

“The of the Matter”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church

Thank You, Lord, For Your Bountiful Blessings!

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

Did you catch the infectious joy and gladness the psalmist expressed?

God's desire for His people is that they intimately know Him
and share praise for Him with those around them.

We can do this as we know and believe that the Lord
whom we love and worship is the Almighty God.

He is the One who created us in His own image!

Our lives are purposefully designed by God,
who draws each of us into His glorious presence.

We are priceless in His eyes!

We are His chosen people!

He cares for us so tenderly as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

He knows just how to lead us Home!

His love endures forever! There is no stopping it.

Even if we stray away from Him, He will never leave us or forsake us.

His faithfulness continues through all generations; it is everlasting!

Our awesome God is unchanging
in His constant love for us!

Glory Hallelujah to our incredible God!

He is worthy of all the praise we could ever express!

By Donna Faye Anderson

Church News

An Announcement From Margie Rice

Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful Thanksgiving celebration service on November 5 at 11:00 a.m. Hear the sanctuary choir and orchestra play majestic hymns. Students from Ukiah Junior Academy will also be participating. Let us start the holiday season giving thanks to our Lord and Savior.

Youth Mission Trip

The Pathfinders and youth ministries are teaming up to go on a mission trip to Camp Wai'anae in Hawaii. The camp is a huge ministry asset for Hawaii and relies on volunteer help to continue to improve the facilities. We will be going with a group to help them with one of these projects. If you would like to support this trip, you can donate through the "Youth Mission Trip" fund with the church. Anything that is given will help make a big difference in making this trip happen. Thank you for your support!

Eric Kablanow, Ukiah SDA Associate Pastor

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October 16th we had a climbing day. It was a small group but we still had a good time. Picture 1: left to right (Pastor K., Nathan Kuntz, Caleb Thompson, Hunter Tollini). Picture 2: Nathan climbing. Picture 3: Hunter climbing.

Pathfinders

Director Luis Pastor reports that the Ukiah Timberwolves Club had the distinct honor of doing the very first flag raising ceremony bright and early at 6:45 a.m. They were participants at the Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee, at the Lake Skinner Campground, October 5-9.

Our Pathfinder club also led out for the color guard on Sabbath in front of 3600 other attendees. Way to go, guys!

A number of youth were baptized during the camporee, one of which was Zednic Schultz. We are blessed with awesome young people!

The next Pathfinder event is Teen Caving, November 11-13.

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Ukiah Pathfinders at Camporee:

1: Pathfinders- "Attention!"

2: Pathfinders- "Right face!"

"Forward March. Left. Right. Left. Right."

3: Front Row, L to R, Zednic Schultz, Samuel Kuntz, Beth Garibaldi, Regional Coordinator, Eli, Rachel Williams, Nathan Kuntz, Back row: Luis Pastor, Club Director, Gabriel Barraza, Emily, Logan Kurtz, Samantha Casuga, Tori Corbett, Kate Corbett, Caleb Williams.

4: Zednic Schultz and friend.

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Thanks to Carl Henning, we have drone pictures of the completed roof project on our church. Thank you to everyone who participated in covering the cost of the new roof. It is completely paid for. Praise goes to God!



Church News cont.



Thanksgiving Basket Drive, by Heidi Veness



Fellowship Potluck Luncheon Schedule

November 5 - Elders w/ Mike Wilson—Potluck will be on Mike and Sylvia Wilson's lawn. Address:
1171 Boonville Road, Ukiah, CA

November 12 - Deacons w/ Marshall Merklin

November 19 - Finance Committee w/ Brynn Stirling

Church members and their families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring large serving portions of food to share. Thank you! Visitors are always welcome.

Immunity Health

The third lecture in this series is

"Emotions— Get Connected"

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 6:30-7:30 PM
1390 Laurel Ave, Ukiah, CA 95482

Hello Church Family!

'Tis the season to give thanks and give back. This year for our Thanksgiving Basket Drive, we will be teaming up with our local Ukiah Food Bank to help align with their vision that everyone in our community has equal access to a hearty Thanksgiving meal! The Food Bank has done a great job developing a system that allows participants to indicate food preferences and allergies to ensure they have the best possible experience. Please encourage anyone that you know of who would like to receive a basket to sign up at the Ukiah Food Bank on Ford Street.

We, as a church, have volunteered to help put the baskets together the week before Thanksgiving, which will take place at the food bank.

On Saturday, November 19, our church has agreed to go out into the community to help deliver all the baskets. This is one of the most rewarding and important tasks, because it gives us an opportunity to interact with the community members to offer a prayer and kind words of encouragement and conversation.

If you are interested in helping to put baskets together or to help deliver, please contact Heidi Veness (707) 339-0668. If you are unable to physically help and/or would still like to contribute to this cause, please visit www.fordstreet.org/donations.

We are excited to have our church partner with the local food bank and do what we can to share the love of Jesus.

GOD IN TAMPA, FLORIDA

LIBERTY AND HEALTH ALLIANCE

SEPT 14TH-18TH, 2022.

