



Redlands Reporter

December 2011

Redlands United Methodist Church

"LOVE GOD—LEARN —LIVE!"



Merry Christmas!

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- By e-mail if possible to secretary@rumcgj.com (preferably as a Word document attachment)
- By bringing article (typed if you can!) to the church office and placing it in the yellow folder on the reception desk.



Cheryl Holbeck
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Note: Check the "Prayer Board" for current requests. Always remember our military, especially those overseas.

CONCERNS:

CHURCH FAMILY

Marlene Paison—11/3 foot surgery, long recovery; **Larry Little**—skin cancer; **Dave Gartner**—11/18 knee replacement; **Tina LaDuke**—health issues; **Don Simonton**—moved to The Commons 11/19; **Shirley Pate's mom, Wilma Cannady**—early Nov. moved to Comfort Care; **McBee family**—new twins, one had surgery, have other children also

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Niki Beightel's sister, Lisa—diabetes, possible amputation; **JoAnn Roemer's son-in-law, Ron Jones**—accident, lost eye; **the Haddock's son-in-law, Arturo**—shingles; **Bob LaDuke's brother, Tom**—severe injuries, car accident, long recovery; **Susan Unverferth's uncle, Marvin**—moved to Mantey Heights; **Margaret Koestel's cousin, Delora**—11/7 surgery; **Jeris Young's requests—Jim** (nephew) and **Billie** (friend)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Carol Draher (knee); **Jerry Robert's brother, Gene**—doing better; **the Nibeck's friend, William**—needs kidney donor; **Dotti Miller's friends, Dick, Dave, Al, Bobbi, Doris, and Judy**

JOYS

Kristy Armour—all tests clear

THANK YOU

THE ACT OF BEING PRAYED FOR BY ANOTHER PERSON IS AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and concerns as I recovered from my infection and knee surgery.

I am pleased to report that I am doing well and have been released from the doctors' care. God bless you.
Carol Dreher

To My Church Family— Many thanks for your calls, prayers and cards, plus food. All was appreciated. To my Godly neighbors for your constant care advice, good food and companionship; so many things. You are a true example of "love thy neighbor as yourself." I feel blessed to be your neighbor.
Lee Kisler

A few cards were received from people at The Vineyard thanking RUMC for the annual invitation to the RUMC Community Thanksgiving dinner. They were very appreciative!

(See notes on the office door)



PRAYER TREE REQUESTS

Do you have a Prayer Request during the week, or on Sunday afternoon? Contact: Esther Foster, 858-9888, anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and **leave a message** please if no one answers.

Email or call: Doris Anderson, 243-0171, gcanuck436@cs.com.

PLEASE if you are turning in a yellow Prayer Request form, we need **YOUR NAME** on the slip as well in case of any questions about spelling, etc.

Thanks for your help, *Esther Foster*

News & Views From Our Pastor ...

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving and Christmas are some of the best and the worst of times. For many, it is a time for family, parties, sharing and loving with others. For others, it's a reminder that there's been a loss by divorce or death, a struggle because of illness, injury, economy or some other tragedy over the year that makes celebrations difficult. It truly can be the best and worst of times.

But, in church, it is the time of hope where God showed He loved us enough to become a human being and be born in Bethlehem. God loved us enough to reconnect us to Himself by becoming flesh and blood. God gave us all new life and I believe that this fact is the only thing that all people can celebrate because it is not about the blessings or curses of this world. It is about the spiritual gift of life God gave us in Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Last month I talked about our new Mission Statement of "Love God- Learn- Live!" and I wrote about the importance of loving God through worship. This month I want to talk about the importance of learning and the strength and power of small groups. There are three illustrations that I believe talk about how important small groups are to the life of a vibrant Church.

The first is found in the Old Testament where Moses has led the people out of Egypt and is trying to manage the Israelites. His father-in-law, Jethro, suggested that he divide the people into groups of 50 and 100 so they could manage themselves. If they had any problems they couldn't take care of, then they could bring those issues to Moses. It worked to perfection. Small groups were started because they helped people manage each other better. They could be in relationship with each other where they could learn better.



