



# The Oak Leaflet

Woodland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## **Rotating Shelter Information Meeting**

In early November Christine Engel, Community Services Director for the City of Woodland, met with the WEMM ministers to begin exploring the possibility of doing a rotating shelter for homeless families using the facilities of several different churches here in Woodland. The rotating shelter would be a partnership of the City of Woodland (who would provide the funding), Fourth and Hope (who would provide paid personnel, screening of the homeless families, and training for volunteers), and churches (who would provide the space and some volunteers). Fourth and Hope is currently housing 5 families (with a total of 10 children) per night in their dining hall, but are turning away 3 to 4 families each night.

The hope is to open the rotating shelter (for no more than 20 persons) for four weeks, February 6<sup>th</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup>. This would be a one month trial for this year to see if this would be feasible as an ongoing supportive service for Woodland families during the winter months. Families would eat dinner at Fourth and Hope at 5 p.m., be screened by Fourth and Hope staff, shower at Fourth and Hope, and then travel to that week's host church arriving between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. There would be some activities (children doing homework), a light snack, and then lights would be dimmed for children at 8:30 p.m. with lights out for everyone at 10 p.m. The guest families would wake up at 6

a.m., eat a continental breakfast provided by Fourth and Hope, and leave the host church no later than 7 a.m. (Ten churches in Davis have been participating an Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter for ten years.)

Our church's board has agreed to continue being in conversation regarding the rotating shelter but has not yet made a commitment to participate. On Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. we will hold an informational meeting here at our church for any persons interested in this project. Christine Engel of the City of Woodland and Julie Harlow, board member of the Davis Interfaith Rotating Shelter will be present to share about the project and answer questions. Please join us.

## **Homeless Ministry Team Meeting**

The date for the next homeless ministry team has been changed from Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. here at the Christian Church. The three member sub-committee will report on efforts to develop a board (six persons have committed to serve), plans to incorporate as a non-profit, and conversations with the city to find a suitable site for the tiny house community. All interested church members are welcome.

## New Year's Eve Game Night

Once again we will gather in Parker Hall on New Year's Eve, 6 p.m. for a game night. Adults and children are welcome. Please bring table games and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Love, 662-9356 or 666-2069. This was an event Peggy Phelps encouraged and we gather this year in appreciation of her contributions to the life of this church.

## Pastor Larry's Vacation

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

## Round About Us

Congratulations to **Michael, Jennifer, and Thomas Abele** as Michael's adoption of Tommy was finalized on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony at the Yolo County courthouse. After signing some papers, Judge Stephen Basha declared the adoption finalized. Attending to celebrate with Mike, Jennifer and Tommy were **Debbie Abele, Donna Aukes, Juan Carlos and Beth (Nilsen) Cantavella** (all the way from Houston, Texas), **Nancy West, and Pastor Larry Love.**

Special thanks to the children and youth of the church who presented the annual Advent/Christmas program on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We also say thank you to Christian Education chairs **Nancy Love** and **Becky Gordon** for their hard work organizing and directing the program. Among children and youth and young adults participating were **Christian Lyster-Bradley, Cheyenne Lyster-Lane**, Cheyenne's friend, **Vanessa, Austin Kennedy, Jayson Martinez, Jeremiah Braziel, A. J. Felix, MacKenzie and Michael Phillips, Brandon, Jacob, and Hannah Danielson, Raul Rangel, Jr., Amaree Garcia, Katy Wilmot, Sean and Jack Gordon, Evee Springer, Audrey, Eli and Grace Holland, and Isaiah Patterson.** Other adults helping included **Melissa Paulucci and Sarah Danielson.** **Gloria Dewey** helped organize the dinner. Among those helping with the dinner and clean up were **Jeremy Braziel, P. J. Gordon, Alberta Bradley** and **Larry Love.** Great thanks to all who planned, participated and attended. Some 80 persons were present for the program and dinner. Once again we shout a big thank you to **Ann Edwards** for taking the lead on our ministry with the residents of Cottonwood Rehab. On Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Ann organized a Christmas party for some 20 residents. Helping Ann were **Evelyn**

**Souza, Barbara Tucker, Deb Gallagher** (and Deb's grandson), **Robyn Stiles, and Pastor Larry Love** (playing guitar for the songs). We sang Christmas carols and then enjoyed cookies as we celebrated Christmas together. Ann also had Santa hats for all the residents.

We also thank **Ann Edwards** for organizing the Christmas gift give-away for the Cottonwood residents. Fifteen or so residents got gifts like sweatshirts, jewelry or warm socks. Thanks to all of the church members who bought and wrapped the gifts.

