

Pastor Hayes



This was painted by Fra Angelico in 1440, with the title of "The Risen Christ". The scene was on the morning of Easter Monday at Jesus' empty tomb. An angel (there are two in Luke) told the women that Jesus "is not here". (Mark 16:6) Then they had mixed feelings of astonishment, joy and fear.

They followed Jesus in their lives. They enjoyed Jesus' care, words and miracles. But at Jerusalem they had to witness the suffering and death of Jesus. On the cross, Jesus died and they cried. With his death, there was no hope. They came to the tomb to see the dead Jesus (not expecting Jesus alive) so that they could anoint his body with spices. It was their last farewell to Jesus.

As the painting shows, they looked into the tomb to search Jesus, but the angel said, "Jesus is not here". They worried if someone stole Jesus' body. Then the angel pointed "UP" with his finger. "Look Up, he is risen." They were astonished that Jesus was alive.

At the left corner, there is a person in a black clothes. He/she symbolizes a faithful Christian who is bearing the truth of the resurrection; "Look Up". Christian Faith is based on "Look Up" not "Look down". Christians are those who know how to look up and put their hope in heaven. My prayer is that all of you find hope and peace in Jesus Christ as looking up. This is the season of Lent. Let's bear in our hearts what the angel pointed, "Look Up".

## **Our Church In Missions Presented by Ralph Caldwell**

We are very much involved in mission, here and around the. The listing below likely includes most, but not all of what we do. You support mission by participating, contributing money or other resources, or a combination. There's a continuing need for support and new ideas for mission. Once or twice a month we have a Mission Moment to discuss an area of our mission.

### **LOCAL MISSION ACTIVITIES**

- Worship service available to all: worship, classes, Sunday School
- Monthly worship at the Senior Living Center
- Periodic distribution of "favors" to seniors
- Prayers and Squares: spiritual
- Christmas Cantata for the community
- Giving to the Senior Nutrition Center
- Giving to the EPCAN, food for locals in need
- Some members are active in CASA, Animal Shelter, youth camps, EMT/fire protection
- "God Squad", temporary support with meals
- United Christian Women, recently formed, supports selected mission projects, e.g. Support Our Troops.

### **CHURCHWIDE AND WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES**

- Giving to UMC includes support of the global church
- The One Great Hour of Sharing fund drive supports UMC mission programs, [uncork.org](http://uncork.org) click on About UMCOR
- The Heifer Project provides self-reliance for food and income for poorer families and women alone. [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org)
- The 30 Hours of Famine project aids needy people world-wide, a way for our teens to be in mission.
- The Support Our Troops efforts provide needed supplies to our troops and those that they are helping
- Periodic special mission projects, relief for Haiti and Pakistan
- Members active in providing homes in Mexico
- Members privately contribute to many charitable causes, including Paralyzed Veterans of America, Salvation Army, various medical research/support organizations, Food for the Poor, other Religious, mission groups and many others.

# My Thoughts



By Teri Warden

I believe Church is where you go to worship God with likeminded believers. "where two or more are gathered in my (GOD ) name so shall I be". A place where I go to be taught, uplifted, encouraged, and even straightened out. What I love about this church is we do not believe it is a lack of faith to skip a Sunday, at least I don't think it is a sin to skip a Sunday. There are many ways to worship God and keep His day sacred and it doesn't have to be at Church. Now having said that, I'd like to bring up my thoughts on taking attendance for Church. Start by thinking about who was missing last Sunday. It is pretty easy to think of where our pew mates are. Think about across the aisle and the back of the church. OK if everyone attended at the same time we would be packed shoulder to shoulder. What a nice thought. I don't know about you but I can't come up with enough names to pack the church. Here is where the quandary lay: is it invasion of privacy to question where a missing pew mate is or is it an act of compassion? For me when I missed a few Sundays (I had taken a pretty good emotional beating unrelated to church) I was tired, hurt and just didn't want to be around anyone. However, as a couple of Sundays turned into several and then over a year the thought going through my mind was that I was not important for anyone to call me up and say that they missed me. A note here, a good friend continued to tell me that people were

asking how I was and they were missing me to which I responded "that was nice". I felt she was being kind and telling me what I wanted to hear. Some of these members would see me at work and ask how I was, to which my reply every time was "fine". I really could not afford to go into my difficulties at work anyway. Through the persistence of that good friend I am back, and to my amazement I am finding that I was indeed missed and I have wasted a terrible lot of time on a misconception.

Here is my point. If you are unable to remember all those people who are missing and we sit beside them. How are our Pastor and Lay leaders going to keep those quiet, unobtrusive but important members from slipping away from our sides. It is not because we do not care but that we do not have the memory capacity. So I believe it is not an invasion of privacy to inquire where we are. I celebrate the fact that I can stay at home with my husband and do nothing on Sunday, or go shopping with my daughter because it's when we are able to coordinate our days off, or just stay in my pajamas. Because I know that when I am back in fellowship with my peers in the pews worshipping God, all is as it should be.

