

NOTE: TWO IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, January 21 - All Church Forum, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 29 - Annual Meeting, immediately after service

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

by Marilyn Michelon

Happy New Year! It is a time of new beginnings - leave the old behind and resolve to do better now.

Well, that seems to be the usual sentiment, but it never really works that way for me. Somehow, I always have the past year's mistakes or difficulties, as well as the successes, traveling along with me.

I think that it is the way it has to be to continue the journey. We need to build on our past, celebrating the successes, learning from the mistakes, and incorporating the difficulties. In 2011 our church has made many decisions some that made us happy and proud, and some that were difficult but important to help us heal and move forward.

In January, we end the year with the current slate of officers. Some will turn their job over to others with fresh ideas, some will take on new positions, some will take a job for the first time. The Boards and Council will have new dynamics because of the changes. This is healthy for our church. We will celebrate the changes.

I ask that you all plan to attend the Annual Meeting on January 29th. There we will recognize the changes, and make decisions and plans for 2012 in United Church of Cloverdale. We will re-group. On that day we will worship, eat, decide, elect, plan, and celebrate together. Be there, don't miss it!

Remember to continue to use the 2011 tools-

a toothpick - to pick good qualities in everyone

a band-aid- to heal the hurts of everyone

candy kisses- to give hugs and compliments

glue stick- to stick to it and stick together

sponge- to share your blessings with others

a rubber band - to be flexible

an eraser- to forgive mistakes

mint- you are worth a mint to UCC

pencil- to list your blessings

Have a Blessed New Year!

PEOPLE PAGE

O God, We lift up prayers for:

Health, Healing and Comfort:

Dominick & Bert DiNoto-Spence, Lori Serrano,
Ruth Anderson, Ethel Muttart, Flossie Gallegos,
Victoria Martineau, Ehren Werner

Our church's transition process

Please communicate your prayers of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Care Needs to the Church Office. For urgent Pastoral Care needs, please contact Marilyn's home (894-2849) or Cell (236-0806) phone.

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Birthdays

1/5 Terri Matlock
1/8 Sebastian Huron Hopkins
1/11 Tom Clark
1/14 Brooke Fraser
1/15 Shirley Murray
Montana Wise
1/16 Suzanne Gunnick
1/19 Bob Fraser
Nikki Lane
1/21 Anna Timm
1/22 Sharon Bilbro
1/23 Richard Greene
Ava Smith
Holly Werner
1/25 Ken Minto
1/26 Lavonne Blucher-Nameny
Diane Sigala
1/27 Amalia Greene
1/30 Jennifer Minto

Anniversaries

1/12 Bruce & Darlene Reuser
1/18 Paula & Greg Bentall
1/23 Ginny & Bill Corzine
1/24 Richard & Brooke Greene

Flowers

1/1 Available
1/8 Available
1/15 Available
1/22 Available
1/29 Available

Greeters

1/1 Available
1/8 Available
1/15 Available
1/22 Available
1/29 Available

Coffee Hour Hosts

1/1 Available
1/8 Available
1/15 Available
1/22 Available
1/29 Available

Lay Readers

1/1 Tom Clark
1/8 Richard Werner
1/15 Jean Craig
1/22 Nikki Lane
1/29 Mary Dixon

Counters

1/1 Terry Matlock, Art Jewett
1/8 Art Jewett, Polly Lile
1/15 Bette Jewett, TBA
1/22 Bette Jewett, Laurie Kneeland
1/29 Laurie Kneeland, Nikki Lane

Ushers

1/1 Jerry Huot, Art Jewett, Nikki Lane,
Flossie Gallegos
1/8 Richard Werner, Holly Werner,
Jean Craig, Eddie Bentall
1/15 Bob Timm, Grace Dilley,
Tom Clark, Jean Clark
1/22 Mary Dixon, Laurie Kneeland,
Jerry Huot, Art Jewett
1/29 Nikki Lane, Flossie Gallegos,
Richard Werner, Holly Werner

Communion Servers

TBA (To Be Announced)

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“Who we are” and “What we shall be”

As we move from 2011 into the New Year, I would like to make a few observations, an announcement or two, and one enormous expression of thanks!

