

Special
points of
interest:

- Pastor Lynn has a new home phone number: **(760) 974-9163**, but she still prefers to receive calls on her cell phone: **(760) 534-1019**.
- The next Food for Life dinner for our church is Saturday, October 8. Volunteers always needed.
- The Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th due to Labor Day.

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The Scroll

September 2011

A Note from the Pastor

How to be the Family of God

There is nothing quite like a family reunion. Folks come from near and far to connect with their family heritage. Some look forward to family reunions with enthusiasm while others consider reunions to be an event that must be tolerated.

I recently returned from a family reunion in Georgia. I enjoy our family get-togethers but I know we are not perfect. There is the family member no one wants to hang out with for very long. There are members who have no desire to

change and are proud of it. There are family members who are intolerant and sometimes a bit unkind. But, there are also family members who are sweet and loving, and fun to be around. And some are so giving and caring they wear themselves out making sure everybody is happy. Some make a grand entrance, and some are so quiet we hardly know they are even there. They are young and energetic and they are older (never old) and more retiring. And there are family members we never see and know little about because they seem to have sepa-

rated from the family. The one thing that we all have in common is our heritage; and that makes us family.

As I sat in the kitchen one afternoon, rocking away and listening to stories of days gone by (It's a wonder anyone lived to adulthood), I realized that my family in Georgia was very much like a church family. While we really want all of our church family to be loving, kind, and generous... that isn't always the case. While we want everyone to get along and be supportive of each other, that doesn't always happen. But the fact remains we are family.

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Cherokee Legend

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry

out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump,

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A Note From the Pastor

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We are brothers and sisters in Christ, created in God's image. When we gather to worship each week it is a family reunion; a time to celebrate our common heritage and share it with the next generation.

Jesus recognized our shortcomings and taught us how to be a healthy family.

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults— unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own... Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then

grab the initiative and do it for them." (The Message, Matthew 7:1-5; 12a)

When you come here to worship each week and reunite with your church family, try to be that family member everybody loves to be around... by treating others with the same kindness and love you desire. May your family reunion be a blessing and source of great joy. May the light and love of Jesus shine in and through you.



Culinary Ministry Committee

The Culinary Ministry has been organized to coordinate activities of the church that require the use of the "Kitchen." Our goal is to maintain an organized, healthy, physical environment and establish an accountability process.

A Sign In and Out Calendar will be placed in the

kitchen. Please fill in all areas that apply to your event. This calendar will be used for ALL events including "Fellowship."

The second Sunday of each month is designated "Birthday" Sunday. This

will automatically be placed on the Calendar.

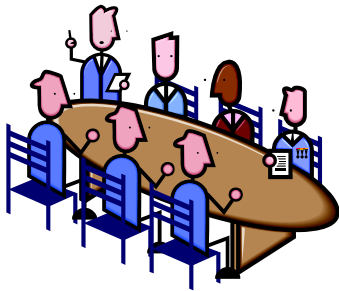


Reminders

- ◇ The kitchen must be kept clean at all times. This include tables, counter tops, stove, emptying coffee pot (filters, grinds), and floor.
- ◇ Empty trash (liners maybe found in the bottom of the trash can) in the dumpster located on the southwest side of the church.
- ◇ All items left in the kitchen become the property of the church.
- ◇ Place used linen in the linen tub in the kitchen near the door.
- ◇ All personal items must be taken home following each event.

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Culinary Ministry Committee (cont'd)



If there are any questions or comments please contact one of the members of the Culinary Ministry...

- ⇒ Lee Bickford
- ⇒ Ruth Crites
- ⇒ Sue McMahan
- ⇒ Krista McVey
- ⇒ Annie Solomon (Chairperson)
- ⇒ Debbie Tirozzi

In order to maintain an organized, safe, and healthy envi-

ronment in our kitchen, your assistance is essential. Thanks for your support.

Our Food Pantry

A "Big" thank you to all who are making this Ministry a success. Debbie Tirozzi has volunteered to assist in coordinating this Ministry. If you have any questions, see Debbie. Check the insert in the Church Bulletin for items needed. Donations acceptable also.

Labor Day Prayer

(http://www.mamarocks.com/labor_day_prayer.htm)

Lord on this Labor Day, We celebrate the work we do, and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs. We ask for those seeking employment that You guide them in their search for work.

We ask for guidance when we are confused. We ask for patience when working through conflicts. We ask for strength

to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.



