



Community Connection

San Dimas Community Church - United Church of Christ
216 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773

Phone: 909-599-1103 / E-mail: sdccucc@verizon.net

Check out our website: www.sdccucc.org

Rev. Joyce Kirk-Moore, Pastor and Teacher

January
2012

Reflections from Pastor Joyce

You will receive this newsletter while Tom and I are away for a few days, and I want to especially thank Hal Jackson and Peg Wallace for preaching so that I could have this rest.

It's been an exciting year for our church family, and much has been accomplished. I hope you will plan now to attend our Congregational Annual Meeting on January 29th, 2012 following worship, and beforehand, please take time to review the reports submitted by our ministries. On Jan. 29th, soup will be made and served by our youth in honor of "souper bowl" Sunday. Any contributions over expenses will go to our Hunger Kitchen. We will also have the opportunity to vote on the following statement approved by our church Council in December. This is a turn about of our "non-discrimination policy" as stated in our bylaws to an "affirmation" of who we are as a community trying to be faithful to God in our time and place. A written vote will be taken on the motion to include this statement within our bylaws:

We believe all people are created in the image of God and are blessed and loved equally by God. We celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of God's diverse family and our oneness in Christ. We welcome into full membership and participation persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic situation, and marital status. All are welcome to share in the life and ministry of our congregation.

It's been a wonderful time to be part of this church as we move closer to our Centennial Celebration on May 20, 2012. We've received some energetic and gifted new members this year who have jumped right in to assist in our ministries. How very blessed we are! How very blessed Tom and I are to share the journey with you!

Blessings for a healthy, happy New Year.

Joyce

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 29 - Following Worship

Join us in fellowship hall for this important meeting, tending to the business of this congregation. Soup and bread will be offered by our youth in celebration of *Souper Bowl Sunday*, and donations for the Food Bank will be accepted. **Reports from our ministries will be available to read prior to the meeting.**

Youth Calendar

- January 1 - No youth group. Have a very Happy New Year!!!
- January 8 - We will be completing a service project for the church by helping to organize the rummage closets. We will also be going to lunch.
- January 15 - We will be watching a movie on the big screen and eat popcorn.
- January 22 - There will be no youth group today. See you next week.
- January 29 - Please arrive at 8:30 to help make soup for our church's Annual Meeting and for the *Souper Bowl* of Caring.

Thanks everyone!

Christina (909) 618-6418

THANK YOU

On behalf of Pastor Joyce, Christina, Michael, and Steve, I want to thank you for our generous Christmas bonuses, and the expressions of appreciation that accompanied them. It's wonderful to be affirmed and appreciated. We are truly grateful to serve this church as your staff. Thank you!

Alice Cook

Wednesday Bible Studies Resume Jan. 18

Join us as Tom Moore leads thoughtful discussion on *The Gospel of Mark*.

All are welcome!



January Anniversary

Sam and Barbara Bass - Thursday, 1/22

Ministry Meetings

Worship: Mon. 1/9, 6:30 pm, Pastor's Office

Mission: Tues. 1/10, 7 pm, Pastor's Office

Council: Wed. 1/11, 6:30 pm, Tangeman Hall

Pastoral Relations: Mon. 1/16, 4 pm, Bruce Jones' home

Lessons Learned from Mission 1

From the UCC website

"The faith of people who are living on the edge – day to day – is stronger than most of us who don't have to be concerned about where the next meal or bed is coming from." Pat C. Whiting

"To come to a pantry takes an incredible amount of courage. Receiving (and asking) is just as much of a spiritual journey as giving."

Laura Dunaway

The above statements are thoughtful reflections on these UCC folks' experiences with **Mission 1**. To learn more about the results of the November 2011 effort by the UCC to feed the hungry, go to...

<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/your-life-better/11-lessons-learned-from-mission1/>

Many thanks to Lynda DiAlo for her creative efforts in bringing **Mission 1** to SDCCUCC!

January Birthdays!!!

Rochelle Beck---Wednesday, 1/4

Melissa Espinoza – Thursday, 1/5

Peg Snyder – Saturday, 1/7

Chloe Heckman – Tuesday, 1/10

Alice Scott – Wednesday, 1/11

Jackie Merren – Wednesday, 1/11

Stan Moore – Thursday, 1/12

Nancy Wittler – Friday, 1/13

Linda Cano – Monday, 1/16

Walt Davis – Monday, 1/16

Hal Jackson – Monday, 1/16

Cruz Anthony Serrano – Tuesday, 1/17

David Wright – Thursday, 1/19

Ariah Hammett – Sunday, 1/22

Joshua Beck – Tuesday, 1/24

Ed Yonan – Tuesday, 1/24

Tommy Brady – Sunday, 1/29

Michael Seaver – Sunday, 1/29