Thank you to **Alberta Bradley** and **Ann Edwards** who spent several hours at the church on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> receiving poinsettias from church members to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas worship services. And thanks to all who brought the poinsettias. The sanctuary looks wonderful.

We are so very grateful to **Becky Holland** and **Karen Webber** who took the lead planning and leading the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Others participating in the service included **Jeanelyse Doran Adams, Del Zeiger, Nancy Love, Larry, Micah and Alexa Love. Greg Hayakawa** (our choir director) sang, and **Dr. Jay Surdell** and **Dr. Pam Prater** inspired us with their piano and organ duets and their accompaniment of the Christmas carols. Over 85 people, including many members of the community, attended the service.

Prayers of thanks for the safety of **Theresa Freeman** who was in a four car crash on the freeway in Sacramento. Though the car was totaled, Theresa is okay though badly bruised.

Several members of the choir enjoyed an evening of singing and Christmas cobbler at the home of **Roy and MaryJo Holmes.** Enjoying the evening were Roy and MaryJo, **Larry Love, Barb Patterson, Alice Schoner, Ursula Heffernon, Jeanne Moe, Barry Matz, Jennifer Abele, Gabriela Strong, Linda Quinn, Beth Ericksen, Greg Hayakawa, and Jay Surdell.** Thank you Roy and MaryJo for your gracious hospitality and delicious cobbler...and brownies...and egg nog!

**Roy and MaryJo** enjoyed having four of their five children (including their daughter, **Rebecca**, from Montana) together last weekend to celebrate an early Christmas. There were also grandchildren and great-grandchildren present.

**Robyn Stiles** is in Woodland for about three weeks celebrating Christmas and New Years with her

parents **Dale** and **Esther**. Robyn is working on her PhD. at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge...and also teaching some undergraduate courses. Good to have you in Woodland, Robyn.

**Pastor Larry Love** enjoyed leading three short worship services at the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Twenty different youth participated in the services singing Christmas carols and reflecting on the life-giving difference the babe of Bethlehem makes in our lives and world. **Sylvina Frausto** of Holy Rosary Catholic Church translated for the Spanish speakers present.

Prayers would be appreciated for **Shirley Pasanen**, a long-time member of this church who fell recently and broke her hip. Shirley had partial hip replacement surgery and is now in a rehab facility.

Special thanks once again to **Lon Springer** who oversaw our church's involvement in the WEMM Christmas basket effort to provide Christmas dinners for 350 families in our community and other parts of Yolo County. Lon has done this for us for the past several years.

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

### Poinsettias

Every year, members of the congregation give poinsettia plants in honor of or in memory of loved ones and friends. Here are the names of those who gave this year, and those who have been remembered.

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Honor/Memory Of:</b>
Pat Nickell	Robert Nickell
Lea Hull	Loved Ones
Delane & Ann Edwards	Loved Ones
Bill & Shirley Wilson	KrisShull's Grandparents
Alberta Bradley	Peggy Phelps
Jack & Wanda Freeman	Thelma & Romie Vest, Patsy Meadors
Jack & Wanda Freeman	Gertha, Bill & Charlie Freeman
Donna Aukes	Harvey Aukes
Larry & Nancy Love	Elmo & Irene Love
Dona Ostergaard	Gladys & Tara Thayer
Gabriela Strong	Sheldon Strong
John & Sharon Armus	Joanna Armus
Marj Hansen	Charlie, Chris & Katrina Hansen

### January Birthdays

1	Delane Edwards
2	Joshua Morris
5	Zack Aukes , Del Zeiger
6	Ryan Williams
7	Alys Henderson , Barbra Sosa , Bianca Rico
10	Jerrold Sheets
11	Sue Holland
13	Sharon Armus , Karen Webber , Lea Hull
14	Anne Darby , Beth Anne Darby , Kathy Aukes
15	Shane Holland , Ryan Holland , Alexa Love
16	Gabriel Crawford
17	Jim Newman
18	Derrick Jahn
19	Frederick Vose
20	Eleanore Garnett , Alhondra Rico
21	Cindy Walker , Jaime Gordon
23	Marjorie Brown
25	Mike Crawford
26	Jillian Sheets , Ruth Moeller
27	Bob Shull
28	Felix DeAnda
29	Jeremy Braziel
30	Jacquelyn Armus
31	Deanna Hinkle

### January Anniversaries

8	Richard & Nancy West David & Emily Pfaffenberger
18	Fred & Linda Vose
29	Jim & Karen Webber
30	Raul & Katy Rangel

### THANK YOU!

**Thank you** to our Advent candle lighters this year: Jayson Martinez, Becky, Audrey and Eli Holland, Maddie Shull, McKenzie Phillips and Katie and Abby Wilmot. Thanks to the worships leaders who read the litany each week. And very special thanks to Ann Edwards, Diane Frank and crew who decorated our sanctuary so beautifully for the holidays!

