

The Pilgrims' Tower

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
A United Church of Christ Congregation



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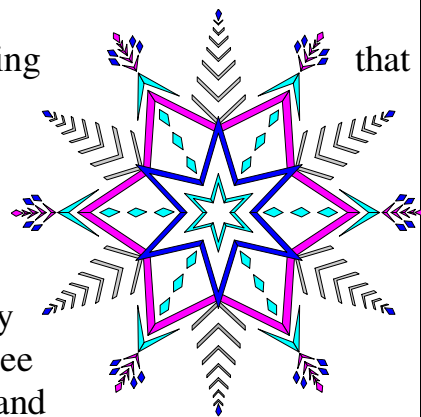
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January 2011

And so the year of 2010 has also come to an end! What a wonderful year it has been, bringing with it many new opportunities. Instead of me writing a thousand words, you may look at the pictures, remembering a picture speaks a thousand words!

From Rudolph's desk...

Over the past year, we attempted to update you on all that was happening at First Congregational Church of Glendale, United Church of Christ. Many more things have happened than even these pictures can tell. We shared in many joys, and a shared joy is double joy. We also carried each other's burdens, and a shared burden is only half a burden! Our prayers are with all our members, those who we see regularly on Sundays, but also those who we know are homebound, and cannot visit us like they used to. You are in our thoughts.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many gifts, cards, good wishes, emails and phone calls that we received at the Office. Your love and support make Morgan and my life easier, especially on days when there is a lot to do. I also wish to extend a personal word of gratitude to all of you for the support, love and welcome that Alvard and I enjoy in your midst.

We celebrated a joyous Christmas season, with beautiful music and uplifting services. We shared sumptuous meals and gorgeous sweets and treats. We were also grateful to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program of the YWCA. Thank you for your generous contributions in making the dreams for people less fortunate than us come true.

As we look forward to 2011, we are reminded of God's Grace and the Love of Jesus, our Lord. You will hear more and regularly about our Centennial Celebrations and the next Pilgrim's Tower will outline the festival schedule for the entire year. We will also identify a

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MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

♦**CHRISTIAN ED** meets Wednesday, January 12 at 6 p.m. at Family Night dinner.

♦**WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP** will meet Thursday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL RELATIONS meet on Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.

♦**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH** meet Sunday, January 9 at 11:15 a.m. after Worship Service.

♦**TRUSTEES** and **DEACONS** meet Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

♦**CHURCH COUNCIL** meet Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

♦**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP** meets at 8:30 a.m. Thursday mornings. The current book is "Amazing Grace: A vocabulary of Faith" by Kathleen Norris.

♦**FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS** are offered every Wednesday night starting at 6 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. New chefs every week!!!

♦**CHOIR REHEARSAL** begins at 7:15 after Family night dinner. Everyone is welcome to join the choir.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

PLEASE PLAN
TO STAY
FOR THIS
IMPORTANT
MEETING.

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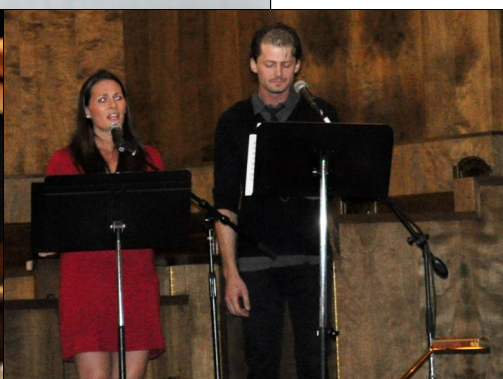
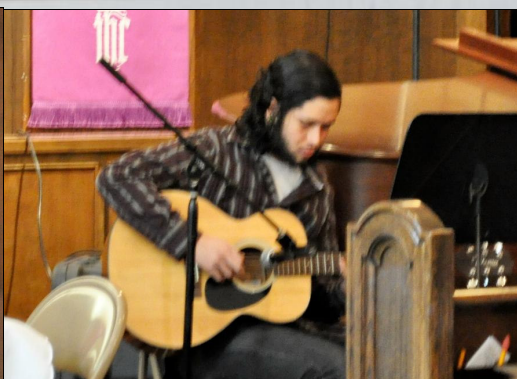
Gerry Keeling, *Organist*

Alfredo Lepe, *Custodian*

Advent Youth Sunday



Sunday, December 5 was Advent Youth Sunday. Many youth members and friends joined the choir to celebrate the season through Christmas songs.



