

Thank You to Our Worship Contributors:

Guestbook Greeter: **Florence Wolfe**

Flowers: **The Linsleys**, in honor of **Joe Zarro**

Stone Ministry Graphics: **Corina Wolfe**

Sound System: **Andrew Wolfe & Larry Elwood**

Worship Space Setup & Ushers: **Archie Aitcheson, Virginia Jacobsen, Anne Crutchfield, Elsie Idle, the Wolfe family, Bob & Carol Wyatt**

There are many opportunities for each of us to be a part of worship experience at United Church of the Valley! **Sign your name on the board** at the entrance.

Helpers are needed to put away worship materials following our coffee fellowship.

BIBLE LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

Bridge Pastor: **Brian Foxworth** Director of Music Ministries – **Lynne Bradley**
Administrative Secretary - **Beth Elwood** Accompanist– **Susan Miyamoto**

**Please join us after the Congregational Meeting
at a reception to welcome Joe Zarro and Sara
Nash.**

Sandwiches will be served.

The Community House

24973 Washington, Murrieta

(across from the Historic Downtown Murrieta Post Office)

Music programs, Homework Club and English classes all resume this week at The Community House. (See calendar for days and times.) Make it a part of your New Year's resolution to participate in one or more of these activities!

United Church of the Valley

We believe that we are called to continue the work of Jesus in this world through teaching and preaching the love of God, seeking ways to love and understand all people and establishing the ways of peace, hope, healing and justice. Our faith is progressive in accomplishing these tasks in cooperation with any and all who seek the same goals for this world.

We, the congregation of United Church of the Valley, Murrieta, declare ourselves to be Open and Affirming. As such, we strive to be a congregation that welcomes all persons, regardless of age; mental and physical health and ability; racial, ethnic, and cultural identity or background; economic, educational, and social status; sexual orientation, gender identity and its expression;

marital status and family structure; or faith background.

We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, stewardship, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation's life in Christ

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Carry the Light/Closing Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Pg 295

**I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through,
who bravely labored, lived and died for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and another a shepherd
in pastures green: they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one, too.**

**2) They loved their God and they lived that love. It was loving that
made them strong. They did what was right, for Jesus' sake, lived
justly their whole lives long. And one was a prophet, and one was a
priest, and another was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is
no earthly reason, none in the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.**

**3) They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands
still. The world is filled with living saints who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a church, in a
train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like you and like me,
and I mean to be one, too.**

*Invitation

*Benediction

*Alleluia (Please form a circle and sing ALLELUIA)

* Please stand as you are able.

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*** For those who wish to receive it, Communion will be served by
Rev. Bill Nagle in the first room on the left, down the hallway to the left. ***

Everyone is invited to join us in our **Fellowship Time** for coffee and
refreshments, hosted by **Archie Aitcheson** today.

We ask that you then return to your seats for our **Special Congregational
Meeting** to learn more about **Joe Zarro**, and to cast your vote to extend a
call to him as minister of United Church of the Valley.

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UCV CHURCH COUNCIL

Larry Elwood (*Moderator*), Mark Kane (*Vice Moderator*), Sherry Turner (*Treasurer*),
Debbie Hudson (*Clerk*), Archie Aitcheson, Jamie Barnett, Anne Crutchfield,
Beth Elwood, Kathy Linsley, Corina Wolfe, Dennis Wolfe

Pastoral Relations: Archie Aitcheson, Bill Nagle, Kerry Keester-Wellman

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES... Mark Your Calendar!

*Unless noted, events take place at our activity center: The Community House,
24973 Washington Ave in Historic Downtown Murrieta (across from the Post Office)*

TODAY: 10:00 am Sunday Worship & Sunday School (*Shivela*)
11:15 am **Special Congregational Meeting**
12:00 pm Reception for Joe & Sara at The Community House
(sandwiches will be served)
5 pm – 7 pm Youth Groups
7:30 pm *Sunday Evening AA*
MON-FRI 7:00 am *Morning AA (Closed Mtg)*
MONDAY 7:00 pm **English Learners Class**
TUESDAY 9:30 am *Lectionary Bible Study*
4:30 pm **Music Makers**
7:00 pm **Church Council**
TUES-WED 3:30-4:30 pm *Homework Club*
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm *AA Men*
THURSDAY 4:00 pm **All God's Children Choir**
7:00 pm **UCV Choir**
FRIDAY 3:30 pm *Peace Vigil*
SATURDAY 8:00 am *AA STEP Program*
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 am *Worship Service & Sunday School (at Shivela)*
(January 17) 11:30 am *Lunch Bunch*
4-6 pm *Middle School Youth Group*
5-7 pm *High School Youth Group*
7:30 pm *Sunday Evening AA*

**Submit articles for the February newsletter to Michael Turner by next
Sunday (newsletter@unitedchurchofthevalley.org)**

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Thanks to all who brought offerings for the Food Pantry this morning
*You are challenged to give \$1 each week (a wooden box is on the back table for your gifts).
Due to increased needs, donations of non-perishable food are also welcome EVERY Sunday.*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

*Norman Alexander, Lowana Benedict, Sue Chiofalo and Family, John Cotton, Teri
Crutchfield, Mary Debus, David & Connie French and family, Russell Greer, Myrtle
Johnson, Pat Joseph, Elijah Levinsky, Kevin Mather, Tom Milstead, Rita Park, Erin Park
Frank Read, Steve Roper, Bonnie Thomas, Michael Turner, Michael Trevor, Fran
Wetzler, Jan Winget, Valerie Woodall, the community of Chacraseca, and our church*

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SERMON ON THE AMOUNT... LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 75 est Pledges/Loose Operating* \$3286 CD Interest* \$231.80
AA Rent* \$80 Fellowship Luncheon/Gift: \$932 Food Pantry: \$17.25

Gifts received for 2009:

Pledges/Loose Operating \$950 Birthday Bank \$81 Poinsettias \$20

* Total received for operating last week: \$3597.80 Received month to date: \$3597.80

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