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Our Mission Statement



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Advent & Christmas Schedule of Events

Caroling & Youth Group
December 19th, 4:00pm
(Meet at church)

Christmas Sunday Worship
December 20th, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Services
Family Service—5:00pm
Candlelight Service—7:00pm

Christmas Special Offering

This year's Christmas Special Offering will be given in support of the Pacific Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our Region provides winter and summer camps for our children and youth... retreats for both women and men... support for congregations in transition... the development of new congregations... partnerships with Chapman University and Disciples Seminary Foundation in the educating of our young adults and future ministers... and much more. We invite you to use the special Christmas offering envelopes available in worship on December 20th and 27th in support of the larger Church of which we are a part.



Christmas Gifts for the Homeless

On Christmas morning Alan & Janet Fox will continue their family tradition of bringing gifts to the homeless living on the streets of downtown San Diego. Anyone wishing to support their efforts on Christmas are invited to bring any of the following to the church between now and Christmas Eve: pint-sized bottled water, pudding & fruit cups, juice boxes/pouches, knit caps, scarves & gloves, socks, flashlights, lip balms, lotions, small-sized hygiene items (shampoos, soaps, toothpaste & tooth brushes, combs & brushes, deodorants, body lotion, etc.), sweaters, jackets. It is anticipated there will also be families with children on the streets so any small toys and/or children's clothing will also be helpful. Our thanks to the Foxes for allowing us to join them in honoring the birth of Jesus in such a meaningful way!

Our “Daly” Bread

LIVING WORD—I never cease to be amazed how God works, especially when we are willing participants. I am reminded of God’s power to move and inspire as we draw nearer to Christmas this year.

Several years ago a Christmas gift was given to Jeff McDowell, the President of our congregation, that impacted him, me and many in our church. Jeff was our custodian at the time and still new in his sobriety. An anonymous gift giver, known only as the Spirit of Christmas, gave Jeff a *One Year Bible* to help guide him on his new journey of faith and sobriety. The Bible was edited to include a reading from both the Old and New Testaments every day, along with a Psalm and Proverb, so that if read daily Jeff could read the entire Bible in a year. Jeff was grateful for his new gift and looked forward to beginning some daily reading and prayer time on January 1st.

As Jeff shared his excitement with me I told him I would like to join him on his journey thru the *One Year Bible*. He was surprised to hear I had never read the Bible all the way thru, just assuming that is a part of our training in seminary. I laughed and told him that we learned how to do historical biblical criticism in seminary, but that is far different than doing daily devotional readings that would lead you thru the entire Bible. I knew for a fact there was much in the Bible I had not ever fully read or studied, so I welcomed an opportunity to join him on his journey. And much to our surprise, Debbie (our office administrator) decided to get in on the fun as well!

There is much in the Bible that isn’t always easily understood or interpreted and some of the readings can leave you with more questions than answers. But what touched me most during that year-long journey was how often the readings for the day or week really spoke to things going on in our lives, in the church or even in the world. When we simply opened our minds and hearts without any agenda other than to draw closer to God, I was amazed at how often God seemed to use our readings to speak a word to us. In that way the Bible really did become a ‘*Living Word*’ as God kept using it to challenge us, comfort us, teach us and even admonish us. It was an experience that really began to deepen our relationship with God and with one another as we shared the ways God was working on, in, and even through us. In fact, our experience was so meaningful I asked the elders to join me on the journey the following year. Much to my surprise not only did they accept my invitation, but they donated several cases of *One Year Bibles* to give to the congregation so that anyone who wanted to could join us on the journey the following year. We gave away 60 Bibles in those weeks leading up to January 1st and even started some small groups that would discuss the weekly readings, wrestle with the hard questions and share how the readings were impacting their faith. It was a rich and meaningful time for many of us.

Now that Jeff is serving as President of the congregation he suggested we invite the congregation to embark on another journey thru the *One Year Bible*. Many in our church family were not with us then, and even many of us who were could benefit from the experience again. After all, when the Bible becomes a *Living Word* God can speak to us today in ways that are still fresh and new and relevant and transforming. I hope you will consider joining us on the journey.

We have made *One Year Bibles* available for donations of \$10, but anyone is welcome to take one whether you are able to make a donation or not. We will also have *One Year Bible* discussion groups meeting at various times and places, and I will be preaching each Sunday from one of the texts we will have read the previous week. So I invite you to allow the new year to provide a new beginning, not only for your reading of the Bible but for your journey of faith.

