

Church Newsletter



AMEN Clinic is Postponed

Sadly our AMEN Medical and Dental Clinic that was to have been held the middle of October had to be postponed due to the intense wildfires in Northern California, one of which was not far from Ukiah. Although Ukiah was not threatened in particular, the fairgrounds that had been on reserve for our AMEN use for nearly a year were suddenly taken from us only five days before we were scheduled to set up and run the clinic. The urgent needs for the firefighters and fire command center took precedence at that critical time with the fires. Not only did they need a large space for out-of-area firefighters to set up camp and run their operations, but there were no options elsewhere in Ukiah that were large enough for the needs of the clinic, complicated further by the short notice.

It was heartbreaking to have to postpone it. Our coordinators, Gary and Ester Ballard, and others had worked countless hours and exerted much energy into making this event happen and to run smoothly only to have this sudden but urgent situation arise and change everything. Plans are in the works to try to secure a replacement date in 2018, so stay tuned . . . we will keep you up to date as developments on the AMEN Clinic materialize. Thank you for your understanding in this matter taken completely out of our hands at the last moment.

Church Business Meeting

There will be a Church Business Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The meeting will deal with very important issues affecting our church and school. We will need to make decisions on how to move forward. Not only are there infrastructure and other financial needs for keeping Christian Education available to all member families, but there are also many maintenance matters for the church property that need attention. Many factors will come into play, and input from our entire membership is needed. All are encouraged to come and participate in this meeting. Please 1) be praying for God's wisdom in decisions that are necessary, and 2) show up on November 16, with special encouragement for our younger people/families to join our long-timers at the meeting!



The "Great Disappointment" potluck put on by the social committee at the Rice's home was, in fact, not a disappointment! See more pictures on the back pages of digital editions of this newsletter.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The chuck wagon is set up and open in the church foyer, ready and waiting to be stocked with your donations of non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. (Boxes are also located by the north entries.) We, the Ukiah Adventist Church and Pathfinders, as well as Community Care and the Ukiah Food Bank are working hard to help our community have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. The Pathfinders have distributed paper bags around town to be filled with canned goods by the community. Community Care has 30 people who would love to receive a "full meal deal" and the Ukiah Food Bank is helping with food items and chicken or turkey if the client would like. We will purchase fresh fruits and vegetables when it gets close to the distribution date. Monetary donations for this can be marked TBE on an offering envelope and will be properly applied for this.

Volunteers to help with the sorting of cans and bagging of fresh produce are needed prior to the all-church potluck and delivery date of Sabbath, November 18. Please join in this effort in any way you can! Contact Beckie Sitz or James Yi, the organizers of this event.

Also, if you know any Mendocino fire victims they can sign up with Chris Selby at the Ukiah Food Bank on North State Street, and they can be included in the Thanksgiving Basket food distribution.

Spanish Congregation Organization

The church family is invited to a service on Sabbath afternoon, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. at the church to celebrate the organization of our Ukiah Spanish congregation as they become a Company.

First Friday Vespers

This month's First Friday Monthly Vespers, hosted by Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, is November 3 at 6:15 p.m. in the Glenn Miller conference room of the hospital. This is an opportunity for you to minister to the community with worship and a soup supper. For more information contact Natalie Barahona.

School News

✓ Sabbath, November 4, is the special Thanksgiving/Reformation Celebration at the church, during which time the K-6 and the 7-10 choirs will be singing and the UJA Strings will be playing during the service.

✓ Plan now to attend the Fall Festival on Sunday, November 5, from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. at Ukiah Junior Academy. Expect a day filled with lots of fun activities, great food options, nice crafts, homemade food items, school shirts, cookie dough, a "silent auction" and great fellowship.

Then, at 4:00 pm the "Helen Winkle Memorial Pie Auction" will begin. This is a big fund raiser each year, bringing in an amazing amount in support of the school. Also, at the Fall Festival the raffle drawing as a fund raiser for student scholarships will take place, which is for the special offer of a week-long stay at a beautiful condominium in Moloka'i, Hawaii.

Come out and bring the whole family and enjoy the fun—truly a highlight of the year!

Pathfinders

✓ The November 4 Pathfinder club meeting will be the collection of the filled bags of food as a result of the empty bags that they distributed October 28.

✓ There will be Pathfinder teen caving at Lava Beds National Monument the weekend of November 10 through 12.

✓ See back pages for pictures from the PUC Camporee.

Looking Ahead

✓ Sabbath, November 4, will be the annual Thanksgiving celebration during the worship service, including music brought to us by our UJA students.

✓ November 25 marks a special 50th Anniversary for the Ukiah Church here at the 1390 Laurel Avenue location. God has blessed throughout these years as we commemorate this milestone.

✓ Coming Sunday, December 10, 2017, is the annual "The Glory of Christmas: Sing Gloria!" musical presentation. There will be two performances at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Come be a part of this exciting ministry that we share with our community.

