



Redlands Reporter

May 2011

Redlands United Methodist Church

In Christ, we live our faith with open hearts, minds and doors.

BUILDING A BOAT

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I will prepare, and some day my chance will come." When his chance came, he was ready.

During his seminary years, one priest-in-training owned a favorite T-shirt. Across the front was emblazoned: "Expectant Father." His chance came and he, too, was ready.

When your chance comes, will you be ready?

I know that sports stories don't speak to everyone, but if you'll indulge me, I think Wayne Gretzky has something powerful to teach us about preparation. Former ice hockey superstar Gretzky knew the value of being ready. He broke almost every record imaginable and is generally thought to be the greatest hockey player of all time.

"The Great One," as he is often called, is not particularly big - he stands at 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighed about 170 pounds during his career. He never skated particularly fast, his shot was not high-powered and he often placed dead last on regular strength tests administered to his team. So what made him so great?

Gretzky attributes his stardom to practice and preparation. He practiced stick handling in the off-season with a tennis ball, as the ball was harder to control than a puck. In practice he innovated. He practiced bouncing the puck off the sideboards to his teammates until that technique became a regular part of his play. Then he worked on bouncing the puck off the net. He became so accomplished at these maneuvers that he sometimes said, "People say there's only six men on the ice, but really, if you use the angle of deflection of the board, there's seven. If you count the net, that's eight. From the opening face-off, I always figure we have 'em eight-on-six."

The Great One was so great because, when his chance came to make an impact, he was ready. And

because he was ready, chances came again and again.

I've learned this: it doesn't matter what awaits me just across the sea if I haven't built a boat.

Many years ago a friend and I were talking about a speaking engagement I had accepted in Los Angeles. "I'd love to go places and speak or lead seminars," she said.

I asked her, "What would you speak about? What do you want to teach?"

"I don't know. I've always wanted to write a book and lead seminars," she said, "but I've never gotten around to it."

I've heard her speak - she has a great ability to relate to people. She has a charismatic personality. She is intelligent and articulate. I have no doubt she could excel in such a field.

We talked about her need to develop expertise in an area about which she is passionate. We talked about how she might look for opportunities to lead local seminars and teach courses. And we talked about steps she might take toward writing her book, something she had wanted to do for years.

But after a number of years, she has still done none of those things. If her chance comes, she will not be ready. And more likely, since she is not ready, her chance will probably never come.

I often hear people say, "If only I had a chance." Maybe it's a chance at a new position, a bigger challenge or to do something different. Perhaps they are waiting for a chance to prove themselves or a chance to really make a difference.

But I wonder -- if I were offered that new challenge today, would I be ready to meet it? Am I prepared to take full advantage?

It's not enough for me to dream about exotic, new places. I need to build a boat.

Steve Goodier, District Superintendent RMUMC

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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 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.

CELEBRATIONS:

Born 3/25—**Alexandria Paige McClure**

(Parents: Tyler and Melissa; Grandparents: Bobbie and John)

Born 4/12—**Jace Rylin Julson**
(great-grandson of Margaret Koestel)

May 8—Happy 51st Anniversary,
Jack & Jo Campbell

CONCERNS:

CHURCH FAMILY

Tommy Beightel—chosen Student Ambassador to Europe in June, raising money; **Tana Foote**—infection, further surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kathy Hillman's cousin, **Ann**—home hospice; **Niki Beightel's** dad, **Tom Hunn**—6 month mission trip, St. Lucia; **Ernie Young's** son-in-law, **Rick Lefler**—new job, training in California; **Nan McNees'** mother, **Ann Sorley**—2nd hospital stay; **the Dove's** grandson, **Swayde Jones**—ruptured bowel, surgery; **JoAnn Roemer's** request, **Patrick Brown**—very critically Afghanistan wounded soldier; **the Reynold's** friend, **Fred Brewer**—Parkinsons; **Doris Anderson's** close friend, **Marian**—4/11 critical eye surgery, results unknown for 4 months!; **Marjorie Richardson's** friend, **Ruth Painter**—Lupus; **Kristy Armour's** friend, **Doma**—breast cancer; **the Almgren's** neighbor, **Zeynep**—started chemo; **the Adair's** friend, **Sara**—new mom, family problems; **the Pippenger's** friend, **Howard (85)**—wife died, several medical problems within 3 months.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Wildfire concerns; job seekers; alcoholism and other addictions; our military, at home and abroad; the people of Japan; Americans in the southern U.S.; **Candy Graus' dad, Bob Elderkin; Luke Haerle; Greg Haddock; Bob Richardson; Dotti Miller's** friends: Kay, Bev, Jim, and Dr. John

