



The Link

Victorville United Methodist Church

The Newsletter -a- "LINK" between church and home

February 2010

Sunday Worship Services:

Casual—8:00 AM

Contemporary—9:00 AM

Sunday School—9:00 AM

Traditional—10:30 AM

Children's Worship—10:30 AM

Sunday School—10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship Service:

"a New Start"

6:00 PM—Dinner

6:30 PM—Worship

Mary Ann Swenson, Resident Bishop

Bau Dang, District Superintendent

Rev. Ernie Fritschle, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. Robert Ness, Senior Pastor

Rev. Bill Woolsey, Minister of Hospital Visitation

Chelemar Hoskins, Church Secretary

Donna Kulasxa, Church Treasurer

Yolanda Comford, Youth Coordinator

Conni Ernst, Director of Christian Education/Communications

Kelly True, Assistant Director of Christian Education/Com.

Jim Cook, Head Techno Geek

Angel Vigil, Church Custodian

**Child Care is
provided for all services.**

Dear Friends,

This has been an exciting month with changes in the music staff and the pastorate. Many of you have asked what you can do to change the bishop's mind. The bishop is within her right to make any appointment that she wishes and while this makes us all uncomfortable, it is what being a Methodist pastor is about. The Conference promises the pastor a place to preach, teach, and spread the Gospel. The pastor promises that he or she will go where appointed. It is understood that there is much concern for what the church needs and the pastoral family. I would encourage you to pray for our family and our church.

We tend to dislike change and cling to material things, even jobs, because of our fear. However, following Christ in faith pushes this fear aside. Fear steals our happiness and joy, especially when we think of the loss. However, if we put our focus and trust in God, that fear can be crowded out and the joy of Christ fills our heart.

Of course, I am sad to leave Victorville UMC and hope that in the next five months we will be working for the strength of our church. Let us not give up and do nothing for five months. After all, the new pastor will take some time to get his/her feet on the ground.

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What do we need to do?

- ◇ We need to use our committee structure to carry on the work of the church.
- ◇ We need to look at what we can do to support the church, especially in the areas of Apportionments.
- ◇ VVUMC still needs new members of all ages and we need to ask ourselves, "Have I been responsible for bringing in any new people to our church?"

I use the word "our" not in a possessive way, for the church is always of God. It is one more item that we are stewards of. After all, all that we have comes from God and we simply have the use of it. Wise stewardship is the best use of all that we have.

The county fair is coming upon us and we need people to run our booth. Please contact me if you are interested in carrying on this 45 year tradition.

Your Sheepdog,
Dr. Bob



SPRING TEA

The groundhog is looking for spring, and the pink cherry blossoms are popping out to tell us that spring is on the way. Think of what fun it would be to go to a Spring Tea on May 1, 2010, put on by the UMW. For further information and/or ways to help, contact Anne Weast

SENIOR PAGE

As a new missionary in Calcutta, India, I was elected as the secretary of the Calcutta Missionary Society. The society was made up of all missionaries serving in Calcutta, India. The year was 1952.

At one of the first meetings I attended, there came a request for help from a Catholic Nun named Mother Teresa. She had felt God calling her to work among the poor in the slums of Calcutta. She was asking for physical help as well as financial.

The old time missionaries were highly skeptical and were not at all supportive of her efforts. I remember well the words of an elder English missionary who said: "Nothing will ever become of her work. No one will ever remember her."

So with tenacity, perseverance, and a sense of mission, Mother Teresa continued to work with the poor of Calcutta because she felt God was calling her to do so.

Dr. Edward T. Creagan, of the Mayo Clinic, wrote this in November 3, 2007: "Each of us on a daily basis struggles with unfairness, illness, uncertainty, and yet we stumble forward with a sense of community and connectedness and with the grace and support of our fellow pilgrims."

These are difficult times in which we live. Therefore, it is vital that we have a community of faith that we are connected with. What better community is there than the church. The Psalmist wrote in Psalms 68:6a **God gives the desolate a home to dwell in.** (RSV)

In the Hebrews Epistle 10:24-25 we read: **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.** (RSV)

Our time on this earth is limited. Let us make the most of the time we have by connecting with one another as fellow disciples of Jesus Christ. I have been encouraged so many times as I have met with fellow believers, and we share our concerns with each other and we pray together. There is nothing that can equal this vital association so let us make the most of it.

