



Halloween Hop
October 24
5 - 7 PM
All ages welcome!
 Pizza, soda, and
 Halloween punch
 will be provided.
*Please bring a
 snack to share!*
 Wear your costume
 and have fun with our
 lively DJs.

The *Messenger*




First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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From Pastor John

A Couple of Thoughts on Vision

The other day someone asked me "Pastor, will you be sharing some of your vision for our church?" which of course got me thinking about the vision. What is vision? Vision means future and let's face it, who has time to think about the future when you are busy and overwhelmed with daily stuff. After all, didn't Jesus say "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

While that is certainly a good piece of spiritual information for us, I think to use it to avoid the vision question is taking it out of context, maybe even irresponsible.

Perhaps a more appropriate piece of wisdom for our situation, even though it's hard to hear, should be "Where there is no vision, the people perish." *Proverbs 29:18* KJB. The Hebrew term for vision is *chazon*; it usually means "revelation" or "What God wants you to be."

Bishop Dick Wills of the Tennessee Conference, in his book called "Waking to God's Dream" says, "It is not what you are now that is important, but what God wants you to be and what you can be with faith." Vision is what God wants you to do and be. The Bible says we will perish if we don't think about what our vision is. People go to workshops and seminars to help themselves get excited about the future. And that's good.

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We ask why can't we do this and that in our church. But there is more. If a vision is to be more than an empty dream, it needs tasks. In other words, the vision work is done while the daily tasks in church life – tedious though they may be – are being performed.

Vision doesn't happen in a vacuum. But at the same time, a task without a vision is tedious and unpleasant work. Without a vision, the tasks of church life deteriorate into endless dreary committee meetings and work.

I guess what I am trying to say is Vision and Task go hand in hand.

Dear friends at FUMCOR, let's share our visions for the First Church, and let's continue to be faithful to the work of God's Kingdom at hand.

*See You at Church,
Pastor John*

Articles for the next *Messenger* (issue date November 7, 2010) must be in the church office no later than Wednesday, October 27.

Faith & Fellowship

3rd Annual
International Potluck
October 3, 2010
Following Worship

Come and share your favorite family recipes from around the world! We have had such wonderful experiences in the past tasting so many traditional flavors, that we are looking forward to this year's event with great anticipation.



Bring your appetizers, main dishes, salads, and desserts. Bon Appetit!

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.



Prayer List

In hospital, Bob Schiffer

In convalescent care, Jackie Watters, Ruby Gregory, Betty Byrnes, Natta Lea McCormack, Marion Holsteen, Leonard Shaw, Howard Nolan, Adrianna Paine, Dellaurs Hocking.

For health and support, Helen Nonnette, Everett McCormick, Justin Garnett, Lisa Thomas, Emily Shaw, Eli Sturman, Pat Williams, Ray Weakly, Lynn Ashworth, Rob Smail, Shannon Barranco, Forrest Durarte, John Burch, Edward Johnson, Myra Williams, Samantha & Zoe Dillingham, David Center, Ronald Pope Jr., Dorathy Cleveland, Bobby Frairs (Francis Longbotham's grandson).

Our sympathies and prayers go out to the families and friends of Irene Darton, who died September 9, and Dorothy McBride who died September 17.

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, John Yoon; Youth Director, Val Weise; Aldersgate Director, Alice Wymer; Organist, Marc Longlois; Bell Choir Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Secretary/ Receptionist, Ginger Mullen; Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Jo Wilson; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.



Your help is needed for sanctuary cleaning. If you can assist, please contact Manette Tomlinson.

United Methodist Women

Handcrafters meet October 6, 13, 27, 9:30 AM in Asbury.

October 11: Almond/Wesleyan Branch Potluck, 12:00 PM Mary's Kitchen.

October 13: Executive Committee, 9:30 AM Mary's Kitchen.

October 20: Unit Meeting, 10:00 AM Koinonia; 2011 Planning; Prayer & Self Denial, Sacrificial Lunch.

October 23: Cal-Pac UMW Annual Meeting.

October 26: Citrus Branch, 7:00 PM Adult Lounge.

UMW Holiday Bazaar

November 6, 2010

Home crafters, please bring your completed projects to one of the Wednesday workshops or call Gretel Noble.

NEEDED: Small collectibles for Grandma's Attic—linens, figurines, china, jewelry, etc.



Thank You

We would like to extend a thank you to Daryl Salmon for the donation of the new Fellowship Hall door.

Bells & Chimes

Our three handbell groups have returned.

The Allegro Ringers adult group meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM. We have openings for three new ringers. No previous musical experience is required, although it is helpful. Childcare is available during rehearsals.