Lord, support us all day long until shadows lengthen, evening comes, the busy world hushed, the fever of life is over and our life's work is done.

Then, in Thy tender mercy, give us safe lodging, holy rest and everlasting peace at your side for eternity.

Amen

Cherokee Legend (cont'd)

but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It was the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

It was then he discovered his father sitting on the stump

next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us.

When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him

Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He's not here. We cannot see the wind, but we know it's here by the effects it produces. We know God is here by the prayers that he answers, by the lives of people who have changed for the better, by the evidence that his son came to the earth and died for our sins and by his resurrection and the witness of the 11 apostles who rather die than recant. We know he's here by the beauty of creation, and the love that surrounds us. God IS here!



California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Training for effective & comprehensive ministry with the homeless for churches in Cal-Pac

“Step Up Outreach”

Sept. 17th, 12noon - 4:00pm at Vista UMC,
north of San Diego

Sept. 18th, 12noon - 4:00pm at Garden Grove UMC

Lunch will be provided,
Suggested Donation \$5

Centered Around

Rev. John Flowers'

Experience at Travis Park UMC in San Antonio, TX

“Not Just a One Night Stand”

John and his wife Rev. Karen Vannoy

Wrote about their experience doing ministry with the homeless there.



Training includes:

*Stories from homeless ministries within Cal-Pac

*Opportunity for church members or ministry team members

to plan how they might "step up" to the next level of ministry with the homeless.

For more information contact:

Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez at jgutierrez@cal-pac.org, 323-459-5363.

For Registration contact: Nataly Ruiz at nruiz@cal-pac.org, 626-568-7374. Coordinated by Urban and New Ministries

Breaking Bread Ministry (September)

Little Church of the Desert Community Hall

Free Meal and Fellowship

Prepared and Served by Dennis and Mary Hougard,
Oasis Community Church and L. Cosgriff

Saturday

September 3, 2011

Pork chops, Mixed Vegetables
and Dessert

Saturday

September 10, 2011

Polish sausage with onions and
peppers over rice, Pudding with
whip cream, and fruit cocktail

Saturday

September 17, 2011

Chef's Choice

Saturday

September 24, 2011

Chicken Casserole and Dessert

BIOGRAPHY OF A MEMBER - James Geddis

My name is James Geddis. I was born in Andrews Air-force Base, Washington D.C., in a snow storm. I moved to Twentynine Palms when I was two years old. My father was in the Marine Corp. so I grew up in Twentynine Palms. I have been going to United Methodist Church since I can remember. I went to school here in Twentynine Palms.

After school, I moved around a little and started Plumbing. Made four careers out of it from new construction, remodeling, and service.

Got married to my lovely wife Christina and had two of the greatest gifts Cadance and James Jr.

I ended up injuring m back which has put a stop to my Plumbing career, but I am working at my recovery. I am looking at school and a new career. I am blessed to be the custodian of the United Methodist Church! God Bless.

Bible Word Search: Who is Jesus

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. After you have found all the words, write the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

A Wonder, Father, Friend, God, Helper, I Am, Lamb, Love, Messiah, Peace, Refuge, Rock, Spirit.

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"open hearts, open minds, open doors"

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The Mission of the United Methodist Church (UMC) is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation for the world. We live this mission by serving the community of Twentynine Palms and surrounding areas in the name of Jesus Christ through dynamic discipleship and compassionate outreach.



Community Outreach

Please share the following information with anyone that might be in need...

Thrift Shop

Blessed Sacrament Thrift Shop

5798 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
(760) 367-0125

Community Food Pantry

Immanuel Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

6450 Star Dune Avenue
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Open: 9:30am M-F

Food and Clothing

Palms Baptist Church

5285 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
(760) 367-3713

Open: 2nd thru 4th Thursday,
10:00am to 1:00 pm

Outreach

Morongo Basin Coalition for Adult Literacy

6078 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

One-on-one tutoring to adults who would like to improve their reading, writing, and/or mathematics.

Morongo Basin Unity Home

61740 29 Palms Highway
Joshua Tree, CA 92252
(760) 366-9663

Reach Out Morongo Basin

6539 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
(760) 361-1410

Senior/Disabled: friendly visit, minor repairs, yard work, phone reassurance, minor housekeeping, business help.

Free ride to doctor/dentist: local, Palm Springs, Loma Linda, Braille Institute.