

UCCLM ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 7, 2010



This Sunday in the United Church of Christ, we celebrate Amistad Sunday. Amistad Sunday is an occasion to honor, emphasize, and underscore the historic commitment of the United Church of Christ to the work of justice and compassion. Beginning in 1839 the work of black and white Congregationalists helped to secure the release of fifty-three captive Africans who struggled courageously for their freedom aboard the slave ship *La Amistad*. The fruits of their labors not only inspired the Christian witness for justice in the mid-1800s but also contributed significantly to building the lasting movement for racial, economic, and social justice in the United Church of Christ. We'll recognize Amistad Sunday in various elements of our worship, including music, prayers, and the sermon. We hope you'll join us as we remember this important day in our denomination's history.

TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

UCCLM now has two Sunday Worship Services. The Contemporary Worship Service starts at 9:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall, followed by Fellowship Time at 10:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall, and the Traditional Worship Service begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please enter the church through the double doors to the Narthex for both services. For the Contemporary service proceed into Friendship Hall after putting on your nametag. If you arrive late, the doors to the Narthex will be locked, so please go to the south side of the church and enter through the double doors into Friendship Hall. For the Traditional service put on your name tag and proceed into Fellowship Hall for fellowship time and then into the Sanctuary shortly before 11:00 a.m.

LENTEN SERIES

This year, we are offering a series on Sunday nights during Lent, focusing on spiritual practices for deepening our Lenten journey. We will meet each Sunday from 5:00-7:30 p.m., with the last of the series on Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday). Each week, we will begin our gathering with a simple meal, followed by a program introducing various forms of spiritual practice. The schedule is as follows:

March 7: "Slow" Food: Mindful Eating

March 14: Singing Our Prayers: Taize

March 21: The Path of Reflection: Labyrinth

March 28: Embodied Spirituality: Body Prayer/Walking Meditation

Please sign up after church for each of these events so that we can get a count in order to prepare enough food. The sign up sheet will be on a rectangular table against the east wall in Friendship Hall.

PARTNERSHIP WOMEN: SPRING FLING

The UCC Partnership Women invite the women of UCCLM to come to the Spring Fling, an afternoon of games, fellowship, fun, lunch and prizes to be held in our own Friendship Hall. Wear your favorite hat or decorate an old one - prizes will be given for the most original, funniest and most beautiful. Party time is noon to 4:00pm, Saturday, March 20, 2010.

THE FRUGAL FELLOWSHIP

The Frugal Fellowship will be heading to the Riviera Supper Club in La Mesa on Saturday, March 20th at 5:00 pm. The Riviera is La Mesa's only grill-your-own steakhouse, with a variety of entree dishes to grill, and delicious appetizers fixed in-house. It is also home to the Turquoise Room, a Rat-Pack era lounge room. For more information on the restaurant, check out their web site at <http://www.rivierasupperclub.com/>

Please RSVP to Dave Palmer (davepalmerinc@gmail.com) for this event so we can get a count to the restaurant several days in advance.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

Our Easter Sunday schedule is as follows:

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service atop Mount Helix
(Sponsored by the East County Progressive Clergy
Network)

8:30 am UCCLM Youth Breakfast in Friendship
Hall.

10:00 am UCCLM Easter Worship Service
(There will only be ONE worship service).

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER BASKETS FOR EL NIDO

The Board of Christian Education will begin to collect donations for the Easter Baskets for the El Nido apartments through March 28th. There will be a table in Friendship Hall, or you can put donations in an envelope & place it in the collection plate; please make sure to mark it for the Baskets.

ONA NEWS

Hosts are needed for small group meetings where ONA issues can be discussed. The hosts are asked to furnish coffee and tea for the participants. There will be 6 to 8 participants and a meeting facilitator in each group. Dates and times of the meetings are to be determined.

If you are willing to host, please sign up in Friendship Hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The current listings that are in the church Directory are on a bulletin board in the Communications room. Please take the time to check your listing and contact the church office if there are changes that need to be made. Deadline for changes will be March 22.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have a need for people to bring flowers for the altar on Sundays

Do you have flowers in your garden that you could share?

Is there a significant event, like a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate?

Is there someone you would like to honor?

Or do you just like to see flowers on the altar?