✓ In January the social committee will begin a new on-going feature for the church family. Called Life Groups, the purpose is to create belonging and community through outlets where people with common interests can come together to share in life. The groups will be a place where members can grow in friendship and love for each other, and where others can be invited who may not initially accept an invitation to attend church.

Groups will be organized with a wide variety of activities such as Bible study, arts and crafts, sports and outdoor activities, life skills (such as parenting support, cooking, etc.), and hobbies (such as scrap booking, photography, or music.)

Fellowship Lunch Schedule

November 4	Gabriel Barraza/Steve Romero/Spanish Congregation at UJA
November 11	Church Board Potluck at Community Service Center
November 18	All Church Potluck/ Thanksgiving Basket Distribution at UJA
November 25	Gabriel Barraza & Spanish Congregation at UJA

At all potlucks members are asked to bring 6 generous servings for themselves and each person with them.

Information deadline for the December newsletter: November 25, 2017. Contact Glenda Merklin by email (preferred) at gsmerklin@yahoo.com or by text at 909-786-7617.

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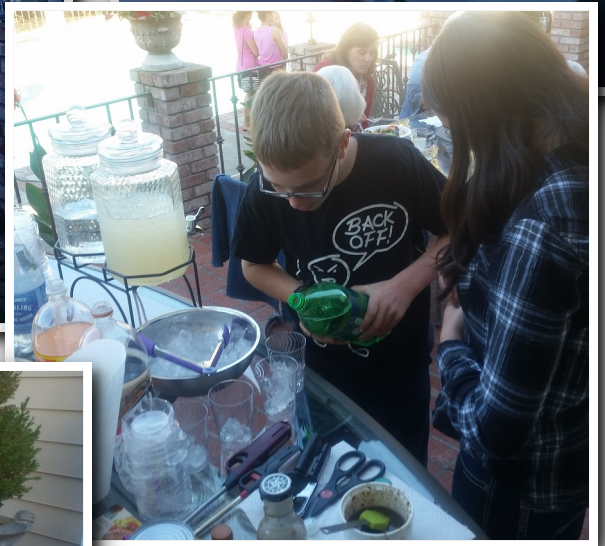


The Ukiah Pathfinder Club attended the Pacific Union Conference Camporee in Southern California near Temecula.

Northern California President, Jim Pedersen presented the sermon at Ukiah on October 21.

Margie Rice brought in some members of the Ukiah Symphony to help our choir present a beautiful anthem praising God for His strength in the face of difficulty, appropriate for so many during the nearby fires.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2017</h1>						
		October 30 Fall Week of Prayer at UJA begins (through November 3)	1 Community Service Center 9-11:45 am Revelation Now Part 2 - 7:00 pm	2 Veggie Food Store 2:30-4:30 pm	3 First Friday Monthly Vespers, Glenn Miller Conf Rm at AHUV, 6:15 pm Sunset 6:10 pm	4 Sunrise Srv 8:30am Eric Stubbert 10:55am-Thanksgiving/Reformation Program/ Eric Williams Pathfinders collect food bags passed out earlier Sunset 6:09 pm
5 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> Fall Festival, at UJA, Noon-4:30 p.m. (Required school day)	6	7 UJA dismissal 12:15 pm for (required) parent teacher conferences held 1-5 pm	8 Community Service Ctr 9-11:45 am UJA Fall Service Day UJA dismissal-- 12:15pm Revelation Now Part 2 - 7:00 pm	9 Veggie Food Store 2:30-4:30 pm Whole-school Bible Studies begin at UJA	10 Pathfinders teen caving at Lava Beds National Mt. (10th-12th) Sunset 5:03 pm	11 Sunrise Srv 8:30am Greg Harper 10:55am-Doug Barahona/Veterans Recognition Gerson De Leon Family Farewell-5:30pm, UJA Gym Sunset 5:02 pm
12	13	14	15 Community Service Center 9-11:45 am Revelation Now Part 2 - 7:00 pm	16 Veggie Food Store 2:30-4:30 pm UJA Bible Studies continue Church Business Mtg-7:00 pm at the church	17 Sunset 4:57 pm	18 Sunrise Srv 8:30am Doug Barahona 10:55am-Eric Williams/ Communion Thanksgiving Basket delivery Pathfinder mtg-UJA Spanish Company organization service-5:00 pm Sunset 4:57 pm
19	20 UJA Thanksgiving Vacation begins (20-24)	21	22 Community Service Center CLOSED NO Revelation Now Part 2	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24 Sunset 4:53 pm	25 Sunrise Srv 8:30am All Sing 10:55am-Eric Williams 50 th Anniversary of church on Laurel recognition Sunset 4:53 pm
26	27 UJA Spirit Week begins (through December 1)	28	29 Community Service Center - 9-11:45 am Revelation Now Part 2 - 7:00 pm	30 Veggie Food Store 2:30-4:30 pm UJA Bible Studies continue		