



The Oak Leaflet

Woodland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Christmas Program and Dinner

Sunday, December 18th
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children and youth will re-enact the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus through readings and carols.

A potluck Christmas dinner will follow immediately after the program in Parker Hall in the Christian Education building.

All are welcome to come enjoy the program and our Christmas dinner together.

For more information contact the church office, Nancy Love or Becky Gordon.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24th
11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Carols

Readings

Communion

The lighting of the Christ Candle

The passing of the light

As we conclude this service of worship we will walk out into the early morning hours of Christmas Day.

This service is planned and led by the elders of the congregation.

For more information contact Karen Webber or the church office.

Pastor Larry Vacation

Larry will be taking his last week of vacation for 2016, January 2-8, 2017. Rev. Liz Throne will be preaching on January 8th.

November Financial Report

November Statement:

Income.....\$11,812.00
Expenses.....\$15,618.73
Net Income.....\$ -3,806.73

Year to Date Statement Through November:

Income.....\$160,230.35
Expenses.....\$167,801.63
Net Income.....\$ -7,571.28

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (The Apostle Paul, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Round About Us

We celebrate the addition to our church of **Katy Wilmot** on Sunday, November 27th. Katy, who is the daughter of Cathie Wicks, has worshiped with us for a number of years...and decided some time ago (through the encouragement of Betty Bigelow and others) to join the church. She waited until Thanksgiving weekend to do so because a whole lot of family from Iowa and Oregon were visiting...and they all came to church to celebrate with her as she officially became a member of the congregation. We welcome Katy into the life of our church. She also brings her daughter, **Abby**, who is an absolute delight to have around.

Just a few days after joining the church **Katy**, her mom, **Cathie**, sister, **Erin**, and other family and friends traveled to Mexico to celebrate Katy's birthday.

On December 4th we held our annual congregational meeting with a potluck lunch in Parker Hall. We approved both the budget and the slate of leaders for the 2017 year. We also talked about those things we celebrate in the past year of our church's life, including the addition of eleven new members. A special thank you to all of those who served in

leadership in the church in the past year and to those who have agreed to serve in the year ahead. And we also express our thanks to all who gave of time, money, talents and energy to support the life and ministry of the congregation in the past year.

Jennifer Abele had carpal tunnel surgery on her wrist December 6th. She was back in the office two days later...though typing a little slower and finding folding bulletins a bit of a challenge.

Some 150 people gathered in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 10th to celebrate the well-lived and difference making life of **Peggy Phelps**. Peggy had been a member of our church for five and a half years and had made a wonderful difference in our life together. But more than that she had left her mark as a home economics teacher, restaurant owner and manager, social worker, and caregiver resource specialist who became, as her boss, Dawn Myers Purkey, stated, "The person in this community that people turned to when they needed help with caregiving." She left her mark on her family and friends, and became an advocate for the homeless. Peggy was passionate about the possibility of building tiny houses as transitional housing for homeless persons. One of the first tiny houses built in Opportunity Village, Woodland will be designated "Peggy's House." We will miss her so very much.

On Saturday, December 10th **Larry Love** did a presentation on the tiny house project for the men's group at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Our church choir sang four Advent/ Christmas anthems at the Creche Festival at the Woodland LDS stake center on Sunday, December 10th. Choir members participating included **Roy Holmes, Gabriela Strong, Barb Patterson, Alice Schoner, Susie Hardman, Jennifer Abele, and Larry Love** as well as director, **Greg Hayakawa** and accompanist, **Jay Surdell**. Word from the audience was that the group sounded very good.

Jeanelyse Doran Adams is currently serving a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Napa and working as a part-time hospice chaplain in the Sacramento area. That's why she is not in worship with us a couple of Sundays each month.

A special thank you to **John Chase** who brought handmade Christmas ornaments to church for every church household on Sunday, December 4th. John makes these with a scroll saw and they are wonderful. We also thank John as he cleaned the wax out of the candle lighters so they are working much better.