The second instance is found in the management style of Jesus, himself. Jesus started his ministry (Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11 and John 1:35-42) by calling people one-by-one. At least they were called by name as Peter, Andrew, James and John and were asked to be "fishers of men." Jesus calls twelve to be his disciples so he can teach, mentor, encourage, correct and challenge them to greater ministry of faith, hope and love. Jesus chose to use twelve to start the transformation of the world toward receiving the Kingdom of Heaven! I don't think that this strategy is only for Jesus' time. I think it is for our days as well.

And thirdly, when the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, was kicked out of the Church of England pulpits because of his outreach to the poor and outcast, he called people to "clubs" or "societies" where about a dozen were called to minister to each other. They supported each other, held each other accountable and were corrected when necessary to become the best Christians in practice they possibly could become. They were asked each week, "How have you been faithful to our Lord over this past week?" They then shared their successes and their failures in the spirit of Christian love, non-judgment and encouragement. It was the strength of the early Methodist movement in the United States during the late 1700's through the early 1900's to the 1950's.

All three of these examples are about small groups. Small groups help us learn what our faith is about so we can practice loving others and connect relationally with others. Being in a circle facing each other allows this much more easily than sitting in pews on a Sunday morning. Where worship helps us love God and mission helps us serve God, small groups help us learn what our faith is really all about.

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In & About Our Church

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We have five small groups going now at our church and our church hopes to double that throughout 2012.

It was Moses' way. It was Jesus' way. It was Wesley's way. I believe it is God's way and carries with it the hope for the future of our church. Please consider joining or starting a small group very soon. I believe this will help us have God's Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God bless you as you think about this over the very appropriate religious season.

Love,
Gary



WE'RE STILL EXPERIMENTING IN THE SANCTUARY!

Despite only a few changes in the past few weeks, we still are experimenting with the placement of the Messenger of Praise band and the Traditional Choir. NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALLY SET AT ALL!

I know this has been difficult for many of you, but I ask for your patience as we try to have the best possible worship experiences for both services. Our hope is for God to be honored in the best possible way at both 9:00 and 10:30 worship.

If you have any suggestions about how to make adjustments or opinions about these changes, please put that in the suggestion box near the front door or bring them to the office or talk directly to Gary. He would love to visit with you about this when he can.



UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13

The Redlands United Methodist Women's unit will celebrate Christmas at a covered dish (potluck) luncheon, 11:30 Tuesday, Dec. 13 in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are cordially invited and members are encouraged to bring guests.

Claudia Henshall, UMW District Program Resources Secretary, assisted by Jan Probert, Paonia UMW president, will install new officers. Pat Henson, meeting chairman, will present the opening prayer, and the devotion, titled "Sweet Christmas" by Julia Bettencourt.

Members are asked to bring a batch of homemade cookies to exchange at the luncheon, and a contribution of canned foods to be given to the Homeward Bound shelter for the homeless. For more information, call Ruth Trowbridge, president, 257-7707.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

This is a suggestion for a short study, called "Who Is My Neighbor." It is a joint project of the Colorado Council of Churches, American Friends Service Committee, Bell Policy Center, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition and Iliff School of Theology.

The study probably would not take place until January and it's only four sessions.

One: We Are All Strangers in the Land of Egypt

Two: What Does the Lord Require of You?

Three: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

Four: The Good Samaritan: Who is My Neighbor?

More information will be forthcoming.

