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From the **PASTOR**—

Can you believe it's already 2016? It doesn't seem that long ago that we were anticipating Y2K and all the challenges it was supposed to have brought. And yet, here we are, facing a new year, and all the promise it has to offer!



One of the greatest blessings for me this coming year is that I get to spend it with all of you! Being your pastor is one of my greatest joys – next to my children, of course. I love spending time with each and every one of you, celebrating the good times and working through the bad. I thank God every day for allowing me to be a part of your lives through this church, and for the many blessings being pastor brings each day. I know we are all looking forward to the New Year, and here at Faith UMC, we're no different. The coming year will bring some positive changes for us as we work together to grow our congregation and bring our church campus into a new era. As you know, we've accomplished a lot this past year, renovating buildings and sprucing things up, but we have a lot of work still to do, and this year we'll welcome two groups of NOMADS to help us once again get things done around your church. We are looking forward to welcoming the NOMADS on February 1 and hosting them for the next 6 weeks on our campus. We also

expect to keep them very busy painting and renovating parts of the church.

But that's not the only thing we'll be accomplishing this year. During this coming year, we will be working together to continue the strong ministries that have become part of our tradition, especially out in the community but also in the world. We hope to build our Sidewalk Sunday School ministry and even continue offering it during the summer. We also hope to partner with the schools nearby, and when the light rail opens in March 2016, we will be looking for even more ways to be in ministry with those who ride the rails. 2016 promises to be an exciting year for us as a church, and I know you'll all want to be involved in one way or another.

2016 is also the year my high school graduating class will be celebrating its 40th reunion. Can you believe it? It's been 40 years since I graduated from high school! We're just getting started with reunion plans, and I know it will be fun to see some of my childhood friends again after so many years.

I'm sure many of you have some exciting things happening in 2016 as well, and I look forward to sharing some of those milestones with you too! The New Year is upon us...let's make it a great one!

God Bless,
Pastor Jody

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Thinking theologically with Pastor Jody:



*...they shall beat their swords
into plowshares, and their spears
into pruning hooks; nation shall
not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any
more... (Micah 4:3)*

There's no doubt about it...we live in a violent world. All we have to do is listen to the news and we'll undoubtedly hear about a shooting that has taken place somewhere in our country. From Sandy Hook, CT to San Bernardino, CA, gun violence has rocked our country as people's lives are senselessly cut short. And it's no wonder so many die in this country from gun-related violence, given the fact that it's not hard for someone to get their hands on a gun, especially in this country. Consider the follow statistics found on a website called *Heeding God's Call*:

- There are an estimated 283 million firearms in the hands of civilians in the United States today;
- About 4.5 million firearms, including approximately 2 million handguns, are sold in the United States each year;
- Every year, more than 30,000 people are killed by firearms, half of which are between the ages of 18 and 35, and one-third are under the age of 20;
- In the United States, more than 10,000 people on average are killed in gun-related homicides each year, while Japan experiences less than 50 per year; Germany, Italy and France, less than 150 per year; and Canada, less than 200 per year.

These are sobering statistics, especially when we realize that each of those killed in gun-related violent actions are people just like you and me...people just trying to live their lives to the fullest.

So what are we to make of these statistics? What does our faith say about the violent actions of others, especially in light of our biblical text that clearly tells us that killing another human being is a sin?

During the month of January we will be exploring this topic in a sermon series called *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities*. The sermon

Upcoming Sermons

During the month of January we will finish up our sermon series called Hope is On the Way with the sermon "What Gift Will God Bring" on Epiphany Sunday. Then we will begin a new series called Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities, during which we will consider the realities of violence in our world and contrast that with God's desire for peaceful coexistence in our lives. We will close out the month of January and into February with a two week series called Sabbath Rest...and then it will be time for Lent!! We know you won't want to miss these meaningful and important sermon topics as we begin the New Year.

Hope is on the Way

January 3 What Gift Will God Bring?

Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities

January 10 .. Learning God's Ways

January 17 .. Swords Into Plowshares

January 24 .. The Promise of God's Realm

Sabbath Rest

January 31 .. Keeping Sabbath Time

February 7 ... A Sabbath for All

series will be based on a bible study from the book of the prophet Micah which was recommended by our own Bishop Robert Hoshibata, and recently shared with the clergy in our Annual Conference. When Bishop Bob shared this Bible study with us, he asked all of the clergy in our Conference to covenant with him to share this Bible study with our congregations, and I have chosen to do this using a sermon series format, so we can all benefit from its wisdom.

