



Redlands Reporter

February 2012

Redlands United Methodist Church

“LOVE GOD—LEARN —LIVE!”



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE TO START LENT!

On Wednesday, the 22nd of February, we will have an Ash Wednesday worship service for everyone from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The service will get us heading in the right direction for Lent with the applying of ashes and sharing of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You will be asked to intentionally join us on our “Journey to Hope.” Please bring all your friends and join us!

ALL CHURCH FOCUS ON “JOURNEY TO HOPE” SET FOR LENT

During Lent this year, we are asking all the worship services, Sunday School classes, Small Groups, Sunday School, and anything else to focus on an invitation to go on a “Journey to Hope.” Lent begins February 22 and continues through Easter, which is April 8.

We invite you to join a small group or class as we travel with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that Hope can be found even as we encounter some of life’s most difficult circumstances. We’ll address real life situations such as relationships, self-esteem, work, temptation, money problems, suffering, and death. We’ll learn how faith in Christ is relevant to everyday in life and how having a faith community can make all the difference. There will be multimedia and “props” with worship response time to help visual learners understand how messages can apply.

This promises to be a special time that can help all of us grow along our spiritual journey and find the hope that our God has promised us and wants all of us to know and feel.

Please consider signing up for a class or small group and let God’s presence lead us to the place of Hope.

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REDLANDS REPORTER

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Please submit your concise articles in these ways:

- 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 office desk.

Cheryl Holbeck
Editor/Designer



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

CONCERNS:

CHURCH FAMILY

Kathy Pippenger—shingles; **June Simonton**—heart attack; **Ed Walthall**—feeling poorly

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Wilma Hansen's brother, Daniel Davis—recovering after hospital stay; **Lee Kisler's daughter, Geri Kisler**—biopsy 1/13; **George Wong's daughter-in-law, Karen Yutzy**—recurring brain cancer; **Niki Beightel's aunt, Ginger**—fall, concussion, recovering at home; **First UMC/UMW, Elle Young**—bad fall, facial injuries

CELEBRATIONS

Born Jan. 5—**Ivy May Graham to Kirsten & Johathan** (grandparents: Tom & Nanette Graham, Ron & Kammie Lee Rucker)

The Almgrens neighbor, Zeynep—still cancer free
The Flowers' neighbor, Harry—healed no longer needs liver transplant

DEATHS

Jan. 1—**Corkey, Niki Beightel's uncle**
Jan. 6—**Christine Humphrey, Mary Jo & Ernie's daughter**
Jan. 7—**Gerald Foster, Jim's dad**
Jan. 11—**Lou Ann Townsend, Kathy Day's mom**

THANK YOU

(see postings on church office door)

To my RUMC family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, food, other help and the gift of laughter. Your support keeps me going. Love to all,

Kathy Pippenger

To our church family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, kind thoughts, cards and phone calls during Ed's illness. It has meant so much to us.

Ed and Marion Walthall.

- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach



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.

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.

Thanks for your help, *Esther Foster*

HOLY JESUS, BE MY LIGHT

Holy Jesus, be my Light,
Shine upon my way;
Through this tempting,
changing life
Lead me day by day.
Amen.

News & Views From Our Pastor ...

Dear Friends,

It has been great being able to give the series of sermons on our Mission Statement of "Love God-Learn-Live!" I can't tell you how excited I am about being able to focus on these three things and concentrate on worship, small groups and missions. I believe these are the three areas where we will serve our Lord the best, reach out to more people, and help our church (and especially our individual members) to grow the most.

Our new year has begun and there are many exciting things happening. We have already started two new small groups since the beginning of the year while those in existence before then remain strong. We've seen enthusiasm in our worship services and quite a few new faces. We've had youth witnessing to others and inviting them to meetings. I feel the Spirit moving strongly in our church and I know it is what pleases God, don't you?

In February we'll keep doing those things that keep us moving forward in the spirit of God's love and forgiving grace. As I was thinking about this I read the daily devotional from the Upper Room. I encourage each of you to get a copy in the Narthex near the front door and spend some time with God each and every day.

Today's devotion was about being a caterpillar. Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 out of your Bibles and you see it talk about hope helping us to be bold, unlike Moses, "who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not see the end of the fading splendor" from when he was on the mountain being given the 10 Commandments from God. Paul goes on to talk about the Israelites minds being hardened ever since, but Christ helped take that veil away. Nevertheless, that veil still lies over their minds. Only when we turn to Christ is that veil removed. The Spirit of the Lord brings us freedom. Then verse 18 says,



"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

The story went on from there to talk about how all the caterpillar has to do is eat and grow. But, when it does this, it is transformed into a beautiful butterfly and God's grace and creation is completed.

