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VBS is

July 26-30 9:00 AM-12:30 PM *each day*

Directors:

Barbara Jo Wilson & Lee Ann Salmon

Theme: GALACTIC BLAST,
A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!



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Faith Works

One of Cliff Berger's favorite sayings was, "The secret to happiness is gratefulness." How profound. Thank you, Cliff.

I am so grateful for everything that you as a church have done for me in these last seven years. You have made me a better pastor and a more complete human being.

Thank you for your words of encouragement.

Thank you for trusting me.

Thank you for working with me - sometimes leading, sometimes following, mostly side by side.

Thank you for building an office that opens up into a conference room so that I have the biggest pastor's office in the world.

Thank you to the whole staff, to all of the church leaders, to all of our

members and visitors, for worshipping together, eating together, studying together, making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Thank you for stepping out boldly in new ministries.

Thank you for friendships with me and with each other, where we are truly working for each other's good and working to make things right.

I have truly enjoyed all of these years at FUMCOR, as my home and as my mission station for ministry in Riverside and the world. You have given me confidence and helped me to grow and mature in faith and work.

I love you. I am grateful for you. I am happy with you and because of you.

In Jesus Christ,

Pastor Brian



Well, this may be my last article. My time at FUMC is coming to the end. I know I will be sad and expect some emotional moments as the time to leave draws closer. I think I will move in the last week of June.

There are many activities coming this month of June. We will be honoring the high school graduates on June 13 and celebrating Father's Day on June 20. Acolytes will be honored and there are parties for both Pastor Brian and myself. Faith and Fellowship will have their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday June 26. The Bells concert will take place on Sunday, June 27.

And, if that is not enough, Annual Conference comes in the middle of the month, June 17-June 20, at University of Redlands.

I have so many memories of my ministry throughout the years, having begun as a volunteer Youth Director in my local church in Lorain, Ohio in 1964. It was a challenging and changing time in the churches. Then, in 1971, I became a part-time, paid Youth Director. From that time

on, my journey as a paid staff person has continued. As you can see, it has been a long time and I have enjoyed all of these years. Especially these last seven here at FUMC. They have really been fulfilling. So as this month comes to an end, I am sure I will have many opportunities to say Thank You.

Pastor Sheila

Calling All Graduates!

On Sunday, June 13, High School graduates will be honored during worship.

Please notify the church office if you are graduating this June. Give your name, the school you are graduating from and your future plans.

We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating this important occasion in your life.

Remember!
June 20TH
Father's Day Cake Walk

William Zeitler presents *The Glass Armonica*



Saturday, June 12 :: 2:00 PM

Arlington United Methodist Church :: 951-689-5075
9395 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92503
www.ArlingtonUMethodist.org

An evening of peaceful, otherworldly music.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see this amazing historical instrument in concert and hear the music in person. William Zeitler will be performing music on a glass armonica. The instrument was invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1761, and Franz Mesmer used his to "mesmerize" his patients. But by 1820 the armonica had all but disappeared—today there are maybe a dozen performers on this instrument worldwide.

William Zeitler is one of them. "This is one of Franklin's most extraordinary inventions—you have to see and hear it to believe it!" says Zeitler. "It has a delicate, ethereal sound that just takes you to a place of complete serenity."

William's concert will include a brief history of the instrument, the piece Mozart wrote specifically for Franklin's armonica, "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy", "Amazing Grace", and music William has composed for the instrument. By the end of the concert, you'll be floating out the door!

Tickets available at the Church :: \$10 each

Children's Chime Choir Rehearsal

The children's chime choir meets in the Youth Center Conference Room at 9:30 AM each Sunday.

Remember that our run-through for the Bell & Chime Concert will be at 8:45 AM on June 27.

Contact Gayla for more information.

FUMCOR Family,

Thank you for the warm welcome back from my nine month internship at Moreno Valley UMC. It's great to be home! My internship was amazing and I now find myself with deep ties to both churches.

While at Moreno Valley I was able to lead worship, assist with a baptism and a funeral, make home and hospital visits, provide pastoral counseling, attend church meetings (some things are the same at UM churches) and learn a great deal from Rev. Roy Riggs.

The experience was more than I could have ever imagined.

I still have one more year of classes at Claremont School of Theology and will graduate in May of 2011.

I recently met with the District Board of Ordained Ministry and am now a certified candidate for ordination. The next step is seeking provisional membership and commissioning in the Annual Conference. I have begun that step by preparing to write ordination papers this summer and meeting with the District Board of Ordained Ministry in September.

I appreciate and ask for your continued prayers for both myself and family. This is a process we go through together.

Thanks again.

Val Weise

THANK YOU!

On May 23 the youth presented their annual Talent Show and it was fantastic. Thank you to all who provided the wonderful talent: Trinity Traphagen, India Lovekin, Kate Lovekin, Leslie Tomlinson, Jennifer Walker, Annie Clark, David Weise, Paloma Clark, Alice Wymer and "The Dudes."

