

Youth News

August 2 - No Youth Group
Senior High Camp

August 9 - UMYF, 6:00-7:30 PM
UMYF will meet in the Youth Center.

August 16 - Riverside District Youth Day at the Ball Park
Join other youth from our district for an Inland Empire 66er's baseball game. Invite your friends from camp. Game time 6:05 PM. See Val to sign up for tickets. Free tickets to the first 15 youth to sign up. Carpooling available from the church. Watch for more details.

August 23 - Back to School Party!!
Summer's not over, but, yes, we do have to go back to school. All youth entering grades 7th-12th are invited to join us for a great party. Surprise menu! No hamburgers, no hot dogs!! Watch for details on time and place.



**First United Methodist Church
of Riverside**
4845 Brockton Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506-0134

48/8

Non-profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Riverside CA
Permit No. 242

Address Service Requested

The Messenger



First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Volume 48 No. 8 August 2, 2009

FAITH WORKS

Today I want to share a beautiful poem written by our new member, Calvin Narayan. He wrote it during a worship service as he reflected on what his new church means to him. Calvin is from Fiji. He has lived in the United States for under a year, and works at Riverside Community Hospital and as a substitute teacher.

Pastor Brian

Articles for the next *Messenger*
(issue date August 2, 2009)
must be in the church office no later
than Wednesday, July 22. Thank you!

Church Staff Recognition

Please join us for refreshments after the worship service on August 9 to thank and show appreciation for our dedicated staff at FUMCOR.

SPRC

Our Church

The First United Methodist Church of Riverside:
It stands firm as a beacon of hope and faith
on the outskirts of Brockton Avenue,
Riverside;
Serving as a beacon of hope is our church;
Serving as a beacon of faith to the multi-cultural believers from different walks of life and diverse cultural backgrounds;
She brings delight to bypassers and admirers
who look upon her for strength, hope and peace.
During times of turmoil and joys,
It has stood faithfully and will continue to for years to come.
Thank you, Thank you and Thank you for being a beacon of hope to our Aging world.

*Kalvin Narayan,
July 5, 2009*



By the time you read this our Camp E.D.G.E. will be in the final days of this amazing learning experience for our children and adults. The children will sing for us on Sunday, August 2 in worship. Following worship there will be a lunch and a video presentation for the congregation to enjoy in Fellowship Hall. Our deep appreciation to our co-directors Cecilia Van Os and Esther Heath. There will be many people to say "Thank You" to although right now I would not be able to list them all. Those names will be listed in our program on Sunday, August 2. We do say thank you to all who have contributed items to help all the classes and leaders do their work.

My thanks to all the children, parents and volunteers for a great week.

The Sisters Retreat Reunion Dinner will be at the home of Pastor Sheila on Sunday, August 9 at 6:00 PM. This is a potluck dinner. Beverages and paper products will be provided.

Please respond to Pastor Sheila if you can attend, 782-8218 or 683-7831. The Sisters Retreat for 2010 is scheduled for January 29-31 at Aldersgate Retreat Center. More information coming soon.

Pastor Sheila

Welcome back campers and Mexico Mission Team!!

This has been a fantastic summer for many children, youth, young adults and adults! Summer Camp at Camp Wrightwood and Camp Colby were enjoyed by 14 children, youth and young adult counselors. The Mexico Work Team had an outstanding experience in Jaramillo, Mexico. Seven team members made a difference in that community with their construction skills. Both these groups had a great time experiencing God, building friendships and making memories to last a lifetime. Thank you to all who made these experiences possible. Your donations throughout the year provided over \$4000 in camperships, and a special donut collection provided a roof on a home. Special thanks to the Church & Society committee who sponsored transportation costs (van, insurance, gas) for the Mexico Mission Team. Thank you FUMCOR family for making these opportunities possible.

Now let's do it all again! There will be a **Pancake Brunch** on Sunday, September 6 after worship. Donations will support the Campership Fund (we're already planning for Summer 2010). There will be a slide show from Summer Camp and the Mexico Mission Trip. See you at the Pancake Brunch.

Hunger Ministry

Thank you to the following for services in June and July.

For dinners at the family shelter: Team 1: Bill & Lynn Ashworth, Duffy Exon, Becky Konegen, Laurie Williams. For lunch bags: The Kirkwood family, Bob & Norma Nelson.

The following teams have upcoming service in August and September:

For shelter dinners August 22 and September 26, Team 2: The Bales family, Richard Hughes, Jean Taylor. For lunch bags August 22 and September 26, Team 5: Richard Austin, Greg & Lisa Laird, Barbara Spencer. For shelter dinner August 29, Team 7: The Cahraman family, Daryl & Lee Ann Salmon. For lunch bags August 26, Team 8: The Farrell family, Tina Rajaratnam, Sione Tupou.

Greg Laird

Hymn Leading Team auditions

I would like to try having the congregational hymns supported by four to five Hymn Leaders. We need one leader for each part (Bass, Tenor, Alto, Soprano) and possibly a group leader. Song leading is very different from singing a solo or singing in a choir. It isn't about you singing with others listening. It is about you giving strong support to the congregation as they sing to God.

Please tell me if you are interested in being a Hymn Leader. I will audition several people together.

We will have auditions, not for the best singers, but for the most supportive song leaders. The Hymn Leaders will lead, using microphones, so that all singers in the congregation, weak or strong, can feel fully supported as they sing. It can feel like a vacuum out there in the congregation when we have 200 people in a room seating 550. We need strong vocal support along with the strong organ and piano support.

