



CAMPAIGN

“Readiness or liberality in giving” is the dictionary definition of generosity. There is seemingly an endless number of things that require our time and financial resources. The poor and uncertain economic times we live in make these demands even greater. So how are we able to have a “readiness to give” and lead a generous life? The good news is God created us with the will and the need to give. This is what he desires for us. He has given us the gift of life and all that we have is by His hand. When we are generous with our time, talents, and finances we reflect his nature and glory. continued on page 6

Prayer List

Please hold in prayer: in hospital: Adrianna Paine, Judy Ziegler, Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon). *In convalescent care:* Marion Holsteen, Norma Montigel, Betty Byrnes, Natta Lea McCormack, Eleanor Rayner, Howard Nolan. *In need of prayer for health and support:* Dorothy Barnekow, Barbara Spencer, Ruby Gregory, Helen Richardson, Claude & Micheline Scoggins, Jean Mooney, Myra Williams, Martha Devine, Susan Shuckett, David Sturman, Lynn Roberts, Debbie Boone, Lorraine Armata, Pat Beals, Joleen Romen, Joy Schuh, Sr., and Leonard & Emily Shaw, Forrest Duarte, Dusty Beals, Pam Beals, Larry McCormick.



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FAITH WORKS

A Vision for our Church Library

I have listened and thought and prayed about our Church Library. I have listened to members of this church. They have shared some ideas. Some have been shared in our “FUMCOR’S FUTURE” task force. Some have come from other church libraries.

This is a good moment to move forward, since we will soon have more space in the room. We had brought in a desk and made new shelves for an employee of the Riverside District. We will soon take out the desk and we still have the shelves.

Our Church Library is a place where we can come to study, to have a cup of coffee, and to grow in our discipleship.

Soon our Church Library may have a wireless internet connection (I said “may” instead of “will” because it is not yet official).

Soon we may have certain hours each week where coffee is made and available.

I would personally love for us to upgrade our books on different parts of the Christian life, so that you will have more and more reason to come in, check out books, and find a more developed Christian life.

Here is one way we could do this: We can develop a master list of Christian classic and modern Christian works. Many different groups in the church could look at the list and find a few books they would really use, and donate them to the Church Library.

Others could be brought in on consignment from Cokesbury, so that we have the opportunity to buy some for the library.

I really am not asking for a donation of all of your old books. We don’t need more. We need specific, excellently written books to help us in our tasks – Follow Jesus, Love People, Transform the World.

You’ll hear more of these ideas in the future, but for now, that’s a little of my vision.

Pastor Brian



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Upcoming Faith & Faith & Fellowship Happenings 2nd Annual

International Potluck October 4

Faith & Fellowship will host our 2nd Annual International Potluck on Sunday, October 4 in Fellowship Hall following worship. Last year we shared many wonderful dishes from our congregation and we are looking forward to experiencing them again. Please join us for fun, fellowship, food and friendship.

There is a sign-up sheet on the patio. Faith & Fellowship will furnish rolls, drinks, and desserts.

Mark Your Calendar...

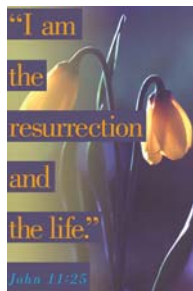
Halloween Hop — October 25

November Mexico Mission Project — November 21-24

Our work in Mexico isn't finished, it has just begun. The Joint Commission for Church Extension will be sending a work team to Jaramillo in November to do construction on homes in the area. People of all ages are welcome to join this work team. Cost is \$95 and includes meals and lodging. Camperships are available for youth and young adults. This is a great mission opportunity and you'll be home for Thanksgiving. If you are interested or would like more information, contact David or Val Weise.

Mexico Hurricane Update

On August 31 Hurricane Jimena hit the coast near Guaymas and severely damaged the area. In Santa Clara, the damages were the greatest: communications were down, roads washed out and homes severely damaged. Many families lost everything. Farms where many work were destroyed in a region with already extremely high unemployment. Many of these affected families are members of our United Methodist Church. Bishop Vasquez of the Northwest Annual Conference is asking for help. They are in need of food, clothing (all kinds and sizes), drinking water, school materials, construction materials and financial assistance. All we need to do is collect these items; the Joint Commission will deliver items and funds to the right place in Mexico. If you would like to donate items or organize our church effort of collecting, contact Kris Lovekin or Val Weise. Thanks in advance for your support.



Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Billie Spencer who passed away on September 22. Services were held at FUMCOR on September 25.

Also, our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Marion Goodwin. A memorial service will be held at FUMCOR on Saturday, November 28 at 10:30 AM.



