

The Messenger

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A note from our Pastor



**SINGLE SERVICE
SUMMER
SCHEDULE**
We will continue to
worship together in
a single service at
9:30 am through
September 6.
Our regular two-
service schedule
will resume on
Sunday, September
13 at 8:00 and
10:30 am.

Aloha Ridgecrest ohana (ohana-Hawaiian word for family.) I greet you as my new brothers and sisters in Christ. I am honored and privileged to be your new pastor. I have heard of your good works and rejoice to be part of a church family that seeks to care for each other, for our neighbors, for those around the world and those who are less fortunate. I look forward to getting to know you in the coming days. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as I seek to place names with faces; get adjusted to California high desert weather and learn my way around the community. I am grateful for all you have done to prepare for my arrival. Grace, Peace and Aloha!

Wesley Elmore,
PS: My new personal address is:
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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--



Rancho International Ministries

RIM is an international group of churches and partners joined together in relationship through the Lord Jesus Christ with a common purpose, sharing the Father's Heart with the nations of the world.

Project RIM provides food relief to the people of Zimbabwe. For \$5.00 you can feed a family of 4 for a month. 100% of your donation will go towards purchasing food.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for July

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

The food item for July is:

Top Ramen and School Supplies

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for July: Diane Foucher

JULY 5

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
9:30 am: Laura Miller
Ushers: James & Sarah Guess
Jim & Mary Netzer
Acolyte: Natalie Gilbert
Counters: Kristin Hall, Cathy Mattis,
Gretchen Hawes
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 19

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
9:30 am: Diann Severson
Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne
George & Elsa Hennings
Acolyte: Available
Counters: Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson,
Joanna Rindt
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 12

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
9:30 am: Kristin Hall
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family
John & Paige Netzer
Acolyte: Eleanor Gervais
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane,
Barbara Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Available

JULY 26

Flowers: Available
Liturgists:
9:30 am: Available
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 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 & Choir Notes



Summer has struck! Thank goodness Joe Hansen had a great turnout for the spring all-church workday and many, many small but necessary projects were completed. Everything from oiling locks and hinges to cooler maintenance to cobweb cleaning to toilet seat changing. It all got done. Thank you to Joe and all his helpers.

Sam Johnson has completed his Eagle Scout project with the repainting of the south parking lot stripes. Go look at the fresh, clean painting. Thanks Sam! The next scout project to be done is Andrew Christison's work at the north parking lot. He will complete the planter wells around each of the light poles in that lot. Because there is no water available on that piece of property the completion will consist of decorative rock and gravel. Thank you scouts!

The landscaping contractor, Earth, to comply with the IWV Water District directives, has changed the watering schedule for all the sprinklers. Please help us watch for under watering, or over watering, and email me if there are issues we've not seen.

The next project coming up is a complete carpet cleaning of the sanctuary and office building. This will be done in about a week with volunteers moving furniture to allow the contractor to do this job.

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



I want to extend a special thank you from the Choir and music ministry at Ridgecrest UMC to Pastor Rich & Kathy for their faithful ministry these past years! Change can be challenging, but is filled with opportunities and we wish them all the best as they begin their retirement!

At the same time we want to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Wesley (and not just the temperature!), but our desire is that he will quickly feel at home with the congregation and church family here in Ridgecrest! With our summer schedule of just one service we are planning to reach out to more of the youth and other members who play instruments, and invite them to participate in the music ministry during services this summer. It is a time of relaxation for many and a good time to bring our talents forward and share the musical gifts God has given us!

I want to give a special thank you to Janice Anderson, Carol Sakai, Patrick and the choir, for making the extra effort to provide wonderful music during my recent absence with the tour. I wish you all a blessed and happy summer season!

Mission Update

Update from the Harrises

“Many are the PLANS in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s PURPOSE that will prevail”

Proverbs 19:2

This verse has been a lesson for us especially these past few months. We have set our plans before the Lord and pursued His direction and guidance, but found that our thoughts and plans were much different from His, and we are trusting that His PURPOSE will prevail in all aspects of our service to Him.

GARON

Hospital of Hope Water

*Update-*After thorough testing of possible well sites at the hospital, a decision was made to drill. The first drilling contractor fell through, much to my disappointment but that allowed me to find another contractor to drill to a deeper depth for a lower price. I was thankful that God’s hand was upon those chain of events. The day came for the new contractor to start drilling, we were praying and anticipating the success of finding water. Unfortunately the first attempt was unsuccessful, and another attempt made the following week and we continued in prayer. The 2nd attempt was not successful either. Both boreholes were drilled to 785ft, with no water in sight. In the days that followed, there was a city wide water shortage due to the lack of rain and low level of the river. All this to say that God’s PURPOSE in this venture was different than ours. I am confident that the LORD has a better plan in place, and I am trusting Him through all of this.█

Susan

These last month’s brought some changes to my focus in hospital ministry. A need arose in our Guest House which is vital to our team’s ministry. The Guest House provides housing and meals to visiting medical and project personnel as well a place of



DRILLING AT
HOSPITAL OF
HOPE

community for our team. Although I continued working in the hospital in maternity, much effort and time was given to the Guest House. I enjoyed having a chance to build some new relationships with the 4 Togolese women who work there as well as working with 4 others on our team.

It was a challenging time for me, yet I witnessed God bringing about positive change through this transition and I am thankful for having a major part in that process. The Lord’s PURPOSE in my life prevails and I trust Him much more than my own plans.