DEATHS:

March 31—**Shirley Fergus, Randy Bogart's** aunt

Recently—**Sonny Yeager, Larry Little's** uncle

THANKS:

To our wonderful church friends for the prayers, cards, and meals over the last few weeks. Your support and love have lifted us up and will continue to do so as we return to Grand Junction to carry on with Luke's healing. RUMC is a wonderful family to belong to.

Love, *the Haerle family*



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,

May can be a very busy month for all of us. We have Mother's Day, graduations, end-of-school and all those changes that make it hectic at times.

In these times of uncertainty and doubts, isn't it good to know that we always have God? And isn't it good to know that we always have the church and the love of its members to share God's grace and mercy to all people? The Redlands UMC is filled with many loving, strong, spirit-filled followers of Jesus, the Christ, and we have been involved in some amazing ministries over the last year. There were the two weeks of HomewardBound (yes, that's how they spell it!) overflow, the series of sermons on "When Christians Get it Wrong," some Wednesday night suppers, the "24 Hours" study and sermon series and other classes, nine people at our membership class who are joining, "Jews for Jesus" sharing the Seder meal significance, the "Last Supper" Drama on two nights, Easter sunrise on the Monument and ShareFest weekend- to name but a few.

However, recently some members told me that people were "unsure" or "uncertain" about where the Redlands UMC was going. This was related to people's giving and being uncertain about where the money goes after they've given it. On one hand, I was shocked, since no one had ever told me this before and we have been so open and careful about our finances, especially over the past two years. But, on the other hand, I was not surprised since I know that people often "vote with their pocketbooks" with things that upset them and sometimes try to sabotage the process. I don't believe that Jesus would have done it that way, but I know that we, as people, sometimes have this tendency. I just find it hard to believe that the people of Redlands UMC would do this. I have more faith in us than that.

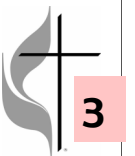


I have two responses. First, our Finance Ministry Team has done some tremendous work at straightening out our recording of income and expenses, we have been audited, we had a CPA give us suggestions and followed those, as well as an openness to have our reports available to anyone who wants them, at any time. All you have to do is ask and we'll give you everything we are doing in terms of expenses and totals of income. The only thing we won't share is who gives what and how much. I am very proud of the Finance Ministry Team and John Almgren who chairs it, with some very sharp members on it.

Secondly, since December of 2010 we have had a group of leaders who are looking for our focus and direction as a Body of Christ. We have been studying a book, "The Simple Church" and have been doing a lot of introspection, observing, analyzing and soul-searching as individual Christians and as a Church. Pat Henson has put together an outline to help anyone understand what we're doing and we have leaders who are committed to meeting twice a month until we come up with the answers we need to redirect our efforts to be the kind of Church that God wants us to be, that Christ calls us to be and that the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to be. Just ask for it and I'd be glad to provide you with a copy.

In this study we are looking at what the Bible calls a church and what a Christian should be, comparing that to our "practices" and learning that we cannot continue to be the same church that we've always been. We must be faithful and obedient to God's Will or we are nothing.

Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger, the authors of "The Simple Church," have said that thriving, growing churches concentrate on these four items: Clarity, Movement, Alignment and Focus. *"The simple church is a congregation designed around a straight-forward process that moves people through the stages of spiritual growth."*



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It is a church where, *“The leadership and the church are clear about the process (clarity) and are committed to executing it. The process flows logically (movement) and is implemented in each area of the church (alignment). The church abandons everything that is not in the process (focus). Clarity. Movement. Alignment. Focus. All are necessary.”*

This process takes time, but we believe we are at a point where we are not only ready to do it, but are willing and eager to commit ourselves to this process. We also believe that this process will help us be the faithful, obedient Church that God wants us to be. If any of you want to join us—welcome! We plan on meeting every second and fourth Monday evening each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If anyone has questions, please call me and we’ll talk about it. If you don’t want to be part of the process then I have one thing I want to ask of you. Will you please pray for these leaders, pray that God will lead them to helping the Redlands United Methodist Church be the best Body of Christ we can possibly be? Thank you for your support and loving grace.

Love,
Gary

HAVE SOME LOOSE CHANGE? GIVE TO “BRIDGES OF LOVE”

Each year Annual Conference does an offering they call “Bridges of Love” which sends money for the General Board of Global Ministries. This year it will be going to India and Kenya for medical clinics, nutritional packets, water tanks, hand-washing stations and sustainable gardens. We will have a bucket on the Welcome Center counter for people to drop-in loose change to be taken to Annual Conference in June. We have flyers and other information about that available now. Please consider giving for the people of India and Kenya. Watch for that container, soon!

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Gary will also be taking any “Birthing” kits and “Layette” kits that people might have collected for UMCOR. See article below for a list of needed items. Thanks for all your generous giving!



UMCOR LAYETTE & BIRTHING KITS

All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations.

Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that the kit contains ONLY requested items - - nothing more, nothing less.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in kits...they are painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Birthing Kit Items - - value \$8.00 per kit

(Place items inside one-gallon plastic bag).

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yd. of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12” long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap in paper or cardboard)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard

Layette Kit Items - - value \$35.00

(Bundle items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins).

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater open in the front
- 2 receiving blankets

We Worship Together

MAY VOLUNTEERS

10:30 a.m.—ACOLYTES

May 1-29 Billy or Carissa or
Royanna Crawford

9:00 am COMMUNION STEWARDS

May 1: Jolene & Rob Flowers
Laverne & Betty Etter

10:30 a.m. —

May 1: Carl & Eileen Lepisto

9:00 a.m.— GREETERS

May 1: Jolene Flowers, Marion
Bestle, Doris Anderson

May 8: Jerry & Jan Cortez,
Vera Wagner

May 15: Millie Yoder, Marion
Bestle, Vera Wagner

May 22: Laverne & Betty Etter

May 29: Dave & Sharon Gartner,
Doris Anderson

10:30 a.m.—

May 1: Chuck Simcox
Volunteer Needed

May 8: Bob & Donna Spencer

May 15: Joan & Chuck Simcox

May 22: Bob & Donna Spencer

May 29: Minnie Koele,
Chuck Simcox

9 a.m. WELCOME BOOTH

May 1: Rob Flowers

May 8: **Volunteer Needed**

May 15: Glenn Yoder

May 22: Jack Warren

May 29: Vera Wagner

10:30 a.m.—

May 1: Dave Mattson

May 8: Mary Jo Humphrey

May 15: JoAnn Roemer

May 22: Marj Richardson

May 29: Ruth Trowbridge

10:00-10:30 a.m.-HOSPITALITY

May 1: Volunteer Needed

May 8: Caryl LaDuke

May 15: Lynn & Steve Little

May 22: Candy & Tim Graus

May 29: Millie & Glenn Yoder

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES FOR MAY

May 1— “Redlands on Religion—How Do We Prove God?” Is the Bible proof of God’s existence? Does the Bible prove our faith and is it meant to prove our faith? *John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-17* **HOLY COMMUNION**

May 8— “Save Yourself from this Crooked Generation.” For **MOTHER’S DAY**, Acts gives some advice to Christians that could easily be useful for families today in a world not always open to the Christian lifestyle. *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

May 15— “Redlands on Religion—Who was Cain’s Wife?” We’ll look at early Genesis and some of the gaps in the stories that we often overlook and still wonder about, including Cain’s wife. *Genesis 4:3-18*

May 22— “Redlands on Religion—Are the Jews the 144,000?” We’ll discuss the End Times and the 144,000. Are they the Jews and how do we, as Christians, respond to them? *Revelation: 14:1-7*

May 29— “Redlands on Religion—Why aren’t People Active in Church?” We’ll talk about why people come and attend, but don’t get involved, which also deals with sin and free-will. *Romans 6:20-23; 7:13-20*

9:00 a.m.— USHERS

May 1: Andy Zanski
Volunteer Needed

May 8: Jerry & Jan Cortez,

May 15: Jolene & Rob Flowers

May 22: Andy Zanski

Volunteer Needed

May 29: Dave & Sharon Gartner

10:30 a.m.