Dirk Van Os	4	Mildred Traver	17
Courtney Wilson	4	Marguerite Gilliam	18
Gage Wynn	4	Mike Murphy	18
Elizabeth Paldanius	7	Kelsey Weakly	18
Richard Austin	8	Daryl Salmon	19
Paula Kaufhold	9	Marlene Bardarson	20
Kevin Simpson	9	William Kerrick	20
Emily Noble	11	Melissa Beals	21
Bonnie Whitney	11	Franklin Lindeburg	23
Jason Handen	13	Kezia Anderson	24
Gayla Lonsbery	13	Landon Cardenas	24
Christopher Carrington	14	Joe Rank	24
Marion Holsteen	14	Erik Rosas	24
Howard Nolan	15	Bob Schiffer	24
Emily Binford	16	Barbara Lee Bush	25
Leonard Shaw	16	Chuck Kidder	26
Allean Blose	17	Sigmar Hofmann	28



Annual Charge Conference
Monday, November 23
7:00 PM

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Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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Committee reports are due October 26

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.

Youth News

UMYF Study Hall—Need help with

homework or a quiet place to study? UMYF Study Hall meets in the Youth Center Study Room every Sunday before UMYF (5:00-6:00 PM). Homework is a must; don't come empty handed. After Study Hall, we join UMYF.

Sunday School—Youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Center each Sunday, 8:45-9:45 AM. Late arrivals are welcome. Join Risa for study and discussion on living your faith.

UMYF October 4 (World Communion Sunday)—Together with Pastor Brian we will be sharing communion. Youth who are interested in serving communion during worship should attend. Meet in the Youth Center at 6:00 PM. Pick up time 7:30.

UMYF October 11 Street Clean Up—5:00-7:30 PM. It's time to clean up our section of Brockton Avenue. Meet in the Youth Center at 5:00 PM (we're starting early). We'll be stopping at Del Taco for dinner; bring money. We'll return to the church and plan Youth Sunday (Oct 25).

UMYF October 18—Movie Night. FUMCOR and the Moreno Valley UMYF will join together at Riverside Plaza to see "Where the Wild Things Are." Watch for details on movie times.

Youth Sunday October 25—Youth will lead our worship service. All youth are invited to participate. Join us at UMYF for planning.

United Methodist Women

Handcrafters meet in the Asbury Room Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. All handcrafters are welcome. Please start bringing in home projects made for the bazaar; we need donations of antiques and collectibles for Grandma's Attic.

Monday, October 12: Almond/ Wesleyan Branch Potluck, Mary's Kitchen, 12:00 PM

Wednesday, October 14: Executive Committee, Mary's Kitchen, 9:30 AM. We'll discuss 2010 planning

Wednesday, October 21: Unit Meeting, Koinonia, 10:00 AM. Prayer & self-denial, sacrificial lunch. All women of the church and guests are welcome.

Saturday, October 24: CPAC UMW Annual Meeting, Westwood (LA) UMC, 10497 Wilshire Blvd. 8:00 am registration and coffee, meeting 9-3:00 pm. "Gathering Together at the Table" guest speaker Paul Jeffrey, Response Magazine Mission Photojournalist. Cost: \$12. Car pool will be available. Contact Glafira Tinoco for further information. Donations of gift cards from major stores—Target, Subway, major grocery store chains.

Tuesday, October 27: Citrus Branch, Adult Lounge, 7:00 PM.

Friday, November 6: Church Women United, Allen Chapel AME, 4009 Locust St., Riverside. Program on the environment, coffee and registration 9:30 AM.

Saturday, November 7: Holidays Bazaar

No Unit Meeting in November

UMYF October 25—Halloween Hop. TWEENS (Grades 4-6), please join us at the Halloween Hop.

Young Adults

Young Adult Bible Study

A new bible study has been formed by young adults in the Riverside District. They will meet Thursdays at 7:00 PM. See Risa for more details and location.

CPAC Conference Young Adult Retreat

October 16-18 (Fri-Sun), *Lazy W Ranch*-San Juan Capistrano. Join other young adults in a chance to **Re-Connect**. The retreat includes a deep pit BBQ and Christian Music Festival. Price is \$42. Registration forms available on the kiosk and in the office.

Conference Mexico Mission Trip - Nov. 25-29

Conference young adults will be joining students from Azusa Pacific University for a mission trip to Mexicali, Mexico. Price is \$179 + transportation. More information is available on Facebook, "Cal-Pac Young People."

For more information on young adult activities contact Risa Vargas (risayv@yahoo.com) or Val Weise (vweise@fumcor.com).

Articles for the next *Messenger* (issue date November 1, 2009) must be in the church office no later than **Wed., October 21**. Thank you!

Mission Moments from UMW

United Methodist Mission Intern Amy Spaur served the first 15 months of her term at CEPALC (Center for Latin American Popular Communication) in Bogota, Colombia. She now serves at Justice for Our Neighbors in Dallas.