It seems to me that for most of the transition period beginning in 2011, the church has been primarily concerned with the question “Who are we?” while taking on the 1st Developmental Task of Transition (DTT), namely ***Coming to Terms with Your History***. This process accelerated in the last quarter of the year, as the elected Transition Steering Team (TST) began meeting with their randomly-selected Cottage Groups, holding two such meetings by year’s end. These groups appear to be well-appreciated, from the feedback I am getting, and the TST leaders deserve our congratulations, while assuring me that it is not too late to join one of their Cottage Groups, if somehow you have missed out on that opportunity.

On Saturday morning, January 21st, between 9 and 11 am, as noted on the church calendar of events, there will be a Public Forum in Fellowship Hall, primarily devoted to the 2nd DTT, namely ***Discovering a New Identity*** or, said in the form of a question, “What shall we be?” You are all invited to this forum where you can take part in a very exciting and hopefully-productive exercise going by the name of “Asset Mapping,” which will be explained at that time. This Forum will appear in future announcements by the title of this article, namely ***“Who We Are” and “What We Shall Be.”***

The second DTT, ***Discovering a New Identity***, is particularly important to the ongoing transition between past and future pastors, and doubtless will find many forms of expression during the coming year, beginning with the Forum and followed the next week (Sunday the 29th of January) by the Annual Meeting. At least three aspects of the 2nd DTT are:

- 1) developing a “hands-on” expression of the mission and vision of the church as it adjusts to the myriad cultural shifts taking place within society, both locally and globally;
- 2) studying the feasibility and hopefully enacting revisions of the by-laws (as currently mandated by the current by-laws), effecting possible structural changes to the forms and expressions of church polity (governance);
- 3) developing greater awareness and a sense of ownership of the broadly-held values and ministerial expectations of this particular church that will be invaluable in preparing an accurate Local Church Profile, eventually to be published and presented to future ministerial candidates.

I hope it is by now fairly obvious how important and transparent are the processes set in motion through the TST, in conjunction with the cottage groups and future forums/workshops. Everyone dedicated to this church’s past, present, and future has an opportunity for feedback and input in these processes, and working together to discern God’s will can and should develop an even greater web of relationships, as you find yourselves truly to be a Cloverdale branch of the “family of God,” working to fulfill that divine will.

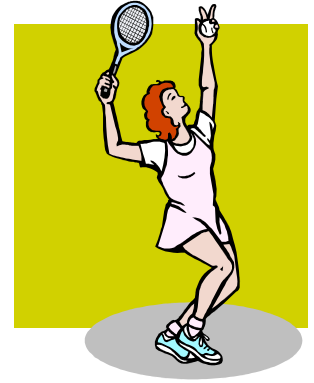
It remains to express my enormous sense of gratitude for the expressions of love and support I received during my unexpected neck surgery and recuperation in late October and November. It is a tribute to so many people (and you know who you are) that I dare not name names for fear of leaving someone unintentionally unmentioned. As most of you know, I had been scheduled in that period for a follow-up abdominal surgery at UCSF, and it is anticipated that I will again be taking a medical leave of absence, most likely somewhere between February and March. I am confident that period will go as smoothly as the last, that cottage groups will continue to meet, process, and build upon the positive outcomes finding expression at the January Forum, and continue to make me so very proud of your work, while humbled by your call of me to be your “temporary shepherd.” May a sense of God’s peace and guidance be with us all?

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WAYS TO SERVE

by Marilyn Michelon

1. Say yes to the Nominating Committee when you are asked to serve as an officer or on a board or committee.
2. Attend the TST Forum on Asset Mapping on January 21, 2012.
3. Be an active member by attending church services and events, contributing to it's support, and promoting it's spiritual welfare. Attend the Church Annual Meeting on January 29. Come to worship, stay for lunch and the meeting.



Many thanks to all of you for stepping up in service throughout 2011

FAIR TRADE SALE RESULTS

by Lavonne Blucher Nameny



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Fair Trade sale in November – those who worked, as well as those who purchased. One World Fair Trade of Healdsburg shared a percentage of the sales with us, and Mission and Outreach in turn donated that amount (\$750) to Wallace House. The money will be used for meal and travel vouchers, and laundry. Your work and purchases help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate amongst us.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Holly Werner

Large white board needed: The Christian Education board is still looking for the donation of a large white board for the Sunday School class room.

Youth Group

Youth group will meet on every Sunday of January except New Years day.