May 1: Dick Pippenger
Volunteer Needed

May 8: Bob & Donna Spencer

May 15: Jeff Geest, JoAnn Roemer

May 22: Bob & Donna Spencer

May 29: Royanna & Carissa
Crawford

10:30 a.m.—LITURGISTS

May 1: Doug Grodt

May 8: Carl Lepisto

May 15: Marj Richardson

May 22: Tim Graus

May 29: Ruth Trowbridge

DO YOU HAVE MUSICAL GIFTS?

If you would share yours in the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service this summer while the Chancel Choir is on hiatus, please contact Laine Cross at 256-0016.

WORSHIP HELPERS JUNE-NOVEMBER 2011

If you ARE CURRENTLY serving as a Worship Helper or alternate and want to continue to do so, YOU NEED NOT DO ANYTHING. However, if you want to change anything about your service in this regard (withdraw, change/add categories in which you are currently serving), then please notify the office at 245-1478 by May 15.

If you ARE NOT CURRENTLY serving and wish to be added to our list to help as Communion Stewards, Greeters, Welcome Booth Greeters, Hospitality, Ushers, Liturgists, or Acolytes (one or more of these categories), then please sign up at the Welcome Booth by May 15.

The 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service is especially in need of additional helpers.

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE!





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 *10:00-10:30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>1 <i>ShareFest 2011</i></p> <p><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm UMYF Camp Rally 1st UMC</p>	<p>2 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm “Bible Detective Stories Class”</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends</p> <p>6:00-8:30 pm Worship & Music Ministry Meeting</p> <p>6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p> <p>7:00-8:00 pm Cub Scout Planning</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Redlan</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm GVW</p> <p>7:00-8:30 pm Chanc</p>
<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY <i>Mission Moment</i></p> <p><i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i> <i>(special offering)</i> (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p>	<p>9 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm Simple Church Mtg.</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm “Bible Detective Stories Class”</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 am-1:30 pm UMW Mtg.</p> <p>1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends</p> <p>6:00-9:00 pm Finance Meeting</p> <p>6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW</p> <p>3:30-5:30 pm The S Tiara</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Redlan</p> <p>7:00-8:30 pm Chanc</p>
<p>15 <i>Witness Moment</i> RUMC Camp Sunday <i>Graduation Celebration Sunday</i> (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm UMYF End-of-school Celebration</p>	<p>16 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends</p> <p>6:00 pm Supper Club Project</p> <p>6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p> <p>7:00-8:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Redlan</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm GVW</p> <p>8:00-9:30 pm Chanc</p>
<p>22 <i>Stewardship Moment</i> (See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>5:00 pm <u>MAY</u> <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm Christian Seekers Dessert (membership class)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm UMYF</p>	<p>23 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>10:30-11:30 am Monument Pre-School Graduation</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm Simple Church Mtg.</p> <p>6:30-7:30 pm Monument Preschool Board Meeting</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:30-4:00pm UMW Caring Friends</p> <p>2:30-3:30 pm Monument Pre-School Graduation</p> <p>6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm GVW</p> <p>4:00 pm Sunday Bu</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm Dinner</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Redlan</p> <p>7:00-8:30 pm Chanc</p>
<p>29</p> <p>(See Sunday Worship schedule above.)</p> <p>Sunday School & UMYF on summer hiatus</p>	<p>30 CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00-11:30 am UMW Newsletter Assembly</p> <p>1:30-4:00 pm UMW Caring Friends</p> <p>6:00-10:00 pm Sweet Adeline's</p>	



