

# “The ❤️ of the Matter”

## A Monthly Source of Information for the Church

### Praise God for UJA’s Phenomenal Teachers

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you and watch over you.” Psalm 32:8 NIV

May 6 through 10 marks this year’s Teacher Appreciation Week! And honestly, I appreciate them every week, because I have no idea how they do what they do! Teachers in general are an awesome breed of people with a great amount of patience and love for their students. And maybe I am biased, but I don’t think I am...so I have to say that this particular group of teachers I work with are “a cut above the rest!” I love working with each and every one of them, and I love how well they all work together and in their classrooms. You honestly couldn’t ask for a better crew of teachers to help raise your kids up in a loving and God-centered environment! I can’t wait to work another year with each and every one of them, and continue to see where God leads in their lives, as well as in the lives of each of their students. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to Margie, Wendi, Debbie, Benji, Diana, Beth, Peter, Nathan, Dan, and Rick! Love you all!

By Allison Kurtz, Office Manager

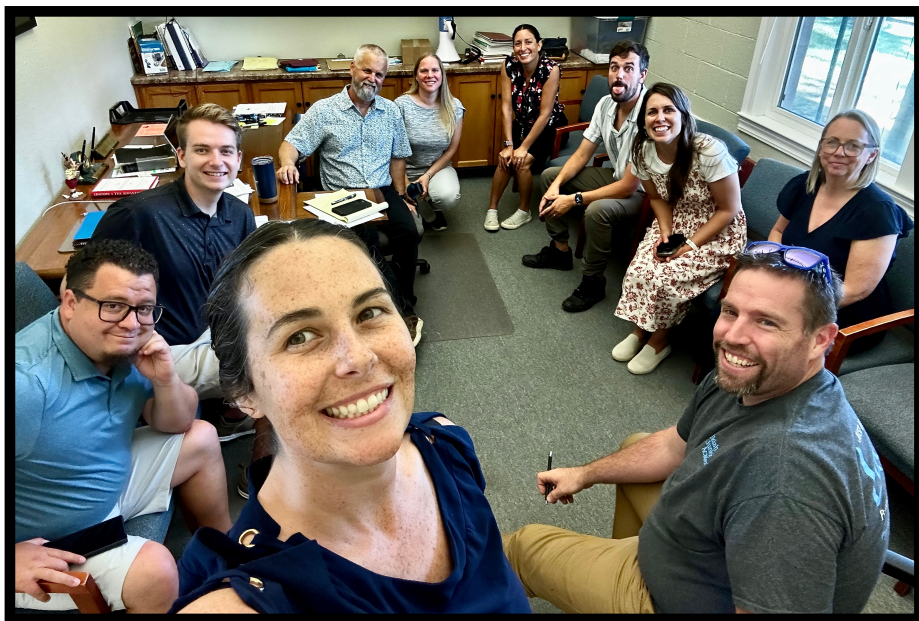


Photo above, far left clockwise: Peter Garcilazo, 5-6; Nathan Moravetz, 7-8; Rick Nelson, Principal, 7-10; Wendi Olivera, K; Diana Kurtz, Aide 2-3; Benji Oliver, 2-3; Beth Kablanow, 4; Debbie Nelson, 1; Dan Kuntz, 9-10; Allison Kurtz, Year Book; Above right: Margie Rice, Choir & Strings



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**Special Invitation From Margie Rice**

Please come to Ukiah Junior Academy's Spring Concert on Thursday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy patriotic music by grades kindergarten through six, the Ukiah Junior Academy string ensemble, and the Music Man, presented by students from grades five through ten.

**Graduation 8th Grade—**

You are invited to attend the 8th. grade graduation festivities at UJA's upper courtyard on Thursday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m.