Communion was served from a common table set at the base of the altar. Bowls of fruit representing a meal were offered to members and friends prior to receiving communion by intinction.



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mission organization where we can become involved in a real and permanent way, and share our good fortunes with others who often only know the dark side of life. Early in the New Year we look forward to the confirmation of 4 young adults and new members joining our church. Let us make our church an open and inviting place for all, a place where everyone will feel safe and cared for.

My wish to you is a prosperous New Year with countless blessings!

Rudolph

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA and COOKIE EXCHANGE

On Saturday, December 11th, Women's Fellowship celebrated the Christmas Season with a tea and cookie exchange. Over twenty women attended. We even had the pleasure of the company of several male members who were present to help with the greening of the Sanctuary which followed the tea. The tea sandwiches and treats were contributed by all who attended.





Above, The Guest speaker **Pat Hammerle**, a friend of Dorie Beaumont, presented a delightful and informative program on *Teas by Presidents' Wives*.

She told us about 4 different Presidents wives, details of their lives and how they served tea at the White House.

Following the program, cookies were exchanged and everyone left with an array of different cookies to enjoy over the holidays with family and friends and a hot cup of tea.



CHRISTMAS SUNDAY





All gathered in the morning to wish each other a very Merry Christmas season and a Happy New Year .



CHRISTMAS DINNER & SONG



Erwin Lutz

Liz Dowd

The annual Christmas dinner was as delicious as ever (thanks to Liz and Erwin) while Christmas songs filled the air.



The Marks



Linda Conover

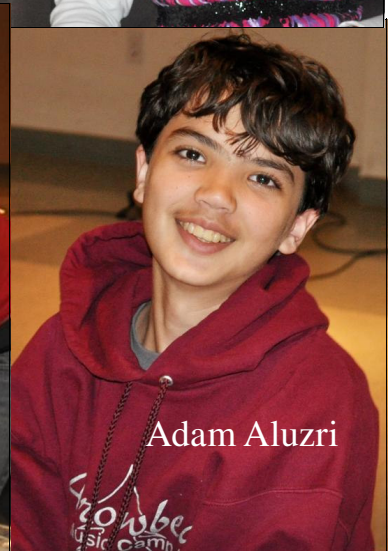
Rev. Rudolph van Graan



The Youngs



The Pavones



Adam Aluzri



The Reichgelts and Celeste Lepe



The Aluzries



The Youngs and Jackie



The Greenwalls



The extended Dowd family



Carol Lutz

The Camps



Marissa Pavone and guest



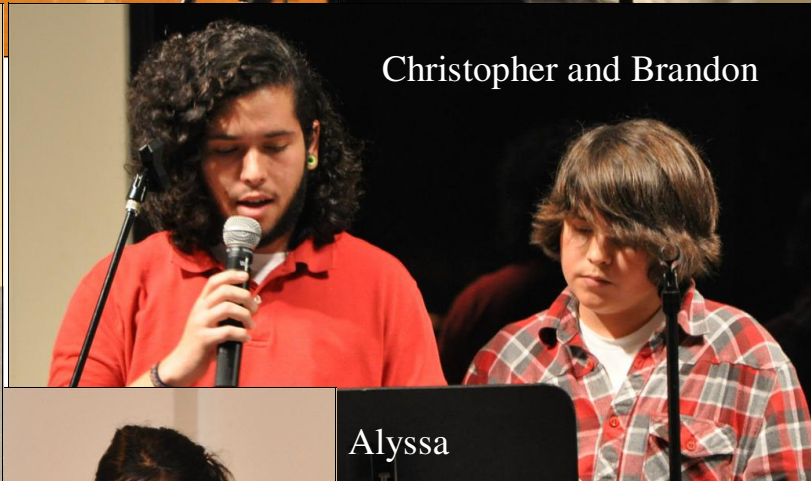
Joel



Jackie



Mary Ann



Christopher and Brandon



Adam



Alyssa



Ken



The Choir



Gerry



The Rudledges



The Tomas

THANK YOU

To all the photographers who submitted photos in 2010. Thank you for bringing our members and friends closer through each issue.



The Randoises

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY, TERRY!!!



Not only was Sunday, December 19, Christmas Sunday, but it was also **Terry Buchiarelli's** 85th birthday.

Everyone was delighted that Terry and Trudy's sons and families chose to share the celebration with his church family.

