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ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR and GIFT BOUTIQUE















Sunday, December 2nd beginning 11:00 a.m. Hartzell Fellowship Hall

This annual event raises more than \$ 2,000 for local and global charities supported by our congregation. Unique, handmade items can also be purchased at the Boutique.

Perfect spot for your holiday shopping!

(Cash or checks only)

Complementary refreshments will be served

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Greetings in Christ,

It is a new season, the Advent! According to our Christian calendar, New Year just began. Proverbs 3: 5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." A truth that is found within these two verses is one that tells us that no matter who you are and where you are in your walk with God; no matter the level of trust in God you have, there is and always will be the need to develop and strengthen a greater and deeper trust in the goodness, the love, and the faithfulness of God. Another truth, and this one is a bit more hidden, is a truth revealing that whatever the situations are today, the answers and the needed victories have already been "Yes" and "Amen" since before today ever was. The truth is, we so often become flustered, worried, and overwhelmed by fear in the middle of a situation, where, if we would fix our attention upon the end, we will then have confidence in God from beginning to end, and will find that today is our day of rest because we are trusting that tomorrow has been cared for since the beginning. We are to trust God with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding, because He knows past, present and tomorrow, and we don't. And because God knows tomorrow, He already has it all worked out today. In Revelation 21: 6 our Lord and God says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End . . " We need to understand that God is both the "Beginning" and the "End" all at the same time. We need the revelation to clearly see that God was already at the end of time, even when He was at the beginning of time. In this season of Advent, let us prepare ourselves for His coming.

Now, Thanksgiving is gone and Christmas is coming. Our Charge Conference, the celebration of our ministry day is coming also. Please come and join for the meeting. God has blessed our church year 2018 and He will be blessing our new year of 2019. Trusting God with all your heart will never lead you to any regrets in life, because as Psalm 2: 12 from The Living Bible promises, "But oh, the joys of those who put their trust in him!" Have a great and wonderfully blessed month.

Your servant, Rev. Sangman Shin, Pastor

Community Chorus of Redlands

Jeffrey H. Rickard, Director



presents

A Concert of Anthems, Readings and Carols of the Season

Sunday, December 9th - 4:00 p.m. St. Rita Catholic Church 321 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre

Free Will Offering accepted

Sierra Madre Chorale

Fred Copeland, Director presents:

"The Sounds of Christmas"

Friday, December 14th – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16th – 5:00 p.m.

St. James United Methodist Church

2033 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena 91104 Tickets \$12. in advance, \$15. at the door

CHARGE
CONFERENCE
4:00 p.m.
Sierra House
Conference
Room

December



ONLY A LITTLE EARLY!!!

Pastor Shin snapped this photo over Thanksgiving weekend. This lily was so eager to bloom that it came five months early.



UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon

Honoring the memories of Fran Garbaccio

Saturday, December 1st at 11:30 a.m. Hartzell Fellowship Hall

UMW traditions include:

- 1) Bringing ladies undergarments (any size) to be donated to the Friends in Deed Women's Room.
- 2) Bringing a wrapped \$ 1.00 gift, but no card.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Three more Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. <u>OR</u> 7:00 p.m. Sierra House Conference Room

Continuing December 5th

MISSION COMMITTEE NOTES:

SUNDAY, December 2nd First Sunday food

collection



GOLD ITEMS

FOR FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS

peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, cereal, rice, cooking oil, sugar and flour.



NEXT FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: DECEMBER 2 - 9

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT JILL SCHOFIELD ihschofi@earthlink.net





5:00 p.m. Monday, December 24th



DECEMBER WORSHIP HELPERS

Lead Ushers

- 2 Liz Mackey-Peterson
- 9 Peg Schuster
- 16 Dee Suzuki
- 23 Andrea Bernal
- 30 Bob Travis



Cart Drivers

- 2 Peg Schuster
- 9 Joe Schuster
- 16 Bob Travis
- 23 Cindy Crismer
- 30 Joe Schuster



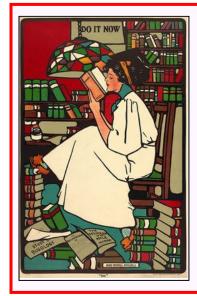
Fellowship Refreshments

- 2 Missions / AFM
- 9 Trustees
- 9 Trustees Coffee Fellowskip
 16 Annie and Pastor Shin
- 23 Finance
- 30 SPRC



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Scott Basinger
- 9 Ning Basinger
- 28 Chandler Guzman
- 29 Geoffrey Basinger
- 31 Dr. Richard Mittleman



SARAH CIRCLE

Will not be meeting in December

We'll be back next year to enjoy good fellowship and conversations.



CARD CREATION

meets on TUESDAY December 18th,

6:30 p.m. at Connie Wortham's house.

We make cards to send to shut-ins, and to charities like Operation Gratitude, which supports our troops, veterans, first responders and their families.

Contact Connie at (626) 351-9260 Her address: 510 Pembrook Drive, Pasadena



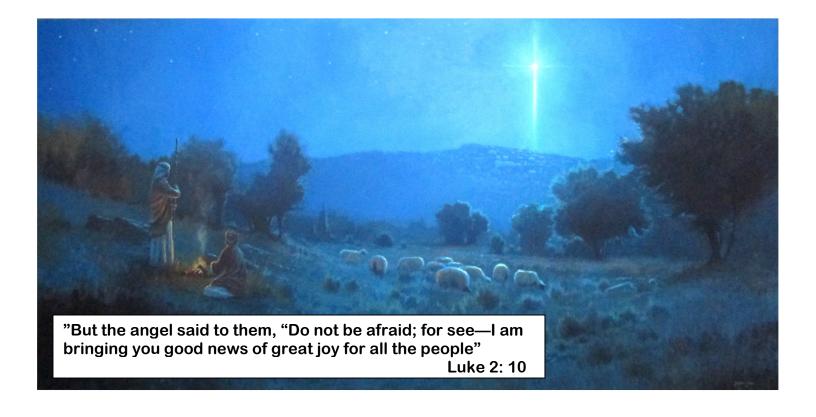
MONDAY through FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – HH ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR and BOUTIQUE Hartzell Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.	HANNUKAH BEGINS FAMILY PROMIS	4 SE HOSTING –	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM OR 7:00 PM SHCR		7 - 12 noon to 6 p.m. ough 12/9	UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11 a.m HH 8 F.P. POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT - 5:30 p.m HH
9 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL 11:00 a.m Church Council - WC CHARGE CONFERENCE 4:00 p.m HH	10 OFFICE CLOSED	1913 – Mona Lisa recovered 2 years after stolen from Louvre.	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM OR 7:00 PM SHCR 5:00 pm - British Home	13	1953 –Dodgers sign Sandy Koufax	15
16 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL RENTAL – HH 3:00 p.m.	1903 – 1st sustained motorized flight – Wright Brothers – Kitty Hawk, NC	Card Creation 6:30 p.m. at Connie Wortham's house	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM OR 7:00 PM SHCR CHOIR TO BRITISH HOME - 5:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for TRYLON SUBMITTALS Finance Committee 4:00 p.m SHCF	WINTER SOLSTICE 12:23 p.m. PST	National Cookie Exchange Day
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL	Christmas Eve	25 OFFICE CLOSED a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.	26 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm – British Home	27 1947 – 1st Howdy Doody show broadcast NBC-T		29
30 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL	New Year's Eve	1 OFFICE CLOSED Happy New Year!	2	3	Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House (HH = Hartzell Fellowshi WC = Wesley Chapel AFM = Adult and Family	p Hall