

The Messenger

The Newsletter of the Ridgcrest United Methodist Church

December 2016

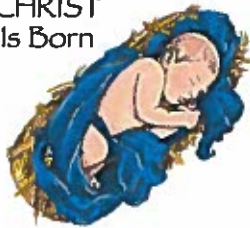
Christmas Worship

Saturday Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm A Service of Lessons, Anthems & Carols.

JESUS
CHRIST
Is Born



Both services will conclude with the singing of Silent Night by candlelight.



Sunday Dec 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am One Worship service this day.
No 8:00 or 10:30 am worship.



In the days following Thanksgiving many of you have engaged in a time honored tradition; and I don't mean turkey leftovers or shopping sprees, but getting your Christmas tree! Whether you decorate your tree immediately upon arriving at home or by waiting a few days, let me suggest another way to decorate your tree: Christmas tree fruit. Unless you count pinecones, the traditional evergreen trees we use for Christmas don't have fruit in the usual sense. But what we do when we 'trim the tree' is add fruit. Galatians 5:22 tells us that the Fruit of God's Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness.

We decorate our trees for the joy of the season and hopefully for the glory of God and celebration of the birthday of Christ. There is something extraordinarily special about spending time to gaze at our Christmas trees and think about Christmas. What if when we put our ornaments on our Christmas tree we also hang some Fruit of the Spirit? Try this, use an existing ornament or make your own and label it with one of the Fruit of the Spirit. You can even use fruit type ornaments for this! Hang them on the tree in a place you will see them frequently (such as your eye level!) to remind you that God wants to give you that gift this Christmas. When you look at the tree and see your fruit, use that time to meditate & pray for that virtue to be made true in your life.

However you want to decorate your tree, let the Christmas tree serve to give you a gift through it's ornaments, by the power of a loving God who wants share the Fruit of the Spirit.

BTW: our children in Kid's Church the past few weeks have been studying the Fruit of the Spirit.

Merry Christmas (Mele Kalikimaka),
Pastor Wesley Elmore



**Upper Room
Supper
Ministry**



Anyone interested in volunteering at the every Friday free community dinner is especially welcome Fri. Dec. 30th. Dinner is 5-6pm, volunteers work from 4:30-6:30pm. Free childcare available for young adults who wish to serve, and older children are welcome to serve alongside parents. Just show up at 4:30pm!

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--Mission Emphases--



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The United Methodist Church

Dr. Belinda Forbes through
the General Board of Global Missions of the
United Methodist Church

--Also--

Christmas Offering

This years Christmas offering is going to the "Local Blessings Fund". This fund will be used by our church to support the community "Love in Action" program, along with other needs to care for folk locally.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for December

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

The food item for December is:

Canned Chili

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.

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for December: Elsa Hennings

December 4	December 18
Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Scott Millett	Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Available
Ushers: James & Sarah Guess Jim & Mary Netzer	Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne George & Elsa Hennings
Flowers: Clara Blades' 2nd birthday Janice Anderson's 80th Birthday	Flowers: Zellmer's 70th Anniversary
Counters: Kristin Hall, Olivia Zade, Gretchen Hawes	Counters: Joanna Rindt, Sheri Boston
Fellowship Hosts: Lynn Wade	Fellowship Hosts: Donna Weeks, Darla Dumas
December 24 Christmas Eve	
Liturgists: 6:00 pm: Available 9:00 pm: Available	
December 11	December 25 Christmas Day
Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Melanie Branson	Liturgists: 9:30 am: Available
Ushers: Nina Lane & Family John & Paige Netzer	Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee Ken Wetzel & Patty Wharton
Flowers: Available	Flowers: Available
Counters: Hazel Hensley, Nina Lane, Barbara Johnson	Counters: Wes Hensley, James Guess, Nancy Hodge
Fellowship Hosts: Jill Bradford, Patty Bayne, Bonny Porter	Fellowship Hosts: Rosemary Gilbert, Kristen Barron, Julie Gervais

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



- 1 Rick Ferris
- 2 Brienna Blade
- 4 Janice Anderson
Clara Jean Blades
- 5 Chuck Bunch
- 7 Hayley Cleveland
Monte Frisbee
- 9 Peter Brown
Jamie Clair
- 13 Jim Weeks, Sr
- 13 Holly Estrada
- 14 Andrew Christison
- 15 Achilles Ochoa
- 16 Lisa Austin
Kyle Blade
Jonah Gilbert
- 21 Lynn Wade
- 22 Anna Benson
Leroy Corlett
Sabrina Estrada
- 23 Darrin Boston
- 25 Jesus
Dick Wright
- 28 Bill Stratton
Timothy Guess
- 29 Carrie Cope
Eric Frisbee
- 30 Apollo Ochoa
- 31 Carolyn Magorian
Erik Wadelin



- 18 Wayne and Ingrid Zellmer
- 19 Todd & Jennifer Holland
- 21 Wayne & Ingrid Zellmer
- 22 Craig & Carol Porter
- 23 Lowell & Carolyn McDaniel
- 27 Phyllis & Russell Wise
Rex & Terry Ratcliff
- 28 Don & Dale Lane
Ed & Amy Pillers
John & Beth Seybold
Bill & Donna Stratton



70th ANNIVERSARY
Celebration for
Wayne and Ingrid Zellmer
18 December 2016

Cake will be served following the second service (approximately 1145)
Please join us in Room 3 (Sunday School Room) for cake, coffee and fellowship.

