

# “The of the Matter”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church

## Is Jesus Enough?

Are you troubled? He is your **Wonderful Counselor**. Are you tense? He is your **Prince of Peace**. Are you uncertain? He is the **Rock** of your salvation. Do you feel let down? He is **Faithful**. Are you lonely? He is your closest **Friend**. Are you defenseless? He is your **Advocate**. Are you in the dark? He is the true **Light**. Are you surrounded by difficulties? He is your **Deliverer**. Are you sin-full? He is your **Righteousness**. Are you helpless? He is your **Savior**. Are you bereaved? He is the **Resurrection** and the **Life**. Are you hungry? He is the **Bread of Life**. Are you thirsty? He is the **Day Spring of Living Water**. Are you searching? He is the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life**.

He is the **First** and the **Last**, the **Beginning** and the **End**, the **Alpha** and the **Omega**. He is the **Creator** of all and the **Keeper** of all creation. He is the **Architect** of the universe; the **Manager** of time. He always was, He is, and will be forever. He is **Unchanged**, **Undefeated**, and never undone. He is **Love**. He is **Good**. He is **Gentle**. He is **Great**. He is **God**. He is **Lord**. He is **Holy**. He is **Righteous**. He is **Mighty**. He is **Powerful**. He is **Pure**. He is **Sanctifier**. He is **Redeemer**. He is **Joy**, **Comfort**, **Hope**, **Eternal**, **Ancient of Days**, **Ruler of Rulers**, and **King of Kings!**  
Hallelujah!

The world cannot understand Him. Armies cannot defeat Him. Schools cannot explain Him. Leaders cannot ignore Him. Pharisees could not confuse Him. Herod could not kill Him. Nero could not question Him. Hitler could not silence Him. New Age cannot replace Him.

He will never leave you, forsake you, deceive you, or overlook you. If you fall, He will lift you up. If you fail, He will forgive you. If you are weak, He will be your strength. If you are lost, He will be your way. If you are afraid, He will be your courage. If you stumble, He will steady you. If you hurt, He will heal you. If you are broken, He will mend you. If you are blind, He will lead you. If you are hungry, He will feed you.

When you face persecution, He will shield you. When you face problems, He will comfort you. When you face loss, He will provide for you. When you face death, He will hold you.

HE IS EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE, EVERYTIME, EVERYWHERE, AND IN EVERYWAY! HE IS GOD; HE IS FAITHFUL; HE IS ENOUGH!

Pastor Gary Venden's summation of the "All About Jesus" Revival Seminar

# Church News

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Filled With The Holy Spirit,  
Discipling,  
Baptizing,  
Teaching, With Love,  
Preparing All For Jesus' Return

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

To Know Jesus  
To Share Jesus  
To Follow Jesus  
Changing Lives Today  
And For Eternity

**TAKE CHARGE  
OF YOUR HEALTH**  
Presented by Dwayne Lemon

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**Free Health Empowerment Event  
February 2 - 9 at 6PM**


**Topics Covered:**  
Heart Disease  
Diabetes  
Cancer  
Arthritis    Type to enter text  
Depression and Anxiety  
The Biblical Laws of Health  
Overcoming Lifestyle Diseases  
Strengthening the Immune System  
Taste and See Cooking Class  
...and much more!

**FREE**  
Health  
Consultations





**Location: Hopland Village Church**  
51 Hwy 175 Hopland, CA 95449  
[www.hoplandchurch.org/takecharge](http://www.hoplandchurch.org/takecharge)

**CAMP WOE-IZ-ME**  
The Summer Camp For Kids That Are Too Happy!



**An Evening of Talent  
Presented By  
Ukiah SDA Church**

**February 16  
4:00pm  
UTA Gymnasium**



**Radio Ministry**  
The new KPRA proclaiming God's word to parts of three counties is up and running at 89.5 FM. If you want to support the monthly rent and electricity cost, you may put "Radio" in Online Giving or on your offering envelope. Anything over the monthly needs will go for a new transmitter. Thank you for your support.

