

# THE CHIMES

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with **Open  
Hearts**  
to the journey  
of faith in  
today's  
challenging  
world

with **Open  
Minds**  
to the  
transformation  
God seeks  
in the world  
through us

with **Open  
Doors**  
to be a  
spiritual  
home of  
unconditional  
love

We are the  
people of the  
**Ukiah United  
Methodist  
Church**

## Harvest Festival of Talents & Treasures Dinner Silent & Live Auctions

### November 7<sup>th</sup>

5:30

**Appetizers & Silent Auction**

6:30

**Dinner & music by Jazz Mirage**

7:30

**Live Auction**

**Tickets - \$20**

Children's Room \$10

(includes dinner and childcare for ages 10 & under)

Call the Church 462-3360 for tickets & info



## WHAT-WHEN- WHO?

### ALTAR DECORATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Belva
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pat & Debra
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nancy
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Valerie
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lisa

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> All Church Pot Luck
- 8<sup>th</sup> Debra M. & Pat
- 15<sup>th</sup> Leta & DebraV.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Linda N.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Koenig Family

### COUNTERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy & Debra
- 8<sup>th</sup> Linda & Sherwood
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ruth & Jackie
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Norm & Lilia
- 29<sup>th</sup>

### GREETERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Belva & Sherwood
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nora & Bill Danning
- 15<sup>th</sup> Gloria & Marjorie
- 22<sup>nd</sup> John & Ina
- 29<sup>th</sup>

### RIDE LINE DRIVERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> David & Norm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy
- 15<sup>th</sup> Estelle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Kevin
- 29<sup>th</sup>

## A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*Submitted by Annie Gould*

Be kinder than necessary,  
for everyone you meet is fighting  
some kind of battle.

Live simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly.....

Leave the rest to God



*Pictured above is our steeple in its transition.*

## WOMEN

*By Maggie Cooper*

Our faithful group of women continue to meet every month on the second Thursday in the choir room thanks to Matt. Our November meeting will be on Nov 12 at 10am. Gertrude Lynn will provide refreshments. After the wrapping of our packages for Project Sanctuary a short business meeting, followed by a program will complete our morning together. Our "Love Gift" offering will go to UMCOR, who is currently responding to many crises caused by earthquakes, tsunamis and floods in Southeast Asian countries.

All are invited to join us at our meetings no reservations required!

## CHILDREN'S CRAFT FAIRE

*By Vivian White*

Save the date, **Saturday, December 12th** for the 32nd annual Christmas Craft's Fair. We are currently collecting small jars with perfectly matched lids, old jewelry that we can use for remaking jewelry, a couple wood burner tools, and of course, ribbon.

## UNITED METHODIST

### State of the Budget Score Box

	Actual: October	Budget: October	Actual: Jan-Oct	Budget: Jan-Oct
Expenses \$	11,381.47	16,780.39	155,000.98	173,111.31
Income \$	19819.45	16,297.14	151,327.24	159,869.87

*\*This month's income is higher because two tenants became current on rents due.*

## SACK LUNCH

"Al Whitney Sack Lunch: Our turn for interfaith sack Lunch distribution will be Friday, November 6. We will assemble the bags and make the sandwiches on Friday evening, the 6th at 5:30pm in the Kitchen. We need helpers to do this and also contributions of snacks and fruit. Call Maggie @ for further information.



## THANKSGIVING

By Pastor Lisa

*Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.* -- Melody Beattie

“So, How’s it going at your church?” It’s a question that I get asked often, by family, acquaintances and especially by clergy colleagues at meetings or conferences. I find it a difficult question to answer – especially in a brief social exchange that doesn’t allow the time to really have a full conversation. My answers have been varied – mostly depending on my mood at the moment and how my church meetings went the night before. It is a challenging question because there are so many different true answers depending upon where I choose to focus my attention. If I choose to think about the recent water damage stemming from leaks in the roof of the earthquake-unsafe building my answer will be really different than if I think about the fact that when the leaks happened as I was attending an out of town meeting, I was able to call Paul Holden’s cell phone and he took care of cleanup and made sure the leaks were repaired.