WORSHIP SUMMARY

January 2011

2 Second Sunday of After Christmas

Texts Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirah 24:1-12
 Ps 147:12-20 or Wis of Sol 10:15-21
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:(1-9, 10-18)

9 First Sunday after Epiphany/ The Baptism of Christ

Texts Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

16 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Texts Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalms 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

23 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Texts Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalms 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Texts Micah 6:1-8
 Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Matthew 5:1-12



Catherine Strojin

We are sad to announce the passing of **Catherine Strojin** on Monday, November 22, 2010.

We ask that God comfort her family and friends during this time.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

A Happy and Healthy Birthday to all of our members and friends who were born in JANUARY. If we missed your name on the list, please let us know so we may correct our file.

REICHGELT	James	6-Jan
RITCHIE	Jesse	6-Jan
MINER	Noel	7-Jan
LEE	Shu	9-Jan
JELINEK	Margaret	14-Jan
MORRISON	Margaret	15-Jan
OMIYA	Iwao	15-Jan
BUCHIARELLI	Phillip	16-Jan
GULBRANDSON	Marian	18-Jan
POOLE	Lillian	18-Jan
SAAR	Marian	19-Jan
TRAUGOTT	Jodie	25-Jan
REBAL	Richard	26-Jan
STAFF	Nalda '45	27-Jan
YOUNG	Angela	28-Jan

“Never put a period where God has put a comma” -Gracie Allen

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Head Ushers: Liz Dowd, Anita Lim,
 Jim Reichgelt, Barbara Botfield,
 Laurel Pavone, Carol Lutz
 Flower Chairperson: Angie Young
 Church School: Susie Robinson, Angie
 Young, Jackie Rader, Nona Randois

Attendance for Dec 2010

Dec 5	56
Dec 12	41
Dec 19	66
Dec 24 5pm	34
Dec 24 11pm	36
Dec 26	33



Christmas Flowers

We would like to thank the following for the beautiful floral celebration to the Glory of God:

Donated By:

Doris Ritchie

Mary Ritchie

Seda Hovsepian

Lois Svetich

Judy Gorham

Marilyn Hewitt

Ardis Strohbehn

Liz and Jim Dowd

Gerry Keeling

Donald and Lillie Kraut

Betty McMullan

Susan Skiffington

**Joe, Laurel, Breanna
and Marissa Pavone**

Dorie Beaumont

Vi Parks

Norma Wilcott

Deborah Erftenbeck

Anne Yaussi

In Memory of:

My loving husband, Graham

**Jim Ritchie and Graham Ritchie; Mr. & Mrs. C. H.
Ritchie; Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Perrin**

**My husband, Art Hovsepian;
the Ataya & Hovsepian families**

**Roy Svetich, my husband; Charles & Seba Kehr,
my father & mother**

**My son, Darrell Gorham and my parents,
Phil and Mary Mislav**

Jeannette and Allen Hewitt

Donald, my husband

Kay and Jim Dowd; Archie McMullan and Scott Rader

John and Marie Field

Barbara Kraut and Steven Kraut

Archie McMullan and Scott Rader

**My husband, Dale A. Skiffington; my sister,
Nancy Skougard**

**Our Parents and Grandparents who helped shape our
lives. Gary and Marge Wade; Tom and Emily
Pavone; Marion and Daniel Lingenfelter; Fern and
Roy Wade**

My good friend, Harriet Arnold

My husband, William T. Parks

My husband, Guy Wilcott

Warren and Leola Erftenbeck

Robert Jackson and Frank Yaussi



In Memory of (continued)

**Carol Lutz and
Kathleen Camp**

Nell Michael

Geraldine Gerry

**Jan Newman and
Julie Van Wagner**

**Jim and Evelyn
Reichgelt**

**Our parents, Dorothy and Ed Ettory; Genny and
Kenneth Camp; also, to Ione Becker**

Paul Michael, William Dudley and Ellen Dudley

Estelle Austin, my mother; Dr. Ernest Romero, my uncle

**Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newman; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Newman;
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Steffen; Bruce Van Wagner**

Marjorie Guyant Fernandez and Ardelle Reichgelt

Donated By:

**Rev. Rudolph van
Graan**

Liz and Jim Dowd

Doris Ritchie

Donald and Lillie Kraut

**Terry and Trudy
Buchiarelli**

Tim and Sylvia Young

Geraldine Gerry

Vi Parks

In Honor of:

