

The Messenger



The Newsletter of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

September 2016

At Ridgecrest United Methodist Church we are taking seriously our call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Jim Powell, recommended our church to participate in Readiness 360 Plus (R360+), a program designed to bring vitalization and growth to our church. At our August Administrative Council meeting, the RUMC leadership agreed to accept the invitation to be part of a training cohort with other North District churches. Kristen Hall (our Church Lay Leader) & I are gathering folk from our church to be the R360+ team. Over the next year this team will attend training sessions, do online training, meet together and study materials on increasing vitality and growth and help us make disciples in our community. As part of this process, church members and attendees are asked to take an online survey that provides an assessment of our church. The Readiness 360+ program will help us identify opportunities for strengthening our multiplication DNA through assessing our spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment, and cultural openness. The results of this survey will assist the R360+ team in developing a plan for our local church such as new ideas for programs and community outreach. I ask you to take the online survey (a separate email was sent to our church members and attendees with the link to the survey. If you did not receive this email, and would like to participate, contact me or Amanda Latham in the church office and we will send you the information).

As all of us do many things within the sphere of our lives (family, work, school, leisure, retirement, civic organizations and church), I appreciate your faithful participation in this entity we call "Ridgecrest United Methodist Church". Thank you for helping to provide a "snapshot" in time of our church via this Readiness 360+ survey.

Aloha ke Akua (God is love)

Pastor Wesley

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.



The youth ministry is hosting a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser to benefit Imagine No Malaria, the United Methodist effort to end the mosquito driven disease in Africa. Just \$8 gets you a dozen glazed doughnuts, which will be available for pickup at church, Sunday, September 25th. Krispy Kremes are so great, they will remain delicious until Monday morning, so you can shower your coworkers or classmates with yummy doughnuts! Also, if you choose, you can buy a dozen or two that will be delivered to local first-responders (police, fire, CHP, Liberty ambulance, and China Lake Search and Rescue). Order forms available in narthex, or contact Amy Ochoa. Please make checks out to "RUMC" and denote "youth fundraiser" in the memo line.

Follow the Church on Facebook

Be sure to connect with the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church page on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about the local and national church!

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--Mission Emphases--



CRI is the world's only not-for-profit organization, dedicated exclusively to harnessing the immune system's power to conquer all types of cancer. Visit www.cancersearch.org for more information on the organization.

If you wish to learn more about the mission committee's decision to support the CRI, please contact Amy Ochoa. Our goal is to one day live in cancer-free world. And that day, will be here soon!

--And--



As a church, we are proud to have been the first congregation in the Indian Wells Valley to raise enough money to construct a complete Habitat home, and contribute many man hours and lunches for work crews. We all hope to see Habitat for Humanity continues to prosper and build homes for the needy. While the pace of building homes is slow, it meets a need for the estimated 1,500 families living in poverty housing in our valley. Remember that Habitat for Humanity is Christian-based and non-profit. All money invest in Habitat will continue to build new homes as the partner families pay off their mortgages. Habitat for Humanity deserves our continued mission support.

Living Bread Ministry



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

The food item for September is:

Oatmeal

In Service In Our Church

Lock Up for September: Joe Hansen

September 4	September 18
Liturgists: 8:00 am: Leif Liberg 10:30 am: William Jinkins Ushers: James & Sarah Guess Jim & Mary Netzer Flowers: Howard and Margaret Anderson Counters: Kristin Hall, Olivia Zade, Gretchen Hawes Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Hinman, Shirley Kidner Michelle Kilikauskas	Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: William Jinkins Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne George & Elsa Hennings Flowers: Jim and Mary Netzer Counters: Joanna Rindt, Sheri Boston, Calvin Johnson Fellowship Hosts: Susan Hill, Mary Atkinson
September 11	September 25
Liturgists: 8:00 am: Laura Miller 10:30 am: Scott Millett Ushers: Nina Lane & Family John & Paige Netzer Flowers: Mary Atkinson Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane, Barbara Johnson Fellowship Hosts: Barb Johnson, Nina Lane Tina Frisbee	Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Diann Severson Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee Ken Wetzel & Patty Wharton Flowers: Available Counters: Wes Hensley, James Guess, Nancy Hodge Fellowship Hosts: Sheri Boston, Patty Bayne Linda Miller

