

The Messenger

The Newsletter of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

January 2017

GREAT STRIDES

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Frisbee family would like to thank our United Methodist Church family for its wonderful support. Thank you especially for your prayers for Taylor and Isabella throughout the last ten years. Our church had a large representation at our December 3rd Walk, and we thank each of you for joining us. We had a beautiful day, and again it was uplifting to have Simon Austin's BHS Pep Band lead off the Walk, followed by about 350 walkers. At this year's Walk we had 4 teams, representing 5 people whose families are affected by cystic fibrosis.

As of December 14th, the 2016 Ridgecrest CF Great Strides Walk raised \$47,778. Of that total, members of our church family donated at least \$7,657, either through the church, at the Walk, or online. Thank you very much!

The Frisbee family greatly appreciates your support of CF research that is helping those with cystic fibrosis to have a better quality of life and to live longer. As many of you know, Taylor and Isabella have benefitted greatly from one of the newly developed medications. The hope is one day a cure will be found.

With love and appreciation,

From the entire Frisbee family,

Including Eric and Julie, Trevor, Taylor, Isabella and Monte and Tina

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.



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- 5 Jay Hodge
- 11 John Anderson
Wayne Zellmer
- 12 Camie Keeter
- 15 Wesley Elmore
- 17 Bonny Porter
- 19 Sandy Reider
- 25 Tamara Hansen
- 26 John Branson
- 30 Christian Gilbert



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- 12 Anthony & Dora Barnes
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--Mission Emphases--



Free the Girls is a non-profit organization which provides job opportunities to women rescued from sex trafficking. With Free the Girls, we provide an opportunity for women who have been rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second hand clothing - Bras! Bras are a sought after item in second-hand markets and give these girls the chance to earn 3-5 times the minimum wage. Bras can be dropped off in a box in the Narthex.

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Human Relations

January 15, 2017

Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day will help support: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs related to the General Board of Global Ministries; and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society.

Living Bread Ministry



Food Emphasis for January

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

The food item for January is:
Soup & Crackers (no chicken noodle)

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!

In Service In Our Church

Lock up for January:

	January 22
<p>January 1</p> <p>Liturgists: 8:00 am: Jim Hoover 10:30 am: Jim Hoover</p> <p>Ushers: James & Sarah Guess Jim & Mary Netzer</p> <p>Flowers: Available</p> <p>Counters: Kristin Hall, Olivia Zade, Gretchen Hawes</p> <p>Fellowship Hosts: Available</p>	<p>Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Melanie Branson</p> <p>Ushers: Monte & Tina Frisbee Bob & Marty Corzine</p> <p>Flowers: Available</p> <p>Counters: Wes Hensley, James Guess, Nancy Hodge</p> <p>Fellowship Hosts: Available</p>
	January 29
<p>January 8</p> <p>Liturgists: 8:00 am: Leif Liberg 10:30 am: Kristen Hall</p> <p>Ushers: Ken Wetzel & Patty Wharton Julie & Gunner Gervais</p> <p>Flowers: Available</p> <p>Counters: Scott Millett, Nina Lane, Barbara Johnson</p> <p>Fellowship Hosts: Available</p>	<p>Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Available</p> <p>Ushers: Youth</p> <p>Flowers: Available</p> <p>Counters: Kristin Hall, Olivia Zade, Gretchen Hawes</p> <p>Fellowship Hosts: Available</p>
<p>January 15</p> <p>Liturgists: 8:00 am: Available 10:30 am: Scott Millett</p> <p>Ushers: Stanley & Ellen Chassagne George & Elsa Hennings</p> <p>Flowers: Church</p> <p>Counters: Joanna Rindt, Sheri Boston, Available</p> <p>Fellowship Hosts: Available</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

MOPS, Youth & Children's Events



Teen Spring Semester Calendars

Due to confirmation class this spring, the youth calendar is not as simple as previous semesters with middle school and high school youth groups meeting every Sunday afternoon. Because of this, 6th-12th grade students are encouraged to pick-up a spring semester calendar to take home and be able to keep track of all the fun this semester. Remember, if you are not planning to attend confirmation class, there are still plenty of weekly events and service opportunities, including an awesome new series called, Faith through the Arts, where you create individualized art from inspired scripture readings.



IWV MOPS Spring Semester

The church sponsored MOPS is kicking-off its spring semester on Tuesday, January 17th at 9am, and continuing every Tuesday morning until June. MOPS is for moms that are expecting to small children still in the home. We focus on faith-based parenting and Christ-centered homemaking. No cost. Community invited. Space is limited due to childcare. To sign-up, please see Amy Ochoa in the church office.



Children's Ministry Winter Workshop

Preschool age 4 students through 5th grade students are encouraged to attend the winter workshop on Monday, January 16th from 10:30am-11:30am in room #2. We will be learning how God created us all unique and special just like snowflakes. No cost. Registration form due on or before Sunday, January 15th.