By Priscilla Costa DDS

Family News

Mrs. Irmgart Mitchell worked in the administration of my program at LLUSD. When she invited me to Tampa, I didn't want to say No!

I work Thursday and Friday once a month in southern California with my colleague, Dr. Sandoval. When I asked if we could change the schedule so I could attend the Liberty and Health Alliance mission, Dr. Sandoval and his wife readily registered to attend it also!

There were no flights over-night from California to Tampa, including from my five closer airports! The options would only be to other Florida towns. Even so, I wouldn't make it to Thursday's clinic.

A week before Tampa, I did an unusual review of all the procedures for the next week. Surprisingly, my work schedule was empty!

I asked my manager the reason for it! She then called to the four front desks, asking them how they missed my schedule! No one had a word to answer! My schedule is full for a year, according to the insurance exams. I am not allowed to ask time off when I have treatment scheduled.

My manager promised to fill the schedule with this week's exams. I then told her that I planned to attend this mission and of my request to go earlier. Her answer was, "It seems that God really wants you to Go!"

The airline available to Tampa offered one flight change with no extra fee. I could change the flight to arrive the evening before the event!

I rushed from the airport to the Convention Center and helped with setting up



God In Tampa, Florida, cont.



the clinic until we were the last ones to leave. The following days were of intense work, seeing patients starting at 7 am, organizing for the next day after 4 pm, fellowshiping with colleagues at dinner, and meetings until 9 pm.

I found myself with no assistant on my first morning and prayed for an angel to help. A short time later, my roommate that I met at my arrival, came to help me! This nurse left her medical department with less patients to help the busy dental clinic. She adapted fast, had great communication skills, and was an excellent helper to the end! Because she prayed with the patients, I felt encouraged to do the same! Once, I asked her to sing to us, when with an anxious patient, and she did! She showered us with blessed hymns! The patient calmed down and was very thankful!

Our last patient on Friday was a homeless man with HBP, which I questioned the screening team, before I provided a no numbing cleaning. His last cleaning was 20 years ago. His mouth was inflamed with residual broken teeth. This patient received our two prayers and cried his personal challenges to both of us. He received my serious talk at the end with a, "Yes mom!" That night, we heard him testifying how his life changed that day, after meeting a comprehensive team of professionals.

I personally grew in 4 factors:

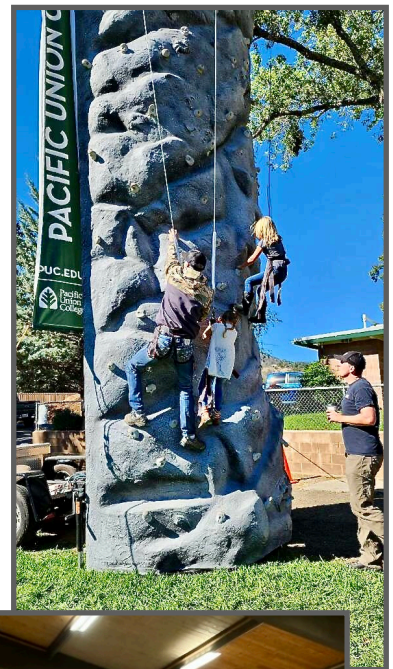
- 1- I loved praying with receptive patients! It crossed my mind that I would like to work as a missionary, because in the private practice, I don't have the same opportunity and happiness!
 - 2- I learned from the wisdom of my friendly colleagues!
 - 3- I eagerly learned the data from Drs. McCullough, Song, and Chung. I memorized the personal testimonies!
 - 4- I returned home with my heart filled with happiness and wiser than when I went! I made new friends, people that question and stand up, and met old friends that joined to volunteer!
- Blessings!"

Fall Festival at UJA

October 23 turned out to be a bright and beautiful fall day, just perfect for a fabulous Fall Festival. True to form, all the classrooms were represented with colorful booths, offering a wide variety of food and sweets, crafts, homemade items, and challenging games. There were lots of happy sounds of friendly visiting. There was a “silent” auction that accrued at present \$695.00 for the Technology Fund. There was a very animated pie auction, presented by Pete and Jeni Bushby, which brought in \$841.00 for a new outdoor basketball court. The ticket sales for the classrooms totaled \$5,330.00.

Tammy Barrington provided horseback rides around the ball field, which was a favorite activity. A bounce house jumped around on the lawn in front of the gym. Pacific Union College brought a rock climbing wall and it captivated the interest of many young climbers.

By the end of the festival, everyone was satisfied to have experienced a tremendous day!



These photos of Fall Festival were submitted by Jodi Clay, Jeni Bushby and Wendi Olivera.



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Chanp: Caleb Williams.
Photo by Pastor Eric Williams



“Yummy lunch on Sports Day!”

Nathan Kuntz enjoys his sandwich.