**BELOW ARE THE 8th GRADE  
GRADUATES OF 2024**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



*Rick Nelson*



*Nathan Moravetz*

**Grade 8  
Ukiah Junior Academy**

*Rick Nelson, Principal  
Nathan Moravetz, Teacher  
2023-2024*



*Nishae Colombo*



*Ollie Harper*



*Judah Kurtz*



*Angel Monjaraz*



*Zednic Schultz*



*Caleb Thompson*



*Hunter Tollini*



*Addison Walker*

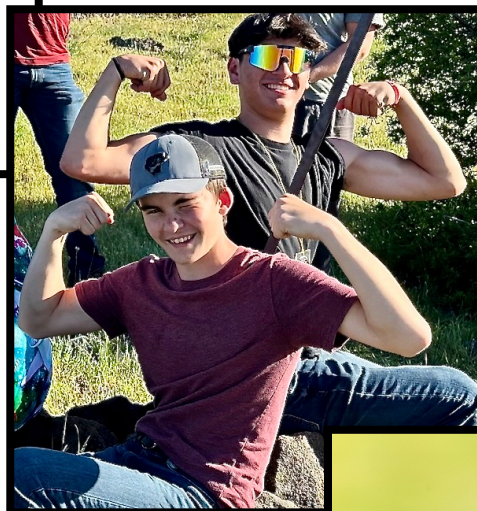




Logan Kurtz has spent three years at UJA. He graduated 8th grade in 2022 and stayed on at UJA for both his Freshman and Sophomore years. It has been an honor to teach Logan and coach him on the basketball team. He has grown not only in wisdom but in stature. He has been a student that other students look up to. He exemplifies what a UJA student is in studies and attitude. Logan never shies from a challenge: he has given children's stories at church, led out in student week of prayer at UJA, carried an extra backpack while hiking because another hiker was ill. His compassionate nature comes out when working with younger students and helping people in times of need. Logan literally leaves big shoes to fill. We will miss him as he plans to attend Rio Lindo next year, but we know he will return and visit because his mom works on campus and he still has three

brothers at UJA.

Logan, UJA wishes you the best and we know you will accomplish great things.



Klayten Zinn arrived at UJA last year for his Freshman year and stayed with us for his Sophomore year. Klayten is a character role model for students in the upper grades. He enjoys animal husbandry (Mrs. Garibaldi and Mr. Kuntz buy eggs from him) and he has his own bee hives. He enjoys the outdoors and working with his hands. Checking with the students to see what they did over the weekend, he told me about rebuilding a weed-eater to get it running again. On the 9th/10th grade backpacking trip Mr. Nelson led, Klayten was in his element: he had the first tent up, first one starting a fire with flint and steel, first one ready for a hike, first one packed and ready to move to the new campsite. Klayten has been working with the Boonville Fire Department and their training of future firefighters. Additionally, he could see himself being an electrician, or working outdoors with animals. He plans to finish his high school education at Ukiah High School.

Klayten, UJA has been blessed with your gifts and we know you will be a man of excellence in all your future endeavors.



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## Church News

# FAITH and HEALING

MAY 3-5 | UKIAH, CA

*Join us for a transformative weekend exploring the role of faith in healing and wellness. Hosted by the Adventist Health North Coast Network and Ukiah Seventh-Day Adventist Church.*

### Location

Ukiah SDA Church @ 1390 Laurel Avenue

### Schedule

- May 3: 7:00 PM Friday Night Vespers
- May 4:
  - Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
  - Church: 11:00 AM
  - Potluck @ Ukiah Junior Academy (180 Stipp Ln)
  - Afternoon Session: 2:00 PM
- May 5: Over abundance outreach project.
  - Contact Andrew Temper to see how you can help: +1 (909) 953-5380



Seventh-day  
Adventist Church

North Coast Network  
Adventist Health

## Speakers



### John Torquato, MD

A board-certified Family Practice Physician dedicated to integrating faith with healthcare. Driven by the mission to advance the Gospel through healthcare, seeing medicine as a means to prepare people for Jesus' second coming.



### Braylan Lopez

Medical missionary with experience in Hong Kong and as a missions office co-director. He's pursuing a career in medicine, aiming to blend healing and spirituality. Braylan holds a degree in religious studies.



### Don Mackintosh

The Director of the HEALTH program and a spiritual counselor for the Nedley Depression Recovery Program. Pastor of Weimar University Church. He is married to Luminitsa and is the proud father of four children: Elizabeth, Katherine, Donald, and James.

[www.jesusinhealthcare.com](http://www.jesusinhealthcare.com)



## COMBINED CHURCH AND PATHFINDER WEEKEND IS MAY 17-19.

PLAN TO JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY AT ALBION! There is a sign-up sheet at the Outreach Desk in the church foyer or you may text Kellie Corbett at (509) 438-2837.

