

## RELIGION BRIEFS

**Tom Ganoung is the guest Pianist at Ukiah Seventh Day Adventist Church**

A full program is scheduled for worship services this Sabbath. Tom Ganoung, guest pianist, will perform the hymn "Be Thou My Vision". David Foreman will give a report to the congregation on the latest information on Religious Liberty. Using Mark 4:21-25 as his reference, Pastor Paul Hawks will deliver his sermon "Rusty Equipment".

Tuesday nights each week the Pathfinders youth group meets at 7 p.m. at their room at the Ukiah Junior Academy. The youth will soon be studying foreign currency and would appreciate any coins or paper money from foreign countries that members of the community would care to donate for this project. You may call Fran Neufeld at 463-2028 or mail your currency samples to the Ukiah SDA Church, 1390 Laurel Avenue, Ukiah.

**First Baptist Church service set for this Sunday**

"In God's Will" is the title of the Sunday morning sermon at First Baptist Church this Sunday. Pastor Dennis Beatty will preach from Acts 11:1-18 in his message for the 10:50 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join the congregation at Smith and Henry Streets.

The weekly sessions of Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will continue their in-depth examination of the Kay Arthur book, "As Silver Refined," concerning the way everyday struggles can result in personal growth and strength through their refining process. Newcomers are welcome and can call the church office for more information, at 462-2779.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church crèche display a success**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with a display of crèche sets on Saturday, Jan. 6. Parish members brought their treasured Nativity sets to share with the rest of the congregation and the public in an afternoon of fellowship, discovery and a deeper appreciation of the story of the birth of Jesus.

The size of the sets ranged from a small bracelet charm to the largest one, requiring a special table, which was displayed in the nave of Holy Trinity Church. One display included the story from the point of the gifts brought by the Wise Men and had the offerings of frankincense, myrrh and gold in inlaid boxes along with information on the background of each.

A wide variety of workmanship, materials and interpretation was evident in the sets displayed: Christmas tree ornaments, an inlaid picture, tiny items from an Advent calendar, a snow globe crèche and even a set of magnetic figures for the refrigerator.

The oldest set was given to a parish member in 1927 when he was only one year old, and it has been part of the family Christmas celebration ever since. Several members have collected the crèche sets while on travel trips and there were contributions from a host of countries.

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**Muslims mark start of new year**

By FAITH DAWSON

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ATLANTA -- The

Islamic new year arrived quietly for its first full day: no boisterous customs, no fireworks, no Dick Clark counting down the seconds in Mecca.

For Muslims - in Atlanta and abroad - the theme is reflection, not revelry.

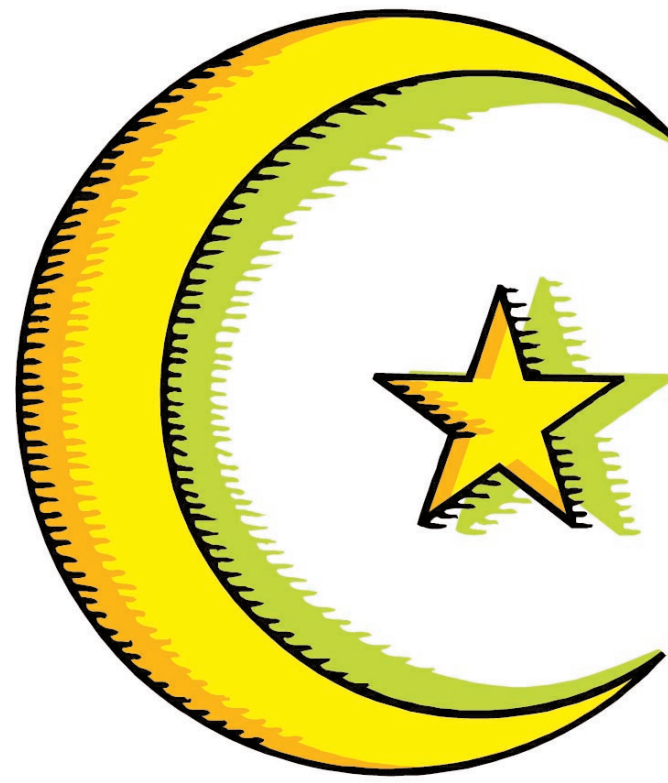
Today invites contemplation - and the commemoration of the hejira, when the prophet Muhammad escaped religious persecution by traveling from Mecca to Medina, establishing the first Islamic state.