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Parade & Gracefest



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September Birthdays

- 1 Gary Allred
Minnie Miller
- 2 Cindy Allred
Jason Zade
- 3 Thelma Lewis
- 4 Todd Layfield
- 5 Eleanor Lanzillo
David Watson
- 6 Margot Hoover
Daphne Harris
- 7 Keith Heflin
Nancy Herberts
- 8 John Netzer
- 9 Christopher Gardiner
Rebecca Toll
- 12 Eleanor Gervais
- 13 Debbie Brown
Beverlee Wood
- 14 Chris Millett
- 15 Sophia Zade
- 16 Paige Bradford
- 18 Donna Stratton
- 19 Tony Miller
- 20 Gene Benson
- 21 Anthony Barnes
Matthew Kidner
Isabel Kidner
Patrick Edward Pillers
Lauren Rindt
- 22 Sarah Gardiner
- 24 Jim Weeks, Jr.
Brodey Zade
- 25 Kurt Anderson
Wes Hensley
Toni Kaler
Diane Wadeln
- 28 Herman Hoffman
- 29 Ralph Mattis



September Anniversaries

- 1 Rich & Kathy LaShure
- 3 Tim & Barbara Johnson
- 5 Nick & Sierra Vierra
- 7 Howard & Margaret Anderson
- 8 Ellie and Rich Peterson
- 13 Jay & Nancy Hodge
- 17 Jim & Mary Netzer
- 21 Paul & Felicia Clair
- 28 Bill & Audrey Campbell
- 29 Mike & Camie Keeter
TJ & Aida Stafford

9-11 Remembrance

... 15 years later

*As a tribute -
carry a flag.*

PARADE OF 1000 FLAGS

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Candlelight Vigil Sunday, September 11, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Kidgcrest Freedom Park

Contact Amber Peterson if you are interested in walking with the church group



The church is selling \$10 tickets to Gracefest AV - an all day outdoor Christian music festival in Palmdale on Saturday, September 17th. The family ministry team is looking to arrange carpool for people, as well as meeting up during the festival to participate together. If you are interested in attending this music festival, contact Amy Ochoa in the church office. Hard copy tickets are in the church office ready for purchase!

Church Classes



If your child attended the recent acolyte training in the spring, be sure to contact Amy Ochoa to sign-up your child to act as the 10:30 am acolyte at least one Sunday this quarter. If your child did not go through training, but wishes to be an acolyte, please also contact Amy Ochoa, as individual training sessions could be made available.



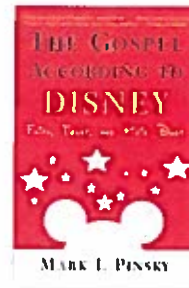
Kid's Church

Kids Church during the 10:30am service will focus on Super Heroes of the Bible in September. Parents and caretakers are encouraged to visit the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church's Facebook page or church website for more details regarding this new unit. Handouts regarding specifics, are also found in the narthex. Remember, Kids Church does not meet on 3-day weekends, and therefore will not be meeting Sun. Sept. 3rd.



Budgeting 101 Class

Youth group members are encouraged to participate in the Youth Budgeting 101 class set to be held on Sun. Sept. 11th, and given by church member Nancy Hodge. Please contact Amy Ochoa in the church office if your youth is interested in attending.

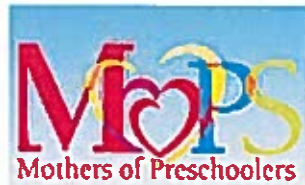


The young adult ministry is hosting a three-week topic study on *The Gospel According to Disney: Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust*, beginning Wed. Sept. 28th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the social hall, with optional free childcare on campus. The book discusses specific Disney movies, and how the plot parallels stories from the Bible. Study books will be passed out prior to the first session, as the first section of the book will be discussed. This study is open to anyone over 18 years old. Sign-up on the RUMC Facebook event page for this study, by emailing 760shoutout@gmail.com, or by completing the hard copy registration in the narthex.



