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Our Mission Statement



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Christmas Eve Service

Family Service—

5:00pm

Candlelight Service—

7:00pm



Christmas Special Offering December 19th, 24th, and 26th

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 in support of the larger Church of which we are a part.

THE LIVING WORD—The Bible is referred to in various ways...Scripture or Holy Scriptures and the Word of God are a few of the most common references. But I am hoping as we draw near to the end of our year-long journey through the One Year Bible together that “Living Word” would be another descriptor we could use. For it serves to remind us that the Word of God and the words of God are not static. While the words are certainly the product of particular times, places, events and cultures, they also have a way of transcending those historical contexts. When the Bible is read daily with an open mind and open heart God uses those words and stories to speak to us, guide us and grow us, even 20 or more centuries removed from the biblical times and places. So my prayer for all of you who have accompanied me on this journey through the One Year Bible is that you not only gained more knowledge of the Bible, but you were drawn into a deeper, richer, fuller relationship with the God who not only inspired people millennium ago, but still does! I also encourage you to continue setting aside time daily to read from the Bible as we enter into this new year. Perhaps you could go back to some of the books you wanted to spend more time reading and reflecting on. But whether you read a verse or several chapters, I encourage you to continue engaging the Bible each day so it can become the Living Word for you. For as our UCC sisters and brothers often say, “God is still speaking”.

On a related note, we will take some time in worship on January 2nd to recognize and honor all those who made it through the One Year Bible in 2010. If you are one of those who doggedly and determinedly made it through from beginning to end, then please make sure to join us on January 2nd.

- Brian

PS *Having just received the outpouring of your love and support through your generous Christmas gift in worship on Sunday, please know how very grateful I am (as is our entire staff) for going above and beyond in your giving to demonstrate your appreciation for our work here at the church. I am so blessed to partner with you in ministry! Thank you and Merry Christmas!!!*

*“For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
‘Peace be **within you**’*

*For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good”
Psalm 122:8-9*

The busy season of preparation has come to a close and now the time of visiting and calling has arrived. For some, the long days of waiting now begin. Some are waiting for the telephone to ring, the mail to arrive, or *anyone* to knock at their door.

No matter if you are the visitor or the visited, the words above will offer solace in your time of prayer. Whether busy or still, become aware of peace. Peace and calm come as we pause and breathe deeply. Remember that peace is not yours alone as you sense your inner peace become aware of others. Demonstrate calm, understanding, and compassion as you interact with one another. Finally, be committed to actions that support a genuine, caring exchange among all you meet both during this Christmas season and in the New Year.

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Sharon Mann

SoulProvider and student of Theology

**Sunday
Schedule**

9:00am One Year Bible Study
 9:00am "Morning Buzz" High School Study Group
 10:30am Worship & Children's Church

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1) New Year's Day
2) Missions Sunday 	3) 6-7pm Prayer Ministry ← Secretary on Vacation →	4) 9:30am Tai Chi	5) 7pm Bible Study	6) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	7) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	8) 8am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9) 12pm Board Mtg	10) 6-7pm Prayer Ministry	11) 9:30am Tai Chi	12) 7pm Bible Study	13) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	14) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ Jr. High JANboree 14th-17th →	15)
16)	17) -office closed - 6pm, Prayer →	18) 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm WISH	19) 10:30am CWF 7pm Bible Study	20) -Newsletter- 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	21) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	22) 9am-12pm Explorer's Class
23)	24) 6pm Prayer 7pm Elder's Mtg 30)	25) 9:30am Tai Chi	26) 10am-Noon Games Day 7pm Bible Study	27) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	28) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	29)
	31) 6pm Prayer					



Explorer's Class

Have you considered joining our church family as a member but aren't sure exactly what is involved with membership? Have you considered getting baptized but would like to learn more? Are you curious to know more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the denomination our church is a part of? Would you like to learn more about the Pacific Beach Christian Church and our history, core beliefs, and vision for ministry? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then you are encouraged to attend a special "Explorer's Class" led by Pastor Brian on Saturday, January 22nd, 9am-noon. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to contact Pastor Brian or the church office to insure we have ample materials available.

Games Day:

Wednesday, December 29th,
10am–noon at Clairemont Christian Church.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:

Saturday, January 8th, 8:00am

Women In Sisterhood:

Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30pm

CWF:

Wednesday, January 19th, 10:30am

High School Youth "Morning Buzz" Study:

Sunday mornings, 9:00am

Prayer Ministry:

"Hour of Prayer" Monday nights, 6:00pm

Tai Chi:

Tuesday mornings 9:30am

Recovery in Christ:

Friday evenings, 7:15pm

Two of our adult small groups are launching new study series as we enter into the new year. We encourage you to find a group you can connect with for study, growth, fellowship and prayer.