May the gift of Jesus’ coming into the world be received again and again throughout 2010 as we seek to draw closer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Brian

**Sunday
Schedule**




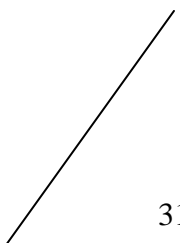
9:00am One Year
Bible Study

10:30am
Worship &
Children's Church

5pm, Voltage
6:30pm, Amped



January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Happy New Year -Office Closed- 7:15pm RIC	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast 2pm Memorial Service
3  Epiphany CCSA Sunday	4 6-7pm Prayer Ministry	5 <i>No Tai Chi</i>	6	7	8 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	9
10	11 6-7pm Prayer Ministry 7pm 	12 9:30am Tai Chi	13 7pm One Year Bible Study	14	15 7:15pm Recovery In Christ <div style="border: 1px solid blue; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Jr. High JANboree 15th-18th </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;"> Interfaith Shelter Network </div>	16
17 Treasure Box Order Deadline	18 MLK Jr Day -Office Closed- 6-7pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Board Mtg.	19 9:30am Tai Chi 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	20 10:30am CWF Meeting 7pm One Year Bible Study	21 -Newsletter- 6:30pm WISH	22 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	23 9:30am Lay Care Team
24  31	25 6-7pm Prayer Ministry	26 9:30am Tai Chi 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	27 10am-Noon Games Day 7pm One Year Bible Study	28	29 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	30 Treasure Box Order Pick-up

The new year is upon us and I'm currently forming a youth & family leadership team to begin planning for the year and beyond. (I'm SO excited!) In the mean-time, here's a schedule of youth activities for the months of January & February.



January

01/03/10	NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND - NO YOUTH PROGRAMS
01/10/10	Youth Groups (TBA)
01/17/10	Youth Groups (TBA)
01/31/10	2:30–7:30 pm NRG SURGE! - Video Game Party (Xbox, PS2, Wii)

February

02/06/10	(time TBD) Service Blitz—Souper Bowl of Caring Service project
02/07/10	Souper Bowl of Caring fund raiser/food drive (during worship service) Super Bowl Party? (tentative...looking for host)
02/12/10 - 02/15/10	FEB Camp (high School) @ Pilgrim Pines (register now!)
02/21/10	Youth Groups (TBA)
02/28/10	Youth Movie Night (tentative)

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:15pm, VOLTAGE!
(6th - 8th grade youth)

6:30 - 8:00pm, AMPED!
(9th - 12th grade youth)



In Memoriam

Margaret Palmer joined our church almost four years ago after her daughter and family, the Deitz family, began getting involved in our congregation. Margaret was full of life and had a large network of friends and neighbors that she thought of as family. She suffered a series of debilitating strokes the last several months and finally went home to be with our Lord earlier this month. Her memorial service will be at the church on Saturday, January 2nd, so please remember to keep the Deitzes and the rest of Margaret's family and friends in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

Margaret Ann Palmer
January 2, 1926 - December 2, 2009

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

1/28 Bill & Marta Morrison



01/01	Melanie McCabe
01/06	Bea Rabichaud
01/06	Alice Roth
01/06	Darren Rysedorph
01/09	Debbie Markland
01/11	Shane Beattie
01/16	Micah David Cloud
01/17	Pete Leitner
01/18	Jeff McDowell
01/18	Justus McCabe
01/20	Laura Daly
01/21	Heather (Dakan) Bury
01/22	Denny Dwyer
01/22	Deanna Hastings
01/24	Liz Fotheringham
01/24	Andie Bailon
01/29	Colleen Bailon



MUSICNOTES from Deanna Hastings

"Turn, Turn, Turn" was a song that came out in the 60's as a song of social revolt. I knew that the text was rooted in the scriptures and never quite understood how the songwriter could take the text "to everything there is a season" and make it a song of revolution. It is a beautiful piece and I enjoy using it in services periodically. I have discovered that I have a season in my own life right now and it means that I have to pare back some things so that I can keep up with my other obligations. Therefore, I will be bidding you all goodbye at the end of the month as your music director. It was a tough decision for me as I have enjoyed so much the worship and the rehearsals that I've had with so many of you. I have assured Pastor Brian that I'm always available for special events and will see many of you out and about in the community. I am praying that God will bring you a new music director that opens the sky and let's all of the stars shine big and bright!

With love, Deanna

Monday Night Prayer

A prayer station has been established at the front of the sanctuary for our Elders to meet with those in need of prayer on Sunday mornings and for those looking for a quiet, sacred space to pray during the week.

The Prayer Ministry will be expanding to every Monday night beginning in January. A member or group of the Prayer Team will be available at the church from 6-7pm every Monday night beginning January 4th. This time will be filled with intensive intercessory prayer for our church family, our community, our nation and our world. We welcome you to join us.

Small Groups



Games Day

at Clairemont Christian Church.
Wednesday, December 30th,
10am–noon

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 8am, at church

Prayer Ministry: Monday nights, 6pm, at church

CWE: January 20th, 10:30am, at church

Women In Sisterhood:

Thursday, January 21st, 6:30pm. Contact Susan Linder at 858/349-3835 or susanmasagr@yahoo.com

Adult Study: One Year Bible (begins January 10th):
Sunday mornings, 9am, at church

Tai Chi: Tuesday mornings, 9:30am, at church

Young Adult Bible Study: One Year Bible (begins January 19th): Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm

Adult Study: One Year Bible (begins January 13th):
Wednesday nights, 7:00pm

Recovery in Christ

Fridays, 7:15pm, at church



One of the highlights of the Christmas calendar is our annual Caroling Party to those in our church family who are ill or homebound and unable to come to church for any of the Christmas festivities. Caroling provides us with the opportunity to bring the church festivities to them! It's not only a great way to share the Christmas spirit, but also to get into the spirit of the season. We invite you to meet at the church on Saturday, December 19th, at 4pm to organize our carpools for the evening. Be sure to wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight and we will provide the caroling books. Following caroling, everyone is invited to the Daly's home for a light supper.

