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KIRK'S LOG

Stardate: December 27, 2009

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Focus Scripture – Mark 1:1-14

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make God's paths straight," John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

Preacher: Rev. Kim Fields-Haley

Music: Kate Sauer, Music Director

Linda Gilmour, Chancel Choir/Children's

Music & Praise Band Director

Dorenda Morse, piano

Adult Ed: Floyd Coppage

Lock Up: Gene Johnson

Lay Readers: 8:30 – Doug Crosby

10:30 – Pat Rosenak

Usher/Greeter Team: 8:30 – Judy Gilman

10:30 – Richard Mitchell & Ruth Randall

John Dickel

Hospitality: after 8:30 service – Pat & Bob Rosenak

after 10:30 service – Linda & Peter Gilmour

Those for Whom We Pray

Our members: Ted Bradley, Renee Crowder, Nancy Eberhardt, Christine Hoover, Rev. Bill Ingraham, and D'Alene Seymour;

Our homebound members and friends: Fran Doty and Anis Johnson;

Our extended family: Robert Chynoweth (George & Marilyn Chynoweth's son), Sarah Drain (Roger & Dalva Hailstone's daughter), Alice Dudoich (Lynn Foiles' sister-in-law), Ted Feng (Patrick Xavier's uncle), Sam Ferialie (friend of Jon & Karla Mitovich, serving in Afghanistan), Brian Festa (Lori Festa's brother), Fran Haley (Michael Haley's mother), Joan Hall (Ted Bradley's sister), Tracy Hutchinson (Cindy Hutchinson's sister-in-law), Veronica McCarter (Mercy Martinez-Nunnally's sister), Justin Zel Montgomery (Linc Nagle's son-in-law, serving in the Police Department), Amy Mueller (daughter of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips), Bailey Ellen Paul (Paula Paul's granddaughter), Lorraine Quintana (Phyllis Wilson's friend), Cheryl Warnke (niece of Ethel Shepard), for others for whom we have been praying, and for those whose names are known by you and God.

Announcements

Meet Our Guest Preacher – The Rev. Kim Fields-Haley earned her MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary and her BA from Phillips University. She has served as a local church pastor, campus minister and hospital chaplain, and also leads spirituality retreats. She and her husband, Michael, more recently led "Embodying Faith: Dancing and Clowning Together" for family week at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu. Currently, Kim balances motherhood and working with the Albuquerque Public Schools. Kim, Michael, and daughter Sedona (5½) are co-members of COGS and West Mesa Christian Church.

Donations of magazines and newspapers for the older kids Sunday School class – If you have any magazines or newspapers you can donate, please place them in the labeled box in the church entryway.

Rev. Ingraham will be out of town December 25-30 for Christmas with his family – In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Francis Rath at 294-5002.

The church office will be open the mornings of December 28-31.

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month, at 12:00 noon. New members are received monthly.

CAPTAIN KIRK'S LOCATOR

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We'd love to have a record of your attendance with us, so please fill out the information below and give to an usher.

Sunday, December 27, 2009

8:30 10:30

Name _____

Check here if your address, phone, or e-mail has recently changed.

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Spouse's/Partner's Name _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

This is my:

1st time 2nd time 3rd time

I attend Church of the Good Shepherd

I am a member of Church of the Good Shepherd

How I first heard about Church of the Good Shepherd:

Friends Family TV Ads

Yellow Pages Location

Newspaper Ads/Articles

Website/Internet

(Continued on reverse)

Informational Congregational Meeting

January 17, 9:15 a.m.

Come and learn about the plans for the 2010 budget.

COGS Annual Meeting

January 24, 9:15 a.m.

Child Care Volunteers Needed – We hope to find some child care volunteers! As a congregation, we need to provide occasional child care ("baby sitting") during special programs and activities at the church. This will help our children be engaged and to stay safe while allowing their parents the freedom fully to participate in programs, meetings, rehearsals and other activities. Can you help? Length of time will vary from one to three hours, and we can work in "shifts" if needs be. Please contact Kirk Wortman in the church office to put your name on the Child Care Volunteer list.