The series will begin right after Epiphany and will continue for three weeks during the month of January. I know you will want to know more about what you can do about the problem of violence in our world. Let us all continue to keep our country and its leaders in prayer during this particularly violent time.

God bless,
Pastor Jody

A Message from Bishop Bob



The Work of Christmas Must Begin!

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

The world will soon be putting away all signs of Christmas celebrations. Once Christmas is past, we rush to take them down and store them for another eleven months. For those of us who claim the title of "Christ Follower," I ask you not to rush putting away the significance of Christmas in your lives.

A song I learned as a teenager rings in my heart. Jim Strathdee's "I Am the Light of the World" calls us to keep Christmas alive:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun!"

What is the work of Christmas for those who call themselves "Followers of Jesus?" In our world, it is now more critical than ever that those who follow the Prince of Peace become ambassadors for the peace that Jesus practiced and preached. This year, as part of your commitment to Christ, I ask you to work for peace in your homes, in our communities, and in the world in these ways:

PRAY FOR PEACE!

When we hear of an act of senseless violence or natural disaster, our "go-to" action is to pause in prayer. Critics label prayer ineffective and of no consequence. But we who follow Jesus should never stop turning to God in prayer when faced with violence, destruction, loss, or when confronted by evil.

Scott Simon of National Public Radio commented after the mass shooting in San Bernardino, California in December:

"I think a lot of people who pray don't think of it as a replacement for deeds, or an occasion to utter a gift list of desires. They pray to open their minds and hearts. They pray when words won't come, and emotions overwhelm. They pray to mark a loss, and to try to make a moment of peace in a landscape of turmoil. They don't see prayer as a substitute for action, but the beginning. The merit of prayer is what people do after we say Amen."

I have come to lean on prayer as a connecting link between myself and God. I urge us to pray boldly as a means of stating honestly what the soul longs for. "Deliver us from evil," is a frequent prayer I utter. And I wholeheartedly pray for peace. Have those prayers been granted because I have asked for them? Of course not. But perhaps in the logic of Scott Simon, it may be because I have depended on God to do the heavy lifting and I have not done enough or enlisted enough help in making the prayer for peace come to pass after I have said, "Amen." Hence, a second thing we can all do:

WORK FOR PEACE!

If we truly commit ourselves to following Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we need to work for peace. The psalmist gives us clear direction in Psalm 34:14. "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." I am convinced that followers of Jesus need to devote our lives to peace. With that commitment comes a promise to model peace ourselves.

In addition the church needs to claim its historic role in promoting peace by teaching what it means to be a practicing peacemaker. Obviously, that means we continue to preach and proclaim peace in our worship settings. But more importantly, the church must use its voice in the community to advocate for the elimination of evil and its manifestations in acts of violence. Too many of us have been silent about the frequent killings of persons by guns and other weapons.

And let me also say that the church must do more to teach what it means to live a life of peace. From the very first conversations in our kindergarten Sunday School class to the adult classes and

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learning groups, our role is to help people better understand and put into practice the role of Christ followers as peace makers, peace proclaimers, peace practitioners. So, here is a third thing we must be doing:

EMBODY THE PEACE!

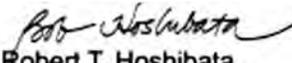
If someone you do not know sees you, would that person know you are a Christ follower? Recent studies and writings state that one of the main things people who are not active in a Christian church think about those of us in the church is that we are hypocrites. In other words, that we do not live our lives the way we say we should. My experience is that most church people I have the privilege of meeting are sincerely trying to follow the teachings of Jesus. But too often, we do not go far enough to do what Jesus asks of us, to go the extra mile and reach beyond our comfort zones to follow him.

Howard Thurman wrote these wonderfully rich words that inspire my efforts to keep Christmas alive through the ministry of our United Methodist churches:

“I will light Candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.”

May we be encompassed by the spirit of peace today. May we promise to believe in the peace that Jesus proclaimed. May we be infused with an unshakable commitment to be practitioners and teachers of that peace in our lives every day henceforth, so that in us and with us the work of Christmas will continue.