The Ecumenical Council Celebrates 40 Years

The President and the Board of Directors
of the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County
Request the pleasure of your company for the

2010 TRIBUTE DINNER and 40TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Town & Country Hotel
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108

Reception and Silent Auction at 5:30pm
Dinner at 7:00pm

Held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tickets - \$125
Table of 8 - \$1,000

For more information see the church bulletin
board or contact Pastor Brian.

Alternative Gift Fair

One way to counter the mass
commercialization of Christmas
is to give gifts that will actually
make a difference in people's
lives. Church World Service
gives us that opportunity
through an Alternative Gift Fair.

Instead of buying a tie or socks or a box of candy
for people who already have everything they need,
why not give them a special card that announces
you have purchased a gift in their honor for people
in need. There are a wide variety of gifts available
for purchase... a batch of chicks, farming tools,
blankets, school kits or even health kits. For each
purchase, Church World Service gives you a brief
description of the item purchased and a Christmas
card that can be used to insert the description. You
give the card to someone on your list and enjoy the
satisfaction of knowing you have helped a family in
great need somewhere in the world. What better
way to celebrate the birth of Jesus!



Interfaith Shelter Network

We are pleased to be partnering with PB United
Methodist Church in this winter's Interfaith Shelter
Network. PBUMC will host 12-15 homeless men,
women and children in their church from January
16-30th. As a support congregation we will help fill
their volunteer slots for overnight supervision,
dinners and breakfasts. A sign-up sheet has been
posted on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to
volunteer, or you are welcome to contact the church
office for more information. The ISN has been able
to transition over half of its participants from
homelessness to independence in the 20+ years of
the program. So join us as we help give a hand-up to
those seeking a new start in their life.

CCSA Food Drive

We welcome your donations of non-perishable food
items on the first Sunday of every month (January
3rd). Currently the most-needed food items are:

Beef Stew, Macaroni 'n Cheese, Pork 'n Beans,
Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti/Pasta, Canned Fruit,
Corn, Peas, Beans, Soup and Tuna, Granola Bars,
Breakfast Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jam and Jelly.

Volunteers are also needed on the third Saturday of
each month to help with food packing. For more
information contact Kim Edwards at
kiminlizi@sbcglobal.net or 858/456-2786.

The Treasure Box

We recently
entered into

partnership with The Treasure Box to become a
Delivery Site. The Treasure Box is a division of
Good Source Solutions, a food distribution
company with over 20 years of service. Each month,
they provide \$65-\$100 worth of frozen groceries in a
pre-assembled box you can buy for just \$30. With
over 60% savings, this allows you to put nutritious,
high quality food on your table for a fraction of what
you'd pay at the grocery store. There are no limits,
no income qualifications! Anyone can participate!
Preorder your box with cash at church or order
online at www.thetreasurebox.org. Order deadline
is Sunday, January 17th. Pick-up date is Saturday,
January 30th, 1:30-3pm, at church.

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BY OUR ATTENDANCE

11/22/09	110
11/29/09	114
12/06/09	137
12/13/09	98

BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Need: \$3,013

11/22/09	\$2,067
11/29/09	\$1,663
12/06/09	\$3,416
12/13/09	\$2,563

Congregation —————
Deitz Family
Rivera Family
Trenton Family
Fusco Family
Linda White
George Podhorsky
Bill & Alice Roth
Vera Levy
Rhoda Kruse
William Dudas
Recovery In Christ

Friends & Family —————
Ron Spiewak
Kerrie Morfitt
Brittany Spiewak
Harlynn Geisler
David Eubank
Zach Green
Charley Hoye
Vonasek Family
Terry Rinke
Bernice Christiansen
Julie Buchler
Silas Zeeh
Jan Phillips

BY OUR PRAYERS

Bernard Crosby
Roberta Wetzel
Shane O'Connell
Martha Fernandez
Nina Podhorsky
Jim Pirie
Doris Larsen
Jack Daly
Morgan King
Susanne Johnsen
Chris Rainey
Steve Shinstine
Millie DeBevic
Denny Yost
Grace Marr
Emma Crew
Milli Bebic
Bill Hotze
Lucille Bland
Marie Julian
Mark Julian
Nicole Luongo
Bruce Smith
Darwin Mann
Nancy Norman
Micki McQueen
Patricia Spathes

Nellie Van Den Elzen
Christine Miller
Joe Bailon
Bill Kelley
Jean Neal
George Phillips
Karen Kelly
Karen Liss
James Birts
Gillian Turgeon
Madison Klemchuk
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Laura Wright
Jessie & Roger Penner
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Joyce Shannon
Jim Smith
Christopher Harris
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Peggy Bondurant and
Jim Kervin
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