FINANCE BOARD

by Andy Grose, Jean Craig & Jim Nameny

| Finance Board Report for November, | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| | Budget | Yr to Date Budget | Yr to Date Actual | Difference Actual - Bdgt |
| Income | | | | |
| Pledged | \$71,920 | \$65,927 | \$63,418 | -\$2,509 |
| Other Income | \$41,485 | \$38,028 | \$37,508 | -\$520 |
| Total Income | \$113,405 | \$103,955 | \$100,926 | -\$3,029 |
| Expenses | \$113,406 | \$103,956 | \$96,984 | -\$6,972 |
| Excess (Shortage) | -\$1 | -\$1 | \$3,942 | \$3,943 |

Due primarily to lower than budgeted expenses, it appears that we will end the year in the black. This enables us to reach the target of \$4,000 for Conference Dues, upon which we decided at our January Congregational meeting.

Congregational contributions and fundraisers are running behind budget, but this shortfall was somewhat offset by a positive variance in Building Use Income, primarily occurring in the first quarter of the year.

Any bond redemptions and the corresponding interest payments will occur in December, so may partially reduce our annual excess. We currently owe \$153,000 on our Cornerstone Loan, and an additional \$27,000 to our own internal bondholders. Interest rates are 6 7/8% and 5% respectively.

Given clearer results from the Stewardship Campaign, a more refined budget was presented at the December Council meeting. This process will lead to a congregational vote on the budget at the January 29th Congregational meeting.

STEWARDSHIP

by Carol Huot, Stewardship Chair

The theme of our stewardship campaign was. Count Yourself Blessed. We have been blessed by pledges from 32 households. The amount pledged was \$66,790.

However, because of “Lucky Leprechaun” and the pot of gold we increased our pledges enough to get the matching funds of \$6,000 in the first pot of gold. Then a second pot of gold containing \$1,000 appeared and so far we have been able to get \$400.00 of it. There is still \$600 in the matching pot and it would be wonderful if a few more people could increase their pledges and help us get the extra \$600. So far, the matching amount has bumped us up to \$73,190. This is wonderful news, but I was hoping for an increase in the number of pledges turned in. Remember, the lines. “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. “

We were fortunate right after the campaign to receive the bequest from the Pecks. Is that a coincidence or is God Still Speaking? Think about it?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Jean Craig

Contributions: 01/01/2011 to 11/30/2011

| Fund Description | Pledged | Unpledged | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS | 54,281.80 | 8,639.67 | 62,921.47 |
| Time & Talent | 0.00 | 6,439.00 | 6,439.00 |
| Yard Sale | 0.00 | 1,451.95 | 1,451.95 |
| Building Rental | 0.00 | 2,762.20 | 2,762.20 |
| Undesignated Memorials | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0.00 | 1,762.88 | 1,762.88 |
| United Methodist Trust Fund | 0.00 | 9,053.16 | 9,053.16 |
| Flowers | 0.00 | 685.00 | 685.00 |
| Substitute Musician | 0.00 | 695.00 | 695.00 |
| Camp Caz Donations | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Camp Caz Fundraisers | 0.00 | 701.65 | 701.65 |
| Roundtable/Cookbooks | 0.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Neighbors In Need (NIN) | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| NCNCUCC Share | 400.00 | 890.00 | 1,290.00 |
| Food Pantry | 0.00 | 413.75 | 413.75 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | 0.00 | 631.00 | 631.00 |
| Youth Grp Fundraisers | 0.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 |
| Pennies from Heaven | 0.00 | 221.00 | 221.00 |
| Heiffer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mission & Outreach | 0.00 | 775.00 | 775.00 |
| Oktoberfest-Tickets | 0.00 | 3,885.00 | 3,885.00 |
| Wallace House | 0.00 | 1,124.00 | 1,124.00 |
| Preservation&Restoration Chase | 0.00 | 5,300.00 | 5,300.00 |
| Historical Photos | 0.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 |
| Council On Aging | 0.00 | 291.00 | 291.00 |
| Music Ministry | 0.00 | 595.00 | 595.00 |
| Oktoberfest-Vendors | 0.00 | 510.00 | 510.00 |
| Oktoberfes-other income | 0.00 | 3,215.25 | 3,215.25 |
| Bequests | 0.00 | 93,896.36 | 93,896.36 |
| Building Maintenance Deposit | 0.00 | 505.00 | 505.00 |
| Tm&Tal tax deduct donation | 0.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| Congregational Life | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | 5,089.00 | 1,774.00 | 6,863.00 |
| Thrift Shop Income | 0.00 | 16,955.91 | 16,955.91 |
| Totals: | 59,770.80 | 164,018.78 | 223,789.58 |
| Non-Cash Contributions | 0.00 | 4,635.40 | 4,635.40 |