We Worship Together



DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

10:30 a.m. — ACOLYTES

Dec. 4-25 Billy or Carissa or
Royanna Crawford

9:00 am COMMUNION STEWARDS

Dec. 4: Kathy Hillman,
Niki Beightel

10:30 a.m. —

Dec. 4: Lois Bogart,
Mary Jo Humphrey

9:00 a.m. — GREETERS

Dec. 4: Reid & Phyllis Dickerson,
Doris Anderson

Dec. 11: Dotii & Tony Miller,
Niki Beightel

Dec. 18: Dave & Kristy Armour,
Millie Yoder

10:30 a.m. — GREETERS

Dec. 4: Bernita Dove,
JoAnn Roemer

Dec. 11: Bob & Donna Spencer

Dec. 18: Mary Jo Humphrey,
Ruth Trowbridge

9 a.m. — WELCOME BOOTH

Dec. 4: Niki Beightel

Dec. 11: Doris Anderson

Dec. 18: Jolene Flowers

10:30 a.m. — WELCOME BOOTH

Dec. 4: Marj Richardson

Dec. 11: Ruth Trowbridge

Dec. 18: Bernita Dove

10:00-10:30 a.m. — HOSPITALITY

Dec. 4: Catherine Welty,
Jeris Young

Dec. 11: Phyllis & Reid Dickerson

Dec. 18: Jan & Jerry Cortez

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES FOR DECEMBER

DEC. 4— Children's Program Isaiah 40:1-11

HOLY COMMUNION, Advent Candle Lighting

Dec. 11— "Christ is born—again! Let us be Sanctified!"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 We will talk about the birth of Christ to give us new life. **Advent Candle Lighting**

Dec. 18— "Christ is born—again! Let us be Transformed!"

Luke 1:26-38 We will talk about the promises of the birth to Mary and to us today.

Advent Candle Lighting

Dec. 24— "Christmas Eve!" Two candlelight, Holy Communion services: 6:00-7:15 p.m. Contemporary, 8:00-9:15 p.m.

Traditional. Advent Candle Lighting

Dec. 25— "How Is It With My Soul?" Part I John 1:1-14

We will talk about spiritual practice; on silence and letting go of our outcome of service in the world. (One experiential and involved, informal service at 10:00 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. — USHERS

Dec. 4 Jerry & Jan Cortez

Dec. 11: Barb & Ron Mack

Dec. 18: Jolene & Rob Flowers

10:30 a.m. — USHERS

Dec. 4 Carissa Crawford
Royanna Crawford

Dec. 11: Bernita Dove,
Jeff Geest

Dec. 18: Marj Richardson,
Lois Bogart

10:30 a.m. — LITURGISTS

Dec. 4 Tim Graus

Dec. 11: Lois Bogart

Dec. 18: Carl Lepisto

ALL CATEGORIES OF WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR: CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, AND CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25 (AS WELL AS NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN 1). ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS ARE ALSO NEEDED.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

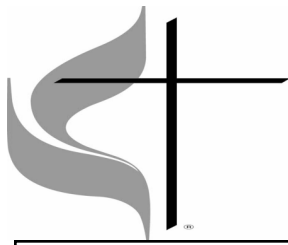
INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

You're invited to go on an 8-week journey through the Old Testament. Have you been there before? Maybe a "refresher course" will help get you back on track; or if you have never been there, this is a great place to start! Whatever your situation, "Introduction to the Old Testament" is a great way to study the Old Testament in a small group format. Learn the scriptures and build relationships with others and God.

Class will be led by Marilyn Jones. Class time and date will be chosen by the number of sign-ups from upcoming bulletin inserts.

Possible choices are Tues. mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & Thurs. afternoons, 1-3:00 p.m.






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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP <u>9:00 am—Contemporary Service</u> <u>10:30 am—Traditional Service</u> *9:00-10:00 am—Adult Sun. School *9:15-10:15 am—Children’s Sunday School *10:30-11:30 am—Youth Sun. School *10:00-10:30 am—Coffee/ Fellowship</p> <p><u>Above Schedule Each Sun. Below Unless Otherwise Noted:</u></p>			
<p>4 Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm UMYF</p>	<p>5 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:15am-5:30pm Lifeline Screening 10:00-11:00am Lay Leadership Nominating Meeting 1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends 6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's 7:00-8:00 pm Baptism of Rylee Michelle Kulp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Redlands 4:00 pm Sunday Bulletin 6:00-8:00 pm GVW 7:00-8:30 pm Chancel</p>
<p>11 Mission Moment (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>4:30pm Community Bell Choir Concert 5:00-7:00pm UMYF 6:30pm Community Bell Choir Concert</p>	<p>12 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00-10:00am Lay Leadership 11:30pm UMW Christmas Lunch & Meeting 1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends 6:30-9:00 pm Christmas Party (Sandy McFarland) 7:00-8:30 pm Cub Scout Administrative Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW 4:00 pm Sunday Bulletin 5:30-6:30 pm Redlands 7:00-8:30 pm Chancel</p>
<p>18 Witness Moment (See Sun. Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm UMYF</p> <p><u>5:00 pm NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></p>	<p>19 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>8:00am Foot Clinic (Foot C's, 234-4812, Claudia) 10:30-11:30am Preschool Christmas Program 6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00-10:00am Lay Leadership 10:30-11:30am Preschool Christmas Program 1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends 10:30-11:30am Preschool Christmas Program 6:00 pm Supper Club Project 7:00-8:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>21 PRESCHOOL</p> <p>1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volun 5:30-6:30 pm Redlands 6:00-8:00 pm GVW 7:00-8:30 pm Chancel</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p><i>Stewardship Moment</i></p> <p>(Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. one service only) No Sunday School</p> 	<p>26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>27 PRESCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>9:00-10:00am Lay Leadership Nominating Meeting 10:00am UMW Newsletter Assembly 1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends</p>	<p>28 PRESCHOOL</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW 4:00 pm Sunday Bulletin 5:30-6:30 pm Redlands</p>