Sunday Morning Adult Study: The Chronological Bible
– read through the Bible in a year in chronological order.

Sunday mornings, 9:00am

Wednesday Evening Adult Study: Angels – be prepared to find out some truly amazing things about angels as we try to sift out biblical truth from popular fiction.

Wednesday nights, 7:00pm

Small Groups

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

01/23 Jim & Alyssa Meyer
01/28 Bill & Marta Morrison



01/01 Melanie McCabe
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
01/22 Denny Dwyer
01/22 Deanna Hastings
01/24 Liz Fotheringham
01/24 Andie Bailon
01/29 Colleen Bailon

Welcome New Members

We were blessed to have Rick Froebrodt and Sharon Mann become the newest members of our church family in a special covenant service last month. We have become Sharon’s sponsoring congregation as she continues working toward her ordination. Rick also brings to our congregation a heart for service and ministry as the Founder and Director of Education Project International, a non-profit that supports education of impoverished children in places like Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Belize. Welcome Sharon and Rick!

Rick Froebrodt:
rickfro@educationprojectinternational.com

Sharon Mann:
phoenix.2007@live.com

Honorary Poinsettias

<u>Donated by:</u>	<u>In Honor of:</u>
Donna Alzadon/Drew Baumann	<i>Eduardo Bautista</i>
Debbie Browne & Family	<i>Jimmy Clarke</i>
Randy & Tisha Coull	<i>Donald Coull</i>
Wilma Emmons	<i>Milburn Emmons</i>
Jan & Christian Julian	<i>Richard Julian</i>
Verle & Brenda McQueen	<i>Margaret McQueen</i>
Milli Palaferri	<i>Anthony Palaferri</i>
John & Sylvia Parr	<i>Margaret Neal Langford</i>
John & Sylvia Parr	<i>Gladys Parr</i>
Sanders Family	<i>Bill Newsome</i>
Sly Family	<i>Bob Ducker</i>
Doug & Lucie Sovinsky	<i>Florence Sovinsky</i>

FEB Camp



FEB Camp,
February 18-21, 2011
@ Pilgrim Pines for
youth 9th–12th grade

Registration Information

Camper Fees:

- \$175.00, postmarked by 01/17/11
- \$200.00, postmarked after 01/17/11

PLEASE NOTE: PBCC will provide a 50% scholarship for all PBCC youth. Registration forms are available at church. Contact Keith Norton for details.

JANboree Camp



Jr. High JANboree,
January 14-17, 2011
@ Loch Leven for youth 6th–8th grade

Registration information

Camper fees:

- \$200.00, postmarked after 12/17/10

PLEASE NOTE: PBCC will provide a 50% scholarship for all PBCC youth. Registration forms are available at church. Contact Keith Norton for details.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00am High School –
“Chicken Soup for the...Soul”
& “Nooma”
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Middle School –
“Basics of the Faith”

Giving with Your IRA

Have you ever wished you could stretch your dollars a little farther, or find a way to do more for the people and causes you love? If you are fortunate enough to be over 70 ½ and have a traditional IRA, our government has again opened a window of opportunity for 2010 and 2011 to allow you to easily make your wish happen.

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 restores provisions that allow individuals at least 70 ½ to request their IRA administrators make distributions directly to their favorite charities, including our congregation. This distribution can be counted against your required minimum distribution if you choose; it will *not be counted as a taxable distribution* to you; and you are allowed to make distributions to charity of up to \$100,000 in any given year. In some states, making your charitable gifts through your IRA will save you state taxes, since this income will not be included in your Adjusted Gross Income. The combined impact of saving state, local and federal taxes is most dramatic for non-itemizers, who are now able to give tax-free dollars to charity – stretching their dollars by 25, 30, or even 35 percent! This opportunity can allow people to give more to our congregation at the same or reduced “out-of-pocket cost” to them. You might consider fulfilling your normal support of our operating budget with a gift from your IRA, or use this opportunity to stretch your gift to a capital campaign.

This act is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2010. Because it is so late in the year, the provision allows individuals to make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA trustee to a charity any time during 2010 or during January 2011 for the 2010 tax year.

If you are over 70 ½, or will be before Dec. 31, 2011, we encourage you to be in touch with us for more information. We have sample request letters for your IRA administrator and more information on how this act can benefit you, and all of the charitable causes you love, in the months ahead.

For more information, contact the Christian Church Foundation at (800) 668-8016.

The “Upside Down” Side of Heaven



Down here on earth it is not good to be “upside down.” But in heaven, “upside down” seems to be where it’s at. It becomes pretty clear through Jesus’ teaching that we down here on earth have a tough time “getting it.” Jesus thinking was really “**Not Of This World**” as he described the place where His Father subsides. The kingdom of heaven is where “the first shall be last”, “the poor shall be rich,” “the meek shall be the inheritors,” “the persecuted shall receive the kingdom,” and “those who give shall be those who receive.” Clearly Jesus was reminding us all of what is most important.