We are delighted to welcome Pastor Greg and Allison Harper back again. Pastor Greg will bring treasures from God's Word Friday evening and Sabbath.

Even if you don't plan to attend for the weekend, you may come for lunch on Sabbath, the 18th. Please notify Kellie Corbett so we can be sure to have enough food.

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 NIV*



**Church News, Cont.**

## Radio Opportunity for the Redwood Empire

By Mike Wilson

Last fall we learned that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was going to give away 4 FM low-power broadcast frequencies on a lottery basis in Ukiah. We put in for one for English and one for Spanish to be able to preach the true Bible message 24-7 to the Ukiah area. Just before one of our frequencies had been approved for a low-power station, we learned that a popular high-power local station was for sale for \$80,000. The church has voted to buy the station and many of you have begun funding it or have pledged to do so. The broker, who is handling the sale, told us we should offer \$68,000 for various reasons. The broker is swamped with sales, so it is taking time to get a response from the seller. We hope to hear soon.

Some are saying that radio is an old media and is going away. Nielsen ratings tell a different story: 92% of US adults are listening to the radio every week. That is 121.5 million US listeners weekly in 2021, more than any other platform.

Sabbath morning, April 13, I met a lady at church who had not been to church for many years. She had driven the day before from Eureka to Ukiah. She told how most of the way she had listened to Adventist preaching on the radio. That inspired her to come to church the next day. On that mountainous highway, she felt the angels must have let her have a solid signal to hear an Adventist preacher without missing anything. We praised the Lord with her. It turns out there is a new Adventist station, KADV 89.1, on a mountain above Garberville. I believe God sent this lady to us just now as a “proof of concept” to show us He wants the word to go out here as well. Please give to radio both online and in tithe envelopes to “Radio”. If you want to help the Spanish radio to get started, give to “Spanish Radio.” God will bless!



Photos above left: Tulips and right: Iris Photos by David Anderson

## Update on Medical Missions

To tell the full story, we have to go back to March 8-10 when Keilani's aunt and uncle, Josef and Katie Ludwig from Hendersonville, North Carolina, came to our church and presented the first six out of twelve lessons called the Galilee Protocol. A friend of the Ludwigs, Bill Holt, wrote a book, *The Galilee Protocol*, that emphasized the medical missionary work and responsibility that has been given to our church through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. It focuses on the method that Christ used to reach the people of His day.

Many of us, while studying the Galilee Protocol lessons, were convicted that God is calling us to a special work to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our community, and with that a conviction that we have been slack for quite some time in seeking to meet those needs.

We were also convicted that we have not been following much of the guidance our church has been given in uniting spiritual and physical/medical healing that started in the early days of our church. We realized that God was calling each one of us personally, and that calling, if ignored, would have significant consequences on us and our church. As we had only been able to get through half of the lessons, a group of those who wished to finish the course continued to meet on Sunday afternoons to see the course through.

Upon completing the course, we again realized that the Lord had put on our hearts the urgency that we act, but we did not know how best to meet the needs of our community. We had many ideas of our own, but with the Lord's guidance, we decided to do a community survey to learn what people in our town actually needed.

A survey was created and on April 14, our small group met and asked the Lord to guide us and give us the courage to go door-to-door and ask our neighbors what needs they had that we, through God's grace and His strength, might be able to meet. We realized that in our own strength, we were incapable of success in this endeavor and asked God to lead us at each new home. We had 4-5 groups of 2-3 people each, who went to different areas in our town and we spent about an hour in the community.

Several people were interested with education on heart disease and diabetes reversal through healthy living; several more were interested in Bible studies. We have met people who are in great need of home repairs, and others who would like help with gardening. On Sunday, April 21, we went out again and the Lord lined us up with some wonderful interactions that showed us that He most certainly is leading this work!

We hope that anyone who reads this report will feel more than welcome to join us on Sundays at 2:00 pm. when we meet at the church first to ask for the Lord's guidance and the power of His Spirit before we go door-to-door.