Rev. Ernie Fritschle

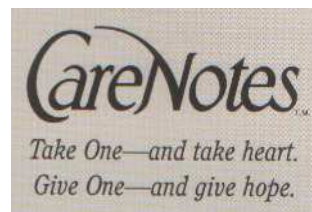




China Palace Restaurant
Chinese Buffet
Order To Go & Catering
15555 Main St., Ste. F
Hesperia, CA 92345
760-948-2298
Open 7 Days a week: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Upper Rooms for January & February are in the Narthex now and are free for your spiritual enrichment. You may put your \$1.00 in the can if you wish to make a donation.

**Alterations!
Reasonable Prices!
\$8.00
Guaranteed Work!
Anne Weast—243-4275**



There is a track rack in the Narthex with CareNotes for you to take and use...

**Painting, Drywall, most Handyman Work
GUARANTEED
(760) 240-0466
Gordon Basham**

**Nursery Users!!
Parents and Guardians are responsible for signing in and out their child/grandchild.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Please make sure to provide snacks, juice, water, diapers, wipes, and a change of clothes when you bring your child/grandchild to the Nursery.

For Sale: Heavy Duty Sundancer Electric Scooter made by Pride Mobility Products, in good working order, \$500-cash. Contact Dottie Michener: 760-242-3765 in Apple Valley.

Thank you

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

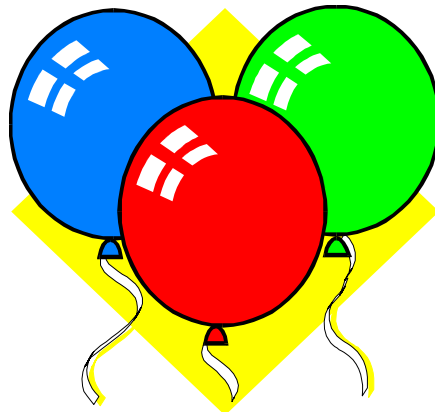
Birthday Luncheon
11:30 AM on February 15
RSVP - Call Anne Weast
Dutch Treat



Chelsey Daugherty	02/02
Yung Hui Bradshaw	02/03
Mike McCurley	02/04
Wendy Ramirez	02/06
Gene Piehe	02/10
Tenisi Siufanga	02/11
Florence Brechlin	02/11
Edolene Mitchell	02/12
Marcie Powell	02/14
Megan Pegenia	02/14
Holly Adair	02/14
Eleanor Lanigan	02/17
Leroy Comford	02/18
Edna Fisher	02/18
Billy Brown	02/18
Dr. David Johnson	02/18
Sandra Masqua	02/19
Antonio Foster, Jr.	02/26
Robert C. Fowlie	02/26
Patti Adair	02/27
Glenn Blackmore	02/28
Mary Wyatt	02/28
Jonathan Ackermann	02/29

Happy Anniversary To...

Paul & Nancy Hammons
02/14/1957
Rev. Bill & Jean Woolsey
02/23/1952
James & Sompong Sprayberry
02/26/1974
Joe & Gaylene Gill
02/27/1982





**Remember these HOMEBOUND members this week with
a card or a phone call:**

Mary Bidwell—
Irene Blanor—
Angela Burkholder—
Geneva Chester—
Dale & Wilma Cleaves—
Virginia Ellis—
Edna Fisher—
Ella Mary Fowlie
Robert C. Fowlie—
Shirley Griffin—
Paul & Nancy Hammons—

Vera Hassler—
James Howell—
Dolores King—
Florence Leef
Frida Monsanto—
Janie Neely—
Doris Schmidt—
Dale Siverling—
Roma Snyder—
Kathleen Trammel—
Betty Weimer
Robert Wyse—

**Pray & Praise God!
Your Faithful Servant, Pastor Bill Woolsey**



PRAISES

Mary Miller is recovering from knee surgery at home.

Angel Wolf's brother, **Richard**, went to be with his Lord. A service was held on January 31 in Lakeland, Florida. The Wolfs wish to thank you all for your prayers and phone calls during **Richard's** illness.

Janice Hoskins, a former member from about 1950-1980, who was active in UMW and teaching Sunday School went to be with her Lord.

Jim Cook is recovering from throat surgery.

Rev. Bill Johnson from Lift Renewal Ministries is recovering after being hit by a car while riding his bicycle.

Don Powell is recovering from a fall.

Caralyn Cowden, sister of **Betty Weimer**, has recovered from having shingles. Thank you for your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR...

