

## **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 Worship Service & Sunday School (*Shivela*)  
12 noon **Foxworth Recognition Luncheon** (*Anthony's*)  
7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA

**MON-FRI** 7:00 am Morning AA

**TUESDAY** 9:30 am Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY** 6:00 pm AA Men Potluck & Meeting

**FRIDAY** 3:30 pm Peace Vigil

**SATURDAY** 8:00 am AA STEP Program

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School (*Shivela*)  
(*January 10*) Ministerial candidate preaching

11:15 am **Special Congregational Meeting**

12:00 pm? Lunch Bunch (*after congregational meeting*)

4 pm – 7 pm Youth Groups

### **BIBLE LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Wed., Jan. 6 (Epiphany)** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

**Sun., Jan. 10** Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### **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*

### **SERMON ON THE AMOUNT... LAST TWO WEEK'S NUMBERS**

12/20 Attendance: 80 Pledges/Loose Operating\* \$2793.10  
Community House\* \$511 AA & PFLAG Rent \* \$210 Poinsettias\* \$75  
Food Pantry: \$212 Bazaar: \$20 DOC Christmas: \$100 Water: \$2

12/24 Attendance: 28 Pledges/Loose Operating\* \$218

12/27 Attendance 62 Pledges/Loose Operating\* \$434 Poinsettias\* \$20  
Loose Coin Banks\* \$37.43 Building Fund: \$40 Food Pantry: \$2  
Water: \$8 Nicaragua Music: \$100

\* Totals received for Operating: 12/20: \$3589.10 12/24: \$218 12/27: \$491.43  
Amount needed for operating each week: \$2725 Avg. amt. needed each month: \$11,806  
Received in December: **\$9064.63**

**Thank you for your gifts to support the ministries of United Church of the Valley!**

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

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Welcome to:

## **United Church of the Valley**



*A United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ Congregation  
An Open & Affirming congregation...called to continue the work of Jesus Christ...,  
seeking ways to love and understand all people...  
establishing the ways of peace, hope, healing and justice...*

**Living in mystery on a journey of faith**

**January 3, 2010**

**10 a.m.**

*Please enter your prayer requests in our Prayer Book in the back of the  
sanctuary. Requests will be lifted during the service.*

Hymnals are available for those who wish to use them. Ask an usher.

*\* Indicates to please stand as you are able*

Announcements

**Larry Elwood, Moderator**

Prelude

**Brian Foxworth**

Bell Toll

*(summoning awareness of God's Spirit into our midst)*

Introit

**Shine, Jesus Shine**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with God's wondrous glory;**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, God, and let there be light.**

Welcome and Good News

**Pastor Brian Foxworth**

\*Opening Hymn **Angels from the Realms of Glory** p126

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;**

**As you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth**

**REFRAIN: Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, give thanks and sing.**

**2) Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: (Refrain)**

**3) Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of Nations, guided by Christ's natal star...**

Unison Prayer

**May Gracious God, who sent a Son to take our nature upon him,  
bless every person, every nation, and every inch of this earth in  
this holy season, scatter the darkness of brokenness, and  
brighten every heart with the light of his holiness and  
compassion.**

**May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the  
Savior's birth, fill us with joy.**

**May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and  
earth to heaven, give us peace and favor.**

*(continued...)*

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon every one of us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

Anthem **Let My Prayers Rise Up** - from Holden Evening Prayer  
UCV Choir, Lynne Bradley directing

Sharing of God's Peace & Children's Conversation

Following the next song, children are invited to go to Sunday School  
with **Dennis & Allison Wolfe** and our youth helpers

\*Hymn **What Child is This?** GREENSLEEVES Pg 148

**What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this, the angels sing, is Christ, God's holy offering;  
Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mary!**

**3) Bring gifts of incense, gold and myrrh; come, join in jubilation;  
The Holy Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's salvation.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mary!**

Scripture Reading **John 1:1-18**

Sermon

Our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory **Walk in the Light** UCV Choir

\*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

Communion Invitation Song: **Let Us Break Bread Together** Pg 330  
*African-American Spiritual.*

**Let us break bread together on our knees (twice)  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.**

**\*\*\* The Sacrament of Holy Communion \*\*\***

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior: *(We pray in unison and yet individually to the God that  
gives us comfort. Please feel free to pray any form of the Lord's Prayer which  
connects you to your Creator)*

**Our Beloved, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response: *(sung together)*

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens, down at your feet.  
And anytime, that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Communion Music

Susan Miyamoto

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**Our hearts burn within us when we hear your Word and sit at  
your table. Thank you for coming to us and sharing our common  
lot. Nourish our faith. Open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds  
that we may continually recognize you. Amen. Alleluia!**

\*Carry the Light/Closing Hymn **We Three Kings**

**We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

2) **Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.....**

3) **Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all are raising, Worship the God on high...**

4) **Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom—  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb...**

5) **Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies....**

\*Benediction

\*Alleluia *(Please form a circle and sing ALLELUIA)*

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\* *Please stand as you are able.*

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**All are Welcome at the Communion Table  
of United Church of the Valley**

**Thank You to Our Worship Contributors:**

Guestbook Greeter: **Florence Wolfe** Stone Ministry Graphics: **Allison Wolfe**  
Flowers: **Anne Crutchfield**, in loving memory of **Sam**  
Communion Elements: **Anne Crutchfield**  
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 the worship experience  
at United Church of the Valley! Sign your name on the board at the entrance.

*If you are able, please help to put away worship materials following fellowship.*

# RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

All are invited to join us in fellowship today as we thank **Pastor Brian Foxworth** for his service this past year as interim Bridge Pastor of United Church of the Valley.

When: **Today, 12:00 noon**

Where: **Anthony's Lounge & Ristorante**

24630 Washington, Ste 100, Murrieta (off Kalmia)

*Directions from Shively: Left on Lincoln, Left on California Oaks, Continue past freeway (becomes Kalmia), Left on Washington (brick paved intersection), Building is on your left, parking in back, entrance on Kalmia side*

Cost: **\$20 per adult** (cash or checks payable to UCV)

Meal: Choice of 4 entrees - salad, non-alcoholic beverages, tax & tip included (alcohol additional, payable to the restaurant)

Children: **Child's meal** a la carte for **about \$10** (payable to restaurant)

Signup and payment envelope will be circulating this morning  
– see Beth immediately after service if it misses you.

## 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.*

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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

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Next Sunday, January 10, following worship, at Shively**

Active members of United Church of the Valley will vote on the Search Committee's recommended ministerial candidate

*If you wish to become a voting member of the church prior to this meeting please see Larry Elwood today*

### UCV CHURCH COUNCIL

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

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