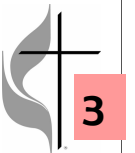
As I read that (and hopefully you will read it too) I was touched by the phrase, "we all...are being changed into his likeness..." I believe that we are called as Christians to be seeking to become "Christ-like." I believe that we are being called to be "ambassadors of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20) which also means we're to be so much like Christ that we can speak for Christ, live for Christ, and represent Christ to those around us. That is a big responsibility! That is a heavy load to be placing on ourselves; but, Christ comes to "make our burdens light" (Matthew 11:30).

For me, as I seek to do what Christ has called me to do and to be who Christ has called me to be, it frees my soul. I feel the burden lifted and it moves from being a difficult, forced thing, to being a delightful opportunity to live fully. It's this kind of living that makes life fun for me, that gives me real joy and that makes me want to live more fully in Christ while seeking to be more "Christ-like" than I was before.

Don't get me wrong. I have no illusions about being anywhere near to being "Christ-like." I miss that by a long shot and only occasionally "get it right," but the few times when I do "get it" are so powerful that I want to become a "Christ junkie." Fill me with that "natural high of Christ" all the time so I can live that well more often.

And to do that, I'm reminded by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that, "faith,

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hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." In this month of love, may the "greatest love" we have flow through us in all we do, say and think so much so that the thought of becoming "Christ-like" isn't something to fear, but something to seek to attain. God bless all of you.

Love,
Gary

GOD'S VALENTINE GIFT

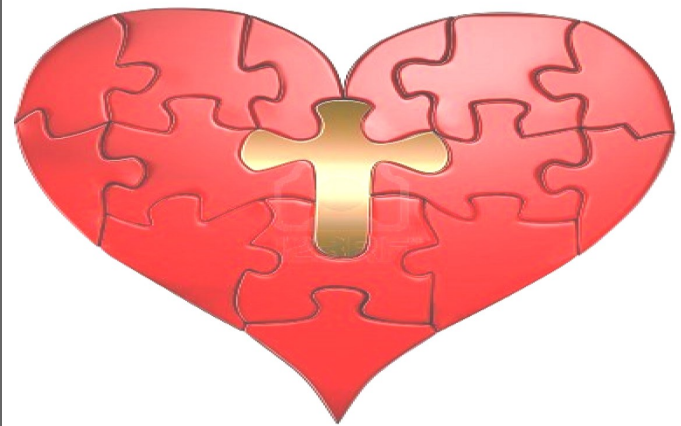
God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



VALENTINE'S DAY AT RUMW

The Redlands United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m., in Room 116 at the church. Ruth Trowbridge, hostess, will serve a light brunch at 10:30. The meeting will begin at 11:00. Ruth will present "Love, a Devotional Message," followed by the program, titled "A Methodist's Look at St. Valentine's Day," presented by Pat Cottrell.

A UMW small group Bible study meets each Monday at 1:30 p.m., also in Room 116.

United Methodist Women's meetings are open to all women in the church and any guests who wish to come. The welcome mat is always out.

For more information call Pat Henson, president, 858-4555.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
6:30-7:15 p.m. — Worship Service

Apr. 4 & 5: "The Last Supper"
7:30 p.m. — Reenactment

Apr. 6: **Noon** — "Good Friday"
Joint Worship Service at First UMC

Apr. 8; Sun.: **6:30 a.m.** — Joint UMC "Easter
EASTER Sunrise" Worship Service at
Colorado National Monument

At RUMC

7:15-10:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m. — Contemporary Worship

10:30 a.m. — Traditional Worship



WALK TO EMMAUS

It's that time again! It's time to register for the spring Walk to Emmaus weekends at Camp Cedaredge. The men's walk will be April 12-15 and the women's walk will be April 19-22 (both Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon). The deadline to register is March 29 for the men and April 5 for the women. Please contact either Gary at 245-1478 or Margaret Bestle at 242-2503 for applications