**Change Jars For Children**  
We recently collected and sent to ADRA \$905.00 for feeding starving children. Thank you for collecting your coins and bills for hungry kids. It makes a difference in their lives!  
By Steve Miller

## Church News, cont.

### Daily Opportunities to Pray for the Holy Spirit

**Sundays, 7-7:30 a.m.** at Ukiah Junior Academy, Library via the parking lot door by the gym stairwell.

**Wednesdays, 7-8:00 p.m.** in the Chapel to discover Bible teaching on what is needed to bring revival in your life and to our church by Pastors Eric Williams and Mike Wilson.

**Sabbaths, 9-9:30 a.m.** in the Chapel.

**John 14:26, 27** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”

#### **1 Corinthians 1:9**

The true Christian keeps the windows of the soul open heavenward. He lives in fellowship with Christ. His will is conformed to the will of Christ. His highest desire is to become more and more Christlike, that he may say with Paul: “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.”

#### **Galatians 2:20**

The only way to gain peace and joy is to have a living connection with Him who gave His life for us, who died that we might live, and who lives to unite His power with the efforts of those who are striving to overcome. Holiness is constant agreement with God. Shall we not strive to be that which Christ so greatly desires us to be—Christians in deed and in truth—that the world may see in our lives a revelation of the saving power of truth?

In Heavenly Places, p. 33

### **GOSPEL MEDICAL MISSIONARY MINISTRY**

Much has happened since I last reported. Dwayne Lemon and his wife came to Ukiah November 3 – 17 to train us how to do medical missionary work. We met every night except Fridays and Sabbaths, 25 of us in all, some from Ukiah church and some from Hopland. What a training that was! It was like taking a whole quarter of school in two weeks! He used the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy as his textbooks. I took notes and typed up everything he presented including the Bible texts and the Spirit of Prophecy counsel - 81 pages in all.

A free Community program entitled “Take Charge of Your Health” by Dwayne Lemon is being planned for February 2 – 9 at the Hopland Village Church (51 Hwy 175 Hopland). Each evening Dwayne will present a health topic and, during the day, he will take a church member with him to do Health coaching with those who are coming to the meetings. If it goes well, we would like to have another community outreach like this in Ukiah. If you are interested in going, contact [www.hoplandchurch.org/takecharge](http://www.hoplandchurch.org/takecharge).

In preparation for the coming meetings, the group is meeting at Ukiah church every Sabbath afternoon at 4:30pm. We study a topic of the Bible to make sure we really understand it well enough to share it with others. After that, we study a disease. We learn all we can about a disease, its causes, how to prevent it and how to cure it, using natural remedies.

Meanwhile, we have had the privilege of continuing to help people we have helped before. One woman needed her kitchen tile repaired. One man needed a new bed put together, repairs on his walls and a good cleaning of his refrigerator. Another woman needed a filter changed in her home and just was happy to be visited. As you can see, if you can clean a refrigerator or do repairs in a home or cut grass, etc. and are willing to use those talents for others, then you can be a medical missionary (not everyone is trained in the medical part...much of this ministry deals with “help bands”, just helping those we find that have a need.)

Anyone is welcome to our Sabbath afternoon meetings, so come and share what you know, and let's learn together.

By Jeanine Kablanow

**Church News, cont.**

**Community Services News**

One of the many ministries our church sponsors is Community Services (formerly known as Dorcas). It gives out clothing, linens, dishes, and other small items donated by the community to anyone who has need every Wednesday morning. We help 40-50 clients every week.

The building, built in 1987 by faithful church members, has served us well. As reported previously, it now has a new roof and gutters. But that only pointed out how dilapidated the paint had become.

Fortunately, Dr. Randal Schafer had the idea of contacting a painter friend of his, Phillip Champion. Phill was interested in our project and offered to do the painting for us. Then to add to the blessing, he used his contacts at Sherwin Williams and got them to donate the paint! The surfaces were prepped in time to dodge most of the rain this fall. We want to thank Randal, Dave DeBooy, Ryan Veness, and Judson Howe for the prep work.