"When we end the year, we are grateful to God for blessing us to have lived that year, and we spend most of our energy and concentration on committing ourselves to give more, to be more productive, to be more decent, to accomplish more in the year that's ahead of us," said Imam Plemon El-Amin of the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam.

Shahir Raslan, a mechanical engineer from Newnan and spokesman for Masjid Al-Ihsaan, a mosque in Riverdale, said that in his native Syria, the new year was welcomed by lights in the streets. People visited each other, exchanging gifts.

In this country, he and his wife and four children will remember the importance of the new year by reading the story of the prophet Muhammad.

"A person can reflect, thinking of the unity of Muslims that was established as one nation, regardless of ethnicity and cultural differences," Raslan said.



"In Mecca during that time it would cost you your life and your property to say, 'I am a Muslim,'" Raslan added.

He intends to emphasize the importance of religious freedom to his children.

Introspection is also the order of the day for Carla Aniagoh, an African diaspora professor at Spelman College, who used to live in Guinea.

"You reflect and look for self-improvement," Aniagoh said.

When she lived in Guinea, children dressed up and walked from house to house on new year's day, singing verses from the Quran. Adults would give the children money.

But since the American-born mother of two returned to the United States to live

two years ago, she has recognized the day in more low-key fashion.

Aniagoh said she might spend time with friends today from Senegal who live in metro Atlanta. They might cook lamb - "Lamb is always important for a celebration" - and ask each other's forgiveness for any offenses they may have caused during the year.

The reflections aren't resolutions as Westerners might conceive of them - goals for personal betterment. Muslims practice their religion as a lifestyle and take stock with a view toward a better community.

"It is a self-evaluation of a person - [of] being a Muslim, [of] what she did last year. What was his shortcoming? What was his problem? He has to look

[at] the new year [as] his commitment to a better person and a better society," said Mushir Siddiqui, a director of Al Madina Masjid in Norcross.

Imam Amjad Saeed of Masjid Omar in Norcross echoed the sentiment.

"We certainly remind our children of the importance of the Islamic calendar - how did it start, and the important events that happened at certain times. We remind our generations about the history."

Despite the historical significance of Islamic new year, many Muslims will go about their daily lives.

"The new year is not one of the holidays where Muslims are enjoined to go to the mosque and make a special prayer," said Vincent Cornell, the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Middle East and Islamic Studies at Emory University.

Sometimes the day serves as a reminder for financial responsibilities. Cornell said he uses new year's to pay zakat, the annual tithing required by Islam.

Some families might exchange cards and gifts. Asked if he thought the Islamic new year was taking on qualities of Western new year celebrations, Siddiqui laughed. "By my faith, by my beliefs, by my religion, I don't have to do all this to make [myself] happy. I can be more happy if I'll go and get money to send somebody in the world who needs it."

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**Faith Directory**

**APOSTLES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELS):** Pastor Kent Dethlefsen; Phone 462-8201; Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Sept. thru May); Communion 3rd Sunday of the month. Church is located at 710 South State Street, (Washington Mutual Bank Plaza) in Ukiah.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** Pastor Lehman Myatt; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m. Church is located at 395 N. Barnes St.; 468-1468.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD: MINISTERIO HISPANO:** Actividades del Domingo: Escuela Dominical, 12:30 a 1:15 pm, Servicio de Adoración, 1:30 p.m. Actividades de la semana: Martes, 7 p.m. Local de la Iglesia, 395 N. Barnes St.; 468-1468. Español: 972-3517

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD, REDWOOD VALLEY:** Reverend Kim Harvey, Senior Pastor; Sunday worship begins at 10 a.m., with kids' church available at that time. Nursery available for children under 5. Wednesday is Family Night, with classes for teens, and children ages 4-12 beginning at 7 p.m. The adults will participate in an in-depth Bible Study. For more information 485-7684.