So I choose to be thankful – to give my attention to the blessings of Ukiah UMC. A few thank-you’s to start what will hopefully be a regular column in this newsletter. If you notice something at Church for which you are thankful – please jot it down and submit it to the church newsletter under the heading of “Thanksgivings”

On Monday morning I walk into the church and like almost every other day I say hi to Ira Hill who is raking leaves and caring for the grounds of the Church as a volunteer. As I walk into the office, I meet Debbie who is cheerfully doing her Monday morning detective work – she tries to figure out how Sunday went by examining the scatterings of paper, notes, and miscellaneous stuff that is left on her desk and in the mail drop of the office. I am so thankful for Debbie’s work among us. Then I see Norm Hallam who volunteers every Monday to make the bank deposit. The deposit paperwork has been compiled by a rotating group of volunteers coordinated by Sandy Ford who count the offering and other incomes of the church each week, they include: Belva & Sherwood Frische, Jackie Whitely, Janet King, Debra Vest, Linda Nagel, Ruth Rambo-Brown, Norm Hallam, Lilia Capistrano.

Then Martin Bradley walks into the office with a 5 inch thick file of the paperwork relating to the insurance settlement from the City of Ukiah from the sewer main that backed up and caused damage in the church’s educational wing last December. I am thankful for Martin’s time (hundreds of hours) that he spent coordinating clean-up, documentation, relations with our renters, contracts for repairs and reconstruction, and negotiating the insurance settlement.

At 9:30, Manzanita Services staff and volunteers are starting to setup tables, make coffee, and put out the pb&j and whatever leftovers have been given to them on the food table so that at 10 am the 25 people who showed up this Monday would have a dry, safe place to sit, and eat something while they strategize with staff and each other about how to recover their lives from the injuries of poverty, emotional trauma, and

breakdown of community. I am thankful for Manzanita Services and all of the staff and clients who work so hard to do the healing work of Jesus in our community. I am thankful for Kevin Murphy who founded this ministry among us.

As I walk by the kitchen, I see Maggie Cooper putting away dishes, helping Manzanita staff and clients find what they need in the kitchen, cleaning up the spills that come from coffee cups held by trembling hands, and generally keeping our kitchen functional. I am grateful for the ministries of hospitality that Maggie brings among us.

On the way through the chapel, I notice the beautiful plants that have been lovingly nurtured by Belva and Sherwood Frische. Belva waters, repots, repositions, and loves our plants – taking them to her home when needed for convalescence and arranging for Frank Yancy to take care of them when she needs to be gone for a few weeks.

As I come home to eat some lunch I listen to the message on my answering machine from Carol Darling telling me that I have church council meeting this week at 7pm. Her sweet voice reminding committee members of their meetings is rumored to be reason enough to join a church committee. And of course then there is the ministry of sending cards: Happy Birthday, Get Well, We are Praying for You, and so on that Carol is part of.

Well, there is so much to be thankful for – and its only noon on Monday. Please help me continue this article in future Chimes – drop me a note telling me what or who you are thankful for here at Ukiah UMC.

“How’s it going at your Church?” they ask. “It is going wonderfully, I am so blessed and honored to be at Ukiah UMC as pastor,” say I.

## FALL RECIPE

Submitted by Annie Gould

### Swiss Pumpkin

from *Comfort Me with Apples* by Ruth Reichl

1 pumpkin, about 4 ¼ pounds  
1 ¾ cups half-and-half  
a 14-inch baguette, cut into¼-inch-thick slices, then toasted lightly  
2 large eggs  
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt  
¼ pound Gruyere cheese, grated  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Carefully cut a 1-inch slice off the top of the pumpkin. Reserving the top, scoop out and discard the seeds and strings. Make 3 layers each of toast and cheese in the pumpkin cavity, alternating layers and ending with cheese. Whisk together the half-and-half, eggs, salt, pepper, and nutmeg and slowly pour the mixture into the pumpkin. Replace the top of the pumpkin and bake on a shallow baking pan in the middle of the oven until the pumpkin is tender, about 2 hours. Serve by scooping out the pumpkin flesh with the bread and cheese. *Serves 4 (sounds like it would serve many more!)*

## PHOTO ART CALENDAR

By Frank Yancy

Wouldn't it be great to have a 2010 calendar that features photography by our church family! This is an opportunity for the photographers among us. It could be a daily reminder of our community of faith. Please submit your favorite photo(s), or copy thereof, for possible inclusion into the church calendar. Thank you.