In this space this month, we wanted to take some time to reflect on the importance of giving. Truly, we must realize that money is both a test and a trust from God. God uses finances to teach us to trust Him, and for some, money is the greatest test of all. God watches how we use money to test how trustworthy we are. The Bible says, “*If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?*”

Our little church as come along way in the past 60 years. And God has certainly taken note and blessed us in many ways already. But like all good stewards, it is also our job to do our part as well. We have expanded our budget in both worship and youth areas as well as added some additional mission ministries this year. Since our weekly offerings are less than what is needed to cover our weekly needs, we ask that you pray for God’s blessing on our church and mission in order to accomplish HIS work in the years ahead.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6



- Doug Sovinsky
Financial Secretary

Missions Sunday

CCSA News

Thank you to all those who participated in CCSA's "Adopt-a-Family for Christmas" event. The needs at CCSA keep growing. We welcome your donations on the first Sunday of every month (January 2nd).

Items Most Needed at the Clairemont Center:

Spaghetti Sauce (28oz can), Pasta, Pork & Beans, Canned Fruit, Breakfast Cereal, Mac N Cheese, Hygiene Items (Shampoo, Bar Soap, toothpaste & Toothbrushes).

Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm and on the third Saturday of each month to help with food packing. For more information contact Carole Denton or Jack Blevins at 858/272-0163.

Items Most Needed at the Joyce Snyder Center:

Winter Jackets, Sweat Pants, Underwear Briefs (size 30-36), Pants/Jean (size 28-38), White Crew Socks, and Shoes in any condition.

A volunteer is needed 3 hours a week who has basic computer knowledge (Windows XP). The Joyce Snyder Center is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. For more information on this volunteer opportunity, please call Jack Blevins at 858/ 272-0163. The center is located in the Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church complex at 1675 Garnet Avenue.

Thank you for your continued support of CCSA and their ministry to the homeless and poor of our community!

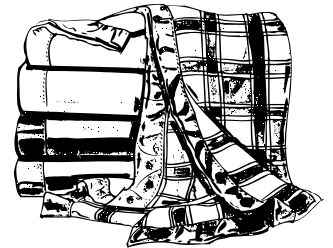
Alternative Gift Faire

We would also like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Alternative Gift Faire. Again, thanks to your generosity we had sold over \$700 in alternative gifts as this newsletter went to press. Each of those gifts will help aid the relief and development efforts of Church World Service as they minister to those in need throughout the world. The purchase of gifts like animals, seeds and tools will also help them sustain themselves for years to come. So thank you for helping us to celebrate the birth of the Christ child in such a significant and meaningful way!



Futuro del Oro

Our thanks to all of you who contributed blankets, bedding, towels and cookies for the annual Futuro del Oro Christmas party in Tijuana earlier this month. Doug Sovinsky and Brian Daly crossed the border with a very full truck thanks to your generosity. Each of the 35 young men and women who are receiving scholarships for high school and college through the Futuro program had invited two families in need from their respective neighborhoods to come to the Futuro center for a Christmas party. When Doug and Brian arrived there were 70 families standing outside the center's gates excited about what awaited them. Each family then received toys for their kids, clothing, toiletries, food and the blankets and bedding. All were very grateful for their Christmas blessings. So thank you for helping to honor the birth of Jesus by sharing with those most in need!



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BY OUR ATTENDANCE

11/21/10	117
11/28/10	114
12/05/10	132
12/12/10	108
12/19/10	111

BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Need: \$3,106

11/21/10	\$2,301
11/28/10	\$2,320
12/05/10	\$3,663
12/12/10	\$2,371
12/19/10	\$4,720

Congregation

BonDurant & Kervin Family
Coull Family
Janice Calabrese
Art Montoya
Wilma Emmons
Vera Levy
Glen MacPherson
Bob Jones
Fusco Family
William Dudas
Recovery In Christ

Friends & Family

Dickinson Family
Bautista Family
Miki Nakano
Wendy Grace
Dixie Baker
Bill & Eileen Kelley
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Bill Williams
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Lauren Lyons
Mark Connors
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Jim & Marion Smith
Joanne Davis
Jan Marcus
Jennifer Kutzner
Roseo Vasquez
Kathy Julian
April Schug
Bob Bark
Bob Rainey
Jill Cobb
Tucker Family
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Henry Torres
Jennifer Baker
Chris Mischle and
Chris Barker
Kristie Hutchins
Ron Spiewak
Kerrie Morfitt
Terry & Dora Rinke

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