Mission Opportunities

GREAT STRIDES

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



Saturday, December 3, 2016, will mark the celebration of the 10th Annual Ridgecrest Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk! The Frisbee family hopes you will once again join them at Cerro Coso Community College's track. It's lots of fun and a great way to show support to the Ridgecrest families who are affected by cystic fibrosis. As the awareness of CF increases, each year we learn of more families who are coping with this hereditary disease. At last year's Walk, we had five CF support teams and over 300 people in attendance. This year a young couple from Bishop, who has two-year-old twin girls who have cystic fibrosis, are planning to travel from Bishop to join us as well.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, and the Walk starts at 10:00 AM. Hot cocoa, coffee, water, cookies, and other refreshments will be available to all participants.

Be sure to also look forward to the Sunday, November 13th Mission Moment, when Eric and Julie Frisbee's family will tell you about some great strides that are taking place for those people who have cystic fibrosis. These advances in research and new medications for CF are only made possible by the donations of individuals like you.

In the nine years since Eric and Julie started the first Ridgecrest Walk, our church, local schools, and the community have raised almost \$340,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Taylor and Isabella, and the whole Frisbee family, greatly appreciate the loyal support of their Ridgecrest United Methodist Church family.



This holiday season the church is partnering with the Salvation Army and will sponsor 50 families this holiday season in providing them the ingredients needed for a plentiful Christmas meal. Christmas baskets will be packaged and delivered on Sun. Dec. 18th from 9am to 12noon in the social hall. Middle and high school youth are encouraged to come help! The Angel Tree packages will be delivered on Dec. 18th as well. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!



Angel Tree gift tags will be available Sunday Dec 4 at morning worship. Pick a tag or two & shop for new clothes, gifts for local children in need. Wrapped gifts w/tags attached to the package are due back to the church on or before Sunday Dec. 18. Suggested donation \$10-40. Please no "extras", just clothing.



Church Events



The annual church conference will be held Thurs. Dec. 1st in the social hall. Come for dinner between 5:45-6:15pm, donations accepted. Meeting will begin at 6:15pm.



Saturday Dec 3 4:30-6:00 pm

Gather in Social Hall for refreshments & preparation, then move to Sanctuary. We will decorate and prep the sanctuary for Christmas. Please feel free to bring some Christmas/holiday theme appetizers to share. This event is for all ages. Come share in the holiday spirit!



Kids Church Christmas Songs

Sunday Dec 11 10:30 am worship.

The children of Kids Church will be performing a special collection of Christmas songs during worship.

Community Choir-fest

Sunday Dec 11 2:30-4:00 pm

Concert will take place in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments in the Social Hall.



Church Class-History of Christmas Carols

Tuesday Dec 13 6:45- 7:45 pm Social Hall

Amy Ochoa will be hosting an all-church class on the history of Christmas carols. Hot Chocolate will be provided.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Christmas Cantata

Sunday December 18

The Choir will present the cantata "Heaven's Child"

by Pepper Choplin during the 8:00 and 10:30 am worship services.



Children's Ministry Christmas Activity

Tuesday Dec 20 3:00-5:00 pm Social Hall

For children 4-12 years old.

Parents/Grandparents welcome!

Theme: Wise Men searching for the Star.

Crafts.

Pre-register in narthex on or before Dec 18. No cost.



All Church Christmas Caroling

Wednesday Dec 21 5:30-7:00 pm

Meet in Social Hall 5:30 pm. We will break into groups and carpool to go carol at Care Facilities and selected homes. Meet back at Social Hall for refreshments at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Ridgecrest UMC December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am UMW Meeting 10:30 am Worship Service 8 & 10:30 am Angel Tree 12:30 RUMC Readiness 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School	6:00 pm Pack 341 6:30 pm Bible Study in FR 7:00 pm Troop 35	6:30 am Men's Devotional 9:00 am ESL in Rm 3 & 4 9:00 am IWW MOPS in SH 5:30 HDQG Mtg Rm 5 6:00 pm Altrusa Mtg in FR 6:30 pm AA Mtg in Rm 3 7:00 pm Aquabonita	11:00 am UMW Luncheon in SH 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	10:00 am Advent Bible study in Fellowship Rm 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 5:30 Church Conference 7:00 pm AA (Women) Rm 7 7:30 pm Choir Practice	5:00 pm Upper Room Supper in SH	9:00 am HDMTA recital in Sanct. 9:30 Cystic Fibrosis Walk 4:30 pm Hanging of Greens
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