We Worship Together



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

10:30 a.m. — ACOLYTES

Feb. 5-26: Billy or Carissa or
Royanna Crawford

9:00 am COMMUNION STEWARDS

Feb. 5: Ron and Barb Mack

10:30 a.m. —

Feb. 5: JoAnn Roemer, Jeris
Young, Bob & Donna
Spencer

9:00 a.m. — GREETERS

Feb. 5: Terry & Deana Fix,
Doris Anderson

Feb. 12: Patty & Dave Halligan,
Dave Armour

Feb. 19: Bill & Nancy Kowal,
Niki Beightel

Feb. 26: Rob & Jolene Flowers,
Kristy Armour

10:30 a.m. —

Feb. 5: JoAnn Roemer,
Mary Jo Humphrey

Feb. 12: **Volunteers Needed**

Feb. 19: Ruth Trowbridge,
Marj Richardson

Feb. 26: Chuck & Joan Simcox

9 a.m. WELCOME BOOTH

Feb. 5: Niki Beightel

Feb. 12: Kristy Armour

Feb. 19: Jolene Flowers

Feb. 26: Dave Armour

10:30 a.m. —

Feb. 5: Dave Mattson

Feb. 12: JoAnn Roemer

Feb. 19: Mary Jo Humphrey

Feb. 26: Marj Richardson

NOTE: Volunteers Are Needed
where noted in "bold" above. Please
call the church office, 245-1478.

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 5— "Church—Day One. Prophecy on the Community."

Acts 2:1-13 **HOLY COMMUNION** We look at how God spoke to the early church and how it was started.

Feb. 12— "Church—Day One. Peter speaks." *Acts 2:14-41* We look at what God does through Peter to help people feel grounded.

Feb. 19— "Church—Day One. The Community of God." *Acts 2:42-47* We look at what God had in store for the early church and how that was carried out. We suspend this series until after Easter.

Feb. 22— ASH WEDNESDAY (6:30-7:15 p.m.); Lent begins.

"Journey to Hope. We Begin." *Mark 8:31-37* The journey begins. Ashes mark the beginning of a journey where our hands will "get dirty" and we find that with Christ at our side, hope can be found even amidst struggles.

Feb. 26— "Journey to Hope. Who is with you?" *Mark 10:13-16*

Who is on this journey with you? How can people encourage or discourage you when the going gets tough? This segment tackles the importance of being involved in faith friendships and learning to lean on Christ as the ultimate Friend.

9:00 a.m. — USHERS

Feb. 5: Doris Anderson,
Margaret Koestel

Feb. 12: Dotti & Tony Miller

Feb. 19: Deanna & Terry Fix

Feb. 26: Niki Beightel,
Margaret Koestel

10:30 a.m. —

Feb. 5: Lois Bogart, Jeff Geest

Feb. 12: Chuck Simcox,
Bernita Dove

Feb. 19: Carissa Crawford,
Royanna Crawford

Feb. 26: **Volunteers Needed**

10:30 a.m. — LITURGISTS

Feb. 5: Doug Grodt

Feb. 12: Ruth Trowbridge

Feb. 19: JoAnn Roemer

Feb. 26: Tim Graus

10:00-10:30 a.m. — HOSPITALITY

Feb. 5: Millie & Glenn Yoder

Feb. 12: Phyllis & Reid Dickerson

Feb. 19: Marion Bestle,
Doris Anderson

Feb. 26: Jeris Young,
Charlotte Reicks

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

6:30-7:15 P.M.

Worship helpers are needed. If you are available, please sign up at the Welcome Center.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p>9:00 am—Contemporary Service 10:30 am—Traditional Service *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>5 Sacrament of Holy Communion</p> <p>Mid-8:00am Emergency Shelter Overflow Program 11:30am-2:30pm Talent Show Practice 7:00-9:00 pm Couples Small Group 7:30pm-Mid Emergency Shelter Overflow Program</p>	<p>6 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>Mid-8:00am Emergency Shelter Overflow Program 1:30-3:00 pm UMW Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00-9:00 pm Sweet Adeline Team Meeting 6:15-7:45 pm Study of “James” 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends 6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW 3:00-6:00 pm Season 4:00 pm Sunday Bu 5:30-6:30 pm Redlan 6:00-8:00 pm GVW 7:00-8:30 pm Love d 7:00-8:30 pm Bible 7:00-8:30 pm Chanc 7:30-8:30 pm High S Small</p>
<p>12 Mission Moment Boy Scout Sunday (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:30-8:30 pm Youth Dinner & Melodrama</p>	<p>13 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>1:30-3:00 pm UMW Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-7:45 pm Study of “James” 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am-12:30pm UMW Meeting 1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends 6:00-9:00 pm Finance Ministry Mtg. 6:00-10:00pm Sweet Adelines 7:00-8:30pm Cub Scout Administrative Mtg</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu 5:30-6:30 pm Redlan 6:00-8:00 pm GVW 6:30-8:30 pm Love d 7:00-8:30 pm Chanc 7:00-8:30 pm Bible Law</p>
<p>19 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>7:00-9:00 pm Couples Small Group</p>	<p>20 CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>8:00 am Foot Clinic (Foot C’s Claudia 234-4812) 1:30-3:00 pm UMW Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-7:45 pm Study of “James” 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends 6:00 pm Supper Club Project 6:00-10:00pm Sweet Adelines 7:00-8:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW 1:30-2:45 pm Welco Memb 4:00 pm Sunday Bu 6:30-7:15 pm Ash V Worsh with Holy Co 6:30-8:30 pm Love d</p>
<p>26 Stewardship Moment</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm UMYF</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:30-3:00 pm UMW Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:15-7:45 pm Study of “James” 6:15-8:45 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am UMW Newsletter Assembly 1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends 6:00-10:00pm Sweet Adelines</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu 5:30-6:30 pm Redlan 6:30-8:30 pm Love d 7:00-8:30 pm Chanc 7:30-8:30 pm High S Small</p>



