



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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FAITH WORKS

Power, Unity, Wisdom and Love.

I am preaching on 1 Corinthians because I want you to know what it is like to access true power, true unity in Christ, true wisdom and true love. Paul is telling the Corinthian Christians how to find much more in life than they had experienced before. And he lets them know that the real stuff is sometimes disguised from the world.

You are on the freeway. The car next to you has a blinker on. They want to get into your lane. What do you do?

- a) Drive that gas pedal into the floor because "Nobody is going to cut ME off!"
 - b) Look straight ahead, nodding to the music on the radio, pretend you don't notice, but stay just close enough to the car in front of you that nobody can get in.
 - c) You back off two miles per hour and let the car in. Either because you want that person to have a good day or because "You never know who is drunk and armed these days".
- Option "c" can set off a chain of kindness or at least keep you out of the road rage that could follow. Option "c" has the most power. You just affected the people around you in a

simple, nice way, and you probably will not actually get to work later.

The world's power is "a" or "b". Both are selfishly grabbing position. At least in "a" you admit you are angry. "b" is just being fake!

The power of God is in disguise. It sometimes looks like weakness, but has the greater effect. Paul talks about the power of the cross. The cross looks like weakness and failure. In reality, Christ dying on the cross was what created forgiveness of our sins. There's the power. The cross of Jesus Christ is the ultimate act of kindness, sacrificial love, true power, true wisdom.

I invite you to read and re-read 1 Corinthians and watch for what Paul teaches about Power, Unity, Wisdom and Love. Let it soak in until you want to let that other car into the space in front of you.

Pastor Brian

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must be in the church office no later
than Wednesday, June 24. Thank you!**

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Faith & Fellowship Activities

- June 14: Father's Day Cake Walk
- June 27: Rummage Sale, 9AM-1PM
- July 4: Fireworks, FUMCOR Pkr Lot

Look for sign up sheets on the patio to help with the Cake Walk and Rummage Sale


Please contact the Faith & Fellowship Committee if you need help unloading rummage items or if you have any large items to be picked up the week of the rummage sale. (F&F committee: Pat Beals, Scott Kirkwood, Lisa Laird, Rebecca Slaughter, Cecilia Van Os, Ruth Walker, or Barbara Wilson)

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:* Norma Montigel, Natta Lea McCormack, Betty Byrnes, Eleanor Rayner, Howard Nolan, and Joy Schuh. *In need of prayer for health and support:* Dorothy Barnekow, Susan Exon, Martin Knight, Barbara Spencer, Claude & Micheline Scoggins, Ruby Gregory, Jean Mooney, Myra Williams, Martha Devine, Lisa Thomas, Susan Shuckett, David Sturman, Lynn Roberts, Debbie Boone, Dick Messer, Everett Hasselstrom, Pat Williams, and David Ruiz, Sr.

Our sympathies to Jim & Barbara Lee Bush on the death of Jim's mother, Marton.



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Today I am a very proud grandmother! Emily graduated on Saturday, May 23 from Chapman University with a Bachelors degree in Legal Studies and Spanish. She has been accepted into an Inaugural Masters program of International Studies at Chapman University, Orange. Program begins the end of August and continues for two years. We had a wonderful time last Saturday! Congratulations to Emily.

June will be a busy month, too!

June 7 is choir recognition Sunday.

New members will have an orientation meeting after worship on Sunday, June 7. All those interested in church membership should attend the meeting in Pastor Brian's office. New members will be received into church membership on Sunday, June 21.

We will celebrate all our graduates on Sunday, June 14. Please inform the office if you have a high school or college graduate.

June 21 is Father's Day and Faith & Fellowship will sponsor the annual "Cake Walk". Lots of fun for the men of the church.

June 28, acolytes will be recognized in the worship service.

The Cal-Pac Annual Conference will be held June 17-20 at the University of Redlands. For the first time, Annual Conference will last only four days and end on Saturday.

Vacation Bible School directors Esther Heath and Cecilia Van Os will hold a training meeting after worship on Sunday, June 28. If you are planning to be part of VBS, please plan to attend this special meeting. We want to make this a very special VBS for all so mark your calendars now.

Happy June, Happy Summer!

Pastor Sheila

Vacation Bible School News:

We are still looking for volunteers to help out this summer, specifically Camp Counselors (formerly known as Crew Leaders). If you are interested in a position or would like to help out in some other way, let me know. Thanks, Cecilia van Os 951-340-2131.

If your child attended VBS last year then you should have received a registration packet in the mail. If you need a registration packet see us at the VBS table on the patio after church worship or stop by the church office.