DAY WORSHIP
Contemporary Service
Traditional Service
8:00 am—Adult Sun. School
9:00 am—Sunday School
for kids of all ages
10:00 am—Coffee
Fellowship
11:00 am—Adult Sun School
Schedule Each Sun. Below:

MAY 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
Bulletin deadline Hands Ringers C el Choir	5 9:30-11:30 am TLC Noon-1:00 pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 2:00-3:00 pm Welcoming/Membership Ministry Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise	6 1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers Lay Ministry Class Crossroads UMC	7 8:00 am-1:00 pm RUMC Spring Interior Cleanup 9:00 am-Noon Weaver's Group Lay Ministry Class Crossroads UMC
C easons at Rado HOA Bulletin deadline Hands Ringers el Choir	12 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise	13 "SWINGING AT AIDS" GOLF TOURNAMENT 1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers	14
Bulletin deadline Hands Ringers C el Choir	19 Noon-1:00 pm Covenant Disciple 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise	20 1:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers 3:00-10:00 p.m. Sweet Adeline Coaching Session	21 8:00 a.m-4:30 pm Sweet Adeline Coaching Session
C Bulletin deadline r & Melodrama Hands Ringers el Choir	26 Last Day of Preschool (Summer hiatus) 1:00-2:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00-9:00 pm Messengers of Praise	27 1:30 pm Sunday Bulletin Assembly Volunteers	28



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SECOND ANNUAL "SWINGING AT AIDS" GOLF TOURNAMENT SET!

The second annual "Swinging At AIDS" golf tournament is scheduled for May 13, a Friday. Gary will be helping by taking the registrations, but he'd love to have more people involved with this project. There will also be a silent auction at the Redlands Mesa Golf Course during the tournament that everyone can come and bid on.

The goal is to raise \$23,000 to help send medical supplies, equipment and training over to Africa to help children who have AIDS or are HIV positive.

How can you help? You can help by:

- praying for the many people worldwide who have to face this horrible killing disease.
- putting together a team of four to play in the tournament at the Ridges Golf Course (the cost will be \$135/person or \$500 for a team of four).
- donating nice items for the silent auction.
- getting your business or another's business to sponsor a hole, a cart, lunch or other things that go toward helping the cause as much as possible.
- donating money for the cause.

Please ask Gary for more information. What a great outreach to people in such great need all over the world. Set aside May 13 and come join us!

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help cover vacation schedules in the office May 10-13 (Tues.-Fri.) and 18-20 (Wed.-Fri.). Afternoon shifts (12:30-4:00 p.m.) need to be filled first, then morning shifts (9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). The primary function is to answer the telephone and greet/help people visiting the office, as well other tasks delegated by Gary. If you can help out, please call 245-1478. Your assistance is much appreciated!



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

At the April 19 meeting, the Church Council approved the loan necessary to go forward with the critical repairs for our building. Look for work to begin immediately. Some contractors are allowing us to help with labor thereby saving us some money. If you have interest in helping out, leave your name at the office and you will be contacted if needed.

We had a fantastic Lenten season culminating in a rewarding Holy week with great performances of the "Last Supper," Easter sunrise services on the Monument, a pancake breakfast, and Sunday worship celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There are many things coming up in the next four months to participate in. When we announce them, be sure to mark your calendar for the activities you would like to be involved with. We have the RETHINK CHURCH training scheduled for Saturday, July 16. This seminar is very worthwhile for all members. It will examine ways we can explore how we live as a church, to connect with young adults and other modern seekers to make them Disciples of Christ.

It was so good to see many new and returning faces in the congregation recently. Remember to "Check in with God" anytime you are on vacation or away from your Church home for any reason! Buck the trend to go away until the next major event and join your friends in worship and/or one of the many important ministries underway at your church!

Michael King
Church Council Chairman

In & About Our Church

FINANCE UPDATES

Let me start by saying thank you to all of you who support our church with your time, talents, and gifts. My honest assessment of the general state of the church finances is that we are doing okay. "Fair," would be another way to put it. I am optimistic that our situation will continue to improve. That said, we still have unmet obligations (apportionment) and as our situation continues to improve we will need to fulfill those before we add much to our budget.