Thanks also to all the parents who helped out in the kitchen. Special thanks to Chef Andy Plumley for heading up our kitchen and making delicious homemade sauce.

Donations of \$469 were collected and will be used for Camperships. Camperships are offered to all children and youth participating in summer camps and the Mexico Mission Project.

Thanks again for your support of the Talent Show.

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.

Mission Moments

from UMW

"What a difference we make in mission together, providing food and nutrition for the hungry and destitute in post war Liberia. Yet another miracle in this ministry has been the discovery of the once-unknown moringa tree, described as 'the miracle tree', 'the tree of life', and 'nature's medicine cabinet'.

This tree is an excellent source of nutrition and energy and, with regular consumption, also helps to strengthen the immune system. It holds great promise as a life-sustaining gift from God in HIV-ravaged Africa. Several hundred people have received training in the production and utilization of moringa and have turned this crop into a marketable product in the Ganta region." *Mozart Adevu, Acora, Ghana, Missionary. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

Attention!



On Sunday, June 13, all acolytes will be honored for their dedicated service to the church worship services. We appreciate each one of you!



Mario Andrade	7/1	Paulette Bruggerman	7/15
Gigi Handen	7/1	Michael Thompson	7/15
Thomas Redding	7/2	David Weise	7/16
Chloe Salmon	7/2	Charlotte Kidder	7/17
George Joseph	7/3	Dena Kirkwood	7/17
Dan Lonsbery	7/4	Ginger Mullen	7/17
Gene Younger	7/4	Sharen Topham	7/17
Valerie Othon	7/5	Donna Woodard	7/17
Tracy Salyer	7/5	Kaley Weakly	7/18
Christine Cahraman	7/6	Diane Parker	7/19
Deborah Hofmann	7/6	Helen Richardson	7/19
Adrienne Austin	7/7	Bryan Anderson	7/20
Heather Ellis	7/7	Christine Ridley	7/20
Howard Moore	7/7	Jeremy Kent	7/22
Brendan Cardenas	7/8	Brian Kent	7/23
Delphine Sims	7/8	Linda Rydzik	7/24
Judy Bello	7/9	Vern Weeks	7/24
Aaron Redding	7/9	Rachel Nelson	7/26
Kris Thompson	7/9	Joshua Powell	7/26
Rebecca Garcia	7/10	Margaret Waite	7/26
Bill Cahraman	7/11	India Lovekin	7/27
Marki Cardenas	7/11	Mona Saenz	7/27
Grace Taylor	7/12	Ruth Walker	7/27
Brian Parker	7/13	Brian Tomlinson	7/28
Kendall Ferré	7/14	Martha Sheehy	7/29
Robert McKay	7/14	Patricia Beals	7/31
Bill Parks	7/14	Anita Kramer	7/31

Faith & Fellowship Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale will be on Saturday, June 26, 2010. We are now collecting small items that can be stored in a room upstairs in the Preschool building. There is a "Drop Off" sign on the fence in the hallway between the Preschool and Education Buildings. It would be helpful to bring in your items on Sunday when we have people here who can help unload and carry the items upstairs. *Once again, we cannot accept larger items until the week of June 21st.* Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have questions or need help.

F&F committee: Pat Beals, Judy Bello, Cecilia Van Os, Kelly Weakly, Lisa Laird, Marcia Bales, Scott Kirkwood, Marilyn & Randy Peebles, Ruth Walker and Barbara Jo Wilson.

United Methodist Women

Handcrafters meet June 9, 23, & 30, 9:30 AM in Asbury.

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

June 14: Almond / Wesleyan Branch Lunch, 12:00 PM, Marie Calendar's

June 16: UMW Unit Meeting, 10:00 AM, Koinonia; DVD presentation and salad potluck.

June 19-21: Cal-Pac Annual Conference

June 22: UMW Citrus Branch, 7:00 PM, Adult Lounge.

UMW Needs

Knitters for slippers for UMW Bazaar—we provide pattern and yarn. Please call Gretel Noble.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Come and join in the fun in our parking lot on the evening of July 4th to view the Fireworks from Mt. Rubidoux beginning at 6 p.m.

A donation of \$5.00 per car is appreciated.

Mexico Mission Trip, August 1-7

FUMCOR will again be sending a group to the San Quintin Valley in Baja for a week of mission. The group will leave Sunday, August 1 and return Saturday, August 7. Registration fee for youth and adults is \$255. This mission trip is open to all youth, young adults and adults. Camperships of \$200 are available. Contact David or Val Weise for more information.

Mexico Mission Trip Expenses:

In addition to registration fees, there are other fees involved with this mission trip. These expenses include van rental, travel insurance, gas and miscellaneous expenses. The expenses for one van is approximately \$750, and this year we may need two vans to accommodate our growing mission team. If you would like to make a donation for these added expenses, please contact Val Weise.

Riverside District Summer Camp

Registration has begun for all summer camps. Registration information is available on the Camping Website (www.calpac-camps.org) and on the kiosk. FUMCOR offers \$200 camperships to all children and youth attending summer camps. See Val Weise for more information on camperships.