"Two months after my arrival, I was facing an identity crisis. My ministry did not involve leading Bible studies, running vacation Bible School, or working hands-on to solve global problems. It involved training people in radio, television, theater and others forms of communication.

I was using Matthew 28:19-20 as my job description, but it was John 20:21 that solved my crisis: *As God has sent me, so I send you.*" *Amy Spaur, mission intern with United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, serving with the CEPALC in Bogota, Colombia, and Justice for Our Neighbors in Dallas. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinitor for Education and Interpretation.*



Sanctuary Care Volunteers Needed
October or November or December
Contact Manette Tomlinson, 683-2177

Free Flu Shots (2009)

Riverside County Department of Public Health

\$5 donation
suggested

Date	Location
October 13 9am-12pm	Elk BPO Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave/Riverside
October 15 10am-12pm	Beaumont Civic/Sr Ctr 1310 Oak Valley Pkwy/Beaumont
October 19 10am-12pm	Desert Hot Springs High School 65850 Pierson Blvd/Desert Hot Springs
October 22 10am-1pm	Sun City Civic Association 26580 Sun City Blvd/Sun City
October 26 9am-12pm	Simpson Sr Ctr 305 E Devonshire/Hemet
October 27 9am-11am	Moreno Valley Sr Ctr 25075 Fir Ave/Moreno Valley
October 28 10am-1pm	Joslyn Sr Ctr 73-750 Catalina Way/Palm Desert
October 29 9am-11am	Country Village 10250 Country Club Dr/Mira Loma
November 2 9am-11am	Murrieta Sr Ctr 41717 Juniper St/Murrieta
November 3 10am-12pm	Cathedral City Sr Ctr 37-171 W Buddy Rogers Ave/Cathedral City
November 5 9am-11am	Norco Sr Ctr 2690 Clark Ave/Norco
November 9 9am-11am	Kay Cenicerros Sr Ctr 29995 Evans Rd/Sun City
November 9 9am-11am	Shadowen Sr Ctr 1540 7th St/Coachella
November 10 9am-11am	Indio Fashion Mall 82-227 Hwy 111, Ste A-2/Indio
November 12 9am-12 pm	Simpson Sr Ctr 305 E Devonshire/Hemet
November 16 9am-11am	Riverside Regional Med Ctr 26520 Cactus Ave, Rm D18/Moreno Valley
November 16 9am-11am	Villegas Community Ctr 7240 Marguerita Ave/Riverside
November 18 10am-12pm	Bordwell Park 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd/Riverside
November 18 9am-11am	Mead Valley Community Ctr 21021 Rider St/Perris

Bishop Hagiya to be Keynote Speaker for Laity Convocation

“Leading in Faith” is the title of the upcoming Laity Convocation to be held at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church on October 17, 2009. This annual event, held by the Board of Laity, will welcome Keynote Speaker Bishop Grant Hagiya back to our conference. His address, “Sparking the Leader Within You”, will encourage us to seek out the Leader in each of us and fan it into flame in service for Christ and our church.

The event will begin at 8:00 AM with an Interfaith Panel facilitated by Dr. Cheryl Riggs, Professor at California State University San Bernardino. She and her two guest speakers will speak to us using “What I Want You to Know About My Faith” as their theme. Her guest speakers are Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Emanu El, San Bernardino and Dr. Ahlam Muhtaseb, Professor, California State University San Bernardino.

Following this presentation, participants will attend two workshops of their choice. The four workshops include “Just Walk Across the Room”, presented by Jackie Phillips, Certified Lay Speaker from the Riverside District, “Running with the Bulls: Daring Leadership for a World in Crisis” presented by Fernando Alcantar, “Listen, Listen, Love, Love” presented by Rev. Roy Riggs, and “Leading in Education”, presented by Certified Lay Speaker Sid Wilson.

Stewardship

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When we give to our families friends, neighbors, and people in need, we are giving to God that which He so lovingly gives to use.

True generosity and selflessness are difficult to achieve; our human weaknesses get in the way. With these and all things the true choice is to trust God. When we have trust, we can give unhesitatingly and experience joy and His blessing.

Our church is a wonderful example of God’s presence in the world. Members are at different places in their walk with the Lord, but are united in Him. The desire to continue God’s work here is undeniable.



With the beginning of the stewardship campaign, we must again consider our pledges. Do we have a generous heart and a “readiness to give?” There is one way to know—trust God.

Greg Laird, Stewardship co-chair



After lunch we will hear Bishop Hagiya’s address and close our day with worship and communion. Please join us for an unforgettable day.

Registration materials are available in the church office or online at www.fumcor.com. Deadline for registration is October 10. A fee of \$25 includes lunch.

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