## HELP WANTED

By Lisa Warner-Carey

### Sign Quotes Sought

Do you have a quote, saying, or Scripture that you would like to see on our church sign? Submit them to the church office! Our sign has 3 lines of 20 spaces each – so be concise.

### Ushers and Greeters Needed

Do you think it is important for visitors and members to be welcomed warmly when they come to Sunday Worship? Do you think that it is important to light candles, help people find the restrooms or the nursery, make sure there are prayer slips in the pews? Do you think it's a good thing that people who need hearing devices, get them (with batteries that work) and that children get activity packets to use during worship? Do you think we should make sure the offering is received and that any emergency that comes up could be dealt with quickly and responsibly? Then perhaps you would like to consider serving as a greeter or an usher on a rotating basis. Training is available and scheduling can be flexible. Please talk to Pastor Lisa or drop a note to the office if you would like to have more information .

### Sound Technicians Needed

Do you like to be in control and have lots of power? Then perhaps you would like to be a sound technician for our worship services. There will be a training coming up for those who would like to learn more about our sound equipment and consider becoming a sound tech for us. Sound techs needs to set up and break down sound equipment each Sunday and run the sound board for the morning rehearsal and service. The time commitment is 8:15 to 11:30 on a Sunday. Please contact Matt for more information or to volunteer. or (matthew\_rothstein@hotmail.com

## WALK THROUGH CREW NEEDED

By Paul Holden

During these lean budget times it is important that we work together on keeping our Church utility bills at minimum. Because we lease out parts of the building during the week often a light, air conditioner or heater are left running after a group leaves. We are working at putting a group of volunteers together who would perform a Church walk through once a week each. Days currently needing coverage are: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It requires only a 5-10minute obligation one evening a week, but offers a great service to the Church. Please contact Paul Holden at .

## SHELTER MEAL

By Trudy Morgan

Our next meal at the Buddy Eller Homeless Shelter will be on Saturday, November 14th, at 6:45 p.m. Please see the menu and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall if you would like to contribute. For more information, call Trudy at . Thanks to all of our helpers!

*Sawyer Koenig and a friend from Unity Church serving dinner at the Buddy Eller Shelter in September*