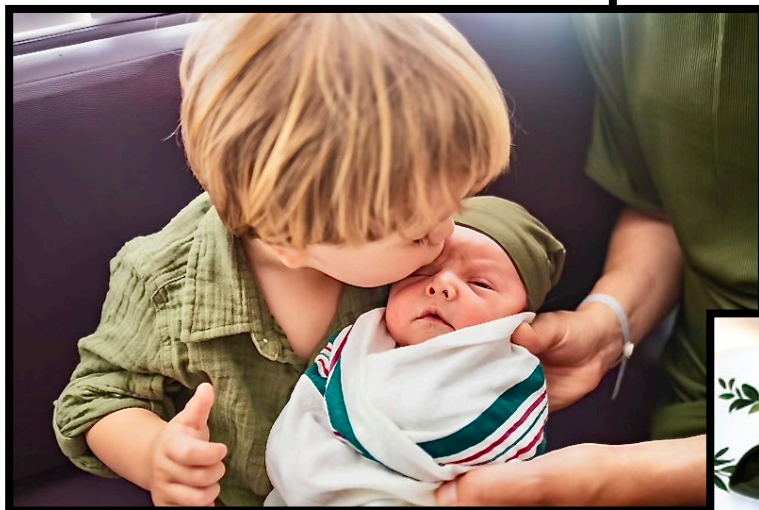
by Andrew Tremper

"The conversion of souls to God is the greatest work, the highest work, in which human beings can have a part."  
Letter 121, 1902

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## Family News



**WE** are excited to announce that we welcomed our second boy, Harrison Franklin Rice Oliver, to our little family! He was born on April 19, checking in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. and 21.5 in. tall. We are completely smitten and thankful to God that he and his mama are healthy and thriving. We can't wait to introduce you in the coming weeks! Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes! Love, the Olivers



HONOR MOTHERS ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 12

Here's a Mrs. White statement about mothers from *The Adventist Home*:

"The king upon his throne has no higher work than has the mother. The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children's characters, that they may be fitted for the higher, immortal life. An angel could not ask for a higher mission; for in doing this work she is doing service for God. Let her only realize the high character of her task, and it will inspire her with courage. Let her realize the worth of her work and put on the whole armor of God, that she may resist the temptation to conform to the world's standard. Her work is for time and for eternity."

### **The Martins' Ministry in Madagascar**

Wilbert and Danielle Martin are so excited about a ministry they are sponsoring in Madagascar. They have purchased property that has two houses on it. One is providing a place where God can be worshipped on Sabbaths. Already, there are 32 people regularly attending. Praise God! They also are planning to have essential food items to give to the people who attend.

Danielle knew a retired pastor friend who agreed to shepherd this new little flock. Please pray for the pastor and this group of dear souls that they may grow in God's grace. Please pray also for the Martins as they support this mission outreach. If you would like to encourage them through your prayers or resources, you may call Wilbert at 707-671-4152.



**Viewing the Eclipse**

by Mike Wilson

Sylvia and I, my sister, Gayle, with her husband, Gerald, and my son, Jim, with his wife, Vivian, met together on top of a Dallas Love Field parking structure on April 8 to watch the total eclipse of the sun. Although clouds kept crossing the sun, they were mostly thin enough to continue seeing the amazing sight. With our eclipse glasses on, we saw the sun slowly go behind the moon, until there was just one small part visible. Then the sun was gone, lights came on all around us, and the crowd cheered.

We took off our eclipse glasses and could see only the sun's corona. I looked in Jim's camera that was on an equatorial gimbal and I could see little red gems on the sides, which were from the sun shining through valleys between lunar mountains—all beautiful sights! That lasted for over 4 minutes, with varying plumes showing around the covered sun. Then it looked like a bright little diamond appeared on the left side, which increased quickly as the sun reappeared. Here is a link to a part of Jim's video taken during the totality: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTWLZkiBOQE>

**My Psalm**

O, Lord, as I see the fresh, new day before me  
awaken,  
my old mind and weakened, worn-out body,  
as Abraham in his elder years,  
remembers Your unwavering mercy and love to  
me.

Then, as David of old, fell victim to temptation,  
and Joseph, abused by his own family;  
I too went on many rough roads of life.  
In my wandering journeys,  
sometimes I thought You did not act in my best  
interest.

But, like Jonah, I was at the mercy of the great  
fish and the sea,  
As the waves tossed me about.  
I realized when I was spit out,  
I was blessed because I believed  
You will fulfill Your promises in me.