Confirmation
CLASSES

Teen Confirmation Class

Students in 5th grade and older, are invited to attend the 2017 Confirmation class with Pastor Wesley and Amy Ochoa, beginning Feb. 26th, 2017 and ending with the confirmation ceremony during Easter worship, on April 16th, 2017. Confirmation class is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, and a promise to live as a person of faith. Each Sunday in class, we will learn more about church history, living in Christ, and what it means to confirm your commitment to the church. On Easter Sunday, participants will be given the opportunity to be baptized (if not already) and confirmed into the church as members. Sign-ups will become available in the church office in mid-January. Please note, there is a mandatory meeting for students and their parents regarding confirmation, which will be hosted by Pastor Wesley on Sunday, January 22nd, from 3:00-4:00pm in Room #7.

Ridgecrest Events & Leadership Training Day

"A Day of Unity"

January 16, 2017

Ridgecrest Remembers
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
All Are Welcome!

The national Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebrates the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality. The public is invited

to a remembrance service for
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Monday, Jan. 16, 11:00 a.m. to
12:00

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
200 W. Drummond Avenue

Speakers include:

Ridgecrest Police Chief, Ron Strand
Ridgecrest Mayor, Peggy Breeden
and

St. Michael's Priest-in-Charge Helen Harper
Light Lunch served immediately following
service in
St Michael's Hall.

For information about this event, or future
events, please contact
Allen Robins at 760-384-3282 or Eddie
Edwards at 760-977-1034.

North District Leadership Training Day
Jan 28, 2017
Northridge UMC 9650 Reseda Blvd,
Northridge, 91324 818.886.1555
Childcare Available – See Childcare Registration Form
Online Registration, Forms & Workshop Descriptions
at
<http://www.calpacnorthdistrict.org/upcomingevents/>

Schedule
8:45 - 9:15 AM Registration & Morning Refreshments
9:15 - 10:15 Worship - (SOAK - Alternative Worship Experience)
10:30- 12noon Morning Workshops
12- 12:45 pm LUNCH
1:00- 2:30 Afternoon Workshops
2:45 PM Closing Gathering

Morning Workshops 10:30 - 12noon		
1	SOAK Alternative Worship Experience	Pastor Angela Galanis Price & Don Morris
2	Tables 1, 2, 3 Training	Archana Carey & Joyce Zirkle
3	Staff Pastor Relations	
4	Committee Training	Pastor Jim Powell
5	Safe Gatherings	Jan Hanson
6	It is in Giving That We Receive Growing Your Church Through Mission	Pastor David Farley
7	Lay Leader Training	Mele Maka
8	Scripture Journaling	Pastor Jim White
9	Local Church Insurance Workshop	Don Williams
Afternoon Workshops 1:00 - 2:30 pm		
10	Worship Music – The Story Behind the Songs	Don Morris
11	Tables 1, 2, 3 Training	Archana Carey & Joyce Zirkle
12	Staff Pastor Relations	
13	Committee Training	Pastor Jim Powell
14	Safe Gatherings	Jan Hanson
15	Being Church With Our Immigrant Sisters & Brothers	Pastor David Farley
16	Lay Leader Training	Mele Maka
17	Discipleship Huddles	Pastor Jim White

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Pack 341 6:30 pm Bible Study in FR 7:00 pm Troop 35</p>	<p>3 6:30 am Men's Devotional 9:00 am ESL in Rm 3 & 4 5:30 HDQG Mtg Rm 5 6:30 pm AA Mtg in Rm 3 7:00 pm Aquabonita</p>	<p>4 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>5 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm AA (Women) Rm 7 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper in SH</p>	<p>7 8:00 am UM Men's Breakfast 9:00 am UM Women's mtg 9:00 am Take down Sanctuary tree & greens</p>
<p>8 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Friendship Service 12:30 pm Readiness 360 mtg 4-5:30 pm Epiphany Blessing 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>9 6:00 pm Pack 341 6:30 pm Bible Study in FR 7:00 pm Troop 35</p>	<p>10 6:30 am Men's Devotional 9:00 am ESL in Rm 3 & 4 6:00 pm Alrursa Mtg in FR 6:30 pm AA Mtg in Rm 3</p>	<p>11 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 6:00 pm Pack 341 Rm 4</p>	<p>12 5:15 pm Mission/URS Mtg Rm 4 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm AA (Women) Rm 7 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper in SH</p>	<p>14 2:00 pm Girl Scout 1-4 pm Pinewood Derby SH</p>
<p>15 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Friendship Circle 10:30 am Worship Service 2-4 pm Quilt Guild Show mtg in FR 4:00 pm Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>16 MLK Jr. Holiday Church Office Closed 10:30 am Children Winter Workshop in Rm 2 6:00 pm Pack 341 6:30 pm Bible Study in FR 7:00 pm Troop 35</p>	<p>17 6:30 am Men's Devotional 9:00 am ESL in Rm 3 & 4 9-11 am MOPS starts 6:30 pm AA Mtg in Rm 3</p>	<p>18 9:00 am Sister's Act 11:30 am 3M Circle @ Newmeyer home 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm Ad Council</p>	<p>19 5:30 pm Girl Scout Rm 2 7:00 pm AA (Women) Rm 7 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 5:00 pm Upper Room Supper in SH</p>	<p>21 2:00 pm Girl Scout 1-4 pm Pinewood Derby SH</p>
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