**CALVARY BAPTIST:** pastor David Donnel, Sunday morning services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; evening service 6:00 p.m.; AWANA Clubs Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.; Sept. - May; mid-week prayer Wednesday, 7 p.m.; jr. high youth Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.; sr. high youth, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Church is located at 465 Luce Ave., call 462-5638

**CALVARY CHAPEL OF UKIAH:** Pastor Les Boek; Sunday morning service 10AM. Wednesday night bible study at the church. 1045 S. State St., Ukiah; For more information. Call 485-1002. Listen to C.S.N at 88.1 FM.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Welcome to the Church of Christ 25 Norgard Ln. Need a ride to bible class or services call 462-2248. Bible study Sunday 10 a.m.; From the book of Galatians Taught by Dennis Hofschild; Worship 11 a.m.; Sermons by minister Dennis Hofschild. Sunday Evening; Bible study- 5PM - Series from the Proverbs Taught by Dennis Hofschild. Wed. evening bible study - 6PM. I Peter, Taught by Dennis Hofschild. For more information call 462-1534 or 462-2248.

**CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Those seeking answers to today's questions are invited to come and experience God's presence and realize His purpose for life through relevant Bible preaching by Pastor Joe Fry. We meet in the Ukiah Valley Conference Center at 200 South School Street. Worship service at 10:30 a.m. with nursery and children's classes. An awesome youth group meets Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church on South Dora. Reach us at 272-9722.



**ECKANKAR - RELIGION OF THE LIGHT AND SOUND OF GOD:** Worship Services, Introductory Talks, Book Discussions and Satsang. Public welcome. Call for location and times. 1-800-423-0771 or 468-5870 FREE book available.

**FIRST BAPTIST:** Steven Zarlengo, Youth Pastor, Dennis Beatty, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Mike Dobbs; Pastor Emeritus, William C. Duncan. Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., Wednesday Awana club at 6:15 pm. The church is located at 300 W. Smith Street. For details or other ministries, please call 462-2779.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF REDWOOD VALLEY:** Sunday morning Service 10:30AM. Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:00PM. 642 Ellen Lynn, Redwood Valley. 485-7713.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ & United Church of Christ):** An Open and Affirming Congregation. Sunday worship is 11:00. Adult Bible Study before worship beginning at 9:45. We celebrate Communion at the Lord's Table each Sunday. Our Table is an open table and all are welcome to share with us. 140 N. Spring Street. Pastor Cherie Marckx. Phone: 462-5830. [www.firstchristianchurchofukiah.com](http://www.firstchristianchurchofukiah.com)

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE):** We welcome you to visit our services and our reading Room. Our Sunday service is at 10 a.m., with Sunday school at the same time for students to age 20. Our Wednesday meeting is at 7:30 p.m. and includes a time for sharing. The Reading Room is open to everyone on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 204 S Oak St., 462-6155. [cschurch@pacific.net](mailto:cschurch@pacific.net).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Pastor Sherry Budke. Our purpose is to extend Christ's love and truth to all people. On Sunday's we offer an Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00am, Hispanic Worship at 9:00am. Regular Worship at 10:00am, nursery available. Sunday School from Pre-School age to Junior High School at 10:00am. Coffee fellowship follows the 10:00am service and programs. Visitors are always welcome! Corner of Perkins and Dora Streets. Handicap accessible. 468-9235

**GRACE LUTHERAN:** 8:30am Traditional Service; 9:40am Bible Study/Sunday School; 10:30am Contemporary Service. Allen Dunn, Interim Pastor. 200 Wabash Ave., Ukiah; 462-7795. Email: [glcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glcoffice@sbcglobal.net)

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Father Harry Allagree, Regional Missioner; we welcome children, youth, families, young adults, and seniors to the Sunday Worship service at 8:00 a.m. (traditional) and 10:00 a.m. (contemporary). Nursery care is available for the later service. Handicap accessible. Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday evening: Shared Ministry study, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The church is located at 640 S. Orchard Avenue, next to the DMV. For information: 462-8042 or [holytrinity@pacific.net](mailto:holytrinity@pacific.net).

**NAZARENE CHURCH:** Ukiah Valley First Church of the Nazarene. Co-pastors Barbara and Jack Cobbs. Sunday morning worship, 10:45 a.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible oriented program for children, 6:30 p.m. Church is located at 604 Jones Street. 462-4869

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** (An Evangelical Free Church). Pastor Dan and his staff invite you to our contemporary, reverent worship service Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Children are invited to participate in Children's Church. Classes for all ages meet at 9:30. Nursery provided. Opportunities for children, youth, and adults are available during the week. Our church is located at 750 Yosemite Drive. (behind Burger King), phone 468-9251 or [newlife@sonic.net](http://newlife@sonic.net) for more information.