You do not have to be a choir member. You do have to attend regularly and practice new hymns in advance. Once we have a team together we can try it for several months. Again, I am not looking for the best soloists, but for the best support for congregational singing.

Pastor Brian

Mission Moments from UMW

In the Faith Engine Ministry, we offer the very first mechanics training for young women. We believe this is not just new for the Methodist Mission in Cambodia, but in the Kingdom of Cambodia. This is one opportunity of empowering our women to gain skills and find jobs formerly offered to the men only. We also included basic English conversation and computer skills. Foremost we continue to share God's love. *Emmanuel and Beverly Barte, missionaries, Cambodia. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.d*

Guardian Scholars Program

UC Riverside's Guardian Scholars Program supports UCR students who are wards of the state. This year we at FUMCOR donated grocery cards to help bridge the gap between academic sessions, when residence hall food service is on hiatus. Assistant professor Tuppett Yates, coordinator of the program, sent a card of thanks:

"I am writing to thank you for your very generous donation of food cards for our Guardian Scholars. As you know, college is a tremendous challenge for all youth, but it is especially difficult for those who must negotiate breaks in the school year on their own. Your gifts were received with much gratitude (and relief!) by our young students at the close of the academic year and have gone to good use supporting them. As important as the tangible assistance your gifts offer is, it also sends a very clear and priceless message to those kids that the community believes in their value and potential, and wants them to succeed. I can't thank you enough for selecting our program and our students as a beneficiary of your generosity and support."

The ministers of this church are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, District Superintendent Bau Dang, and the church staff: Sr Pastor, Brian C. Kent; Assoc. Pastor, Sheila M. Kane; Youth Director, Val Weise; Aldersgate Director, Alice Wymer; Organist, Marc Longlois; Bell Choir Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Secretary/ Receptionist, Laurie Williams; Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Jo Wilson; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.

Prayer List

Please hold in prayer all our members and friends who are homebound, ill or in need of support, and all our service men and women.
In hospital: Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon). *In convalescent care:* Marion Holsteen, Billie Spencer, Norma Montigel, Betty Byrnes, Natta Lea McCormack, Eleanor Rayner, Howard Nolan, Lorraine Armata, and Joy Schuh.
In need of prayer for health and support: Bev DeFrance, Dorothy Barnekow, Barbara Spencer, Claude & Micheline Scoggins, Ruby Gregory, Jean Mooney, Myra Williams, Martha Devine, Lisa Thomas, Susan Shuckett, David Sturman, Lynn Roberts, Debbie Boone, and Everett Hasselstrom.

TWEENS

There's a new group in town and they are amazing. It's the TWEENS!! All youth entering grades 4th-6th are invited to join us. We had a great time this summer decorating hats, wearing our new shirts, playing the UMYF in volleyball and enjoying s'mores. Now we're looking forward to some great fall fun. We will be meeting again on August 30. Watch the bulletin, email and your mail for more details.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women are taking a summer break from monthly branch (Almond/Wesleyan and Citrus), Unit and Executive Committee meetings (although the Executive Committee will meet as needed if there are issues that must be addressed) Meetings will resume in September.

Handcrafters will continue to meet in the Asbury Room on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM through the summer.

United Methodist Men

No meeting in August but we will be in full force for the September 13 get together!

The program will spotlight health issues and a behind-the-scenes look at Riverside Community Hospital. Our speaker will be Susan Page, Director of Lab Administration. If there are special areas of interest, send your questions to Berkley Kaufhold, program coordinator, or leave them in the office.

We are expecting and hoping for a large crowd. Mark your calendars now!



Library Assistant

Contact Myra Williams - 637-0445

Sanctuary Care

September or October

Contact Manette Tomlinson, 683-2177



Sonja Moore	.....3
Harold Jackson	.....6
Laurie Williams	.....6
Gregory Hice	.....7
Nancy Kennedy	.....7
Esther Rank	.....8
Sara Redding	.....8
Robert Nelson	.....9
Savannah Knight	.....11
Sarah Six	.....11
Peggy Ramsay	.....14
Ernestine Blake	.....18
Kerry Bachman	.....19
Shail Narayan	.....19
Maryetta Ferré	.....21
Scott Kirkwood	.....21
Linda Kraft	.....22
Gretel Noble	.....23
David Rajaratnam	.....24
Tom Cahraman	.....25
Clinton Marr	.....28
Jeremiah Powell	.....29
Rory Wynne	.....30

AUGUST

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship / Communion 11:15 am VBS Luncheon & Party —Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm SPRC—CR	5 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS 6:00 pm Sit n Sew—Adult Lounge	6 6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst— Mary's Kitchen	7	8
9 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—S <i>Staff Recognition</i> 11:15 am Evangelism—AL 5:00 am Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC 6:00 pm Sisters Retreat Reunion Dinner—Pastor Sheila's	10 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Pastor Sheila's	11 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR	12 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS	13 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen	14	15
16 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—S 11:15 am Salad Lunch —Fellowship Hall 11:15 am Church & Society—AL 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm Youth Day at the Ball Park	17 7:00 pm Christian Education —Mary's Kitchen	18 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR	19 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS	20 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen	21	22 Hunger Ministry
23 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—Back to School Party	24 7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	25 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR	26 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	27 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen	28	29 Hunger Ministry
30 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Family Worship 11:00 am Patio Magazine Swap 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF & Tweens—YC	31	1 8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Worship Committee—AL 7:00 pm SPRC—CR September	2 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS 6:00 pm Sit n Sew—Adult Lounge	3 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 6:00 pm Choir Party —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—MR	4	5