Important Dates:

June 28, immediately following worship, there will be a VBS meeting in the Fireside Room, in the back of Fellowship Hall, for all volunteers. Please plan on attending.

July 26, following worship, is our Decorating Day for Camp E.D.G.E. We will need many hands to transform our church into an extreme camping adventure land.

July 27-31 CAMP E.D.G.E.!!!

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

July 31 at 12:30 PM is our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

August 2, during worship, our campers will return to perform a few songs and everyone's invited to stay for the Camp E.D.G.E. party afterward.



Hunger Ministry Report

This month the Hunger Ministry, a part of the Church & Society/Missions committee, starts its sixth year of providing sack lunches to the homeless.

Micheline Scoggins and Sigmar Hofmann have done an outstanding job as coordinators of this ministry, and, speaking for myself and all involved, I would like to thank them for their tireless efforts and dedication to this important program.

Recently the opportunity for change arose and, after several conversations with Sigmar, I accepted the role of coordinator of the Hunger Ministry. With God's blessing, Sigmar and Micheline's example, and the continued loyalty of all team members, I look forward to serving.

Thank you to the following for service in April and May:

Team 3 for lunch bags: the Weakly family and friends; Team 6 for shelter dinners: Bill & Shaila Chamberlain, Sigmar Hofmann, Doug & Rebecca Slaughter; Team 7 for lunch bags: the Cahraman family, Daryl & Lee Ann Salmon; Team 8 for shelter dinners: the Farrell family, Tina Rajaratnam and Sione Tupou.

The following teams have upcoming service in June and July:

Team 1 for shelter dinners on June 27 and July 25: Bill & Lynn Ashworth and Duffy Exon; Team 4 for lunch bags on June 27 and July 25: the Kirkwood family and Bob Nelson.

I am planning to have the updated membership list published in June with

Mission Moments from UMW

The work of the church in Henan Province is nothing short of life-giving. The government's almost singular focus on China's industrial boom over the past two decades, which it now recognizes as unbalanced, has left segments of rural populations desperate to supplement their income of less than \$1 per day. In the 1990s, poor farmers, especially in Henan Province, were enticed by unscrupulous "blood collectors" to sell their blood for plasmas. These blood collectors extracted plasma with unsterilized needles and re-injected the blood back into donors. The results have been catastrophic with the rate of HIV/AIDS in Henan Province being one of the highest in China. The Henan Christian Council and the Amity Foundation, a social service organization initiated by Christians in China, were two of the first non-governmental groups to begin working in HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs with Henan Christians, despite severe local prejudice. *Diane J. Allen, missionary, China. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

team schedules, recipes, etc. Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Greg Laird



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY	7:00 pm Trustees —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	8:30 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm SPRC—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—S	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study —Adult Lounge	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen		
8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion Choir Recognition —Sanctuary 11:15 am Membership Class—CR 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	7:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen 6:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Pastor Sheila's	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—S	9:30 am UMW Exec. Cmte —Mary's Kitchen 9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study —Adult Lounge	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen	6:30 pm Builders Fellowship —Fellowship Hall	
7:00 am UMM—FH 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Celebrate Graduates —Sanctuary 11:15 am Evangelism/Discipleship —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	7:00 pm Christian Education —Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Finance Committee—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—S	10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting —Koinonia 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study —Adult Lounge	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> ← CPAC Annual Conference — Redlands → </div>						
8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Father's Day/Receive New Members —Sanctuary 11:15 am Church&Soc/Missions —Adult Lounge 11:15 am Father's Day Cake Walk —Patio 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	7:00 pm Church Council—AL Setup for Rummage Sale begins today in Fellowship Hall	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Sanctuary 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch —Adult Lounge	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury <i>Messenger</i> articles due today	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen		Rummage Sale 9:00 am —Fellowship Hall Hunger Ministry
8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Family Worship/Acolyte Recognition —Sanctuary 11:15 am Magazine Swap—Patio 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC		8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Sanctuary	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen July	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen		 4th of July



Wishing You a
Happy Birthdays!

