

Riverside District Summer Camps

Camp Extravaganza will be held May 2, 2:00-6:00 PM at Camp Wrightwood.

Anyone of any age interested in camp is invited to join in a celebration of upcoming summer camps. Enjoy an afternoon at beautiful Camp Wrightwood. Meet the camp deans and staff and learn all about camping programs offered. There will be music, raffles and a chance to explore the campground. Cost is \$5 and includes dinner and a raffle entry.

Mark your calendars:

Elementary Camp: July 11-17, Camp Wrightwood

Jr. & Sr. High Camp: July 18-24, Camp Wrightwood



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Faith Works

Looking around, then looking ahead.

To say the least, I was surprised to learn that I am being appointed to another United Methodist Church on July 1. I have been at FUMCOR for 7 years and expected to be here another 5-7 years. You folks are great friends and an absolutely delightful church, full of faith and love and effective ministry.

The decisions about where to appoint pastors are made by the Bishop and District Superintendents. What makes the system work is when these people are good and warm and experienced Christians. And they are. I know all of them and trust them deeply. They make difficult decisions for the needs of the entire California Pacific Annual Conference, which covers Southern California, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. My hope and plan is to be at one appointment as

long as possible, but I also said “yes” to the appointment system when I got into this 27 years ago.

Your next pastors?

As of the day I am writing this, I don't know who your next pastors will be. We should know within the next couple of weeks. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bau Dang, is in contact with our Staff Parish Relations Committee. At some time soon he will arrange another meeting with them to introduce a Senior Pastor. Then in the following weeks, this will happen again with a new Associate Pastor. I and other staff members will work closely with these people so that when they arrive on July 1, they can begin their new work quickly.

My next congregation?

I have been appointed to Hope United Methodist Church in Rancho Bernardo. Hope UMC is in the San

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By the time you receive this, it will be Easter. We will have butterflies to release on that glorious day! Praise God! The Faith and Fellowship committee will serve cookies and punch. It will be a great day!

The *Sisters* Retreat Reunion dinner will be held at my house on April 11 at 6:00 PM. This will be a time to consider if the *Sisters* will plan a worship service for later in May. This is such a meaningful group of women, and at our last retreat we decided to consider doing a worship service. More details will be coming in the future.

As I prepare to move to San Diego, I will be selling most of my belongings. To do this, I will have a Moving Sale on Saturday, April 17 beginning in the morning. More on this coming as time grows closer.

Happy Easter to all!

Pastor Sheila

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Diego District, just south of Escondido, about 85 miles from FUMCOR. I am familiar with the area, as I went to Junior High and High School in Escondido and played drums in musicals in Poway, which is adjacent to Rancho Bernardo. They are also wonderful people whom I will serve in the name of Jesus Christ and with all my heart.

Your job?

Follow Jesus, Love People, Transform the World. Your new pastors will be hoping for an excellent relationship with you. They will work with their whole hearts for you. Love them and work for Jesus together.

Since our ministry together is relational, and not just mechanical, changes are not easy or automatic. But rather than looking at losing relationships, let us understand these changes as multiplying relationships, knowing and loving new people in the power of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Brian

In Our Prayers

In hospital, Eli Sturman

In convalescent care, Leonard Shaw, Howard Nolan, Marion Holsteen, Natta Lea McCormack, Betty Byrnes, Adrianna Paine, Ruby Gregory, Judy Ziegler.

For health and support, O.L. Brawner, Emily Shaw, Bob Schiffer, Martha Devine, Myra Williams, Micheline Scoggins, Lorraine Armata, Larry McCormick, Frances Longbotham, Debbie Boone, Susan Shuckett, Christopher Nauss, Nina Freeman and Kris Thompson.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the families and friends of Eleanor Rayner, who died March 9, and Norma Montigel, who died March 14.

From the Board of Trustees

There is an immediate need for roofing repairs to Koinonia and other areas that is estimated to cost \$20,000.

In an earlier bulletin, we asked, if you are able, to contribute to the Building Fund to assist in continuing the care FUMCOR must have. To date, we've received \$2,100. Thank you.

Builders is coming up Friday, April 9th. Our speaker this month is Joanne Pease-Simpson discussing *The History of Dolls*. Joanne is an active member of the Inland Empire Doll Club, which promotes the unique hobby of identifying and collecting vintage & antique dolls, and learning how to repair them. She will share some of her broad collection of dolls and some interesting facts about them; a few date back to the 1800s when most dolls were shipped from Europe.

You will enjoy this unusual program. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM, cost is \$10.50. If you are not on the calling list for Builders, you are still most welcome; please call Allean Blose at 686-9981 to make your reservation.