In Christ's spirit,


Robert T. Hoshibata

YOUTH

In December we tried to start our youth ministry partnership with Trinity UMC, but because of the holidays, had some difficulty getting started. We did, however, have two young people from our Sidewalk Sunday School ministry attend the Young Disciples meeting on the first Sunday of December. They helped put together Christmas gift mugs filled with packets of hot chocolate for Trinity to give out during their Food Pantry ministry, then shared pizza and played some great games! Check out the photo of Pastor Jody being made up to look like a flocked Christmas Tree!

The following week D'Shawn Reyes-Warner attended youth group at Trinity during which they made candy dishes out of red-and-white striped candies. It was a fun evening even though it was sparsely attended.

During January we hope to get more of our own youth involved. So if you know of someone between grades 4-12, make sure they have the schedule below so they can be a part of our youth ministry partnership!

- Sunday, January 3... Young Disciples (Grades 4-6) meet at Trinity from 6-7:15pm.
- Sunday January 10.. Youth (Grades 7-12) meet at Trinity from 6-8pm
- Sunday January 17.. Youth (Grades 7-12) meet at Trinity from 6-8pm
- Sunday, January 24. Combined Youth Group (Grades 6-12): Karaoke at Spirit of Hope UMC from 4-6pm
- Sunday January 31.. Youth (Grades 7-12) meet at Trinity from 6-8pm



CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX PROGRAM 2015

During this Christmas season through your efforts we were able to provide 65 food boxes during the month of December. In 2014, we also collected 65 food boxes. A special thanks to everyone who donated money toward a food box, helped pack the food boxes or who donated a completed food box. Thank you!

Enough money was collected through donations that Faith UMC purchased food for 48 food boxes. On December 12, 2015 about 24 individuals gathered



together in the Koinonia Room and put all the food purchased in boxes. Also during the month, several members of the congregation took food boxes home and with family, friends and neighbors filled 17 additional boxes.



The sixty-five food boxes were distributed to individuals and to organizations. Forty-one (41) food boxes were given to Wesley Community Center Family Christmas Program. The Phoenix Indian Medical Center received ten (10) boxes. They also have a program where they distribute the food boxes to those in need.

We also provided boxes to families with some connection to Faith UMC. Pastor Jody distributed food boxes to other families who needed a little help this Christmas Season, including some of the Sidewalk Sunday School families.



Just in case we forgot someone, we want to thank all the individuals who made the food box program a success by helping to tape the boxes together, sort the boxes, pack the boxes, stack boxes, deliver the boxes, or made a donation. We appreciate your support of



the Christmas food box mission project. This mission wouldn't exist without you.

Thank you!

Mike & Virginia FitzPatrick

JANUARY GARDENING CLASS:

January 12th @ 5PM

Organic Pest Management

You love your garden but so do those bugs! Don't spray them! That puts chemicals on your food and you don't want that! Life can be tough for the organic gardener when the bugs come to town. Come learn some strategies for winning the war against pests. <http://tinyurl.com/alicegarden1-12>

Classes are free! Let them know you're coming by rsvp'ing at the noted website. You can also reach them via email at westalicecommunitygarden@gmail.com or via text or phone at 602-793-7216.

MICHELLE GUENTHOER UPDATE

Michelle Guenthoer has been in touch. She is currently living in Michigan and attending nursing school. Her contact information is: mich.guenthoer1087@gmail.com; 28823 Hollywood St., Roseville, MI 48066

She was sworn in as a citizen in September 2015, achieving a long-time goal since coming to this country.

Please contact her to give her your congratulations. She would love to hear from us.



December 2015



December was a busy month for Faith UMC with many activities leading us through Advent and into the Christmas season. Saturdays especially were busy right up through Christmas.



Saturday, the fifth of December, saw people holding Sidewalk Sunday School, decorating the sanctuary and enjoying the Roadrunners' catered lunch.



A week later on Saturday, December 12th, Studio "O" held their annual recital by the harp and piano students, and over a score of others helped pack food boxes for the needy.



And on December 15th Sidewalk Sunday School held a Christmas celebration with the Christmas story, pizza, and gift bags.



White elephants were the order of the evening at the annual Christmas party Friday, December 18th.