DECEMBER 2011

To schedule other events/meetings, please call the church office Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For room assignments for scheduled events/meetings, please consult the weekly calendar posted in the church office window nearest the front door.

DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>9:30-11:00 am TLC Meeting Noon-1:00 pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30-3:00pm Clergy Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00-4:00 am Baby Shower (Nanette Graham Hosting)</p>
<p>ands Ringers <u>Bulletin deadline</u> C el Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon-1:00pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00-9:00 pm Finance Ministry Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am-2:00pm Hemophelia Christmas Party</p>
<p>C <u>Bulletin deadline</u> ands Ringers el Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon-1:00 pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers 4:00-6:00pm Campbell/Wood Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon-4:00pm Campbell/Wood Wedding</p>
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<p>DL CLOSED</p> <p>C <u>Bulletin deadline</u> ands Ringers</p>	<p>29 PRESCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>Noon-1:00 pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise</p>	<p>30 PRESCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers</p>	<p>31</p>



Children and Youth



PRESCHOOL NEWS

December 19 and 20 Monument Preschool will be celebrating the arrival of Christmas with a Christmas Program. The children of Monument Preschool will be singing Christmas songs in the church sanctuary and then breaking our piñata. Please call Kathan Hartle for more information. All are welcome! Monument Preschool will be closed for Christmas Break from December 21, 2011 to January 2, 2012.

WHAT'S UP AT UMYF IN DECEMBER?

(All schedules are on www.rumcgj.com)

Sunday, December 4, 2011; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Regular UMYF

Dinner: Volunteer Needed

Sunday, December 11, 2011; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Regular UMYF

Dinner: Volunteer Needed

Sunday, December 18, 2011; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Regular UMYF

Dinner: Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 4

Tracey, Donna, Randy & Bill

Dec. 11

Jill, John, Randy, & Bill

Dec. 18

Tracey, Randy, & Bill

Dec. 25; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to celebrate in worship at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 1; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to celebrate in worship at 10:00 a.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One of the best outreach ministries we do for young people at RUMC is our Vacation Bible School! We are lucky enough to minister to over 100 children from all over Grand Junction. We have also had a great deal of help from church members, youth and even community members to make this such a successful ministry. Unfortunately, after 3 years, our VBS coordinators have decided it is time to take a break and let someone else be in charge of this program. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry or be the coordinator of this ministry please contact Susan @susan@rumcgj.com.

The dates for VBS are: June 25 – 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The theme is: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!"

Please pray about this ministry and how you can be a part of it. Any help is appreciated.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

If you have a child in preschool through 5th grade you now have 2 choices for Sunday School during the months of January – March! We will be offering Sunday school on Saturday evenings starting on January 7 at 6:00 p.m. The children will be studying the same curriculum as the children on Sunday mornings. They will be meeting at the church. Regular Sunday school will continue on Sunday mornings, too. As always, friends are always welcome to either class.

If you would like to help lead any of the classes (Saturday evening or Sunday morning) please contact Susan @ susan@rumcgj.com.

We Give Together

“APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES”

One of the most familiar of all Bible passages is 1 Corinthians 13, which is known by many as the “Love Chapter.” Many people — Christians and non-Christians alike — have committed part or all of these thirteen wonderful verses to memory. But most people probably do not realize that one of the greatest truths concerning giving is taught in this passage.

