

WANDERINGS

A newsletter for people on a journey together with a purpose

Redlands United Church of Christ *An Open and Affirming Church*

August 2009

Contemplative Worship Service and Communion – 8:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
Sundays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Communion - Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, August 2

The Prayer Group will meet Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room

Christian Marriage Equality Committee will meet
Monday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office

Church Board will meet Tuesday, August 11
at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office

Summer Series will meet Sundays August 2, 9, 16 and 23
at 5:00 p.m.

The Sandwich Group will meet on Tuesday, August 18
at 12:00 p.m. in the Pastor's office

Bible 102 will meet the 3rd and 4th Mondays
7 p.m. in the Church Office

Stewards meet on Tuesday, August 25
at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office

Middle school and High school youth group
August meetings ~ check www.facebook.com ~ RUCC Youth Group

Events at RUCC...

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets every Monday morning, 10:30 to 11:30, in the choir room. The first twenty minutes is a beginner/refresher workshop time followed by meditation and silent prayer. All are invited!

Special Choral Music Clinic

Special choral music clinic with Dr. Guy Jansen from New Zealand on Saturday, August 1, 2009. Meet at church on Saturday, August 1, at 8:45 A.M. The clinic will begin in the sanctuary promptly at 9:00 A.M. and will conclude by 12:00 Noon. You will need to bring \$10.00 registration fee with you. This will help us gather a modest honorarium for the guest clinician. If you have any questions, please contact Bill or Colleen Kintner at (909) 335-0050.

UCC 101

Sunday, August 9, 12:30-1:30 pm: Rev. Leif Lind will facilitate by sharing some of his reflections about the mission of the United Church of Christ as evident at the recent General Synod he attended. All are welcome!

Help Wanted

We need ushers and folk to help collect the offering. If you are interested, we will have a sign up sheet during fellowship time.

Tai Chi Class

We are pleased to be able to offer a weekly tai chi class to our members and others in the community beginning on Tuesday, August 4th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Tai chi is an ancient Chinese martial art known for its graceful, flowing movements. It is practiced worldwide for its many health benefits, which include improved balance, increased well-being, lower blood pressure, reduced stress, and many others. The instructor will be Linda Hamilton, who has been teaching tai chi in the community for more than eight years. There will be no charge for the class, just your enthusiasm and commitment. If you are interested or have questions, call Carla at the office at 793-3520 or contact Linda at (909) 793-4482.

Attention All Gardeners

We are looking for help with maintaining our extensive and beautiful grounds. There is a map in Covenant Hall showing all the gardens throughout the property. If anyone would like to "adopt" one of our many flower beds to keep it healthy, growing and weed free, please sign up next to the appropriate letter of the alphabet.

There is also lots of space for a community garden - room for a number of families to grow vegetables or flowers. If anyone is interested, please contact Helen Arth.

August Worship Leaders

- 2 Dee Dee Seek
- 9 John Drage
- 16 Candy Dietsch
- 23 Gavin Thrasher
- 30

August Birthdays

- 1 Charles Wheeler
Sorour Ehteshami
- 3 Debbie Gerberich
- 5 Doris Milloy
Julianne Adamik
Celeste Carmona
- 8 Laura Palmer
- 9 Stacy Kaiser
- 10 Wendy S. Hunt
- 12 Lisa Dewey
- 13 Stewart Durrant
- 14 Jayne Miller
- 16 Steve Arth
James Benanti
- 21 James David Barton
Larry Rose
- 22 Peggy McMeans
Domenick Sforza
Malinda Wolbert
Trish Meagher
- 25 Keith Osajima
- 26 Barry Kolpien
- 27 Donald Dickey
Jeannette McNeilly
Brent Warner
- 28 Emily Kolpien
- 29 Caitlin Walsh
- 30 Heidi Malone
- 31 Jill Spencer

Step by Step: It's Back to School Time!

We are collecting school supplies, including notebooks, folders, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, calculators and backpacks for the parolee's children. There is a container for SBS donations under the table in the hallway.

On The Shelf

Check out our "new" series of children's picture books, covering every topic from feeling angry to parables. If anyone has a copy of "Someday This Pain May Be Useful to You" by Peter Cameron, this would be a great addition to the young adult section of the library. We have many never-opened videos covering historical events and people in the Bible. Please feel free to adopt these. We're short on shelf space, so in September, we'll donate the remainder of these videos to the Salvation Army.

Kid's Newsletter

Beginning next month, the CE area will launch its kid's newsletter. Kids, there will be something special just for you! Check the Wanderings in September for the first kid's newsletter.

Summer Series

Come and participate in the Sacred Conversations on Inclusivity and Equality. This is a good way to get to know more about yourself and others. Sundays, 5:00-8:00 pm. August 2, 9, 16, 23. ~ Swim ~ Eat ~ Visit ~ Listen and be listened to with delight! ALL are welcome!

Organized around the theme of inclusivity and equality, the series will borrow the successful "sharing stories" format that was used during our "Sacred Conversation on Race" this past Lenten Supper Series. The chance to think and be listened to with delight, created a space to think deeply about our lives. We'll use this "God is still listening" approach through the summer series.

Summer of Service in Kid's Zone

July and August have been designated as our "Summer of Service" months in the Kid's Zone and we NEED your help with our 1st project!

The kids have learned a little about the problem of hunger around the world and here in Redlands and we are going to do something about it! We have beautifully decorated a donation box that will be in the C.E. area and we are asking that you help us fill it with non-perishable foods. At the end of August we will be donating it to the Redlands Family Assistance.

Here's what we need.

Parents, we have asked the children to bring in at least one canned, boxed, or bagged food item in addition to their offering each time they come to church. We will be praying over the food as it comes in and also praying for each individual and family that will receive the food.

Church Family, we are asking for your help by joining the children in their endeavor. Please bring in food items every time you come to church and either give it to a child, to me, or put it directly in our collection box. For some of the more adventurous of you, this may mean multiple items brought in throughout the week as you come to church more often... the children are looking forward to seeing how much our supply "magically" grows between Sundays!

While we are emphasizing healthy foods there are a few items that are in shorter supply and we would especially appreciate them. They include boxes of breakfast cereal, canned meats and tuna, and treats that can go in a lunchbox like cookies or fruit snacks (it's hard to be a kid without a treat now and then).

Thank you all so much for helping to make our Summer of Service a success!

August Scripture Readings

Information for August will be in each week's View

Minister – Rev. Dr. Sharon R. Graff
Associate Minister – Rev. Leif Lind
Organist/Choir Director – Dr. Taylor Ruhl
Handbell Director – Craig Colclough
Youth Director – Craig Colclough
Education Director – Amanda Colclough
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