Several church members enjoyed some time relaxing at **Kathy and Pete Cholewinski's** home on luminary night, December 10th. Among those who stopped by were **Pat Nickell, Dona Ostergaard, Doyle Tuman** and **Larry Love**.

Linda Tuman has traveled to Orange in Southern California to get things set up for her mother when she returns to her home from convalescent care. Linda would appreciate prayers for her mother and that all of the details of preparing for caregivers would fall into place.

(If you have news of your family or the church family that you would like included in the Oakleaflet, please contact Larry.)

Notify Us of Schedule Changes

We will begin work soon on the next Master Schedule for February through July of 2017. If you would like to be removed or added to any schedule lists, or have particular times you would like to NOT be scheduled, please contact the office with these requests via phone (662-9356) or email (jinnwcc@sbcglobal.net). Many thanks for your hard work and ministry!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

CWF will soon be selling several items for your gift giving....either gifts to yourselves or gifts for friends and family!

Turkish Scarves	25.00
Recycled tea bag items	
Angels	6.00
Bookmarks	3.00
Words of Hope	4.50
Bean soup mixes	5.00
Dip mixes	3.00
Salsa mixes	3.00
Fair Trade chocolate	5.00

ALL sales from these items go to help benefit women and families in our county and in South Africa and Turkey.

Please stop by our outreach table in Parker Hall after worship on Sunday and see what wonderful items we have to offer!

Scrip Reminder

Remember to use scrip for all of your upcoming Christmas shopping and gift-giving. If you plan to give gift cards buy them from the church instead of the store. We will earn \$\$\$ for our general fund. Use the gift cards yourself for your shopping and again earn \$\$\$ for our general fund. And it doesn't cost you a penny more. This is a partial list of what you can get:

Target, Applebees, Home Depot, Bath & Body, Amazon, Walmart, Red Robin, Lowes, Old Navy, Macy's, CVS, Chili's, Big 5, JCP, Starbucks, Walgreens, Chevys, Michaels, Cinemark, Taco Bell, Rite Aid, Olive Garden, Joanns, Regal, Burger King, Sears, Papa Murphys, Crate & Barrel, Dennys, Kohls

I will be placing at least one order before Christmas. If you let me know what you need I will order it for you. Also remember to use our church website to connect to Amazon Associates before placing an Amazon order. This will earn our church as much as an additional 6%. Just click on Our Church then Amazon Associates. Every little bit helps so please remember to

'Think Scrip' for all your shopping needs.

Thank you,
Becky Gordon

Seeking Storage Containers

We are looking for donations of plastic storage bins, for housing our Christmas decorations and other items in the basement. Our current cardboard boxes are falling apart! If you have a few containers to share, please contact Ann Edwards at 666-5227. Many thanks!

Holiday Concert Cancelled

Regrettably due to various conflicts, we are canceling the Holiday Concert this year. We thank everyone who planned to participate. We will be working to coordinate a Spring Concert event and a Holiday Concert for next year. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information!

Flower Group



We smile, we laugh a lot, we serve and we pray.

If you heard a bit of noise and laughter as you passed by 734 College Street - it was fifteen ladies celebrating the season with a Christmas cookie and recipe exchange.

Marj Hansen hosted this joyful gathering in her lovely Victorian. We had a short meeting with MaryJo reading the December Advent story and prayer, followed by a short story written by Betty. The story title was "Forget the Pilgrims, Here's a Tale of a Bride's First Turkey". It was a fun story about myself as a new bride some 66 years ago. The story brought laughter to our day! More laughter was to follow as Wanda shared what her son had made for Thanksgiving dessert. Have you ever heard of a piecaken?

We also remembered to add several folks to our daily prayers.

Next came our famous "sack lunches". We all gathered around Marj's huge beautifully decorated table. The laughter and fellowship continued as we ate our lunch. Then came the COOKIES! Cookies of all kinds and in abundance! We enjoyed sampling and left the gathering each with a variety of 2 dozen cookies and recipes.