The Christmas Cantata on Sunday morning, December 20th, featured the Faith's chancel and handbell choirs with a solo by Kelianne Devlin, readings by Larry Dodson, and flute by Erika Topping.



Christmas Eve brought families and friends together for a casual service to hear the Christmas story and celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. Highlights were the pageant "Just a Little Christmas" starring the younger generation, and a solo sung by David Topping and accompanied by Francine Martyn.



NEW MEMBER CLASS RESCHEDULED

The new member class has been moved to Thursday, January 21st. The class will begin at 7:00 pm in the church library and will most likely last for just an hour. At that time those interested in finding out more about becoming a member of Faith will discuss with Pastor Jody what it means to be a United Methodist and the expectations of membership at Faith United Methodist Church.

Those who attend the class and decide to join the church may do so the following Sunday, January 24th, during worship. If you have questions about becoming a member of Faith UMC, please contact Pastor Jody.

FAMILY PROMISE 2016 SCHEDULE

ALMOST TIME FOR THE FIRST WEEK!

The 2016 schedule for Family Promise has been determined. Faith UMC will once again host families three times during the year as follows:

January 10th - 17th
May 15th - 22nd
October 23rd - 30th

This means the January week is imminent! Volunteers are needed for to spend a night or cook for the guests. To volunteer or donate please speak to Jane Kriege, Gary Kriege, or Carol Getting. Time is short.



Your help is really appreciated!

Joshua's Journey

Friends,

I am so excited to share the good news about my graduation from United Theological Seminary on December 18th. It was a true joy to not only graduate, but also be an active part of the graduation service. I was supported in presence and in prayer by many of my professors



It was also a true joy to have D'Shawn join me along with both my fellow graduates and friends from across the country.

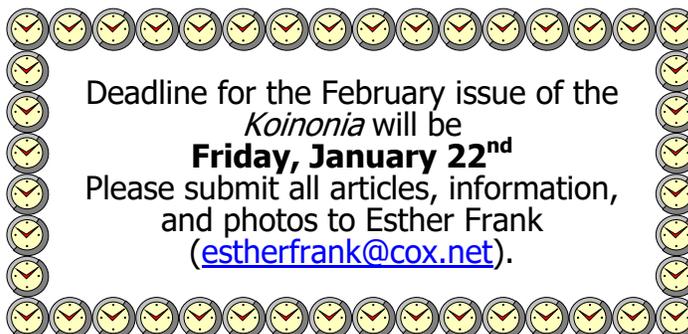
As I close this chapter of my life and move onto the next season God has laid out for me, God has placed on my heart several projects at both Faith UMC and the Desert Southwest Conference as a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

I will continue in my role at EMPACT-SPC as a peer support navigator/crisis case manager. I will also be working with our crisis mobile teams to be available for members of our community who find themselves in crisis, assessing for needs and de-escalating troubling situations.

Part of my goals in 2016 will be to work with you as my church family and Pastor Jody on engaging our neighbors in the life and ministries of our good church. We have so many things that help our church stand out including the unconditional love and acceptance that our visitors receive when they join us at our services. There are many unmet needs in our community, and I believe we are truly called to be the hands and feet of Christ to a world which needs to hear the Good News and hope that we are able to offer.

May we all be busy with the good work God has called all of us to.

—Joshua



Deadline for the February issue of the *Koinonia* will be **Friday, January 22nd**. Please submit all articles, information, and photos to Esther Frank (estherfrank@cox.net).

A Life of Prayer

Joshua Warner

Prayer. What a loaded word – the definition of prayer and ways we pray are as vast as the number of people in the world. A brief survey of scripture finds that there are over 650 prayers and 450 recorded answers to prayer.

Paul encourages the audience in Thessalonica to do two things concurrently: Give thanks in all circumstances, and pray without ceasing. They seem impossible actions: How can we be thankful in everything and pray without ceasing?

It causes me to question what exactly is Paul mentioning? How do we pray without ceasing? I did a brief survey asking this question in my social circles to really grasp the essence of what praying without ceasing truly is.