As you can see, the building stands proud and clean. The siding on the back wall proved to be too rotten to paint, so the plan is to put on new siding after the rains and paint it too. Blessings to Phillip Champion for donating his work!

By Beth Garibaldi

Photos Top: The front of the Community Services building with new paint and new roof, and new parking lines. Center: Shows the back of the building. The upper part has been repaired and painted. Bottom: This wall needs repair. Photos by Beth Garibaldi



**Church News, cont.**

By Scot and Danae Brunner

**From Spark to Flame: Bringing Blacksmithing to Local Pathfinders**

At the 2014 Oshkosh Camporee, Scot Brunner was among the first group ever taught blacksmithing at a Pathfinder event, and his enthusiasm led him to stay on as an assistant instructor that same week. His passion for the craft continued to grow through his involvement with Southern Adventist University's blacksmithing club, Southern Smiths. In the summer of 2015, Scot began teaching blacksmithing at Camp Au Sable, where he met Danae. The following year, Scot's brother joined the camp staff and met his future wife, Lily Davis, who wrote the Blacksmithing Honor at just 16 years old.

In August, Scot and Danae were among 35 instructors at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming, leading what became the largest hands-on blacksmithing event for young people in the United States. Over 800 Pathfinders participated, crafting both a Frederick's Cross and an S-hook to earn their honor requirements. Although Scot came to instruct, he soon found himself being trained-in to lead the event and took over as site director each day. In order to bring blacksmithing to Pathfinders on the West Coast, Scot and Danae brought back three forges and all of the essential equipment.

On January 20, they held their first training session under the church awning, preparing a dedicated team of instructors including Andrew Corbett, Jeremy Malin, Rick Nelson, Jordan Pastor, Luis Pastor, Eric Kablanow, and Wayne Kablanow. Their setup accommodates 18 students at once, with six instructors each supervising three students.

Looking ahead, Scot and Danae will work with the Ukiah Timberwolves on February 6 to master the honor curriculum and safety procedures. The Pathfinders will then put their knowledge into practice on February 20, crafting their own pieces and carrying forward this meaningful tradition of metalworking. If you're interested in learning to blacksmith and

want to join the pool of instructors for future events, please contact the Brunners!



Photo left; Danae Brunner teaching Blacksmithing Honor at International Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. Above; Scot Brunner assisting AJ Rahm (8) as he makes an S hook.

**Church News, cont.**

**Blacksmithing with the Brunners, cont.**



**Responses to the “All About Jesus” Seminar**

We enjoyed the “All about Jesus” Seminar with Gary and Marilyn Venden. The messages and the music were outstanding. Wednesday’s seminar put it all together, and made the ideas of each of the factions of the church fit securely into the relationship model of sanctification while being true to scripture. We truly need to cooperate with Jesus as we walk toward heaven.

Everything we do, Bible study, prayer and witnessing, must be initiated and enabled by Jesus’ divine power through the Holy Spirit. Success in the Christian life truly grows out of, and depends on, our relationship with Jesus.

Many people said that the meetings were wonderful, great, tremendous, or very helpful. Some said they were very sorry to see it end. One person, who lives in Covelo, heard our announcement on Ukiah Christian Talk Radio, 89.5 FM, loved it, and came each weekend. Others came who had never been in an Adventist church. Some say they are planning to continue coming.

You too will be blessed as you prayerfully watch the series at: [ukiahnsda.com/watch-live/--then click on archived videos](http://ukiahnsda.com/watch-live/--then click on archived videos).

By Mike and Sylvia Wilson

Photo top row left: Rick Nelson creating a curled finical for his S-hook.

Photo top row center: Andrew Corbett and Jeremy Malin forming a twist in their S-hook.

Photo top row right: Luis and Jordan Pastor work over a Frederick’s Cross in the forge.

Photo above: Eric Kablanow and Wayne Kablanow shape a Frederick’s Cross.