All Military Personnel serving our country

Rick & Helen Dunlap

Beth & Keith Murphy

Maurice Marshall

Earle & Pearl Hughton

Veronica Cook

Pat Mitchell

Sarah Allen

William Burgett

Jean Wingert

Virginia Ellis

Jim & Sandy Cook

Conni Ernst

David Wayne Cook, friend of **Lew Lazorwitz**

Sharon McCurley's brother-in-law

Christy Frost's dad, **Howard**

Michelle Lawhead's sister

Grace Meman's brother

Rick Clark & Family

Carol Clark

Barbara Marshall

Ray & Leah Grett

Judi Johnson

Irene Blanor

Bob Wyse

Martha Kinsley

Ellie Lanigan

Wyatt Lynch

Martha Pierce

Bryan Ridgway

SERMONS & SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY 2010

February 7, 2010

8:00 Gene Piehe

9:00 & 10:30 Dr. Bob

Sermon: "Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit of God"

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29-5:2

February 14, 2010

8:00 Donna Kulasxa

9:00 & 10:30 Dr. Bob

Sermon: "So This Is Love"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

February 17, 2010—Ash Wednesday

6:00 PM

February 21, 2010

8:00 Gene Piehe

9:00 & 10:30 Dr. Bob

Sermon: "This Is How We Know What Love Is"

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

February 28, 2010

8:00 Gene Piehe

9:00 & 10:30 Dr. Bob

Sermon: "Joyful Testimony"

Scripture: John 4:39-42



UMW Calendar

February 2—9:30 AM—UMW Executive Committee—Armstrong Library

February 10—10:00 AM—Unit Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Program: Prayer and Self-Denial, Betty Freeman

Hostesses: Frances A. Circle

Martha Circle—Desserts

February 15—11:30 AM—Birthday Luncheon

RSVP: Anne Weast—243-4275

February 20—Wilshire UMC Cal-Pac Midwinter Event

February 23—10:00 AM—France A. Circle—Fellowship Hall

February 24—9:30 AM—Martha Circle

“Pray ~ Worship ~ Serve”

BE STILL AND KNOW...

Daniel 2:20-22a and 2:47-48—“God is wise and powerful! Praise him forever and ever. He controls the times and the seasons; he makes and unmakes kings; it is he who gives wisdom and understanding. He reveals things that are deep and secret. King Nebuchadnezzar said to Daniel, ‘Your God is the greatest of all gods, the Lord over kings, and the one who reveals mysteries. I know this because you have been able to explain this mystery.’ Then he gave Daniel a high position, presented him with many splendid gifts, put him in charge of the province of Babylon, and made him the head of all royal advisers.”

In our Lift Ministries we were introduced to a pattern of personal devotions that is based on John Wesley’s method. We have our special time with God like this:

1. Adoration: Praising God.
2. Admit our sins; ask forgiveness; accept Jesus into our heart.
3. Read Scripture: Think now, what does it say to me? Get silent; ask God, “What are you telling me?” Wait.
4. Petition: Ask God to help me in specific areas of my life. Thank Him.
5. Intercession: Pray for others.
6. Thanksgiving: Thank God for listening and answers.
7. Dedication: Dedicate my life to God.
8. Silence: Just breathe.
9. Benediction.

With patience and consistently relaxing into this routine, maybe we too will hear God speaking to us as he did to Daniel.

Peace of Christ be with you,
Christy Frost

MISSION NEWS

Sunday, February 28th, is Mission Sunday. We are having a guest speaker, Carol Conger-Cross, from the Guatemala Project come and tell us about the project and work they are doing. At the time I am writing this, Carol is part of a team from the San Diego District doing volunteer work in Guatemala. The team will be back on February 8th, so they will have very current information on what is happening in Guatemala.

Carol is bringing another team member with her. They will be available to talk to Sunday School classes. Contact Conni Ernst or Marcie Powell if you are interested in them talking to your class.

There will be items for sale from Guatemala in Fellowship Hall. The money from the sales goes to helping the people in Guatemala.

Sharing God's Love Since 1992- Guatemala Mission Project

The Guatemala Mission Project will be sharing in the church service on Sunday the 28th of February 2010. After the church service they will be offering unique items made out of hand woven material to purchase; purses, journals, scarves, wood box puzzles, jackets, jewelry, etc. In advance, we thank you all for your great support of this unique mission project of the San Diego District of the United Methodist church.

Guatemala Mission Project - "We realize we are so blessed."

The Mission of the Guatemala Project is to assist the people of Guatemala to be self sufficient, through projects developed with the local beneficiaries. We have been working in the highlands of Guatemala with the Methodist Church, serving primarily poor indigenous persons since 1992. We have taken 17 volunteer construction teams and six medical teams.