Some of the answers I received included, "living with a constant awareness and intimacy of God's presence." Pastor Jody suggests that everything we say should be in essence a conversation with God. Yet another person suggested, "Praying without ceasing is capturing the spirit of our ongoing relationship with God." Needless to say, there are many ways to approach this, but I think it can easily be summarized into this: **Our life as a whole is a prayer to God. The worship of God is the context of our lives, not just the part we devote to prayer.**

John Wesley was a fierce advocate for prayer. He believed that it is impossible to live as a Christian if we are unattached in our relationship with God. For Wesley, a life of prayer was the result of a disciplined effort and without prayer our spiritual lives would take a backseat to the "cares of the world."

I believe prayer is an offering to God. When we pray we offer our praise for what God has done and thankfulness for what God continues to do in our lives and the lives of those who are the subject of our prayers.

As we enter 2016, our prayer life is something that we can look at and explore new and different ways to engage in our relationship with God with this valuable tool. I hope to explore this with you as we seek to become closer to God with our worship and prayer.

One important opportunity we have right now is to join our UMC Faith community in praying for what will take place at our General Conference being held later this year. There are 131 days in 2016 before the General Conference and 131 conferences in our denomination. Therefore, each conference has agreed to be in prayer 1 day in 2016 up to the General Conference. For the Desert Southwest Conference, that date will be Saturday January 9. If you are interested in signing up, please use the following URL: <http://tinyurl.com/dsc2016gcviqil> or please see me and I will help you get signed up.

I believe that through prayer, holy conferencing will truly take place and God's Spirit will be present as we consider the future of the United Methodist Church .

LURA TURNER HOMES HOSTS 7TH **ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER**

The public is invited to Lura Turner Homes' seventh annual Italian Dinner, 4 - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 30. A luscious Italian meal is provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill of Avondale; Meal and music is in the Fellowship Hall of Madison Baptist Church, 6202 N. 12th Street, Phoenix.



Cost is \$15 for adults; \$6 for children, 3 - 12. All proceeds benefit Lura Turner Homes for Developmentally Disabled adults. For details, please call (602) 943- 4789.

MISSION STATEMENT **Faith United Methodist Church**

Faith United Methodist Church is an inclusive* Christian congregation dedicated to the care of its constituents in order to serve the local community; and in co-operation with other faith-based organizations, to reach out to all persons* who seek personal acceptance, require sustaining assistance, or yearn for a meaningful life purpose beyond self.

*Regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, or sexual orientation.

ONLINE GIVING - NEW OPTIONS TO COME IN JANUARY

Faith UMC is pleased to announce the introduction of a new electronic option for making your offerings to God's work through our church.

Last year you'll recall we began offering e-giving as an option for regular giving as well as certain special offerings. These e-giving options included Electronic Funds Transfers (in which your gifts are automatically debited from your checking account into the church's account on a schedule you choose) as well as Credit Card swipes using Amazon Local Register. Unfortunately Amazon has discontinued the Local Register application, and we are no longer able to use this as an option.

The EFT option described above is still available and can be added to your profile through our online church database at any time. In addition, to replace the Amazon Local Register process, we are entering into an additional agreement with Vanco (the same company that handles our EFT giving option) to allow our church members to use their credit cards when making their financial gifts.

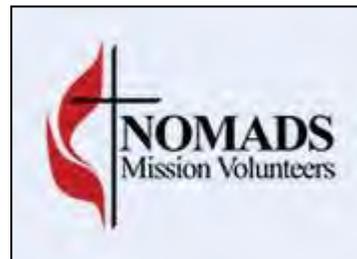
There are many advantages to using online giving. You don't have to worry about bringing your checkbook with you on Sunday mornings. You can simply set up your regular online Committed Giving using your own personalized login through our church website, and your weekly, biweekly, or monthly gifts will automatically be deducted from your checking account or applied to your credit card according to the schedule YOU choose. This type of giving also allows your financial gifts to be made when you are traveling or when you are sick, or when other circumstances prevent you from attending the worship service. In addition, your financial gifts are automatically logged into our online giving system right away, which not only saves our Financial Secretary from having to log it in for you, but also allows you to access your giving history at any time using your personalized login information. And the information stored in the system is completely private – only you and selected system administrators have access to your giving record, just like now. So giving is easy using our online giving applications!

But what about those times when you want to give a one-time gift? There are ways you can do that electronically as well. You may use the same online system through our website as the regular giving, or you may bring your credit card with you to worship and swipe it through our mobile giving device. This latter method, which will replace the Amazon Local Register application, also works through Vanco just like the EFT and Credit Card options described above. The only difference is, instead of giving through our website, your giving will be accomplished by swiping your credit card while onsite at church.