And they devoted themselves

to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts. 2:42

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**April 10**

The PUMC Spaghetti Dinner will be served

**April 10**

\$10.00 a person

\$5.00 children - 10yrs

\$25.00 family of 4

**Volunteers are needed . . . . please see Connie Biaggi to help cook, serve or clean up – pick a job!**

**COMPARATIVE FIRST QUARTER FINANCE REPORT**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ATTEND</u>	<u>GEN. FUND</u>	<u>HEIFER</u>	<u>EPCAN</u>	<u>OTHER*</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JAN 2011	216	\$7426.00	\$54.00	\$65.00	\$ 0.00	\$7545.00
JAN 2010	265	\$7092.00	\$38.00	\$63.00	\$605.00	\$7798.00
FEB 2011	165	\$7520.00	\$165.00	\$46.00	\$ 25.00	\$7756.00
FEB 2010	226	\$6241.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$220.00	\$6577.00
MAR 2011	184	\$6710.00	\$80.50	\$46.00	\$150.00	\$6986.50
MAR 2010	275	\$8551.00	\$58.00	\$125.00	\$290.00	\$9024.00
TOTAL 2011	565	\$21,656.00	\$299.50	\$157.00	\$175.00	\$22,287.50
TOTAL 2010	766	\$21,884.00	\$154.00	\$246.00	\$1220.00	\$23,399.00
TOTAL APPORTIONMENT REQUIREMENT		\$19,866.00				
TOTAL PAID TO DATE			\$ 100.00			

**Financials**

**\*Does not include pass through \$\$**

**In order to make budget we must average approximately \$1846 each Sunday; we are currently averaging approximately \$1714.00.**

**PUMC CENTENNIAL**

The church will be celebrating this special event on June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday the church will host a potluck and fun filled evening of church history. You may be called on to provide food. We look forward to storytelling and reminiscing with old friends and former pastors.

Festivities continue at Sunday Worship where our own Bishop Warren Brown Jr. will be speaking during this service. During the service of celebration we will be opening the church cornerstone, laid in 1948, then consecrating a new one from 2011, experiencing special music, drama and work along with a historic look back at the church's history and the people who formed it.

A centennial booklet is in the works and if you have anything to add to it (thoughts, stories, poems and prayers) please e-mail or bring them to church. Photos are also welcome and will be returned.

The following checklist will help the committee in planning: **Please fill out and bring or send to the church:**

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Will you attend Saturday night? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_ How many?

Will you attend Sunday morning? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_ How many?

Are you interested in a book? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_ How many?

**Thank You!**

Have you anything for historical display? \_\_\_\_yes

Can you house a visiting pastor? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_ How many?

We are looking forward to a great celebration. There will be special fundraisers to help fund this.

### Congregational Corner by Carl Chavez

Last year we welcomed Sharon Kissik as one of our newest members to our Portola United Methodist Church family. She was not only new to our church but also to Plumas County having settled as a permanent resident in the community in May, 2010.

Sharon was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. Shortly after graduation from high school she married Donald Spencer and began raising a family which included two daughters, Kathy and Donna, and a son, Stephen. Thanks to her children she is now a grandmother of 7 and also has 14 great grandchildren. Stephen, her first husband, received his doctorate from the University of Oregon and went on to become a sociology professor at the University of Alberta (Canada), Langley Porter (Bay Area) and the University of Rhode Island.

After Donald passed away in 1992, Sharon returned to Los Angeles to be with her mother until her passing. Sharon subsequently moved to Elk Grove in 1993. Sharon worked as manager of a Motel 6 in Sacramento from (1993-2003) A bit of trivia here, she saw room rates climb from \$9.98 to \$49.95 during that time. It was her son, Stephen, who actually was responsible for her eventual settling in Portola. Stephen resides in Chilcoot and had wanted his mother to move up to Plumas County to be nearby. Sharon searched the internet for housing and determined she didn't want to live so far "out in the sticks" so instead of Chilcoot she decided to look for housing on-line in Portola. Sight unseen, within the space of 30 days, she sold her home in Elk Grove and purchased her home in Portola, moving in at the end of May 2009 and seeing her new home for the first time.

Sharon is a long time Methodist but it was visiting friends from England who first brought her to PUMC on September 17, 2010. She currently volunteers at Nifty-Thriftly and would like to expand her volunteer work into other areas, perhaps in kitchen services. She also hopes to get back to oil painting and gardening as weather and time permits.

Like most of us, you will find Sharon each Sunday in "her" favorite pew, right side, second row from the back, on the aisle. Make a point to stop by and say hello.

## Quarterly Events

April	
Online Practice Tuesdays 4:30	Palm Sunday 4/11
Online Practice Tuesdays 5:30	Good Friday 4/22
Admin. Council Wed. 12:30 (Pastor's Convocation on the 6th)	Easter & Easter Sunrise Service 4/24
Spaghetti Dinner 4/10	
Flower Bulb Fundraise 4/20-4/21	
Community Dinner 5/16pm Catholic Church	

**May**

**Choir Practice Tuesdays 4:30**

**Choir Practice Tuesdays 6:30**

**Admin Council Wed 4/15/30**

**Parish Dinner IBA**

**Community Dinner 5/25/30pm Catholic Church**

**June**

**Choir Practice Tuesdays 4:30 IBA**

**Choir Practice Tuesdays 6:30 IBA**

**Admin Council Wed 6/15/30**

**Cal New Annual Conference 6/15-18**

**Community Dinner 6/29/30pm Catholic Church**