**NEW LIFE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH** 266 East Smith Street, Ukiah, CA. Pastor David Moore. 707-462-3496. Thursday night bible study @ 7:30. Sunday morning Sunday school @ 10:00. Morning Worship @ 11:00.

**POTTER VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH:** Pastor Tony Arnds. Sunday School, 9:45a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00p.m. 10501 Main St., Potter Valley, CA 95469. 743-1598

**REDWOOD VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH** Sr. Pastor Kevin McDougall; Youth Pastor Justin Talso; Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:45a.m. Sr. High youth group Wednesday, 7:00-9:00p.m.; Jr. High Youth group Thursday, 6:30-8:30p.m.; College/Career, Sunday 7:00p.m.; Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. and Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Men's Ministry small groups meet at varying times a week; Adult Home Bible Study's meet Wednesday and Thursday. Church is located at 951 School Way, Redwood Valley; 485-8541

**RELIGIOUS SCIENCE CENTER FOR POSITIVE LIVING:** Minister Dr. Candice Becket; Sunday Power Service 9:00-9:30 a.m., Meditation Service 10:00-10:15 a.m., Celebration Service and Youth Church 10:30 a.m., Teen Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Healing Circle 6:30 p.m. A new way to think, a better way to live. All welcome. Located at 741 S. Oak St., Ukiah 462-3564.

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:** The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) meets for unprogrammed (silent) worship Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the Walnut Village Community Room at 1240 North Pine Street in Ukiah and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at 332 Hillview Avenue in Ukiah. All are welcomed to worship at either or both Meetings. For more information call 485-8350 or 463-0266.



**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Paul Hawks and his associate Shawn Paris invite you to worship with us Saturday mornings at 1390 Laurel Avenue in Ukiah (462-5455). Sabbath services begin with SonRise Fellowship (8:20 to 9:15 a.m.), followed by Sabbath School (9:30 to 10:50 a.m.) and the main Worship Service (11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.). Services in Spanish, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Welcome.

**ST. PETER EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 190 Orr Street, Ukiah (at the corner of Orr and Brush streets). Pastor Fr. David Anderson. Schedule of Services: Saturday: Great Vespers 5:30pm; Sunday: Matins- 7:30 am; Divine Liturgy- 9:00 am. For information about weekday services, please call Fr. David at 468-4348, or stop by the church for a printed schedule.

**THE RIVER FOURSQUARE CHURCH-** Come join us for inspiring, enjoyable worship and heartfelt Bible teaching in a casual atmosphere each Sunday at 10:00 am in the Fine Arts building at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. We provide a nursery area and Sunday school for children aged 3-10. Consider also our midweek 'Overflow' service, held off campus at 744 Talmage Road in Ukiah, on Wednesday eves at 6:30pm, when we enjoy the teaching of other prominent ministers via DVD and video. Need more information or driving directions? Call us at 462-7766. We look forward to meeting you!

**UKIAH BIBLE CHURCH:** Pastor, Rev. Richard Oliver and Youth Pastor, Dave Dick; Adult Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship service 10:15 a.m., nursery care available; followed by refreshments and fellowship; Children and Youth ministries; Young Married Fellowship; Jr. & High School Parents' Fellowship; Hosting Precept Bible studies on Thursdays. Church is located at 2140 Arroyo Rd., 462-0151.

**UNITED METHODIST:** Please join us for worship at 10 am. Childcare and Sunday School every Sunday morning. Weekly activities include: Youth Group, Adult Small Group, outreach and service opportunities, and Bible Study. Call 462-3360 for more information or visit our website: [www.ukiahumc.org](http://www.ukiahumc.org)

**UNITY OF UKIAH:** Gina Scott, Spiritual Leader; Wednesday prayer and meditation 11:00 a.m., Sunday meditation 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10:30 a.m. Refreshments to follow. Church is located at 321 N. Bush St.; 462-4061.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH OR MINISTRY IN OUR FAITH DIRECTORY CALL OUR CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT AT 468-0123 FOR RATES AND INFORMATION.**