Summer 2009

We installed 120 wood efficiency stoves for indigenous women and finished building a dental clinic and training room we help fund. The new stoves only use 30% of the amount of the wood compared to their old stoves; they protect the environment, and improve the health of the cooks and their children by reducing the smoke in the homes. The dental clinic and training room is filling a much needed service in an isolated community.

Summer 2010

We will be assisting a poor rural community in building a new classroom for their elementary school which is badly needed. We plan to install some additional wood efficiency stoves. Consider being part of a team in July of 2010.

To make all this work possible, the Guatemala Mission Project visits churches all over the district and conference speaking and selling merchandise purchased from cooperatives and small family owned businesses. All proceeds from donations and sells are used to fund the mission projects in Guatemala. Consider being part of a team.

For further information, please contact: Project Email sdguatemalaproject@gmail.com

Web page: www.guatemalaproject.org

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a New Start



What's so **GREAT!** about Mid-Week Worship?

- **A great meal every Wednesday at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall**
- **Informal worship starts at 6:30 pm**
- **Kid-friendly music, with movement and message**
- **Questions are welcome and answered about:**
 - **Jesus**
 - **The Bible**
 - **God**
 - **The Holy Spirit**
 - **How to live**
 - **What does this mean?**
- **We have learned or are learning**
 - **The Beatitudes**
 - **The books of the Bible**
 - **The Ten Commandments**

If you have not been able to come, please plan to start. You are missing out on a unique and special time for yourself and for your children. Nursery care is available for this service every week.

**Victorville United Methodist Church
Monthly Community Open Market**

**Friday & Saturday
February 12 & 13
7:00 AM-3:00 PM**

For more information or to reserve your \$20 space,
please call Lew Lazowitz at

Refreshments sold on site.

Prime location, good environment, lots of traffic.

A community operation and outreach ministry for the purpose of
keeping the doors of our church open.

February 20th is **Church Grounds Clean Up Day!**

We will meet at 9:00 AM and work until 12:00 PM.

Please come and help make the surrounds of our church neat and clean. Bring your own tools to trim roses around the front entrance of church and side of the Parish House. We will remove dead bushes and hoe dried weeds in the parking areas.

Bring plenty of water to drink, energy, and Love for our church.

Please Pray the Eagle Scout project will get approval to provide a watering system, replace roses, and lay down plastic and additional rock in the Memorial Rose Garden.

Thank You
from the Board of Trustees

"Whose Cross Is It, Anyway?"

A series of skits for Lent. Characters include Pontius Pilate, a church secretary, Mary Magdalene, Andrew, John, and many others. If you would like to "get your feet wet" or try this ministry out, please call Conni Ernst at **"Who Are We on Palm Sunday?"** is a special dramatic reading program for Palm Sunday (no memorization required!). I hope you will want to participate, 9 parts available, including one child. Please call Conni at the above number to volunteer.

Dear Friends of Bob and Donna (Luyster) Kulasxa,

You are officially invited to attend an open house celebration for Bob and Donna's 50th wedding anniversary.

Saturday, February 6, Fellowship Hall

Open House will be from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with a sparkling cider toast at 1:00 PM.

Special Requests:

If you know of anyone who would be interested in sharing this special memory, please pass on the invitation!

Your presence is their present! If you still desire to give a gift, we will be sending them on their first official honeymoon to Disneyland or Disney World. Donations can be made at the celebration or can be sent to Bob and Donna Kulasxa, c/o Kelley Johnson,

RSVP: Please call and leave a message with the number of persons who will be attending.

Applications are being accepted for Confirmation Classes,
ages 12 years and older.

Please call Pastor Bill Woolsey for more information
Classes will start Sunday, February 7, 2010, from 4:00 PM to
6:00 PM.

United Methodist Ministries
Riverside District
Presents
2010 District Leadership Conference
"T.E.A.M."
(Together Everyone Achieves Miracles)

Saturday, February 6th, 2010
8:30 AM-3:00 PM
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
785 North Arrowhead
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Workshop descriptions, schedules, and registration forms all available in
the Church Office. If you're interested in going, we can carpool. We'll
meet at the church at 7:30 AM. If you have any questions, please call
Dr. Bob

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

United Methodist Women is an intergenerational group of women
who give of their time to Missions. If you have never been
involved, it is a blessing, a chance to grow in our walk of faith.
Come join us; come back! We look forward to seeing you the
second Wednesday of each month. Call Christy Frost for more
information .