The Holiday Gift Raffle proceeds totaled \$520.00. Please join the Finance Board in thanking the donors:

Log Cabin quilt Virginia Ullery who pieced it and Marilyn Michelin who facilitated the completion which included quilting by Dottie Hunt. - Winner: Tamara

Enchanted Evening from Gus and Cindy Wolter owners of the English Tea Garden Bed and Breakfast Inn and Piacere Restaurant for donating a dinner for 2. - Winner: Roy Domke

Pinot Wine Collection Donated by Cary & Bob Fraser, - Winner: Nancy Randolph.

Rest & Relax at the Grose's Palomino Lakes Hideaway which included 2 gourmet breakfasts, **massages** for 2 by Terri Matlock, **dinner at Tian Yuen** donated by the Craigs, Snacks and Treats Grose's and Craigs. - Winner Gina Buchignani.

Many thanks as well to Laurie Kneeland for displaying the quilt and to all who sold and purchased the tickets.

DIACONATE

by Jean Clark

We appreciate all who helped during this past year with Attendance Recording, Flowers, Ushering, Lay Reader, and Communion. As we begin this new year, we hope you will volunteer again.

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH:

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR- providing flowers for the altar is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion – birthday, anniversary, or any other special day. The sign-up chart for flowers is in the sanctuary.

USHERING – the ushers pass the microphone during Announcements and Joys and Concerns and collect the offering. Ushers usually are scheduled to help once a month.

LAY READER – from the Pulpit, the Lay Reader opens the service with announcements and reads the weekly scripture. There is a suggested script on the Pulpit for the Lay Reader to follow. The week before you are scheduled to be the Reader, Jilloni will send you the scripture that you will be reading. A Lay Reader is usually scheduled every other month.

COMMUNION- we serve Communion on the first Sunday of each month. We need one person to take the Communion tray to people who remain sitting in the pews and three people to stand at the front of each aisle to serve Communion. If you haven't done served Communion before, you will be given instructions on how to do this.

ATTENDANCE RECORDING –this person keeps track of how many people are actually attending church each Sunday. You would be scheduled about once every six weeks.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these opportunities to serve UCC, you can contact anyone on Diaconate – Jean Clark, Bette Jewett, Madelyn Ketchum, Laurie Bilbro, Dolly Garrison, or Janice Timm.

RAINBOW WRISTBANDS

by Holly Werner

You might have observed over the last several months that a few members of our congregation are wearing rainbow wristbands, and some of you have asked about them.

These wristbands are provided by RainbowDelegation.org and are worn as a **visual** presence of support for the LGBTQ community. When you wear one you are saying “I am Safe and I am supportive”

There will be a basket of these wrist bands (provided by Holly Werner) in Fellowship Hall all thru January.

For more information about the wristbands go to RainbowDelegation.org.

BOB & JEAN PECK

by Carol Huot

The recent bequest to our church was such a wonderful surprise to all of us. I was asked to tell a little about Bob and Jean Peck for those of you who didn't know them. Bob and Jean met in Oregon during WWII. They were married in 1945, moving to Chico, California, where Bob received his teaching degree. They moved to the Philippine Islands for 5 years, where Bob was a teacher and later a principal at the US Naval Base there. They transferred to Japan for 2 years and then to Iceland for 2 more years before returning to Campbell, Calif. Jean worked as the secretary to the chief of staff at each of these 3 military bases.

Jean became a top realtor in Campbell. Sometime during this period Bob taught wood working and metal shop at San Quentin. They loved to travel and took their 5th wheel all over the United States. Jean loved to plan the trips and was chief navigator while Bob drove. They also loved gardening, camping, and dancing. She was an excellent financial planner as well as a seamstress and a gourmet cook.

They moved to Cloverdale and built their house on First Street . They joined our church in October of 1993. During that time they participated in many activities. Bob helped out in the food pantry and Jean was a great hostess for the church. She greeted all newcomers and followed up with notes and calls. They were a warm and friendly couple, and opened their lovely home to host many events and offered to host visiting choir members or pastors.