The Apostle Paul, writing under the direct and divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, “If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.” In other words, according to this verse, our giving is to be motivated by love. If it is not, then it has absolutely no value to us.

The question here is not how much we give, or how frequently we give, or the manner in which we give, but **why** we give. And it is based on the principle taught so clearly in Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” When we were nothing but sinners, Christ died for us. When we had nothing but the refuse of sin in our lives, Christ died for us. When we were “strangers” to God’s promises, Christ died for us. Long before we could ever love Him, He provided convincing evidence of His love for us by dying for us on Calvary. And that’s why “We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

One of the ways in which we demonstrate our love for God is through giving. If we give out of a sense of obligation or because “the church needs the money” or because we feel we have to give, we miss the point of 1 Corinthians 13:3. We also miss the blessing that comes from giving out of a heart motivated by our love for the Lord. When we give because of that motivation, our giving provides a tangible expression of our love for Him as we give in response to His love and grace.

As the offering plate passes by you next Sunday at church, you might want to pray this prayer of

of thanksgiving and commitment: “Lord, thank you for loving me before I could love you. Thank you for demonstrating your love by dying on Calvary for me. And thank you for the privilege of giving to you today as I worship you through this expression of my love for you.”

As you consider not only next Sunday’s offering, but equally important, your on-going financial support of the ministry at Redlands United Methodist Church, what is your response to God’s love for you?



Thanks to Chuck Simcox for all of your help!

IF IT WALKS OUT OF THE REFRIGERATOR...LET IT GO!

We recently lost a dear friend at our church who has served tirelessly for years, the Kitchen Refrigerator. After working 24/7/365 it got tired and gave up. Leaving a “Do Not Resuscitate Order,” it has gone to refrigerator heaven. Through the miracle of “passing the bucket” at the 11/13 services, we managed to collect 4/5 of its replacement.

We are still collecting to achieve the balance needed, with any leftovers going toward the anticipated \$2,000 bill for cleaning the carpets when we can. If you have already given, thank you and yes, feel free to do so again. If not, please drop by the office or stick in the bucket at the Welcome Center. Please give \$1-\$100 today!



In & About Our Church

Dear Friends:

The cold and wet weather outside my window reminds me that winter is moving into the Grand Valley, and with it comes the increased needs of those who serve the homeless of our area. I wanted to give some updates as to the Emergency Shelter Project (ESP) in general and with our upcoming participation at Redlands UMC.

There are still 3 trainings left before our January 22 start date. These are strongly recommended to everyone involved in the program and are very different than the ones held last year. Even if you cannot participate in the ESP, or are not sure at this point, you might want to attend one for the educational value alone.

1. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Grand Valley, 1022 Grand Ave (new date, just added)
2. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 to 9 pm at the Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave.
3. Saturday, Jan. 7, 9:00 to 11:30 am at Homeward Bound Homeless Shelter.

There have been more families than normal at the Homeless Shelter and the churches hosting the ESP is not able to host all the men who need shelter. Grand Valley Peace and Justice is looking for a site as an addition to the churches hosting the ESP until Christmas, and volunteers would go to the site to serve as volunteers. ONLY those who have attended a training session this year may volunteer for this. If you are interesting in helping, please contact Sherry Cole at 243-0136, mobile phone is 261-7695, or at gvjustice@acsol.net.

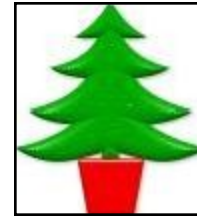
The planning for Redlands UMC is going on now for our church's participation and the sign up for nights to volunteer will be in early December.

Several people have already told me the

dates they would like to stay the night; bless you!! While we will have a sign up sheet at church, please feel free to let me know by e-mail or phone if you have a specific date or days you would like to participate in the January 22-February 5 program so I can put your preferences on our calendar.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in this wonderful program last winter; if you cannot volunteer this winter, please know your help last January is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Jolene Flowers
245-6560



MITTEN TREES AWAIT DONATIONS

The Redlands United Methodist Women's Christmas Mitten Tree has traditionally been so successful that this year Anna Grimsby, chairman, has put up a new super-tall tree AND two small companion trees in the church entry.