FEBRUARY 2012

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>Emergency Shelter Overflow Program Bulletin deadline Bands Ringers C el Choir & Immigration Emergency Shelter Overflow Program</p>	<p>2 Mid-8:00am Emergency Shelter Overflow Program 9:30-11:00 am TLC Meeting 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 7:30pm-Mid Emergency Shelter Overflow Program</p>	<p>3 Mid-8:00am Emergency Shelter Overflow Program 1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers 7:30pm-Mid Emergency Shelter Overflow Program</p>	<p>4 Mid-8:00am Emergency Shelter Overflow Program 6:00-7:00 pm Little & Junior Disciples Sunday School 7:30pm-Mid Emergency Shelter Overflow Program</p>
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<p>Bulletin deadline Bands Ringers & Logic el Choir School Group</p>			



Children and Youth



CHURCH CAMP

It is that time of year again, time to start thinking about church camp. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to send our children, youth and families to a great camp on the Grand Mesa.

The dates for each camp are: Elementary camp (completed 3rd grade – 5th grade), July 30 – August 3, 2012; Mid-high camp (completed 6th grade – 8th grade): July 23 – 28, 2012 ;Senior high camp (completed 9th grade – 12th grade), July 16-21, 2012; and Family Camp (everyone welcome), August 3-5, 2012.

If you would like to help someone go to camp, please get in touch with Susan Zanski. You can donate money in addition to your regular offering and help someone go to camp. It is a life-changing experience that won't be forgotten.



VALENTINE DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

The youth would like to invite you to join them for a spaghetti dinner and talent show on Sunday, February 12. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by the show. Money raised by this event will go to the youth group to help pay for church camp and other spiritual retreats. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10 per couple. Please purchase tickets from the Welcome Center on Sundays or call the church so we are sure to have enough food.

WHAT'S UP AT UMYF IN FEBRUARY?

(All schedules are on www.rumcgj.com)

Sunday, February 5, 2012; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Talent show practice
No UMYF Super Bowl)

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Talent Show

4:00 p.m.— Show up and prepare dinner and get ready for the talent show

5:30 p.m.— Dinner is served, followed by the show.

Sunday, February 19, 2012; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Regular UMYF
Dinner: Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, February 26, 2012; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Regular UMYF
Dinner: Volunteer Needed*

Reminder: High School small group meetings will be held at Traders Coffee Shop at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 29.

*To volunteer to help with these dinners, please call or email Susan at 245-1478, susan@rumcgj.com.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Monument Preschool has started their fall 2012 pre-registration. Please contact Kathan Hartle at 245-1478 for more information.



We Give Together

“APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES”

In the years prior to his assumption of power in Germany, Adolph Hitler was a master of deception. He made free use of the Christian vocabulary and talked about the blessing of Almighty God and the Christian confessions of faith which would become the pillars of his new state. He assumed the earnestness of a man who is utterly weighed down by historic responsibility. He handed out pious stories to the press, especially to the church papers. He showed his tattered Bible to many church leaders and declared that he drew the strength for his great work from the Word of God. According to one pastor, “He was actually able to introduce a pietistic timbre into his voice which caused many religious people to welcome him as a man sent from God.”

As the world learned to its horror in later years, Hitler was an impostor. He had only used these things to mask his real intentions and to fool people. He was what could be accurately labeled the “master hypocrite.” He said one thing while actually doing exactly the opposite.

