop you off). Youth are to arrive at 7:30pm to our church's social hall, on the 5<sup>th</sup>.



Melanie Branson is spearheading a trip to Spirit West Coast at the Del Mar fairgrounds on THURSDAY, June 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an outdoor Christian music festival, featuring a lot of artists that are heard on Air I and other Christian music stations. Tickets are about \$30 each for the day, overall cost of the trip is to be determined (regarding if group will stay overnight, which is pending, and will be finalized once interested persons step forward). If any youth and/or their parents are interested in attending this trip, please let Amy in the office know ASAP, so that we can coordinate with Melanie, and get the details together.

Please be sure to check the youth page on the church website for up-to-date calendar information.



# Birthdays of the Month

## JUNE

- 1 Tina Frisbee
- 2 Sam Haun
- 4 Leslie Layfield
- 5 Teresa Pastor
- 6 Steve Smith
- 7 Phil Archibald  
Bonita Becker  
Don Christison
- 8 Trevor Barnes
- 9 Jim Tankersley
- 13 Rich LaShure
- 15 Emma Austin
- 16 Barbara Jayne  
Craig Porter
- 17 Paige Netzer
- 18 Paula Herr  
Tara Argain
- 19 Kristin Hall
- 21 Taylor Estrada  
Janet Hughes  
John Seybold
- 22 Dave Morton
- 23 Kathy Cummings  
Rex Ratcliff
- 25 Trevor Frisbee
- 26 Darren Hodge  
Becky Souza
- 28 Lee Wood

- 29 Dianne Hargrove  
Caroline Pillers
- 30 Bob Dale  
Russ Meech



## JUNE

- 5 Herman & Dolores Hoffman  
John & Kathy Manley
- 7 John & Karen Veazey  
Joseph & Nel Kovar
- 12 John & Paige Netzer  
Chris & Roxann Gibbs
- 14 Sam & Cheryl Haun
- 15 David & Elizabeth Watson
- 18 Monte & Tina Frisbee
- 19 Russell & Sandy Meech
- 22 John & Barbara Linder
- 25 Jim & Trisha Hoover
- 27 Ron & Sharon Backman
- 28 Roger & Bonita Becker
- 30 John & Janice Anderson



# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:00 p.m. GS Bridging #2263 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 6:30 am Men's Devotional 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 7:00 pm Aquabonita Fly Fisher	3 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	4	5 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper 7:30 pm Youth Overnight w/Grace Lutheran	6 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 8:00 am BSA Car Wash 8:30 am UMW Board Mtg 9:00 am All Church Work Day
7 <b>9:30 am Single Service</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	8 6:30 pm Bible Study	9 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting 7:00 pm SH Renovovation Committee Meeting	10	11 5:15 pm Mission Meeting 6:15 pm URS Meeting	12 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	13 2:00 pm Bonita Becker's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
14 <b>9:30 am Single Service</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	15 6:30 pm Bible Study	16 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:30 pm UMW Summer Movie Night	17 9:00 am Sister's Act 12:00 pm 3M Circle	18 <b>June 18-20 Annual Conference</b>	19 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	20
21 <b>9:30 am Single Service</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	22 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	23 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting	24 1:00 pm Quilt Group	25	26 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper  (Flex)	27
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Summer Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:30 am  
Childcare Provided