Elementary Camp is for children entering grades 3 to 6 in the fall. Elementary Camp will be July 11-17 at Camp Wrightwood. Jr. High Camp is for youth entering grades 7 to 9 in the fall. Jr. High Camp will be July 18-24 at Camp Wrightwood. Sr. High Camp is for youth entering grades 9 to 12 in the fall. Our own Risa Vargas is camp dean. Sr. High Camp will be July 18-24 at Camp Wrightwood.

Our next campership fundraiser will be the Fiesta Luncheon on June 6.

The *Hunger Ministry* would like to thank the following members for service in April and May.

For shelter dinners: Sigmar Hofmann, Doug, Rebecca, Ryan & Elisha Slaughter

For lunch bags: Kirk, Kelly, Kyle & Kelsey Weakly

In Our prayers

In hospital, Ray Weakly, and Dusty Beals

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

For health and support, Emily Shaw, Myra Williams, Lorraine Armata, Eli Sturman, Bob Schiffer, Frances Longbotham, Debbie Boone, Susan Shuckett, Christopher Nauss, Nina Freeman, Kris Thompson, Marge Elliott, Rob Smail, Max Hinton, Mary Spangler, Radha and Gita Spencer.



Fiesta Luncheon

June 6, 2010

11:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for our final campership fundraiser! A delicious Fiesta lunch including, tacos, rice, and beans. Suggested donation is \$5.

United Methodist Men

The program for June 13 in Fellowship Hall promises to be an interesting and informative one. The meeting will start at 7:00 AM with a delicious breakfast.

The theme of the program will be "We Remember" and several members of our organization will be involved. A nostalgic look at some of our past Methodist Men members and ministers will highlight the program.

For details, give Berkley Kaufhold, Program Coordinator, a call at 686-3660.

—Appreciation is given to Lynn Ashworth for presenting a terrific program in May. The response was quite favorable.

—We would also like to thank Pastor Sheila and the Educational Council for their leadership with the 2010 scholarships.

—The May council meeting went well and Methodist Men will be funding three \$500 scholarships.

—Thanks to all who have been and are helping with the auction.

Brian's Potluck

The SPRC invites you all to bring your favorite potluck recipes on Sunday, June 27 at 12:00 PM to honor and



say good-bye to Pastor Brian.

A basket will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to deposit your cards/love gifts.

The program will include the Bell Choir and Children's Chime Choir in concert.

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BUILDERS FELLOWSHIP

June 11, 2010

6:30 pm

This will be our last meeting of the season.

Speakers: Our departing pastors -

Rev. Sheila Kane

Rev. Brian Kent

Reservations are a must!

Respond to your caller or call the church

office by Tuesday, June 8

Cost of dinner - \$10.50.

We would love to see you.

A Celebration of Sheila's Ministry

June 12, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 PM — Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this "open house" celebrating the ministry of Pastor Sheila. During the middle of the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to share your memories of Pastor Sheila as Roger Murray emcees the program. If you would like to participate, please keep your remarks of sharing to two to three minutes.

There are many opportunities to help. Please sign up in the patio after worship to be a part of this celebration.

*The secret to happiness
is gratefulness.*

JUNE 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>9:30 am Handcrafters—AS</p> <p>6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL</p> <p>7:00 pm Taizé Worship—Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>		
<p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am Children's Chime Choir —Youth Center Conf. Rm</p> <p>10:00 am Worship/Communion</p> <p>11:00 am Fiesta Lunch —Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL</p> <p>6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>6:30 pm Disciple Bible Study —Koinonia</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm SPRC—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>9:30 am UMW Executive Committee—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>9:30 am Handcrafters—AS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>6:30 pm Builders —Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>2:00 pm Sheila's Retirement Party —Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
<p>7:00 am UMM—FH</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School/ All Ages</p> <p>9:30 am Children's Chime Choir —Youth Center Conf. Rm</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:15 am Evangelism—Adult Lounge</p> <p>5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL</p> <p>6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Lunch—Marie Calendar's</p> <p>6:30 pm Disciple Bible Study —Koinonia</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR</p> <p>5:00 pm Finance Committee—CR</p> <p>6:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Weakly Residence</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>8:00 am Annual Conference</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting —Koinonia</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>8:00 am Annual Conference</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>8:00 am Annual Conference</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>8:00 am Annual Conference</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
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<p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Children's Chime Choir</i> —Youth Center Conf. Rm</p> <p>10:00 am Family Worship</p> <p>11:50 am Brian's Farewell Potluck —Fellowship Hall</p> <p>12:00 am <i>Bell Concert—FH</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL</p> <p>6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>9:30 am Handcrafters—AS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst —Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>July 4th - Holiday Observation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>Articles for the next <i>Messenger</i> (issue date July 4, 2010) must be in the church office no later than <u>June 23</u>. Thank you!</p>
				<p>July</p>		