



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

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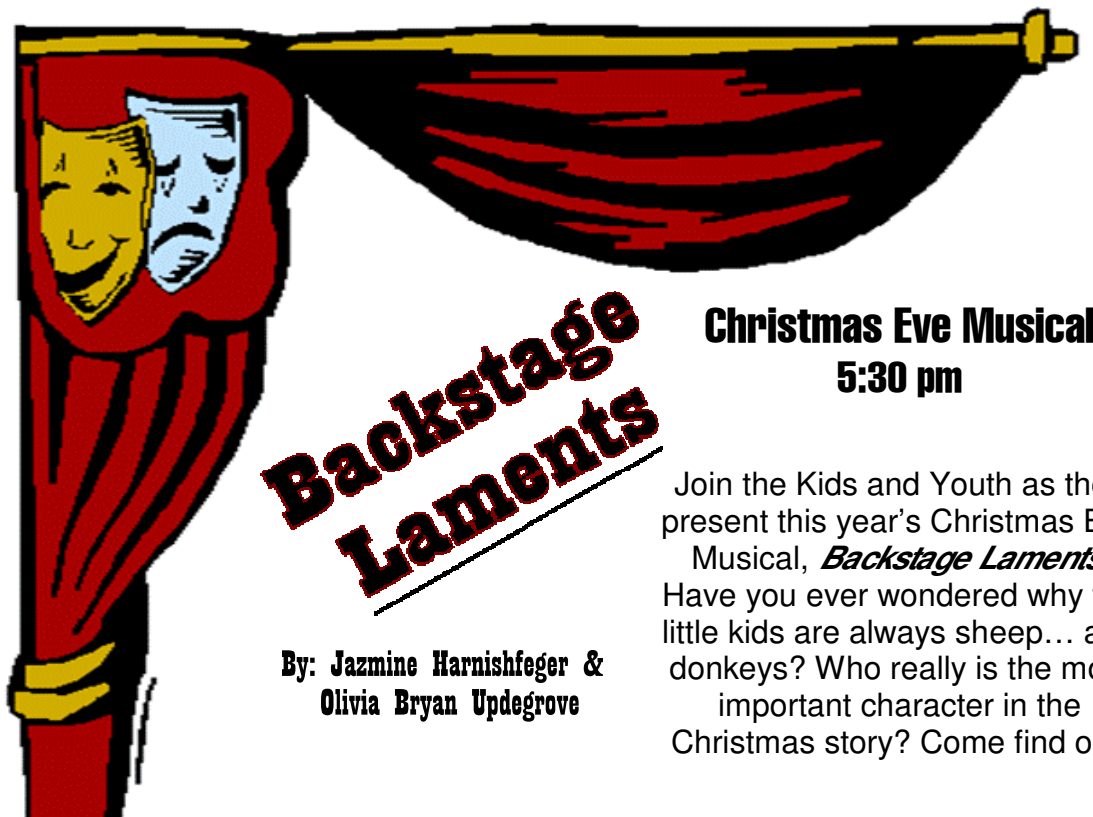
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24, 2010



**Backstage
 Laments**

By: Jazmine Harnishfeger &
 Olivia Bryan Updegrave

Christmas Eve Musical
5:30 pm

Join the Kids and Youth as they present this year's Christmas Eve Musical, *Backstage Laments*. Have you ever wondered why the little kids are always sheep... and donkeys? Who really is the most important character in the Christmas story? Come find out!

Candlelight Service with Communion
11:00 PM

Traditional carol-singing and
 communion service, accompanied by
 the Chancel Choir.



Note: *We ask families to worship together Christmas Eve, so there is no Nursery Care.*

Keeping in Touch...

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Matthew 24:36)

This verse from the first week of Advent gospel scripture have taken on a whole new meaning for me this year. As Rob and I await our first child no one *really* knows when he will decide to make his appearance. We are experiencing a whole new level of anticipation in this Advent season.

One of our greatest blessings is that you, our church family, have been with us in our anticipation. Your words of encouragement, gifts and support truly bring us hope, peace, joy, and love (the four candles of Advent). Thus... we wait.

What happens, however, when the new baby Updegrove does make his way into the world? When Jesus arrived after forty days he went to the temple with his parents to be blessed by Anna and Simeon who had waited their entire lives to see the Messiah. Mary, however, needed time to prepare herself properly to enter into the temple. It was the law.