Apportionment Challenge

As I explained during the worship Stewardship Moment in February each church in the conference is asked to contribute a percentage of their income to the good work of the conference (13% this year). Steve Goodier is our District Superintendent and he presided over our "All Church Conference" this year. At that meeting we had a frank and honest discussion about our financial situation and explained that it was not realistic for us to make the 13% contribution that the conference is counting on from our church this year. Instead, we committed to a fixed payment of \$417 per month (\$5,000 total for the year). Because of this, our church has been challenged by Steve Goodier to increase our apportionment contribution to the conference.

Steve brought this challenge to us from a group of churches in the Four Corners area. These churches have been able to meet their apportionment commitment and create a \$2,000 challenge fund for another church in the District. Steve chose our church. If we can raise an additional \$2,000 this year for our apportionment giving then the Four Corners churches will donate another \$2,000 in our name.

So as I said in worship, many of us are already giving all we can, but if you would like to make an additional contribution towards this challenge just indicate this with your payment.

You can write *Apportionment* or *Challenge* or *Apportionment Challenge* or *Apport.* in the memo of your check or on the offering envelope.

For example: Memo: \$135 pledge, \$5 Apport. We are tracking these until the end of the year and based on comments from many of you I believe we will meet or exceed this challenge.

Major Church Repairs

During the budgeting process, the Trustees Ministry had asked that we consider some overdue maintenance projects. These items were discussed at several Church Council meetings and were a main topic voted on at the All Church Conference. As a church we decided to take advantage of our refinance to help fund these projects.

We now have bids for the four key projects and are ready to commit the finances. The projects are:

- Replace shingles on 2nd half of pre-school wing
- Paint exterior of church especially stucco
- Repair cracks in the parking lot
- Make major repairs to the heating system

These four projects total approximately \$33,000. Funding will come from three sources: \$10,000 from a generous memorial contribution, \$11,000 from refinance, \$12,000 from a 5 year loan.

Open and Transparent

At Redlands United Methodist Church we strive to keep church finances open and transparent. If you want to know more, don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Finance Ministry Team. I'm in the directory and my cell phone number is 778-2137.

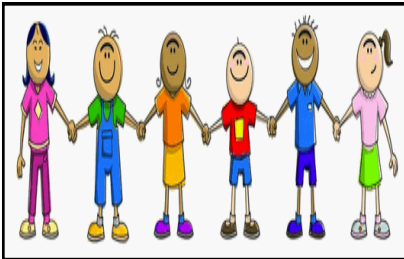
Sincerely,

John Almgren

Chair, Finance Committee



Children and Youth



WHAT'S UP AT UMYF IN MAY?

(All schedules are on www.rumcgj.com)

Sunday, May 1, 2011; 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Camp Rally at 1st United Methodist Church
(527 White Avenue)

Music, food, fellowship, games, worship, & raffle
Drop off and Pick up at 1st UMC

Sunday, May 8, 2011

NO UMYF

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 15, 2011; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

End of school celebration!

Dinner: Volunteer Needed

PRESCHOOL NEWS

May is our last month of school! (Ends May 26 for the summer.) We have lots of fun events and activities planned for this month. Our annual Pet Show, Day-at-the-Park, Moon Farm, Graduation, and Splash Day!

We still have space in our toddler class and pre kindergarten class for next year. Please call Kathan Hartle at 245-1478 if you are interested in any of these events or activities.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17; 9 AM-NOON DAILY

We are looking for help in many areas. We need adult and youth volunteers to help with recreation, science, storytelling, serving snacks, and shepherding the children who attend. Even if you are only available to help one day we would love to have you come and join us for a lot of fun!

We are also looking for donations for snacks for 120 kids (feel free to donate part of one item--others may only want to donate part as well). Snack donations would include: tortillas, cream cheese, carrots, peppers, celery, cucumber slices, celery, ranch dip, granola bars, grapes, apple bites, bananas, toothpicks, vanilla yogurt, fruit snacks, frozen fruit pop-sicles, and 600 dessert plates (about 6 inches in diameter).