When it comes to hypocrisy, Adolph Hitler was in a league by himself. None of us desires to be — or should ever be — compared to him or his despicable actions. However, when it comes to the Christian life, sometimes we, too, say one thing and do another. We pretend to be great students of the Bible, when we actually seldom look at the Book. We give the impression that we spend hours in prayer, when we very seldom engage in prayer except when at church. We pretend to love other Christians, when, in reality, we can’t stand some of them.

This kind of behavior is also possible when it comes to giving. We might like to convey the impression that we are “good givers,” and we might be reasonably successful in our efforts since other people usually do not actually “see” our financial situation and our giving. However, if we are trying to say one thing and do another concerning our giving to the Lord, we will be confronted by our deception every

time we look at the register in our checkbook. Here’s why: Our checkbook will quickly and methodically strip away our pretense. We can deceive others; we can even deceive ourselves in many areas of life, but our checkbook always tells the truth about what is really important to us.

The Apostle Paul summed up this matter of saying one thing and then of doing what we say with this statement: the testimony of our conscience should be “. . . that we have conducted ourselves in the world . . . in the holiness and sincerity that are from God” (2 Cor. 1:12). In other words, by walking in holiness and sincerity that God provides in response to our obedience, what we do will match what we say, including in the area of giving.

Think about it: If your checkbook could talk, what would it say about you and about your giving to the work of the Lord at Redlands United Methodist Church? Would it testify that you are walking in “holiness and sincerity” in your giving, or would it have a different story to tell?

RUMC 2012 BUDGET

We of the Finance Ministry Team put the 2012 budget together with a large amount of prayer and thought (please see enclosed newsletter insert).

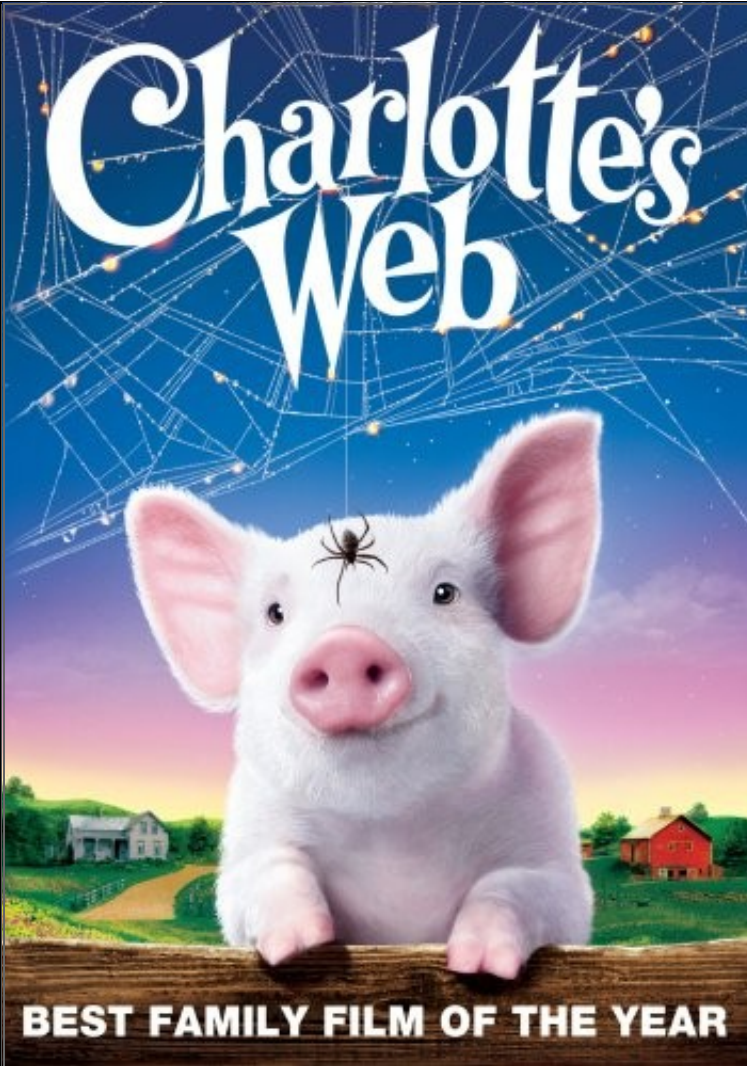
To present a balanced budget we put the bare essentials in the budget. We are praying that we, as a church, will meet the needs that continue to spread the teachings and love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has asked of us.