In some ways, Mary's journey is like mine. The maternity/paternity/adoption policy that was passed in June gives any full time pastor two months leave to be taken over a three month period. This basically means that I will be taking one month off and then working part-time for the other two months. My current plan is to work mostly Sundays and Mondays during the part-time portion because they are the busiest days of the week in our church. The flexibility of this policy helps with the give and take of a busy church life and a new baby.

Once the baby is born, after a month or so, our new baby will be "presented at the temple." I can't wait for all the "Anna and Simeon" prophets who will welcome him into this world and bless him with their love. I know you, like Anna and Simeon, won't be able to wait either. It is important, however, that Rob, the baby, and I have time to prepare before we enter. I know you will respect and understand our need for time as a new family together.

After Jesus is born each year, we are all called to new beginnings. We all must take time to prepare ourselves for the new parts of our lives. Blessed are we that we have this church home where all of us, as children of God, are seen a people who can change the world.



See you in church,

Olivia

Olivia Updegrove
Associate Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

December 12, 2010

Advent 3

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The people of God are to rejoice, and in this vision of Isaiah even the desert - dry places and the wilderness - is seen rejoicing in God's glory. A land that has been scorched will be renewed by God's grace upon all creation.

Scripture: **ISAIAH 35:1-10** Psalm 146
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-1

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the friendship of this loving congregation. Worship leadership includes **Kortni Ingebrigtsen, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

December 19, 2010

Advent 4 / CANTATA

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

"CAN YOU HEAR THE CHRISTMAS BELLS?"

We invite you to come experience the glorious sound of "bells, bells and more bells!" This year, all the adult choirs - Orange Pealers, Chancel Ringers and Chancel Choir - will combine forces to present our seasonal cantata entitled "Can You Hear the Christmas Bells?"

Worship leadership includes **Ed and Erin Cooper, Stan Smith, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

December 26, 2010

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

No one can miss the sheer exuberance of the text from Isaiah. This day breaks into singing just as the birds do at dawning of daylight. Light, hope and the sign of a child born all converge. The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus is word and light. And the words still matter to us!

Scripture: **ISAIAH 52:7-10** Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 **JOHN 1:1-14**

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the Christmas Spirit. Worship leadership includes **Wayne Arnold, Stan Smith, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

Happenings

DISCIPLES WOMEN

There is no Disciples Women Study Leader for month of December.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

GENERAL MEETING is being held Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room, with *"Christmas in Music,"* starring Millie Messer and Roy Bullock, and surprise entertainment.



DISCIPLES WOMEN YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

meets Sunday, December 12, 2010, 2:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room.

DISCIPLES WOMEN KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m., in the Searchers Room (2A). They are having a cookie exchange!

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING will not be held in December

(The Disciples Women Study Leader for January is Cheri Stevens.)

DISCIPLES WOMEN LONG GROUP meets on Wednesday, January 6, 2011, at 11:00 AM, in the Fireside Room.

DISCIPLES WOMEN PAL GROUP meets on Thursday, January 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCIPLES WOMEN GENERAL MEETING is being held Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - "Revelation."

SAVE THE DATE - QUILTS FOR VALOR!!

Saturday, February 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, in the FSR. We will be making quilts for our veterans.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 19, during Worship.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Friday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m.



PARKING NOTE: Members - Please park in outlying areas to allow for the many family and friends who will attend these amazing services. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS



Chi Rho CHRISTMAS OVERNIGHT PARTY

Friday, December 10, 5:30 PM
At the home of Craig and Pat Schmidt

CYF CHRISTMAS OVERNIGHT PARTY

Saturday, December 11 5:30 PM
At the home of David Burch

KOINONIA WOMEN'S GROUP

Wed., December 15, 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room

STEPHEN MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 PM at the Vail's

ELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 20, 6:30 PM at Donna Gladson's

AMAZIN' GREYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tues., December 21, 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room

CHANCEL CHOIR, AND BELLS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 23, 6:00 PM at the Chap's



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From your church Staff...

*Stan Smith Olivia Updegrove
Linda Smith Miguel Cosme
Dean Shepherd Phil Chap
Wini Chuidian Sandy Carden
Jazmine Harnishfeger
Pam Wykoff Natalie Nevin
Nicole Allbee Dana Gray
Sandy Reeley*

More Happenings



SEARCHER'S CLASSES

LUTHER AND OUR PROTESTANT HERITAGE

A six-week series will begin in the the Searcher's Class on **January 9, 2011**. We will look at the

times, the causes, basic beliefs, and the heritage we protestants have as a result of the work of one of history's most notable Christian heroes. Western Culture owes Luther more than most of us realize. The series will include segments of a movie drama along with observations by Roy Bullock.

