

## TODAY'S FLOWER OFFERING

The Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to the Lord by Esther Mattson.

## HOME BIBLE STUDIES

Some families have opened up their homes for Bible Studies. Please let pastor Steve know if you would like your home to be used regularly for Bible Studies.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

A Box for Food Bank donations is near the entrance to the sanctuary (right next to the table where bulletins are displayed each Sunday). Please bring canned goods for the many going hungry. Christmas is a time of hope – let us bring hope to those who need it desperately this Christmas. ***Bring canned goods for the poor and homeless!***

## NEW TABLES

We now have 11 new plastic tables. The recent batch of 6 tables is an anonymous donation. 35% lighter and more durable than the regular ones, the new tables make for easier set-up and clean-up after activities. All are encouraged to donate. Lighter chairs are also an option. If you are unable to purchase 1 table, you may share the commitment with another person or a group of persons who can share in the financial burden. For more information, please contact Chris Holm, Church Facilities Coordinator at (206) 762-8576.

## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our [Annual Charge](#) conference is officially scheduled for ***January 21, 2009***. Rev. Pat Simpson will lead as our District Superintendent.

The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church and elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. The charge conference has also been done as a worship service to add a spiritual aspect to the meeting. Be sure to add these date to your calendars.

***Chairpersons of all committees must submit Charge Conference reports by January 13.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*December 14, 2008*



## LAS POSADAS JOINT WORSHIP

*December 21 at 11 am*

Next Sunday, Highland Park UMC and *El Dios Viviente* will have a joint service at 11am, featuring a reading of the *Las Posadas* (Shelter for the Holy Family). In the Hispanic tradition, one of the oldest celebrations *Las Posadas*, was created by the Augustinian Father Diego de Soria about 1587 to introduce Christianity to the New World. Readings from the bible equate the Holy Family's search for a room at the inn to each person's openness to Christ's coming. At the end of the service, we will sing in English and Spanish, a portion of the traditional hymn as arranged by Barbara P. Garcia who has graciously allowed us to use the arrangement which was first introduced at the Convocation of United Methodists in

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***Please bring food to share for the fellowship after the joint service.***

Worship, Music in 1993. Many thanks to Pastor Gerardo Guzman who has helped plan and translate the service so that everyone can participate.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

There will be a [Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7pm](#). There will be a "Procession of Many Candles" and the Granadosin Family will provide special music. A [New Year's Eve Covenant Service](#) will also be held December 31. The speaker will be Pastor Gerardo Guzman.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

A [sign up board](#) has been set up next to the door into the sanctuary. Please take a look at the board to know how you can serve during Sunday services. We are continuously looking for volunteers to usher/greet, to read the scriptures, to serve coffee during the coffee hour, and to donate flowers. If you feel you are being called to serve in any of the ministries mentioned above, please contact the following coordinators: Alice Hoskinson and Cecilia Granadosin.

## December – January CALENDAR

14	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00	Third Sunday of Advent English Service
	2:00 pm	El Dios Viviente (Hispanic Language Service)
17	7:30 pm	Praise and Worship/Youth Bible Study
21	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00	Fourth Sunday of Advent – Joint Christmas Service (Highland Park UMC & El Dios Viviente)
24	7pm	Christmas Eve Service
25		Christmas Day
28	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00	Third Sunday of Advent English Service
	2:00 pm	El Dios Viviente (Hispanic Language Service)
26-30		Christmas Institute (Youth Camp – Camp Berachah in Auburn, WA)
31	7pm	New Year’s Eve Covenant Service
1		New Year’s Day
4	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00	Epiphany Sunday English Service
	12:30	Undecorating (Youth)
	2:00 pm	El Dios Viviente (Hispanic Language Service)
7		Praise and Worship/Youth Bible Study

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The Ad Council has agreed to give partial scholarships to 4 youth who are going to the Christmas Institute (CI) December 26-30. The youth will also get partial scholarships from the Conference as CI is a conference-approved and sponsored camp. The remaining balance will be shouldered by the youth and their families. The youth will meet for their regular Wednesday Praise and Bible Study the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Because of the Holidays, next meeting will be January 7 at the same time.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Five of our women attended our neighbor Seaview UMW December Christmas luncheon, when Roberta Martin made a fantastic presentation of Christmas books for children, she had checked them out of the Southwest Library. Several women also attended the Highline Christmas Luncheon and Sale next Saturday, Dec.13th.

Sue Kramer has invited our women to come to her house again this year on Monday, January 5 for a potluck and planning session for the new year. All women are encouraged to attend, starting at 10:00 a.m. She will leave all of her Christmas decorations in place until after our meeting, which always are simply beautiful.

We decided that we would omit a regular December meeting. - Chris Holm, President

### PASTORAL VISITS

Please let Pastor Steve or Alice Hoskinson or Anne Read (visiting/inviting team) know if you are in need of a pastoral, home or hospital visit. Call the church office (206) 763-0710 or Pastor Steve (425) 702-8021.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER

Sunday School is at 10am each Sunday. Everyone is urged to come early on Sundays to participate. Terry Holm teaches the adult Sunday School class while Josh Granadosin teaches the youth and young adults. If and when there are children, Elise Stevenson and Cecilia Granadosin will teach them.

### *Hold In Your Prayers*

*Jasna Avdic, Buck family; Ruth Carlson; Lyn Lorenz; Bill & Mercedes Lauterbach & children; Sugar Lauterbach, Ed & Dorothy Laymon; Michelle Libby; Dorathea McMillan, Mike & Kathy Manning; Wanda Minor; Carol & Al Missen; Wendy Morgan; Neil Cuthbertson Kathy Northrop; Paul Salisbury; Aaron Taylor; Salina (Sue Kramer’s daughter); Marjorie Tracy; Keith & Diane Hedrick & children, Kim & David Hardin; Debbie & Terry Hoskinson; Earl Buell, Lee Family; Art Opfer; Dennis Sweeney; Linda Tucker, Toma Hadsall’s dad “Tom” Wendy Morgan, Denny & Elise Stevenson, Bette Nelson, Trudy O’Daffer, Peg McCormack, Marion Zaske.*