Mission Moments

from UMW

God not forget nor forsake the smoldering wick of the United Methodist Church in Latvia as she reemerged in 1992 after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Today she has 13 congregations - 11 Latvian speaking, 2 Russian speaking - many consisting of the lost and the least in Latvian society. Courtney and Dan Randall, missionaries, Riga, Latvia. *Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*



United Methodist Men—April 11

Flying as a Hobby. Dave Cudney will be our speaker, once again fulfilling part of our quest to get to know each other better. Dave and his wife Loretta have been long-time members of our church, yet many are not aware of his flying hobby or the fact that he does it in an experimental home-built aircraft that took him four and a half years to complete after his retirement from UCR as a botanist and plant physiologist. Dr. Cudney spent 40 years studying and controlling weeds in the field, vegetable crops, etc., and now “studies them from high altitude”, zipping along at 200 miles per hour with Loretta as his co-pilot. You will enjoy his memories of building his airplane.

Breakfast is at 7:00 AM and costs \$6.00. Men and women are most welcome to attend all our meetings.

Our thanks to Andy Plumley who spoke at our last meeting on his interesting career at UCR, with the many challenges surrounding housing and related issues for their thousands of students.

We also want to remind artisans, and the rest of the congregation as well, that the Men’s Annual Silent Auction is coming up in May. It’s our way of helping to make scholarship money available for worthy FUMCOR students.

Faith and Fellowship News

Easter Sunday Patio Festivity

We will be serving cookies and punch on the patio on Easter morning, while Pastor Sheila and the children release her butterflies.

Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale will be on Saturday, June 26, 2010. *We will begin accepting small items on May 2nd following worship.* You may drop them off by the stairway between the Preschool and the Adult Lounge. There will be a sign on the fence. You may leave them by the sign and we will transfer them to the room upstairs for storage until the sale. We will not be able to accept larger items until the week before the rummage sale. This is due to the limited storage space until the Fellowship Hall is open to us beginning on June 21. Please contact the committee members, if you need help getting things to the church.

Faith & Fellowship Committee: Pat Beals, Judy Bello, Cecilia Van Os, Kelly Weakly, Lisa Laird, Marcia Bales, Scott Kirkwood, and Barbara Jo Wilson.



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United Methodist Women

Handcrafters meet April 7, 14, 28
9:30 AM in Asbury.

April 12: Almond / Wesleyan Branch
Potluck, 12:00 PM, Mary’s Kitchen

April 14: UMW Executive Committee,
9:30 AM, Mary’s Kitchen.

April 21: UMW Unit Meeting, 10:00 AM,
Koinonia; speaker and coffee.

April 27: UMW Citrus Branch, 7:00 PM,
Adult Lounge.

April 30 through May 2: UMW National
Assembly, St. Louis, MO.

UMW Needs

Knitters for slippers for UMW
Bazaar—we provide pattern and yarn.

Caps off liter soda bottles

Flower pots: any sort of decorative 4”-
6” flower pots.

Please call Gretel Noble.

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 Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Receptionist, Ginger Mullen; Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Jo Wilson; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.

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Church Women United is again collecting donations for four Riverside charities. They will be taken to the May Friendship Day Celebration on Friday, May 7 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 5770 Arlington Ave., Riverside. Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 AM. The program begins at 10:00 AM. Representatives from the four agencies will share about their work. A Fellowship of the Least Coin offering will be taken. A potluck lunch will be served after the program. All women are invited to attend.

Donation Lists:

YMCA Born Free (drug free babies) Baby care items: diapers, onesies, baby wipes, shampoo, lotion, infant carrier car seats, strollers, personal care items for mothers.

Operation Safe House (youth in crisis) Sports equipment: soccer balls, tennis balls, tennis rackets, basketballs, footballs, backyard fruit (oranges, lemons, grapefruit).

Casa De Paz (abused women and children): Deodorant, soap, shampoo, combs, brushes, hair accessories, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, plus size clothing.

I Care House (families in crisis) Household care items: toilet paper, laundry detergent, hand soap, bleach, Pine Sol,

Comet, dishwashing liquid, socks, yard care tools, lawn mower.

All agencies welcome gift cards in any amount from Wal-Mart. I Care House can use Home Depot, Sam's Club, or Smart & Final gift cards. They are renovating a bathroom at the shelter.

Donations may be given to Lynn Ashworth (684-4457) or can be brought to the church office.

Deadline is Wednesday, May 5.

Golden Anniversary Celebration



Please join
Bill and Mary Lou Kerrick
as they celebrate their
50th wedding anniversary!

There will be an open house reception in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 17 from 2PM - 6PM.

**Don't Miss the
Butterfly Release**



Easter Sunday on the Patio
Everyone is Welcome
Please Join Us!



SUNDAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service	
Easter 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service on Mt. Rubidoux 8:45 am Sunday School/All Ages 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Cookies & Punch—Patio 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Grp—AL	6:30 pm Disciple Bible Study —Koinonia 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR	9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop —Asbury 6:00 pm Sit n Sew—Mary's Kitchen	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	6:30 pm Builders—Fellowship Hall	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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