This year will be tough financially, however we, as a church, can answer the call with our prayers, our love, and our treasure.

Thank you,
Kevin Yake
Finance Chairperson



In & About Our Church



HOMEBARDBOUND

Our local homeless shelter in Grand Junction, CO is the only community homeless shelter within a 100 mile radius serving families, single women, our homeless veterans and single men. The result for HomewardBound has been two plus years of operating at full capacity. This year alone they served a record 101,000+ meals and 1,189 unduplicated people including 195 families with children. Like all prudent businesses, HomewardBound is stretching resources, evaluating expenses, and looking for every funding opportunity available.

February 11, 2011 HomewardBound is hosting their signature fundraising event of the year, "**Journey Home,**" which will include great food, live entertainment, and a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at HomewardBound or call them at 970-256-9424.

"Thank you for helping us provide a bed with heart for our neighbors in need!"

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE CHURCH

Who: Everyone is invited Please bring your friends, your kids, or your grandkids.

What: "Picnic" dinner and a movie: Bring a dinner for you and your family. We will all eat dinner together and then watch a movie in the sanctuary. The movie is: "Charlottes Web"

When: Friday, February 24, 2012, dinner @ 5:30 p.m. followed by the movie.

Where: Redlands UMC;
Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Why: To get together as a church family and friends and just relax.

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.'

Hungry not only for bread -- but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing -- but naked for human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks -- but homeless because of rejection.

Mother Teresa

In & About Our Church

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

At the January meeting of the Church Council it was recognized that 2012 will be the most challenging and most rewarding year in the history of the Redlands United Methodist Church. We have read books, done studies and have had training for years, now it is time for action!

We have been trying to figure out a survival strategy for a long time. As the Lord banished Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden, "...to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken." (Genesis 3:23), so must we cultivate our community. It is time for our congregation to take control of the destiny of our church through making the necessary changes to make it grow.

Our competition for members is not all the other churches in the valley, rather all the other distractions which may be more compelling than coming to our church. Would you rather come to church on Sunday morning or would you rather....sleep-in, go to brunch, check out Facebook or YouTube, hang out, watch the 24hr pre-game shows, clean house, visit friends or take a hike?

As a church, we need to find what it is that would bring someone into Redlands UMC instead. What does that look like for you in your spiritual growth? Get involved in one of the Ministries to cultivate our church community. The Church Council determines directions and makes decisions based upon the input of these Ministries. How can we invite our community to discover God as their priority?

I think we all feel like we have been moving "at the speed of church." We had a lot of good ideas at our December 18th meeting and now is the time to act. It has been said, "*The best defense is a good offense.*" Now is the time to LIVE in our faith. Don't just sit there DO SOMETHING! Your reward is guaranteed. What is God calling you to do?

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



FEBRUARY COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Peanut butter and jelly

RUMC ADVENT DONATIONS GIVEN

Catholic Outreach	\$859.75
Hope for the Grand Valley	\$919.75
UMCOR	\$1,049.75



LENTEN STUDY

"JOURNEY TO HOPE"

Welcome to the "Journey of Hope!" For seven weeks, beginning the end of February, you'll be on a journey discovery to find the hope that can be found in the midst of life's challenges. You will experience Scripture in a new way and get a fresh perspective on life with Jesus at the center. You will also be encouraged to "Rethink Outreach."

The classes will be coinciding with a sermon series. Classes will be offered on Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. beginning on February 29 – April 11 and Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning on March 1 through April 12. Both classes are being led by Gary Had-dock.





Redlands United Methodist Church
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Grand Junction, CO 81507
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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.

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I would like to invite you, if you are interested, to join our **Sports Camp** team. Each summer, we host a Sports Camp for kids ages 6 -12 with New Life, River of Life, and Canyon View Vineyard Church. The camp is facilitated by UW Sports Ministry www.uwsportministry.org. This will be our 6th year hosting a camp and we are looking for new ministry partners to join us. Our camp for 2012 is scheduled for the week of June 25 – 29 at Columbine Park. The camp runs from 9 am to 12:15 pm each day. Our primary responsibilities as host churches are providing volunteers, daily snacks, and housing for the UW coaches who lead the camp. We will begin planning meetings in February. Please contact me if you are interested in joining our team or if you would like more information. We would love to have you join us for this fun, dynamic ministry to kids!

Janet Young, Director of Children's and Family Ministries
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“LAST SUPPER” PERFORMANCES

These will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5. If you are interested in participating, please contact Andy Zanski at zanski4@bresnan.net.