**Adventurer /Pathfinder Sabbath - February 22, 2025.** These clubs will be participating in a very special church service. We are excited to share with our church family what we do and learn all year. We hope you will all be here to support these important ministries. Please bring food to share for the potluck lunch in the foyer immediately following the service.

## Church News, cont.

## Let's Get Acquainted!

This month we are introducing a delightful family, Luke and Stella Kang and their almost two-year old son, Milo. We are so happy that God directed them to set up their home and ministry in Ukiah. If you have not met them yet, you are in for a great opportunity!

Both of them will be answering the following questions:

**Where were you living prior to Ukiah?** They both answered Loma Linda. This is where Luke took his medical training and Family Practice residency program.

**How did God lead your individual paths to become one?**

**Stella:** We saw each other first in Michigan about ten years ago. God re-connected us again when I was recovering my relationship with God after almost giving up on all relationships. Luke read my testimony online. Concerned, he reached out to me and this became a new relationship for us.

**Luke:** We first met in high school when Stella visited my church. We went to different universities. When I was in Loma Linda, I saw an article that Elder Ted Wilson shared about Stella. This led me to re-connect with her. We haven't stopped talking since.

**Which teacher inspired you the most, and how?**

**Stella:** I cannot think of a teacher who inspired me the most.

**Luke:** There were lots of inspiring teachers. A role model I looked up to as a man of God was Dr. Jeff Cho, possibly one of the smartest in medical school and residency who chose Family Practice. He is now doing missions overseas with his family.

**How did you choose your profession?**

**Stella:** I was hospitalized for almost a year and met different individuals who came to my room, regardless of their will. I wanted to bring hope to them and share the love of God. So I chose chaplaincy.

**Luke:** I wanted to choose a challenging speciality that would allow me to also have an avenue to people through ministry. It started with reading *Gifted Hands*, by Dr. Ben Carson, during middle school, which led me to pursue medicine. I initially wanted to perform surgeries, but I grew to enjoy connecting with people of all ages.

**Where is the most interesting place you have traveled?**

**Stella:** I would say Cancun, Mexico. Luke and I were traveling there with a rental car, so we were able to see their culture more closely. I have been to other countries too, but it was usually a packaged tour, rather than being on our own. Some reasons it was a fun memory: The beautiful nature—wild and well-protected areas with clean water; interesting cultural aspects; and especially, the need to be careful about those going after travelers.

**Luke:** The most interesting place I've traveled to was Guam.

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**Let's Get Acquainted, cont.**

**If you could learn a skill you don't have right now, what would it be?**

**Stella:** I would like to have the skill to make bread. I try to bake muffins and other small things, but I haven't tried to make a loaf of bread yet.

**Luke:** I would like to know how to repair a car, in any way it needs

**What is your favorite Bible verse, and why?**

**Stella:** Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." I have a hard time distinguishing sinners from sin, as a sinner myself. But to see God loving me and taking care of my sin problem, gives me much hope and encouragement. It humbles me and helps me look to Him who can, when I cannot.

**Luke:** Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." It is an encouraging promise that God will ever uphold me, no matter the circumstances.

**UJA News**

**More Than Throwing a Ball**

UJA Basketball coaches, Ashlin Chamberlain and Dan Kuntz took their teams to Rio Lindo Adventist Academy the last part of January to participate, along with several other schools, in a tournament.

Kevin Hardesty, Rio's Athletic Director, summed up the day with a few comments: "Physical education is not just teaching kids to throw a ball. It's about showing them they are capable and part of something bigger. It is the teamwork in a huddle, resilience after a loss, and bonds formed playing a game that teach important life skills.

"Every day in the gym or on the field is a chance to plant seeds of confidence and resilience. For me, it is a privilege to watch students' hope and joy and talent grow far beyond the gym walls. It is much more than throwing a ball."

UJA students, from grades 5-10, are presenting a musical, entitled, **"Annie"**, featuring Prema Peralta, as *Annie* and Caleb Williams, as *Oliver Warbucks*.