The dramatic movie is outstanding and the interpretive comments before, during, and after the movie presentation will be instructive.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss a session: **January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2011!**

AMAZIN' GREYS

On **December 21, at 11:30 a.m.**, the Amazin' Greys are having a Christmas Party! There will be carol singing, an exiting visit from "The Fourth Wiseman" and a very special lunch with special table décor. This party has a surprise ending! Make this a joyful, festive gathering of church friends and guests even more special with your presence. Be sure to make reservations. Call Marge Carter at 714-829-4787 or the church office at 714-538-9681. Bring a friend to share the fun!! Cost for lunch is \$8.00 each.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 12

Immediately following Worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. The agenda includes members voting to approve the proposed 2011 budget and on the recommended 2011 slate of Officers, Elders, and Diaconate presented by the Nominating Committee. The budget and nominations are posted on the Courtyard window Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Note: Parents please pick up children from Worship & Wonder immediately after Worship, before the meeting.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

For the next few Sundays, the youth will be selling car decals (stickers for your car window) that have a picture of a chalice and say, "Christian Church, Disciples of Christ." The cost for one is \$10.00 or two for \$15.00.

HOLIDAY "SCRIP" ORDERS

The new Holiday Scrip Order Form & 2010 Scrip Holiday Gift Guide were handed out with last Sunday's Bulletin. This is the final Sunday to purchase Scrip this holiday season-Dec. 12! See the Scrip table, before & after Worship, to purchase/order holiday gift cards.

CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 16 - Orange Pealers rehearsal at 6:00 p.m., then stay for the **DRESS REHEARSAL! ALL CHOIRS** (Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and Orange Pealers) rehearse in the Sanctuary from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, as we run the Cantata in order.

Saturday, December 18 - As requested, Chancel Ringers rehearse from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.; Orange Pealers rehearse from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 19 - Cantata Sunday - 8:30 a.m. for all three choirs.

Thursday, December 23 - No choir rehearsals, instead...Party for all three choirs at the home of Phil and Chie Chap from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; potluck; details and directions forthcoming.

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - Chancel Choir members who are in town will meet at 10:00 p.m. to rehearse for the 11:00 p.m. candlelight service.

Sunday, December 26 - Chancel Choir off today.

Thursday, December 30 - No choir rehearsals today.

Sunday, January 2 - Chancel Choir off today.

Thursday, January 6 - All three choirs resume regular rehearsals.

YOU ARE INVITED!!

Mary Ida McReynolds will be turning 90 on December 25th!! Help her celebrate this milestone at a party after Worship on **Sunday, December 26th**, at 11:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room. No gifts, please!

THE FRIENDLY CENTER FOOD BANK

Many of our friends and neighbors, whether in home or homeless, continue to be in great need of food, particularly during this holiday season. Please remember to bring an item of staple food (canned, packaged, dried, boxed) and place it in the designated bin in the narthex.

News from the Pews

OUR CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Betty Gregg,** and . . .

Markay Koontz - chemo for breast cancer thru December.

Roy Bullock and family - asks for prayers and ongoing support.

Sarah Stratton Wood - surgery on Dec. 7 (Renee Bidwell's daughter)

Bruce Williams - step-brother has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer which has metastasized to at least 4 areas. Undergoing radiation and chemo for brain tumors and praying for remission. 16-year-old autistic son having hard time understanding why his father has changed so much. (Christine Baker)

Dona Bannon - in Western Medical Hospital, tooth infection, oral surgery.

Kim Merritt - is in Parkview Community Hospital in Riverside with Meningitis. Kim's husband is having to take time off work to care for their 3 children, all 9 or under (Marylyn Owens granddaughter)

OUR CELEBRATIONS

Christmas Progressive Dinner / Care and Nurture Committee

ADOPT-A-FAMILY - FINAL DAYS!

Our Adopt-A-Family tree for is in the narthex. Please bring gifts for the tags you picked with you this Sunday and place it under the tree in the narthex. Gifts will be distributed on December 15 to those helped by The Friendly Center. — **CAOC**

THE LOVING TREE

The Loving Tree is placed in the narthex. The Stephen Ministry remembers our family members who have died and issue an open invitation to place their photo (5x7) on this Loving Tree, any Sunday in Advent. Special frames will be provided, the photo is returned.