At the August Administrative Council, it was approved to discontinue the trial period of Ridgecrest Messy Church. The goal of Messy Church was to do church "differently" and encourage non-regular Sunday worship attenders to attend this monthly worship service, and to offer a nontraditional way of worship (outside of the sanctuary). During the United Methodist Church's California-Pacific Conference training on how to lead a Messy Church, it was emphasized that the ministry is not meant for active Sunday worshippers, and as it turned out, the Ridgecrest Messy Church was really only attracting such. The Messy Church leaders wish to thank the church for its support of trying something new, and be in prayer for new ways that God is leading the church to share His love with others.

Social Activities



The IWV Mothers of Preschoolers group will begin its fall semester on Tuesday, September 20th at 9am in the social hall, with optional childcare in the nursery. IWV MOPS is hosted by RUMC and led by church staffer Amy Ochoa, and is opened to the community. Moms that are expecting to moms with at least one child younger than kindergarten age, are welcome to join. IWV MOPS meets every Tuesday until Christmas. Contact Amy Ochoa in the church office for more details, as space is limited.



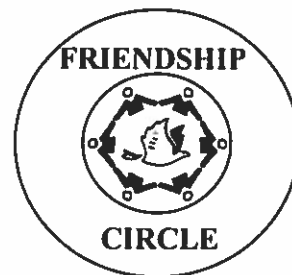
The church is hosting an informal baby shower for Jacob and Emily Slatkovsky during the refreshment time after the 10:30am service on Sun. Sept. 25th in the social hall. Jacob and Emily were long time members of the church and youth group before heading off to Texas for college, and have returned as Emily begins her new career with the school district. They are expecting their first child, a little boy, they plan to name Carter Lane, in November. Everyone is invited to attend this event, and gifts are welcome, but not required. Their nursery colors are navy blue, gray, mint, and with elephant accents. They are registered at Babies R Us (you can find them using "Jacob and Emily Slatkovsky, Ridgecrest, CA"). Please no diapers. If you would like to contribute to the group gift, please write your check out to the church and denote "baby shower gift" in the memo line. Note, if you contribute to the group gift, please consider bringing your own card, so the family is aware of your support. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Ochoa in the church office.



Regularly scheduled middle school and high school Sunday afternoon youth groups resume Sept. 18th, and it will be water day, with a ginormous inflatable water slide.



Middle school and high school youth are invited to a youth trip to Dry Town Water Park in Palmdale on Sat. Sept. 3rd. Parent chaperones are requested to help drive youth to and from the trip. Cost is \$25, plus lunch and snacks while at the park.



This year, Friendship Circle meets the third Sunday of the month between the two services at 9:15 am. We will be meeting on September 19 for our next meeting. Each meeting includes a breakfast and discussion. This year we are practicing Visio Divina, that is we look at a painting or several paintings about a subject and discuss what we see and the artist's choices. In the meetings before the Silent Auction we may be creating some items too. While this is a UMW group, both men and women are welcome. Please contact Laura Miller or Donna Weeks for further information or just show up in the Social Hall and sit down at our table. We would love to have you join us.

Church Photographs



At the end of May 2016 we offered congratulations to new Eagle Scouts of our congregation:
Sam Johnson & Andrew Christison



Children Presentation on the final day of Vacation Bible School – July 2016



August 7, 2016 – Church pool party and picnic lunch at Pinney pool



August 7, 2016 – Children and Youth get ready for start of school year with backpack blessing



June 19, 2016 Celebration of Holy Baptism of the son of James and Sarah Guess. Conducting the baptism was the baby's grandfather, Chaplain Bill Constantine, USAF (Ret).



Welcome to Heidi Miller-Costanzo, our Interim Music Director – Sunday August 28



**August 7, 2016
Farewell to longtime members
Rick & Tammy Ferris**

Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

September

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 am Worship 9:45 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Adult Sunday School				6:30 pm 4-H Meeting in SH 7:00 pm AA (Women) Rm 7 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper in SH	8:00 am UMM Breakfast 8:00 am Water Park Trip 8:30 am UMW Board Mtg
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Our Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:30 am

(Child care is provided)

Bring A Friend To Church

HOW you can
HELP

Make a generous donation through RUMC to support the September Mission Emphases: Cancer Research Institute and Habitat for Humanity.



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We remember...
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Current Resident or