The Outgoing Leadership Team of Our Church

Betty McMullan

My sons and their wives

Ryan Skaggs serving with the U. S. Air Force in Qatar

Our three sons: Geoffrey, Brian and Philip

Our Family

James Gerry, my husband

My husband, William T. Parks

Donated By:

Doris Ritchie

**Dr. Barbara and
Noel Miner**

Linda Conover

Jim and Angie Young

Nona Randois

In Celebration Of:

My grandchildren and great grandchildren

**Our friends Buddy and Sherrie Wolff; our children
Kris, Kimberley, and Dillon Miner**

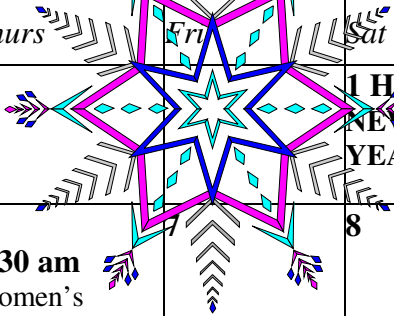

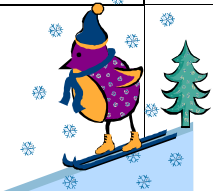

My brothers and sisters

In Celebration of our Lord's birthday!

**Cousin Rylan's 2nd birthday; Great Grandma Ilene's
birthday**



JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
2 10 am Worship and Church School	3 Office hours Mon 11am- 3:00pm- Tues-Fri 10-4 pm	4	5 NO Family Night Dinner meets Choir Rehearsal	6 8:30 am Women's Spirituality Group EPIPHANY		8
9 9 am Pastoral Relations 9 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service with Communion and Church School 11 am CONGREGA- TIONAL MEETING 11:15 Outreach Meet	10 Office hours Mon 11am- 3:00pm Tues-Fri 10-4 pm	11 7 pm Trustees and Deacons Meet	12 6pm Family Night Dinner 6pm Christian Education 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 am Women's Spirituality Group 10 a.m. Women's Fel- lowsip Mtg.	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 9 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service and Church School 11:30 Coffee Conversation	17 Office hours Mon 11am- 3:00pm Tues-Wed 10- 4 pm	18 7pm Church Council meet	19 6pm Family Night Dinner 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 8:30 am Women's Spirituality Group		
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30 9 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service and Church School Kick Off for Centennial Celebrations	31 Office hours Mon 11am- 3:00pm Tues-Wed 10- 4 pm					

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 11AM

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a friendly, caring Christian Community responding
To the love of God through Jesus Christ by:

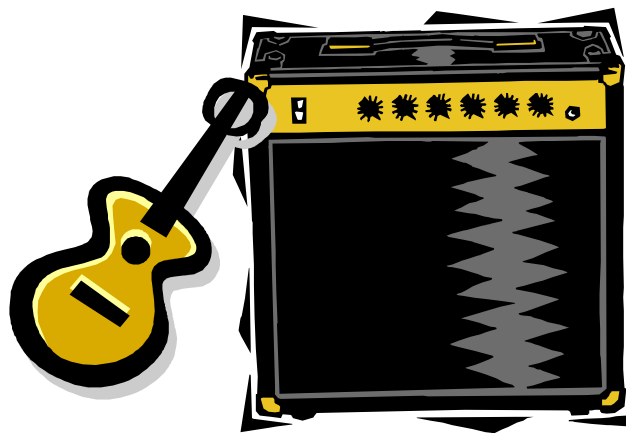
- *Opening ourselves to God and to all people,
- *Participating in worship that gives meaning to our lives,
- *Nurturing and supporting each other in our spiritual journeys,
- *Ministering to the needs of others,
- *Seeking to discern God's purpose for our lives as we strive to live within our Christian values.

The music department is looking for some equipment and is starting its search with you, the people of the church.

Please let Joel know if you or anyone you know has any of the following items you'd like to donate:

MUSIC WISH LIST:

drumset
guitar amp(s)
acoustic guitar pickup(s)
bass amp
music stands
extra mic cables and stands
overhead choir mic's
tambourine/percussion instruments
...or any other functioning instruments



And donations for sheet music and guest musician budget are always appreciated as well!

We are also looking for one or two volunteers who'd like to learn about the sound system and would like to be responsible for it during services.

And as always, feel free to join choir practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm!

Many thanks,

Joel