NEW ADDRESS!

Darrell Burch has moved!
891 South Walnut, No. 170
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 815-1968

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

The following individuals made donations to the Décor Fund which added to the beauty of our Sanctuary this Christmas Season

Doris & Clyde Barton in

memory of Doris' parents,
Roy & Winnie Casey;

Art Blaser & Barbara James in
honor of Jeanne Blaser;

Mari Jo Buchtel in memory of
Hillman & Lucille Lee;
Chuck & Robert Buchtel;

Marge Carter in memory of Mark Carter & Bea Cashion;
Randy & Jenice Carter in memory of Mark Carter, Jenny
& Carl Raymonds, Bill & Mary Bowles; Bea Cashion;

Ron & Martha Causey in honor of our kids: Dwight,
Jessi, Ed Proctor and Jordan Reed;

Anonymous in honor of Stanley D. Smith;

Edward & Erin Cooper in honor of our collective families;

Judy Crum in honor of Jim and my family;

Walter L. Davis in memory of Helen Davis;

Martha Garrett in honor of my mother, Margaret Hershey;

Donna Gladson in memory of Dallas Gladson;

Bruce & Shannon Harper in memory of our parents;

Nancy & Bill Hoey in honor of loved ones;

Nora Jacob in honor of Karly Labate, my beautiful
daughter;

Johnson Family in memory of Joe & Judy Johnson;

Cindy & Stephen McHale in honor of our three daughters
and our three grandchildren;

Mary Ida McReynolds in memory of Wayman
McReynolds;

Mildred Messer in honor of loved ones;

Gene & Marilyn Miller in memory of our parents;

Joyce Miller in honor of the Worship & Wonder Program;

Ruth Raheb & Kathy Sorensen in honor of the blessings
of our nieces & nephews;

The Reeley Family in honor of Heather & Andrew
Ramussen and Heidi Reeley, and in memory of
Sandy's dad, Hank Moltzen and brother, Henry
Moltzen;

Mike & Ellen Reynolds in honor of our families;

Ron & Janet Sands in honor of our family;

Ruby Selzer in honor of loved ones;

Nick & Linda Smith in honor of Francis Smith, Nick's
mother and Vesta & Hursel Huffman, Linda's parents;

Michelle Stillson in honor of my family, Roger & Estelle
Worden, Nicole & Christopher Allbee, Ken & Lois
Worden & EmmaLee Stillson;

Suzanne Vaughne in honor of Bev Weatherill.





FCCO Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Kids & Youth!

REHEARSE! REHEARSE! REHEARSE!

- Thursday, December 9: 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Main Cast)
- Sunday, December 12: 3:30 p.m. Everyone
- Wednesday, December 15: 5:30-7:30 p.m. (TBD)
- **Sunday, December 19: and,**
- **Wednesday, December 22: 4:00-7:00 p.m.**
EVERYONE MUST ATTEND!!!

JANboree

Turn in forms and money by December 12th
Chi-Rho... even though January seems far away, it is time to get your JANboree forms turned in the office. The forms and money are due to church by December 12th. We will have forms at church or you can download them off the FCCO youth webpage at <http://www.fccorange.com/ministries/youth-ministries>. The cost is \$175. Please let Olivia know if you need financial assistance.



CYF Overnight

Saturday, December 11 - Sunday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.
 The Burch House (714) 538-8379
 178 N. Roth Lane, Orange, CA 92869

Remember to Bring:

\$5-\$10 wrapped gift, a snack to share: bottle of soda, bag of chips, bag of candy, package of popcorn, or whatever you want to share! Appropriate sleeping clothes! Something to sleep on or in: Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, etc.

Chi-Rho Overnight

Friday, December 10 - Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m. - 10 a.m.
 The Schmidt House (949) 837-3557
 25075 Rivendell Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630

Remember to Bring:

\$5.00 Gift, Christmas PJs, Sleeping Bag, Pillow & Toiletries



Christmas Break

There are no Kid and Youth Groups on December 26th or January 3rd. Everything will resume to its normal chaos on January 9th.

Mandatory Youth and Kid Parent Meeting

Parents' Meeting following church on January 9th in the Fireside Room.

Who We Are

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