The musical takes place in a New York City orphanage in the 1930s. Enjoy the classic song "Tomorrow" which gives hope for a brighter day when life is gloomy. This musical will surely lift your spirits.

It will take place at the Ukiah Junior Academy gymnasium on Thursday night, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Come and enjoy a free evening, showcasing our students from UJA. By Margie Rice





**UJA News, cont.**



We are getting excited at UJA as **Kindergarten Jamboree** is coming soon! On March 5, we are inviting parents and their children who will be ready for kindergarten next school year, to join us for a morning of fun in our kindergarten program. Each year we welcome our visitors to get a little taste of what we do in kindergarten at Ukiah Junior Academy. We read, play, create, and get acquainted with others who are interested in joining our school family. Each child will receive a personalized goodie bag and all visitors will get a delicious hot lunch. It is truly a great experience for all and we hope that you will share about this event to your friends who are looking for quality Christian education for their little one. Anyone interested in attending should call our school office to RSVP, (707)462-6350  
By Wendi Olivera



**Dave Anderson's Photography Display**

If you get a chance, stop by the main branch of the Savings Bank of Mendocino County on School Street and check out Dave's photography display on the wall above the coin-counting machine.

Much to his surprise, he was invited by a bank employee to display his photography. In December, she offered him the months of January and February. If he couldn't get ready that quickly, the next opportunity would be July and August. Dave decided to "Go for it!"

He thought he could get his "birds" ready for showing the easiest, so he has successfully framed and hung eight of his favorites. Some have already sold, but he can keep his display full until the end of February. Stop by and take a look, so you can give him some encouragement and support. He will appreciate it very much!

## A Lesson from God's Creation

By Sheldon Schultz

In nature, as in *The Great Controversy*, deceptions are created to accomplish a goal. A group of nudibranchs, known as sea slugs, pull off one of nature's most fascinating weapon thefts. Many animals living in the sea use nematocysts to catch prey. Animals with nematocysts include sea anemones, jellies (formerly known as jellyfish), hydroids, and many others. All of these animals are predated upon by nudibranchs, which then pull off one of the most amazing thefts in nature, as they have found a way to protect themselves from the stinging-filled nematocysts and, at the same time, use it for their means.

I will use one common nudibranch in our tide pools in Albion to show how they work with nematocysts. The Nudibranch *Aeolidia papillosa*, also known as the Shag-rug Nudibranch, often feeds on *Anthopleura Elegantissima*, the Aggregating Anemone. When the slug wishes to feed, it rears up on the back of its foot and then plunges its face into the anemone, biting off and swallowing as much of the tentacles as possible. Because the nematocyst of the anemone fires upon contact, injecting poison into the prey or repelling an attacker, the nudibranch mitigates the poison or keeps the nematocyst from firing. There is evidence they do both; they often have a mucus lining inside the mouth and gut that keeps many of the nematocysts from firing, and they also have cells that have a chitinous layer of protection, much like a fingernail that protects the nudibranch from the poison and also keeps the nematocysts from firing. The Shag-rug Nudibranch then takes the nematocysts that have not been fired and surrounds them with a mucosal layer in the gut in a further attempt to keep them from firing and injecting poison. These packets, now known as kleptocnidae, are somehow migrated through the cell walls and stored on the end of the cerata (gills) for defense.

How this occurs is still being studied, and the mechanism is not entirely understood. Scientists have discovered that the Shag-rug Nudibranch also uses stored kleptocnidae to attack the Aggregating Anemone when the Shag-rug Nudibranch is feeding on it. Thus, the nudibranch uses the stored nematocysts from one anemone to attack another of the same species to gain an advantage in feeding.



If anyone has a comment, they may send it to my email [geckos4us@yahoo.com](mailto:geckos4us@yahoo.com)

Left: A Shag-rug Nudibranch feeding on an Aggregating Anemone. Picture was taken by Sheldon Schultz in a cave near Mendocino.