### SOUP and DIP MIXES

Yummy soup and dip mixes available for sale after worship each Sunday.

Soup mixes	5.00
Dip Mixes	3.00

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Woodland Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) Larry Love, Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>New Years Day</b>	<i>Larry on Vacation</i> <i>Jennifer Out of Office</i> 3 - Bible Study	<i>Larry on Vacation</i> 4 - Master Schedule Meeting 6:30 - No Whiners	<i>Larry on Vacation</i> 4:30 - Serve at 4th & Hope	<i>Larry on Vacation</i> 11 - Flower Group 12 - Adopt-a-Social-Worker 6:30 - CWF	<i>Larry on Vacation</i>	<i>Larry on Vacation</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Larry on Vacation</i>	3 - Bible Study	10 - Book Class 1 - OL Folders 6:30 - No Whiners	4:30 - Serve at 4th & Hope 7 - Study Group		6 - Woodland Plant Based Journey Potluck	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	3 - Bible Study	10 - Book Class 6:30 - No Whiners	4:30 - Serve at 4th & Hope 7 - Study Group			4 - No Whiners
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:45 - Elders Meeting	3 - Bible Study <b>6 - Program Ministry Meeting</b>	9 - PEO 10 - Book Class 1 - OL Folders 6:30 - No Whiners <b>6:30 - Resources Ministry Meeting</b>	2 - Bingo at Cottonwood 4:30 - Serve at 4th & Hope 7:00 - Study Group			
29	30	31				
	3 - Bible Study <b>7 - Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<i>9 - 10:30 Jennifer Out of Office</i> 10 - Book Class 6:30 - No Whiners				

### **Prayer Concerns**

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

### **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Kelly Parker  
Short & Ellen Parker  
Tim & Karen Parker  
Shirley Pasanen  
Barb Patterson  
Erin Patterson

### **January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Chris & Melissa Paulucci  
David & Emily Pfaffenberger  
Myrle Plocher  
Sandra Prather  
Doris Price  
Linda Quinn

### **January 8, 2017**

Guest Preacher Liz Throne  
**Service in Worship**  
Worship Leader: Beja Springer  
Children's Moment: Debbie Abele  
CW&W: Becky Gordon

"Jesus is Baptized"  
Greeters: Kris & Megan Shull  
Candlelighters: Patty Overfield, Cheyenne Lyster-Lane  
Power Point: Micah Love  
Flowers: Gabriela Strong

**Service at the Table**  
Elders: Del Zeiger, Marjorie Brown  
Diaconate Captain: Susie Hardman  
Diaconate Team: Neal Hardman, Barb Patterson,  
Randy & Patty Overfield

**Service in Ministry**  
Pastoral Care Elder: Gloria Dewey  
Fellowship: Heather Craig, Gloria Dewey,  
Becky Gordon, Sharon Armus  
Kitchen/Nursery: Alberta Bradley  
Building Monitor: Sharon Armus

### **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  
Childrens 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

### **January 15, 2017**

"Carriers of Light"  
Larry Love, Pastor  
Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1-7  
Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9  
John 1: 29-42

**Service in Worship**  
Worship Leader: Becky Holland  
Children's Moment: Christian Lyster-Bradley  
CW&W: Katy Rangel

"Jesus in the Wilderness"  
Greeters: Neal & Susie Hardman  
Candlelighters: Melissa Paulucci, Presley Phillips  
Power Point: Nancy Love  
Flowers: Eleanore Garnett

**Service at the Table**  
Elders: Jeanelyse Adams, Del Zeiger  
Diaconate Captain: Susie Hardman  
Diaconate Team: Neal Hardman, Barb Patterson,  
Randy & Patty Overfield

**Service in Ministry**  
Pastoral Care Elder: Becky Gordon  
Fellowship: Karen Webber, Kathy Cholewinski,  
Barb Patterson, Melissa Paulucci, Chris Mancilla  
Kitchen/Nursery: Sharon Armus  
Building Monitor: Randy Overfield