There will be plenty of room for your generous donation of warm mittens, hats, caps, scarves and gloves destined for the little children of the Nisley Elementary School, says Anna, for many years head of the annual RUMW project.

This Grand Junction school was selected to receive the winter accessories because of great need. Students range from 5 to 10 years of age. All contributions are greatly appreciated by the school. For details, call Anna, 243-0380.

In & About Our Church

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Church Council met on November 15 and had a productive session. Roger Shenkel from the Permanent Endowment Committee returned to inform us of the particulars regarding establishment of the Redlands United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, which was conditionally approved.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success and a good warm up for Thanksgiving Day. Thank God for all the great cooks and servants for this gathering of our faithful family. Leftovers were forwarded to the Homeward Bound homeless shelter mission along with donations of canned food.

The Trustees and Finance Ministries certainly have their work cut for them as we have many continuing issues at hand. Listen for God's calling to help in any way you can.

There will not be a regular meeting of the Church Council this month per se. We will gather at Homeward Bound for the Supper Club on Tuesday, December 20 between 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will be considering some issues via email and will convene to approve the 2012 budget sometime to be announced in December.

I am looking for someone to be Church Council Recording Secretary for 2012. All you need to do is take minutes at the Church Council meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. I want to thank Tracey Klaver for her hard work in serving in 2011; please ask her how "hard" it is.

Please watch the calendar for the many events this time of year as you will not want to miss any! As always if you have ideas, concerns or a calling to serve, please contact me directly at 261.2324 or king@oneimage.com.

R. Michael King
Church Council Chairman



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HANDBELL CONCERT

It's that time again, time for the holidays, and nothing goes better with the holidays than Bells. The churches and bell choirs of the valley are excited for this year's Community Christmas Handbell Concert. There will be two concerts this year, both on Sunday, December 11, at Redlands United Methodist Church. The first concert will be at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m. (INSIDER'S TIP: For a smaller crowd and a better choice of seating, come to the second concert).

These are free concerts and we welcome anyone who wants to get in the holiday spirit. Each choir will play a featured song followed by a community song where we all play together.

Here is a reminder of the details:

Sunday, December 11
4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Admission is Free

For more info contact: Tim Graus 589-5256



COMMUNITY DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER

Holiday Food Box Items: Canned sweet potatoes, green beans, pumpkin, evaporated milk, jellied cranberries; dessert and stuffing mixes; non-refrigerated pie crusts; instant mashed potatoes.





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Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Sunday Worship Services

*** 9:00 am—Contemporary Worship Service**

*** 10:30 am—Traditional Worship Service**

9:00 am—Adult Sunday School

9:15-10:15 am—Children's

Sunday School

10:30-11:30 am—Mid-high and High School

Sunday School

10:00-10:30 am—Fellowship Coffee

Childcare, handicap parking and seating are offered at all services.

NOTE: The church office is closed on Mondays.

Messages: 245-1478. Office hours Tuesday—

Friday, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Change Service Requested



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
FOR ALL!**

On Christmas Eve, December 24, there will be two Candlelight, Holy Communion worship services on Saturday night. They will be from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. with the Contemporary Service and from 8:00 to 9:15 p.m. with the Traditional Service.

Everyone is invited to come and bring family and friends as we prepare ourselves for the gift of Christ and celebrate the gift of God through Christ in our lives- not just at this time, but all year round.

If you have any questions, please let us know at the office by calling 245-1478.

**CHRISTMAS DAY AND
NEW YEARS DAY WORSHIP
WILL LOOK DIFFERENT!**

Since both Christmas Day and New Years Day are on Sundays, we will have only one service on both days. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. and we want these to be very informal for everyone. Please don't dress up for worship. Come as you are.

This one service will not be a contemporary or a traditional. Instead, it will be a time of open discussion, practice, and experimentation of ways to connect and praise our Lord God. It will be fun for people of all ages and a chance to expand our views of worship and prayer. Please plan on coming after your regular traditions of Christmas Day and New Years Day to start off the day and year right with a time of praise and honor to God through Jesus, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

You will not be disappointed you came.