Bob and Jean had two children, a son Mike who lives with his family in Sonoma, and a daughter Kathie (Strand) who lives with her family in American Falls, Idaho. They had 5 grandchildren

During their time in Cloverdale, Pastor Gayle Madison talked to several people about putting the church in their wills. Jean was very good with finances and investing. She & Bob chose to set aside money in an interest bearing account naming United Church of Cloverdale as beneficiary. We do not know the original amount invested but we have received nearly \$94,000.

Jean had a stroke in 2002 and moved to be closer to their son in Sonoma. After Bob passed away in 2004, Jean moved to Idaho to be closer to her daughter. She resided at Quail Ridge in Pocatello since 2005 and passed away there on August 12, 2011.

We are so grateful to have had the Pecks as members and also so honored to have such a bequest given to us. Thank you Bob & Jean for your generosity.

HEAVENS CLOSET / THRIFT SHOP

by Barbara Goepel

Thank you everyone for supporting our shop last year. We found that sales were down due to the general economy, but the month of December was very busy. We added to the regular ad in the paper about having many Christmas items, maybe that helped the sales.

Thank you to all the volunteers that work regularly on sale days. Thank you to all for contributions, household items, clothing for all the family, warm blankets and sleeping bags. Winter is here and many people come for something thing warm.

We always need new volunteers, and helping in Heavens Closet would be a great way to start the New Year.

PROPOSED UNITED CHURCH INFORMATION PRIVACY POLICY

At the January 2012 Annual Congregational Meeting, voting members will be asked to approve a “Privacy Policy” that mostly covers the church’s web site, but also applies to other church publications (like the church’s newsletter).

In developing and maintaining the website for United Church, we go by an unofficial policy with respect to inclusion of personal information. We spell this out below both to make it clear and to invite discussion. This is a difficult issue to write about and we do not mean to come across as alarmist but in our role, we do have the responsibility to handle congregational information carefully.

Note, that unlike most website privacy policies, this addresses the privacy of *congregational information*, not *information from website visitors*. We do not collect any information from website visitor except for inquiry forms submitted, and normal aggregate hits logs. No web site visitor information is given or sold to others.

Feel free to contact us with comments, questions or concerns.

– *The website ministry team: Polly Lile, Janice Timm, & Lavonne Nameny*

Some Background

As use of the internet has grown and becomes more mainstream, many concerns have arisen over access to personal information on the internet. Websites and most public posting forums are and are meant to be totally public. Any information posted there is released into a wide domain in which you have very little control over how the information is used. Search engines and automatic programs (known as robots or spiders) can read and collect information from an incredible number of web sites in a short time.

Concerns and issues have often been inflated into fears by print media to the point where many people are very concerned about using the internet. Even though most of the personal information available in the internet is also publicly available elsewhere, there are still common (and valid) concerns related to the ease of access and collection of information.

Some of the current concerns that are prevalent include:

- **Unsolicited (unwanted) Email**
Unsolicited and generally unwanted junk email (SPAM) is a huge annoyance to most people, to the point that many states have considered ways to make it illegal and email providers must implement extensive filtering to attempt to cope. This is generally commercial but can concern anything. Many people are careful about letting their email addresses become widespread to limit SPAM.
- **Harassing Personal Contacts**
This can include all sorts of undesired personal contacts, whether hate-mail, personal harassment, stalking or pedophilic advances toward children or youth. This is probably more often initiated in chat forums than regular websites. (We believe that this is much more rare than the media would portray, but it does concern many people and is still an important issue to consider)
- **Identity Theft**
Gathering of personal details of others for various kinds of fraud has become more prevalent in recent years.

Please be aware, that while we don’t post home addresses, there are a number of websites that provide white pages, or extensive listings of mailing addresses. There are also a number of *people-finder* type sites that help in locating people and their names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. These sites have many sources of data and you can probably assume that you’re in there somewhere.

United Church of Cloverdale Privacy Policy (*proposed, January 2012*)

We have several basic groups of people that might be listed or referred to; staff, adult members, youth and guests. Information of concern includes names, email addresses, phone numbers and photos. Home addresses are never posted on the web site and rarely in the newsletter.