Although electronic giving costs the church a bit because of processing fees, we believe it is important for us to make these options available to you, especially for those who prefer having their financial gifts automatically processed. Complete instructions for signing up for online giving will be available very soon in the church office. If you have questions about online giving, feel free to contact Pastor Jody.

THE NOMADS ARE COMING THE NOMADS ARE COMING ...

Yes, it's true! Once again we will be hosting two groups of NOMADS on our church property beginning February 1. During the first three weeks, the NOMADS will be working primarily on our campus, doing exterior painting as well as some other work. During the second three weeks, they will be spending most of their time at Crossroads UMC, but may also have time to do additional work for us. If you have any ideas for projects that you'd like them to do for us, please contact Pastor Jody, one of your new Trustees: John Getting, David Topping, or Terry Goekler, or anyone on the new Church Council. We want to be sure we keep the NOMADS very busy during their time with us, and we look forward to welcoming them not only to our campus but also during worship while they are here.



BUILDING SECURITY

As the weather has gotten cooler, we've noticed some new attempts at trying to get into the buildings, especially the west education wing, by our homeless friends. We've also noticed some who are sleeping near the doors of the sanctuary and administration building, and others are seeking shelter by climbing over the wall near the Columbarium. We are doing what we can to increase building security, but we need your help, especially at this time.

While most of our homeless friends are harmless, we don't want anyone in our congregation to be hurt or injured by anyone who is loitering on church property. So here are a few tips we want you to keep in mind:

- When you exit any of the buildings, and especially if you are the last to leave, please make sure the doors close and lock behind you. Also make sure the gates to the courtyard are secured.
- Those who are physically able are encouraged to periodically check the doors in the west education wing to see if any are unlocked, and if they are make sure they are locked when you leave. If you find any personal items in those rooms, they most likely belong to our homeless friends and should be discarded.
- We highly recommend you do not leave any of the buildings alone; be sure you exit the building in pairs or small groups. There is always safety in numbers, and your safety is our utmost concern.
- If you arrive and discover people hanging around near any of the entrances who you know shouldn't be there, do not hesitate to call the police. We do not recommend you approach them on your own, even though they may be harmless.
- Finally, unless you know others are going to be with you, we don't recommend you be on the church campus by yourself at night.

We know that many find our church to be a safe haven, and while we want to help our homeless brothers and sisters, we also need to protect ourselves. If you do have an encounter with someone who is looking for assistance, please tell them they can come by the office during regular office hours, Tuesday through Friday, 9am-2pm and we will be happy to help them as best we can.

TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE!!



Here is an easy tip for cleaning clutter from your home:

THROW AWAY YOUR 2015 CHURCH ENVELOPES!!

FAITH LUNCH BUNCH



Faith UMC has a group that meets once a month on the third Thursday for lunch--We are "Faith Lunch Bunch" and anyone that likes to eat out is welcome to join in the fun.

December found a cheery group enjoying sandwiches made to order at *Miracle Mile Deli*. There were a number of us with take home boxes. The sandwiches were large and tasty.

January 21st we will meet in the *Red Lobster* by Metro Center at 11:30 am for food and fellowship. Mark your calendar and join in the fun with us.



PASSINGS

Faith lost two of their old friends this past six weeks.



Gordon Babbitt died on November 25th and Dianne German died on December 25th. A celebration of Gordon's life was held on December

13th. Decisions regarding services for Dianne are pending.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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January 10, 4:00 pm through January 17, 8:00 am - Family Promise						
17 Human Relations Day 8:30 am Choir-Sanctuary 9:30 am Worship-Sanctuary 10:45 am Coffee Chat - K 11:00 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship 6:00 pm UMYF (grade 7-12) *1	18 Office Closed Martin Luther King Day 6:00 pm Quilters - Rm 4 6:00 pm TOPS - Rm 1-2	19 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4 6:00 pm Church Council - Rm 4	20 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2 7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	21 11:30 am Lunch Bunch - Red Lobster 7:00 pm New Member Class - library	22	23 10:00 am Sidewalk SS 11:00 am C O D A - Rm 1-2 2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
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*1 UMYF meets at Trinity; *2 UMYF meets at Spirit of Hope