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Time	Event Name	Room(s)	Time	Event Name	Room(s)
<b>CHURCH &amp; COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>					
<b>Saturday, October 31, 2009</b>					
8:00 AM	Pickle Ball	SH	10:00 AM	Worship/Sunday School	
<b>Sunday, November 01, 2009</b>					
10:00 AM	Worship/Sunday School & Potluck		11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CR
11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CR	<b>Monday, November 16, 2009</b>		
<b>Monday, November 02, 2009</b>					
1:30 PM	Manzanita Bd Meeting	Lib	1:30 PM	Manzanita Bd Meeting	Lib
<b>Tuesday, November 03, 2009</b>					
10:00 AM	Bible Study	LIB	<b>Tuesday, November 17, 2009</b>		
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch @ O'Harus		10:00 AM	Bible Study	LIB
11:30 AM	Widows' Group	LIB	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch @ North State Cafe	
5:30 PM	Pickle Ball	SH	11:30 AM	Widows' Group	LIB
<b>Wednesday, November 04, 2009</b>					
9:30 AM	Caring Ministries	LIB	5:30 PM	Pickle Ball	SH
3:30 PM	Boy Scouts pk64	YR	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts pk62	YR
6:00 PM	Handbell Choir	UC5	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting	OF
6:00 PM	SP Instrumentalist Rehearsal		<b>Wednesday, November 18, 2009</b>		
<b>Thursday, November 05, 2009</b>					
6:00 PM	Play Reading Group	LIB	3:30 PM	Boy Scouts pk64	YR
6:00 PM	Choral Rehearsal	CR	6:00 PM	Handbell Choir	UC5
<b>Friday, November 06, 2009</b>					
12:00 AM	Harvest Fest set up		6:00 PM	SP Instrumentalist Rehearsal	
6:00 PM	A. Whitney Sack Lunch	KIT	<b>Thursday, November 19, 2009</b>		
6:15 PM	Friday Movie Night		6:00 PM	Choral Rehearsal	CR
<b>Saturday, November 07, 2009</b>					
8:00 AM	Pickle Ball	SH	<b>Friday, November 20, 2009</b>		
5:00 PM	Harvest Fest Fundraiser		6:15 PM	Friday Movie Night	
<b>Sunday, November 08, 2009</b>					
8:30 AM	UM Men's Breakfast	KIT	<b>Saturday, November 21, 2009</b>		
10:00 AM	Worship/Sunday School		8:00 AM	Pickle Ball	SH
11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CR	<b>Sunday, November 22, 2009</b>		
<b>Tuesday, November 10, 2009</b>					
10:00 AM	Bible Study	LIB	12:00 AM	Chimes Deadline	
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch @ Walter's		10:00 AM	Kol HaEmek Sack	KIT
5:30 PM	Pickle Ball	SH	10:00 AM	Worship/Sunday School	
7:00 PM	Trustees	LIB	11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CR
<b>Wednesday, November 11, 2009</b>					
6:00 PM	Handbell Choir	UC5	<b>Tuesday, November 24, 2009</b>		
6:00 PM	SP Instrumentalist Rehearsal		10:00 AM	Bible Study	LIB
<b>Thursday, November 12, 2009</b>					
10:00 AM	UMW meeting	CR	11:45 AM	Lunch Bunch @ China Chef	
6:00 PM	Choral Rehearsal	CR	5:30 PM	Pickle Ball	SH
<b>Friday, November 13, 2009</b>					
6:15 PM	Friday Movie Night		7:00 PM	Council Meeting	LIB
<b>Saturday, November 14, 2009</b>					
8:00 AM	Pickle Ball	SH	<b>Wednesday, November 25, 2009</b>		
6:45 PM	Buddy Eller Shelter Meal		6:00 PM	Handbell Choir	UC5
7:00 PM	Contra Dance	SH	6:00 PM	SP Instrumentalist Rehearsal	
<b>Sunday, November 15, 2009</b>					
<b>Thursday, November 26, 2009 OFFICE CLOSED</b>					
<b>Saturday, November 28, 2009</b>					
<b>Sunday, November 29, 2009 1st Sunday of Advent</b>					
<b>RECURRING EVENTS IN THE BUILDING</b>					
<b>Manzanita 10 AM Mon-Fri Social Hall &amp; Choir Rm</b>					
<b>Community Care-Independence Plus</b>					
2:30 PM Mon-Fri LC 2 & Kitchen					
<b>OA Meeting 5:30 PM Mon George Smart Room</b>					
<b>AA Meeting</b>					
12:00 PM Mon to Fri George Smart Room					
9:30 AM Sat & Sun George Smart Room					
<b>AI-Non Parents Meeting</b>					
6:00 PM Wed George Smart Room					
<b>NA Meeting 7:30 PM Tue &amp; Wed George Smart Rm</b>					

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# Harvest Festival of Talents and Treasures Saturday, November 7

## PLEASE HELP

*By David Taxis*

"The Harvest Festival over the years has generated much 'outside energy'; that is contributions and loyalty of the non-Methodist community. This infusion of major auction items, patronizing the festive sit-down dinner, and bidding on the auction has been like a living balm to our grass-roots ministry. You, our Methodist members know who those folks are. They are closet-Methodists! Unwilling to fill a pew on Sunday morn, this vital body supports us in spirit in many of our community outreach(es).

Call ONE of those persons this week, to remind of our upcoming Harvest Festival of Talents and Treasures. Now is the time."