1. **For staff**, we list names, email addresses, and office phone numbers. We do not list staff home phones or cell phones unless specifically asked to do so by that particular individual. It is important that people be able to contact the staff and that most access is through the office.
2. **For adult members**, we often list names when they are a contact for some group or activity that we are covering on the website or in the church newsletter. We do not list email addresses unless specifically given permission. We sometimes list phone numbers in the church newsletter, but not directly on the web site. It is assumed that members have the church directory or can call the office for phone numbers.
3. **For youth and children**, we generally do not list full names. We also do not list email addresses or phone numbers. Photo captions do not include full names and often do not include names at all. This is more to protect them from the more dangerous types of people that can and do use the net to contact and take advantage of young people. (See below regarding photos posted on the Web Site.)
4. **For invited speakers or guests**, our policy is the same as for adult members.
5. United Church has a **printed member and ministry directory** with names, addresses, email, etc. which is only available to members and friends. It is periodically distributed in print at the church. To request a copy or to add your information to this directory contact the church office. This directory is not available online.
6. United Church has a **printed monthly newsletter** that is available online as a PDF document. The newsletter is uploaded as an intact document (including the member contact information that is present that month). Since the text of the document is not present in the HTML of the website itself, this document would not be read by the robots and spiders mentioned in the preceding "Background" section.
7. When using **photos** of UCC events, members, etc. online, either directly on the website or in our photo albums we use the following guidelines:
 - Photos and names of children under 18 will NOT be used without parental or guardian permission.
 - Including photos in our site is a privilege for us, and we intend to respect and honor it. Photos are almost always of people in public spaces, at public events.
 - We try not to post anything that would be embarrassing, objectionable or hurtful to anyone in the photo. If we know someone is shy about such things, we ask them before posting the photo.
 - Applying other parts of our general privacy policy, we don't put full names of children or youth as captions with photos, and we minimize how often we use full names of adults.
 - We will gladly provide credit for who took a particular photo if desired by the photographer, and we would certainly honor any copyright wishes or restrictions.
 - We will gladly remove any photo immediately upon request.

Please note that we have no control over individuals who might copy or capture a photo image and repost it elsewhere, and are not responsible for the actions of others.

In any case, if you see a photo that includes you or your child and would like it removed from the site, we would be glad to do so. Just notify the webmaster with the details

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 1
9:55 am, Communion Service - Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 3
11:00 am, Mission & Outreach Mtg - Conf Room

Thursday January 5
10:00 am, Congregational Life - Conf Room

Saturday, January 7
8:00 am, Men's Breakfast - Star Restaurant
8:00 am, Trustees Meeting - Fellowship Hall
9:30 am, Diaconate Meeting - Conf Room

Sunday, January 8
9:55 am, Sunday Service - Sanctuary
4:30 pm, Youth Group - Youth Rooms

Monday, January 8
4:00 pm, Christian Education - Youth Rooms
7:30 pm, Finance Meeting - Conf Room

Wednesday, January 11
9:00 am, Project Linus - Ketchum Home

Sunday, January 15
9:55 am, Sunday Service (pennies) - Sanctuary
4:30 pm, Youth Group - Youth Rooms

Wednesday, January 18
8:30 am, Women's Breakfast, Star Restaurant
7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 21
9:00 am-11 am, **All Church Forum** - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 22
9:55 am, Sunday Service - Sanctuary
4:30 pm, Youth Group Meetings - Youth Rooms

Thursday, January 26
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsals - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 29
9:55 am, Sunday Service - Sanctuary
After Service, **Annual Meeting** - Sanctuary

Kids in Church

Every evening, a mother and her young son, knelt down beside his bed so he could say his prayers. One night, obviously bored with the same old prayer, the little boy said this: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake.....can I have breakfast with you in the morning?"

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*A little girl from Minneapolis came home from Sunday School with a frown on her face. "I'm not going back there anymore," she announced with finality. "I don't like the Bible they keep teaching us." "Why not?" asked her astonished mother. "Because," said the little girl, "the Bible is always talking about St. Paul, and it never once mentions Minneapolis."*

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At our Mother/Daughter banquet the pastor's wife asked for of the daughters to come forward to share what their mother has taught them. She chose my 14-year-old daughter and as I sat there reviewing all the wonderful things I taught her, she said, "My mom taught me to love my body now, because I'm going to hate it when I'm 40."

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*A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.*

*"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.*

*The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"*