BOTH

As we are preparing our home assignment in the states, we are anxious to share how God is working in the various people groups in this region of northern Togo. We are amazed to see His hand at work in the lives of many people and we are privileged we can be a part of it.

Home Assignment July 2015-March 2016

- July/August-first 2 weeks with our family in California, the remaining portion of July and through August 18th on the East Coast meeting with partners and participating in a mission’s conference. In August we will return to our home base in Ridgecrest, California.
 - October- first week in Seattle area, visiting Garon’s Mom and her church as well as some partners in that area.
 - Nov/Dec-Ridgecrest
 - December-ECHO and Project office meeting in Florida
 - February 2016-Idaho missions conference
- We have other meetings planned without specific dates at this point, we will share those dates when they become available. If you would like for us to visit, please email us. These are the plans we have set, but we know that it is God’s PURPOSE that prevails.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Garon and Susan

Youth Events



Vacation Bible School 2015

VBS will be held Monday, July 13th to Thursday, July 16th. An optional dinner is available each night for all participants, from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, in the social hall. The VBS program runs from 6:30pm to 8:30pm each night, beginning and ending in the social hall. VBS is open to all students entering Kindergarten in the fall, to students entering 5th grade in the fall. Youth entering 6th grade in the fall, and older, are invited to volunteer to help. Registration forms available now, and may be turned into the office early, or handed in on the 13th. A special thank you to everyone who donated food and craft items! Please direct any questions to Amy in the church office.



Youth Summer Series

This summer, students entering 6th grade in the fall, to graduated seniors this spring, are invited to participate in *The Top 10 Bible Stories of All Time*, counting down from the number 10 story (which is the Creation Story), and revealing the number 1 story, on the last session in August. Youth are to meet in the social hall from 6:30pm to 8:00pm each session. There will be three sessions in July: Wednesday July 1st, Wednesday July 8th, and Wednesday July 22nd.



Youth Lake Trip

Al Bradford is spearheading a youth lake trip for a day of water skiing and wake boarding at Pyramid Lake on Flex Friday, July 17th. Youth are encouraged to attend! Parents are also encouraged to come as well. Please sign-up with Amy in the church office, on or before Thursday the 16th.



Sierra Service Project

High School Mission Trip

The high school mission team, along with their adult chaperones Melanie Branson, Al Bradford, and Tim Johnson, will be attending the Sierra Service Project mission trip starting July 25th in Navajo Nation in Arizona. Please be praying for the safety of the team during their weeklong mission. And mark your calendars for SSP Sunday, on August 23rd, when the team will take over the entire Sunday worship service, and will bring their experiences from their mission to you!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Students of all ages, along with teachers and other staff of the school district and college, are invited to participate in a special Back-to-School Backpack Blessing, during worship, the Sunday before school starts, on August 9th. This blessing will offer encouragement to the excited, comfort for the anxious, and prayers of positive growth and safety for all. Participants are welcome to bring their backpacks or briefcases with them to the blessing!



Birthdays of the Month

JULY

- 1 McKinley Hennings
- 2 Rachel Layfield
- 7 Mike Herr
- 8 Kendra Schaefer
- 9 Diane Foucher
- 10 Alex Kilikauskas
- 13 Chloe Bryant
- RaeLeigh Clair
- Dolores Hoffman
- Sam Johnson
- 14 Julie Gervais
- David Hall
- 15 Cindel Barnes
- Julia Rindt
- 16 Janet Tonkin
- 20 Phyllis Wise
- 21 Patty Bayne
- 23 Taylor Corzine
- Nathaniel Hansen
- Savannah Holland
- 27 Sandy Meech
- Terry Millett
- John Veazey
- 31 Patricia Gomez
- Monica Gardiner



Celebrating Anniversaries this Month

JULY

- 3 Andrew & Rebecca Toll
- 4 Adrian & Amy Ochoa
- 7 Ralph & Cathy Mattis
- 13 Joseph & Kathleen Hansen
- 17 Eric & Julie Frisbee
- 18 Jim & Donna Weeks
- 19 Marc & Carrie Cope
- 25 Richard & Sue Marvin
- 26 Peter & Debbie Brown
- Leroy & Carol Corlett
- 31 Harris & Patricia Brokke

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	4
5 9:30 am Single Service 8:30 am Choir Practice	6 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	7 6:30 am Men's Devotional 5:30 pm HDQG Meeting 7:00 pm Aquabonita 7:00 pm SH Renovation Committee Meeting	8 6:30 pm Friendship Circle 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	9 5:15 pm Mission Meeting 6:15 pm URS Meeting	10 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	11
12 9:30 am Single Service With Holy Communion 8:30 am Choir Practice 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	13 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study VBS 6-8pm	14 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting VBS 6-8pm	15 VBS 6-8pm	16 VBS 6-8pm	17 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper	18 7:00 am Brownies (all day)
19 9:30 am Single Service 8:30 am Choir Practice 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	20 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	21 6:30 am Men's Devotional	22 1:00 pm Quilt Group 7:00 pm Ad Council Meeting	23	24 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper (Flex)	25 9:00 am Brownies SSP trip to Arizona (July 25- Aug2)
26 9:30 am Single Service 8:30 am Choir Practice 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School	27 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack 341 & Troop 35 6:30 pm Bible Study	28 6:30 am Men's Devotional 6:00 pm Altrusa Meeting	29	30	31	

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am
Childcare Provided