Marj's daughter, Carolyn, was helping serve. She waited on us as though we were Queens. She kept our tea and coffee hot, poured tea from beautiful tea pots and helped in passing the cookies for us to enjoy. Chris helped bag the two dozen cookies we were to take home. Ending our lunch, we enjoyed ice cream sandwiches provided as a special treat by Loretta Gossett.

If you have been thinking about joining the Flower Group - please join us. Our January meeting is being planned by Chris. She will be choosing a local restaurant as its our "out to lunch" meeting. The date is January 5th, the first Thursday of the month. We car pool from the church parking area at 11:30am. More fun, fellowship and good food. Grab your smile and join us - we'd love to have you.

"May you savor each moment as it passes, embrace all that life has to offer and celebrate the joy of every day."

*Blessing to you,
From Betty & MaryJo*

Prayer Concerns

Gwen Miller, Carl Schoner, Ellen Parker,
Leigh Dieckman, Phelps Family & Friends,
Linda Tuman & Family, Jennifer Abele

December 20th

Bill & Lola Morgan
David & Cedar Moss
Arpad & Estie Muranyi
Helen Neal
Marcia Nelson
Jim Newman

December 27th

James Nicholson
Patricia Nickell
Sherry Olson
Dona Ostergaard
Susan Ott
Randy & Patty Overfield

December 25, 2016

“The Grace of God Has Appeared”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture:	Titus 2: 11-14
Scripture Text:	Isaiah 9: 2-7
	Luke 2: 1-20

Service in Worship

Worship Leader:	Cathie Wicks
Children's Moment:	Larry & Nancy Love
CW&W:	Nancy Love
“Christmas – Meeting the Christ Child”	

Greeters:	
Candlelighters:	Angie & Jayson Martinez
Power Point:	Gloria Dewey
Flowers:	Poinsettias

Service at the Table

Elders:	Del Zeiger, Jeanelyse Adams
Diaconate Captain:	Sharon Armus
Diaconate Team:	Chris & Melissa Paulucci, Beth Erickson, Sarah Danielson

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder:	Patty Clark
Kitchen/Nursery:	Sharon Armus
Building Monitor:	Del Zeiger

December 18, 2016

“Named, Claimed and Saved”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture:	Matthew 1: 18-25
Scripture Text:	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
	Romans 1: 1-7

Service in Worship

Worship Leader:	Melissa Paulucci
Children's Moment:	Gloria Dewey
CW&W:	Becky Gordon
“The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem”	

Greeters:	Betty Bigelow, Marj Hansen
Candlelighters:	Katy & Austen Rangel
Power Point:	Beja Springer
Flowers:	Poinsettias

Service at the Table

Elders:	Gloria Dewey, Del Zeiger
Diaconate Captain:	Sharon Armus
Diaconate Team:	Chris & Melissa Paulucci, Beth Erickson, Sarah Danielson

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder:	Cathie Wicks
Fellowship:	Ann Edwards, Megan Shull, MaryJo Holmes, Esther Stiles
Kitchen/Nursery:	Alberta Bradley
Building Monitor:	Becky Gordon

January 1, 2017

“Human Treachery and a Saving God”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture:	Matthew 2: 13-23
Scripture Text:	Isaiah 63: 7-9
	Hebrews 2: 10-18

Service in Worship

Worship Leader:	Roy Holmes
Children's Moment:	Barb Patterson
Children's W&W:	Bob Adams
“The Boy Jesus In the Temple”	

Greeters:	Dale & Esther Stiles
Candlelighters:	Katy & Raul Jr Rangel
Power Point:	Sue Tarleton
Flowers:	Poinsettias

Service at the Table

Elders:	Marjorie Brown, Nancy Love
Diaconate Captain:	Susie Hardman
Diaconate Team:	Neal Hardman, Barb Patterson, Randy & Patty Overfield

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder:	Becky Holland
Homebound:	Cathie Wicks, Wanda Freeman, Randy & Patty Overfield
Fellowship:	Kristina Reimer, Wanda Freeman, Marjorie Brown, Joyce Henning
Kitchen/Nursery:	Gloria Dewey
Building Monitor:	Gordon Davis