in July

Mario Andrade	1
Gigi Handen	1
Thomas Redding	2
George Joseph	3
Daniel Lonsbery	4
Tracy Cardenas	5
Valerie Othon	5
Christine Cahraman	6
Debbie Hofmann	6
Adrienne Austin	7
Howard Moore	7
Brendan Cardenas	8
Delphine Sims	8
Aaron Redding	9
Rebecca Garcia	10
Bill Cahraman	11
Marki Cardenas	11
Grace Taylor	12
Kendall Ferré	14
Robert McKay	14
Jean Mooney	14
Bill Parks	14
David Weise	16
Charlotte Kidder	17
Dena Kirkwood	17
Sharen Topham	17
Donna Woodard	17
Kaley Weakly	18
Mary Hickey	19
Helen Richardson	19
Bryan Anderson	20
Brian Kent	23
Linda Rydzik	24
Vern Weeks	24
Joshua Powell	26
Margaret Waite	26
India Lovekin	27
Mona Saenz	27
Ruth Walker	27
Brian Tomlinson	28
Martha Sheehy	29
Pat Beals	31

Mexico Mission Project

July 19-25

Looking for a summer mission trip this summer? Gain an appreciation for people like you and me and improve the living conditions of our neighbors.

The Mexico Mission Project (MMP) supports churches of the Iglesia Metodista Unida de Mexico, A.R. primarily in the area of the California border with Baja California. In addition to working on churches, the projects include building and improvements to private homes.

First United Methodist Church sent a contingent of our youth to MMP in July 2008 and the experience was extraordinary. We have met with the MMP Coordinator and set the dates for the next group—July 19-25, 2009. This year MMP is open to all ages. Families are welcome.

If you're interested in finding out more information about MMP and the upcoming trip, contact David & Val Weise or Pastor Brian.

United Methodist Men

We have a special program planned for Flag Day, June 14, in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 AM.

Berkley Kaufhold will open the program, Bill McInRoe will give a brief history of the flag, and we'll have some audience participation. Mark your calendar and join us for this great program and a delicious breakfast for only \$6.00.

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.

Methodist Women

Handcrafters meet Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 24 in the Asbury Room at 9:30 AM. All handcrafters are welcome.

June 8: Almond / Wesleyan Branch Potluck, Mary's Kitchen, 12:00 PM.

June 10: Executive Committee, Mary's Kitchen, 9:30 AM.

June 17: Unit Meeting, Koinonia, 10:00 AM, topic "I Believe in Jesus." There will be a salad potluck luncheon served following the meeting. All women of the church and guests are welcome.

June 23: Citrus Branch, Adult Lounge, 7:00 PM.

Mark your calendar...

The annual bell concert will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 5:00 PM. The bell concert will feature the Allegro Ringers, the Youth Bells and the newly-formed Children's Chime Choir. As we get closer to the concert, more details will be announced.

New Members Class

Find out what being a United Methodist is all about. Join the next New Members Class on Sunday, June 7, in the Conference Room after worship. New members will be received on Sunday, June 21. Please call Pastor Sheila for more information.

Riverside District Summer Camp Dates

Elementary Camp: July 19-25, Camp Wrightwood; Jr. High Camp: July 19-25, Camp Wrightwood; Sr. High Camp: August 2-6, Camp Colby Ranch.

More information available on the Kiosk. Camperships are available, see Val Weise.

Rummage Sale—

June 27

Faith and Fellowship needs your help on Saturday to work with us at the rummage sale. Hours will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you can offer your assistance during that time, please contact Barbara Wilson as soon as possible.

We will post a sign-up sheet the first of June for the week of preparation and the day of the sale. You may bring your items to the church, except for large items, on Sundays. We will store items in Room A in the Education Building, so you may leave the items at the bottom of the stairs. If you need assistance with your items, please contact Ruth Walker, Lisa Laird, Rebecca Slaughter, Kelly Weakly, Scott Kirkwood, Cecelia Van Os or Barbara Wilson.

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling

UMYF continues to collect inkjet cartridges for recycling. Cartridges can be deposited in our collection bin located on the patio Sunday mornings or in the office during the week.

Camp E.D.G.E. VBS Donations

If you would like to make a donation to Camp E.D.G.E. this summer, we will be looking for food donations, various material donations, monetary donations, as well as decorations to transform our church into an extreme campground.

Look for the various donation supply lists displayed on the kiosk on the patio coming in July.

Thank you for all your support!

Builders

Join us in this adventure concerning the Sherman Indian Museum located in Riverside. Curator Mrs. Lorene Sisquoc will share information about the history of this important Indian School established in 1892. Come find out what it's all about.

For reservations please call Allean Blose, 686-9981, or Lorene Haines, 684-3059. Dinner cost is \$9.50. See you there:

Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM, June 12.

Calendar for Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday:

Evangelism & Discipleship

Third Sunday:

Church & Society/Missions

First Monday:

Trustees

First Monday:

Worship Cmte

Second Monday:

Faith & Fellowship

Third Monday:

Christian Education

Fourth Monday:

Church Council

First Tuesday:

SPRC

Third Tuesday:

Finance