Rev. Ingraham's surgery schedule – The surgery to repair the rotator cuff of my right shoulder has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 5. It will be an outpatient procedure. I will stay in the home of Stephen and Carrie Miller for a week or so following the procedure, until I is able to get around and care for myself and return to my apartment. I anticipate that I will be out of the office for about a week, and I have planned not to be in worship on Sunday, January 10th. It is my intention to preach in both services on Sunday, January 17. The surgeon informed me that mine is the most difficult rotator cuff tear to be repaired, and that there is a chance a full repair will not be possible. It will also require an extended time for physical therapy of 9 to 12 months (which should not interfere with my work schedule). I request three very specific prayers from our church family. That the doctor will be able to effect the best repair possible, that there will be nothing blocking the repair (sometimes fat deposits fill the space where the muscle needs to go), and that my recovery goes well, bringing me as full a range of motion as possible. Many thanks for all of your prayers, and for the love and support you have shown me. I look forward to being "fully armed," and able to bike, hike, and lug huge stacks of books around! Blessings! – *Bill*

Invitation to a UCC conversation on ONA, LGBT, HIV/AIDS and the UCC

– On Wednesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m., members of UCC congregations in the Albuquerque area are invited to be in conversation about the church, Open and Affirming (ONA) and sexual minority issues (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, or LGBT), along with hearing information about the current realities of HIV/AIDS and how the church can respond. Two well known and respected UCC ministers will be leading the discussion: Rev. Michael Schuenemeyer, who is Executive for Health & Wholeness Advocacy and Minister for LGBT Concerns of the national UCC; and Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, Director of the Institute for Welcoming Resources of the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce. The conversation will take place at First Congregational Church UCC (2801 Lomas Blvd. NE) and is expected to last about two hours. Beverages and desserts will be provided by FCC.

COGS Adult Ed

Adult Ed classes run from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

STARTING JANUARY 10

"Not Counting Women and Children,"
a book by Megan McKenna

The collection of stories in this book recalls women such as Sarah and Hagar, the women of Exodus, and children such as those slaughtered at the time of the birth of Jesus. These Biblical stories call for an examination of our lives both individually and collectively, and reveal an understanding of the good news that is dynamic and alive today. Join us for thought-provoking reading and stimulating discussions. The book is available on amazon.com. New copies can be obtained for \$7.95; used copies are available as low as \$.99 each.

Discussion to be led by Richard Mitchell.
9:15-10 a.m., Classroom #2, Lower Level

Adult Contemporary Theology Class

The group is studying the book, *The Dishonest Church*, by Jack Good, a retired U.C.C. pastor. –
with *Floyd Coppage* at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor

Church Meetings for the Week of Dec. 27, 2009 to January 3, 2010

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship
All morning Coffee
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
9:15 a.m. Children's Education Time
9:15 a.m. Adult Education Time:
"Contemporary Theology"
10:30 a.m. Worship

Friday: ***Happy New Year!***

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship – Communion
All morning Coffee
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
9:15 a.m. Children's Education Time
9:15 a.m. Adult Education Time:
"Contemporary Theology"
10:30 a.m. Worship – Communion
11:30 a.m. Listening Post
12:00 p.m. New Member Class – parlor

How can I help?

Can you "do" Hospitality (simple snacks) on a Sunday in January or February, after the 8:30 service or after the 10:30 service?

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Carol St John will call you to set up a specific date and answer questions.

Wolf Creek Ski Trip January 15-18, 2010

There is plenty of time to get signed up for the Wolf Creek Ski trip. Contact Suzanne Miller by phone or e-mail if you're interested (453-6838 / suzmill3r@comcast.net). Also, there was one tear-off sheet with no name on it, so if you didn't receive an e-mail from Suzanne last week, contact her! At last check, Wolf Creek has 63" of snow at the summit, with a month to go!

I'm interested in the Wolf Creek Ski Trip! Please contact me.