Photo taken by Samantha Casuga

On Monday morning, September 26, about 35 5th through 9th grade students loaded up at UJA in vans and cars to partake in Sports Day at Rio Lindo Academy with other students from the Northern California Conference. At check-in, students were given one of four colored wristbands to divide everyone into their sports groups for the day. After they received their wristbands, all students went into the gym for worship.,

Following worship, everyone split up by the color of their wristband. Then, each group would participate in one of four sports, volleyball, basketball, football, and soccer. Next, students and a staff member from Rio Lindo led out in drills to hone the skills of all the students, no matter their skill level.

Rio Lindo was a great host. In addition to the wristbands, students received a Rio Lindo t-shirt and two delicious meals, lunch, and dinner. At closing ceremonies, UJA students were recognized for their outstanding sports skills. Rio students and staff members recognized participants for exceptional talents and positive attitudes in individual sports. Two UJA 8th graders were recognized, Caleb Williams in the sport of volleyball and Seth Boyle in the sport of football. Each had their name engraved on a trophy that remains at Rio Lindo Academy on permanent display.

After dinner, all students were invited to stay and watch the Rio Lindo Spartans girls' volleyball team and the girls' and boys' flag football teams play opposing schools. The Spartans lost their volleyball game, but both teams were victorious in flag football. The UJA students had a great experience and came back to school exhausted from a day of honing their sports skills at Rio Lindo's Sports Day.

UJA's classrooms are growing!

The school year began with an enrollment of 92 students. As of the end of October the roster has grown to 100, with more interest being expressed. The staff is thankful and praising the Lord.

Veggie Food Store

Cheryl Witzel reports: All regular size cans of Loma Linda Foods and former Worthington now come in a smaller size with a smaller price.

All the stock we have now are the larger size cans, except for the regular Big Franks. They now come six in a can instead of eight for \$5.50.

The holidays will be here before we know it. We have plenty of turkey rolls and smoked turkey rolls. We only have three dinner roasts.

Since we have to order a minimum of \$2,000.00, I'm not sure we will be placing an order before the end of the year.

I have made some fall craft items for sale. The profits will go to the school.

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Fun at the Pumpkin Patch by Deb Attaway

Ukiah Junior Academy enjoyed a sunny, fall afternoon at Pirate Pete's Practically Perfect Pumpkin Patch Tuesday, October 18th. Kindergarten through 4th grade teachers, students and parents wheeled red wagons through acres of sunflowers, broom corn and gourds to select their individual favorite pumpkin.

The 60+ students roamed the squash-studded farm, climbed on hay bales and handled fist-sized white mini Casperita pumpkins. Amy Taylor, Pumpkin Patch volunteer, shared a variety of fun facts. According to Taylor, the heaviest pumpkin on record weighed in at over a ton at 2,700 pounds! She revealed the "noodles" inside spaghetti squash. Kindergartners were invited to touch and even taste.

"This was an exciting experience for many of our students," exclaimed first-grade teacher Debbie Nelson, "especially Kindergarten through second grade, who had never, due to Covid, gone on a field trip."

Field trips enrich the student's academic life by providing educational opportunities and social interaction within the greater community...and this has been sorely missed.

A huge thank you to Mike Boer, proprietor, for sharing the joys of harvest with Ukiah Junior Academy students, staff and families. How does Mike find time away from his full time job? "I grow grapes for a living but this is my playground," grinned Mike.



Photos by Allison Kurtz

Below: Grades K thru 4



A Lesson From God's Creation



By
Diana
Howe

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!”
2 Corinthians 5:17**

Have you ever watched a tree change through the four seasons? When I am out for a walk in my neighborhood I like to watch the same trees go through their changes in Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. I also like to talk with God during this time and I will ask Him questions and He will always teach me something through His nature. Last year I learned a beautiful lesson that I will forever see in the four seasons of tree leaves, which I will call the Seasons of Salvation.

It was the Fall and while I was on one of my walks, I passed a tree that I always observe and saw that it had turned from a dull green to a brilliant bright red. It was so breathtaking that it stopped me in my tracks and I had to wonder. Never had I seen such intense red leaves before. So I had to ask God what lesson He had to teach me in this discovery. What came to my mind was that the red color was like Jesus' blood. Like the old dull green leaves that used to color that tree at the end of Summer, sin makes us dull, worn, and dingy; “all of us wither like a leaf.” Isaiah 64:6. But the Bible also says, “...and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7. So like the leaves turning red, Jesus' blood saves and cleanses us from sin. The cleansing comes when every withered leaf falls from the tree. Winter is the next in the Seasons of Salvation.

Winter, in colder areas, brings the snow that can transform any ordinary place to a bright and beautiful wonderland. The snow will cover every single branch and twig making the tree sparkle and radiate in it's white garment. I was then led to the Bible verses, “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...,” “For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness...” Isaiah 1:18, 61:10. The once withering leafed tree has no trace of its old leaves, but is now cleansed of itself. Spring is the next in Seasons of Salvation.

When the Spring arrives, all the once bare branches now begin to bud with new bright green leaves. The tree has gone through a change and just like the Bible says for us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17. God gives us a new life as we live abiding in Him and “He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12.