

## Prayer and Praise

- We want to keep in our prayers—**Helen Young** (recovering from hip replacement surgery)...**Terry Kite** (undergoing radiation treatments)...**Susan Giboney** (undergoing radiation treatments and dealing with the lingering side effects of chemotherapy).
- Family and friends of our church family with health concerns—**June Ferguson** (Tiffany Ferguson’s mother recovering from back surgery)...**Hank Gamboa** (undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia)...**Lou Archer** (recovering from the adverse side effects of chemotherapy)...**Randy Sullivan** (Sue Gamboa’s nephew)...**Char Luggar** (Robin Kite’s mother)...**Steve Hewgley** (recovering from brain surgery)...**Paul Lane** (Sara Gifford’s father)...**Quinn Kelly** (infant friend of Heather Miller)...**Odessa Chesnutt** (Randy Chesnutt’s mother)...**Reese Elmstedt** (Sue Gamboa’s granddaughter)...**J.D. Clanton** (Caleb Clanton’s father)...**Mary Drehsel** (in Heidelberg)...**Betty Wommack** (Carrie Birmingham’s mother)...and **Noah Hurney**.
- Also—our missionaries, **Martha Rivera** (Honduras), **Joel Petty** (Russia), **Mark Long** (Uganda), **Joseph Dzamesi** (Ghana), **The Dimas Family** (San Felipe), **Sunset International Bible Institute** (Korea), and China workers and new Christians.
- And our expectant families—**Brad and Stephanie Cupp (adopting)**, **the Cahills, the Fishers, and the Lemleys**.

## Family Matters

### Annual Church Christmas Party TONIGHT

Our annual **Christmas potluck** is **Sunday, December 20, from 5:30 - 8:00pm** to be precise.

Our children and teens will perform for adults who’ve been both naughty and nice.

The Jesus Company will remind us all of the real blessings we celebrate this time of year.

And we who are so blessed will have a chance to give the less fortunate a bit of cheer.

So come to the **Waves Café** with your **entrée, plus a dessert or side dish**.

For fellowship that’s fine, Christmas caroling that’s beautiful, and food that’s quite delish!

### A Series of Lessons for the New Year

Beginning January 17, 2010, the University Church of Christ will feature a series of messages at the 10:15 am worship service in Elkins Auditorium entitled “Things That Matter.” Speakers will be sharing their insights about a number of “Things that Matter” including: Hearing the Word, Jesus, Discipleship, Confession (Evangelism), Vocation, Conversion, Community, Justice, Prayer, Sincerity, Courage, Resurrection, Forgiveness, and Faith.

### From the Benevolent Committee

For many years members of our congregation have participated in the SOS program for feeding the homeless on Thursday evenings at Webster School. With the dramatic increase in the number of homeless, we are in need of additional volunteers to help in this work. If you would be interested in helping, please call Ken or Libby Perrin at (310) 506-4946.

### Baby Shower for the Fishers

Your family is invited to attend a baby shower celebration for Kim, Brian, and Evelyn Fisher on Sunday, January 10, 2010, following worship at the home of Becca and Thomas Fitzpatrick (24358 Baxter Drive). Lunch will be served. The Fishers are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Babies R Us and Target. If you have any questions or wish to contribute to a group gift, contact Becca Fitzpatrick (shoefitz99@yahoo.com) or Regan Schaffer (regan.schaffer@pepperdine.edu). Please plan to join us!

One and All are invited to a brunch at the home of John and Claudette Wilson, 24410 Tiner Court, following worship on January 31, 2010, **to celebrate the marriage of Nate Highfield and Kaelie Retts**. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond or you are welcome to contact Nancy Shatzer to contribute to a group gift.

**Nominations for Preaching Minister:** The Preacher Screening Committee has begun the process of identifying potential candidates to serve as the next preaching minister of the University Church of Christ. The committee invites members of the University Church to submit nominations by forwarding names and contact information to the chair of the committee at [timothy.perrin@pepperdine.edu](mailto:timothy.perrin@pepperdine.edu).

A **Care Calendar** has been set up for the **Brad and Stephanie Cupp Family** to help as they welcome Yo Shen home. Go to <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/28373> to sign up for meals starting December 27. Use Calendar ID: 28373 and Security Code: 1465.

## Coming Events

December 24	Christmas Eve Service, 7:30pm, Stauffer Chapel
January 3	Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank Donation Day
January 10	Fisher Baby Shower
January 11	Seaver College and School of Law Spring Classes Begin
January 14	Standing on Stone (SOS) - Feeding the Homeless at Webster School
January 17	Family Circles
January 22-24	Campus Ministry Spring Retreat
January 31	Highfield/Retts Wedding Shower
February 7	Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank Donation Day
February 14	Family Circles
February 26-28	Youth Winter Retreat in Big Bear

## Holiday Worship Schedule

December 27	No Bible Classes One Service, 11:00am, Elkins Auditorium
January 3	No Bible Classes One Service, 11:00am, Elkins Auditorium
January 10	Bible Classes, 9:50am One Service, 11:00am, Elkins Auditorium
Beginning January 17	Bible Classes, 9:00am Fellowship, 9:50am Worship, 10:15am, Elkins Auditorium

## Children’s Worship & Nursery

Sunday, December 20, 2009

Attended Nursery for Infants to Active Walkers	PLC 101
Children’s Worship	PLC 121

## Contribution

November 22	\$4,465.32
November 29	\$3,873.00
December 6	\$14,304.10
December 13	\$9,582.95
Weekly Average	\$8,405.65
Weekly Need	\$8,213.44

## Attendance

November 22	385
November 29	200
December 6	361
December 13	315

University Church of Christ  
Order of Worship  
December 20, 2009  
Elkins Auditorium, 11:00 AM

\* 997 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Brad Griffin**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

1003 Silent Night

**Welcome and Family Events**

**Ken Durham**

**Prayer of Petition and The Lord's Prayer**

**David Baird**

*Forgiven, We Approach the Table of the Lord*

315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 1)

**Prayer of Blessing for the Bread**

**Chris Chesnutt**

315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 2)

**Prayer of Blessing for the Cup**

**Chris Chesnutt**

315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 3)

*We Bring Our Gifts to God*

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Chris Chesnutt**

315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4)

*We Hear the Word of God*

*(Children 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Worship)*

**Scripture Reading: Acts 20:32-38**

**Lucy Perrin**

**The Message: "First Things Last"**

**Ken Durham**

*We Affirm Our Submission to the Word*

\* 999 The First Noel

*We Are Dismissed to Go and Serve*

**\*Call to Ministry and Benediction**

**Steve Parmelee**

\* 710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

\*indicates congregation is standing

**Next Sunday: Guest Speaker, Bernie James**