If so, please sign up on the Altar Flower signup sheet in the Communications room or contact Fran or Tom Atchison at 619-461-2688.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Start gathering up your books now! The UCCLM Youth are once again sponsoring the annual Book Sale. This year, the Book Sale will be held during Fellowship Time on March 14 and 21. You may bring your book donations to the church and place them on the designated tables. **We are not able to accept textbooks or magazines**, since it is difficult to donate these items. All proceeds will go to the Youth Mission Trip Fund. Thank you!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

***One Great Hour of Sharing*, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission**, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. OGHS is a Lenten offering. Envelopes will be available on March 14th. *Your Mission and Outreach Board*

UCCLM 101, NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The Board of Christian Education announces that our next UCCLM 101 class will begin the week of March 14. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in taking the class. There is no obligation to join the church after the class.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study meets in Friendship Hall at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome! Bring your Bibles and your questions.

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE

Sunday Morning Live meets at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. Come and tell us about spiritual practices that you've found helpful, things that are going on in your life, and what you're reading.

AGING/PLANNING AND COPING

A free conference for seniors and their families will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at the La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa). Topics include health care reform, advance directives, financial concerns, end-of-life care and more. Continental breakfast and lunch will be available. Registration is required at (800) 827-4277.

UPTOWN ALPHA PROJECT

Alpha Project has created a list of their top 10 needs. In addition to your donations of non-perishable foods, Alpha Project needs socks, shoes, sunscreen, twin sheets, phone cards, sleeping bags, bottled water, hygiene items, undergarments, pillows & pillow cases. Please make sure your donations are laundered. The Project does not have the means to do laundry. Your continued generosity is a blessing and is very much appreciated. Please bring your donations on Sundays to Friendship Hall -- look for the gray bins! For more information on Alpha Project, visit their website at: <http://www.alphaproject.org/>.

MORE UCCLM STORIES APPEAR IN *CONNECTING VOICES* THE E-MAGAZINE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE

Now "up" on *Connecting Voices* - "An Optimistic Don't Know" by Mary Domb Mikkelson - find it under "Editorials" at <http://www.scnucucc.org/publisher/news>.

<http://www.scnucucc.org/publisher/index.php> (link to home page)

Note: Have a story to share with us? Send it to me at publicity@ucclm.sdcoxmail.com or to Keith Clark, clark@scnucucc.org.

Mary Domb Mikkelson
Editorial Staff, *Connecting Voices*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Phone Tree Update: The Diaconate has approved the use of a free-phone internet service (Phonevite.com) for Phone Tree announcements. Church members without email services or any member who opts-in will receive a recorded message from John, our Church Secretary, with the pertinent information. If you would like to add your name to the list of people to be called using this service, please contact John at 464-1519.

If you do not receive the emailed announcements, and would like to do so, please contact the church office with your email address so that we can add it to the email list.

Pastoral Calls: The pastoral staff would like you to call the office if you know of anyone in the church who is sick or in need of a pastoral visit. Please, do not assume the pastors have already been notified of illnesses and/or pastoral needs in our congregation.

The Staff meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm.

There is a box for "Lost & Found" items in the church office.

For those of you who wish to write to Edward Davis, his address is:

New Haven Lupe House
ATT: Edward Davis

PO BOX 1199 Vista CA 92085-1199

Calling Times are after 6:00 pm 760-630-4047
Just state that you are from United Church of Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD...

March 7 Lenten Series: Mindful Eating
March 13-14 Youth Uniting in Mission, San Bernardino
March 14 Lenten Series: Taize
March 20 UCC Partnership Women: Spring Fling
March 21 Lenten Cantata at the 11:00 am Service
Lenten Series: Labyrinth
March 28 Lenten Series: Body Prayer/Walking Meditation
April 25 Mission & Outreach: Serendipity Supper
May 1 Mission & Outreach: Dinner Auction
May 8 Mother's Day Luncheon

THIS WEEK AT UCCLM

March 7, Sunday, Communion Sunday
8:30 am Sunday Morning Live!
9:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Friendship Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm Ch. Ed., Mission & Outreach
5:00 pm Lenten Series: Mindful Eating
March 8, Monday
10:30 am Visitation Team
7:00 pm Bone-A-fieD Brass
March 9, Tuesday
9:30 am BYOT (Trustees)
10:00 am Prayer Group
12:30 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Broken Strings
March 10, Wednesday
6:30 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Church Council
March 11, Thursday
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Worship Team
March 13, Saturday
2:00 pm Youth Book Sale Set-up
March 14, Sunday, Daylight Savings Time begins.
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9:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Friendship Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm Membership & Fellowship
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