If you are able to help us in any of the areas listed, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or call Jill Almgren (243-0689) or Julianne Yake (241-9437).

Thank you for your help!



GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 15



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!

Josh Bestle—Fruita Monument High School,
son of Randy and Margaret Bestle

Kyle Bestle—Fruita Monument High School,
son of Randy and Margaret Bestle

Ryan Hautzinger—Fruita Monument High School,
son of Pete Hautzinger and Cathy Welty

Jake Lybrook—Fruita Monument High School,
son of Scott and Carol Lybrook

Lucy Hartshorn—Fruita Monument High
School, daughter of Duane and Julie Harts-
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If anyone needs to be added, please
notify the office by May 8 (245-1478).

We Give Together

“APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES”

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction, which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires — as the writer of Hebrews observed — believing that God “. . . exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: “God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply.” This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it, God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by his Word, if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS FOR MAY:

Dried Foods: Pasta, Rice, Beans

RUMC “SUPPER CLUB” AT HOMEWARD BOUND

- May 17 — Finance
- June 21 — Church Council
- July 19 — Music Ministry
- Aug. 16 — Trustees
- Sept. 20 — Staff-Parish
- Oct. 18 — Congregation - led by Tracy Klaver, Bobbie McClure
- Nov. 15 — Sunday School Teachers (children's)
- Dec. 20 — Kathy Hillman/Jolene Flowers, Tracy Klaver, Bobbie McClure, Congregation



RUMC DINNER & MELODRAMA

Because you only have *one life to live*, and because the continuing sagas of *As the World Turns* and *Days of our Lives* will soon be no more.... come and meet the *bold and the beautiful* of Scrubsville, Washington; Pa and Ma Pureheart, and their darling daughter Prell, a poor and destitute family placing all their hope in soap futures. Come and enjoy a moment or two on the *edge of night*, as we watch the greedy, scheming and none-too-clean Dan Dingedorf. Come and enjoy a great meal, watch the drama, and support your youth group in an enjoyable evening filled with wealth, intrigue, *Lava*, power struggles, and fun.

Who: Youth going to Purdue this summer

When: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.; Show: 6:30 p.m.

Why: Raise money for the Purdue trip

Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes show and spaghetti dinner





Redlands United Methodist Church
 527 Village Way
 Grand Junction, CO 81507
 (970)245-1478; www.rumcgj.com

Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am—Contemporary Worship Service

10:30 am—Traditional Worship Service

9:00-10:00 am—Adult Sunday School

9:15-10:15 am—Sunday School; Kids All Ages

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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**ATTENTION ALL MEN AND BOYS
 HARDYBAR 2011; JUNE 17-18-19**

The time is approaching for us to head to the mountains. Warn your mothers and/or spouses so they can begin the grieving process.

If you have not been to HARDYBAR, here is the story. Each year at HARDYBAR, MEN AND BOYS ONLY camp out around a cabin on the edge of the Mesa for two nights. We primarily have fun. Tell the women in your lives that it is a small group fellowship or experiential learning-whatever you think will work.

Plans this year are to perfect your fencing skills. There will be gold, silver and bronze awards.

If you want some food, let us know you are coming. If you want to find the place, let us know and we will get you a map. Too early to tell on mud, but it looks promising. We will have campfire stories, but Steve's memory is not improving. \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids for food. Contact Steve Heacock (245-1025) or Roger Shenkel (242-6928) for details and/or food.

**RUMC INTERIOR
 SPRING WORK DAY
 Saturday; May 7, 2011**

Your Church needs YOU! A Spring Clean Up and Work day for the inside of the church is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with work scheduled to begin at 9:00 (to approx. noon).

Some of the jobs include prepping swamp coolers for summer, cleaning exterior doors and windows, some other cleaning, replacing light bulbs, general maintenance, kitchen clean-up from breakfast, and other items!!! The more that show up to help can turn this into a fast and easy project! See you there!!

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

The next lay speaking classes to be offered here in GJ will be at Crossroads UMC on May 6 & 7. This is a class for lay MINISTRY, not just "speaking." If you are interested or want more information, please talk to Gary and/or see Gary for an application.