I know I am like Mary who was despised by many,  
but don't let me be like Martha who was a worrier,  
about how You can use me.

Let me, as Zacchaeus, timid and small,  
reach up to the heavens  
and climb the tree of faith to wave You down,  
so You can come to my house and sit at my table,  
and I can be satisfied in Your presence.

Continue to guide and teach me,  
for You are my God who gives generously.  
Because of my lack of wisdom, I ask for just a  
portion,  
so that as I come to my eternity,  
I can dwell in Your house forever.

Love, from Your daughter Leota

Written by Leota Garner, a Sabbath School member  
who accepted the challenge to write a personal  
psalm.



## Musings From a Quilter by Nadine Schultz

Oceans and quilting are two of my favorite things. In coming to the Mendocino coast, I found that there were others of like mind, so joining Ocean Wave Quilters was an easy decision. Every month there is a meeting with guild business, activities and a show and tell. Some of the quilts and sewing are for community projects, such as “Warm Welcome Quilts”, which are given to newborns; “Chaplain Quilts” to be given out as needed; “Infusion Quilts” which go to the cancer patients, as well as quilts to the Child Protective Services, and “Texture Quilts” to some of the elderly-care facilities. Other projects include sewing “Dress-a-Girl” dresses which are sent to other countries where clothing is not so easily accessible, pet beds and pillow cases. Each of these projects is a way to love others and give back to the community.

Twice a year, the Ocean Wave Quilters has a small retreat where they get together to sew and socialize. The retreats provide a special time for members to sew, quilt, see projects in progress, talk, learn from the more experienced members; and learn about what’s important to other guild members. The last retreat, March 21-24, was held at Albion Field Station. I was glad to host the retreat, as the laboratory building has a large, well-lit room to accommodate lots of tables for sewing and cutting. (Dave and Donna Faye happened to be at Albion during this retreat and that’s the reason you are hearing about quilting).

Once a year, there is a Quilt Show in Fort Bragg. This year is the 28th Show! June 29-30, 2024. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm daily, \$10 entry fee – includes both days. The show will be held at Dana Gray Elementary School in Fort Bragg. There are usually two quilts raffled off. I not only helped to piece the larger quilt entitled, “Around the Countryside,” but also quilted it on my long-arm machine.

Quilting has many positive aspects for me. It was something special that my mom and I shared in common and could do projects together. The creative process is challenging and rewarding and can stretch the mind and abilities. The end result is often a warm and snuggly quilt to keep or share. One of my quilts was donated last year to the Glenn Miller Memorial Golf Tournament that raises funds for student scholarships for Ukiah Junior Academy. Some have gone to OWQ projects, but most of them are given away to friends and family.



Photos this page, Nadine Schultz, top, shown with one of her quilts along with two more.





## The Solar Eclipse

by Beth Garibaldi

Sandi Wirth and I paid hundreds of dollars for plane tickets, hotels, and rental cars to place ourselves in the path of totality for the solar eclipse in April. This was a “life list” adventure! As the trip drew near, the weather reports became discouraging. Widespread clouds and possible thunderstorms were predicted to cover a large part of the eclipse’s path. We decided to chance it anyway.

We found a place to stay in the small town of Fredericksburg, Texas. Hotels there were all booked. After contacting the pastor of the local church to see if we could stay there, a member called and invited us to stay in her home. She turned out to be an old friend from California.

We woke up to partly cloudy skies and prepared to go to another church member’s house for

an eclipse picnic. We passed the time eating, visiting, and cheering every break in the clouds. As the eclipse started, we moved out to lawn chairs in the open and really focused on sun-gazing with our eclipse glasses. At first it looked like other partial eclipses I had seen. But it quickly became apparent that this time the sun and moon were



perfectly aligned. However, it seemed that the clouds got thicker as totality approached.

Suddenly, it became very dark, and the neighborhood nightlights came on. Birds sang their evening songs and quieted. Dogs started barking and it felt like it was after sundown. Then the clouds parted and there it was! We had a clear view of the black disk of the moon with a ring of fire surrounding it.

All the planning, all the travel, all was well worth it for a few seconds of a once-in-a-lifetime sight in the heavens. We couldn’t help but think of that glorious day when all eyes will be focused on the sky, watching for a very special break in the clouds. “This same Jesus...will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:17