The Youth Bells, for 7th-12th graders, meet Sundays at 8:45 AM. Musical experience is not required.

The Children's Chime Choir is for 2nd-6th graders and meets Sundays at 9:30 AM. I teach the children basic music reading as well as playing the instrument. All children at least in 2nd grade are welcome.

Contact Gayla Lonsbery for more information.

Stewardship

The First United Methodist Church of Riverside soon will be starting its 137th year. During that time it has grown and flourished despite wars, recessions, depressions, radio, TV, and cell phones. Much has changed, but, fortunately, much has remained the same...we still share the same living Lord. We recognize Him as the Lord of our lives. "Every good and perfect gift is from above." *James 1:17.*

We have a problem. We are facing financial difficulty. Our expenses are in danger of exceeding our income.

We have had generous gifts in the past that have been put into investment accounts from which the interest has been used to help support the church; but interest has declined and the balance of these accounts is declining.

We are leasing space for cell phone towers. We are leasing parking to the Riverside courts and a neighboring business. We are leasing space to other churches and organizations. We, like most churches, have various church groups that are actively involved in fundraising. All this helps, but we are still falling short.

Church expenses have been cut and projects have been delayed wherever possible, but basic upkeep of the facilities continues to increase (we are over 50 years at our current location).

This pledge drive, Roundup 2011, is very important to the vitality of our church. At an early age we were taught *all that we have comes from the Lord.* When we give, we are simply offering him a small portion of the abundance that he has provided.

This year we are hoping to raise \$450,000 of our \$600,000 budget from our pledge drive. Individually, that is a lot of money, but if we all pull together, it is an attainable goal.

"Give and it will be given to you." *Luke 6:38.* Let's all join together and make the Roundup 2011 a successful one.

Keep our church in your prayers.

Finance Committee Stewardship Co-Chairs
Bill McInroe, Dave Cudney



Sisters Bible Study

Vertically Inclined, Climbing Higher with God

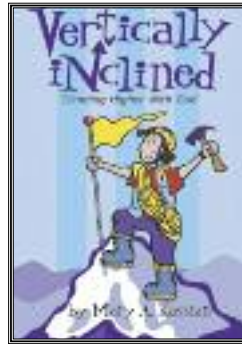
by Mary A. Kassian.

Most believers experience a life with a few highs and lows, ups and downs, and maybe an occasional mountain-top experience. Our current *Sisters* Bible Study, an exciting, seven-session, video-based study, is especially designed to show Christian women how, by tethering themselves more securely to Him, they can climb to greater spiritual heights.

If you are interested in having this Bible study available as a Sunday morning class, please contact Barbara Jo Wilson. If we get enough interest, a class will be formed.

Women's Retreat

Work has begun on the 2011 Women's Retreat to be held January 28-30 at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. Mark your calendars and save the date! More information will follow in future Messengers.



United Methodist Men

The next Methodist Men's meeting will be on Sunday, October 10. Please join us for a wonderful breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 AM. Our speaker will be our own Jim



Johnson, a retired educator, who now has a second career as a professional Santa Claus. You may have seen Jim at Tyler Mall the past few Christmas seasons portraying Santa in a very convincing fashion. Part of his talk will be about children's requests and stories—many humorous, but some quite serious and touching. This will be a fun and interesting program.

A big thanks to Pastor John Yoon, our speaker last month, who told us the history of his family in Korea, how they eventually came to America, how he met his wife Mina, and about his ministry here in California. This was a most informative and interesting program.

Builders Fellowship

Builders Fellowship meets again on Friday, October 8, at 6:30 PM for dinner. Our program will be Rev. John Yoon and his wife, Mina, sharing some family history. One of our members will also be honored for her long time membership. Come see who she is.

If you are not on the calling list, please call the church office to make your reservation by Tuesday, October 5. We will be happy to see you. The cost for the dinner is \$10.50.



Enjoy a delicious brunch after worship Sunday, October 17.

Pancakes • Scrambled eggs
Sausage • Hash browns

Donations will support the Youth Campership Fund that provides camperships for children and youth to attend summer camps.

HOMECOMING 2010

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATES 103 YEARS IN RIVERSIDE

October 10, 2010

10 AM Worship Service

You are invited to come and join the Congregation of Grace UMC and the Community of Riverside in celebrating 103 years of Grace UMC in Riverside on October 10, 2010 (10-10-10).

Rev. Melissa Rusler, former pastor, will be guest speaker at the 10 AM worship service. Following the worship service the celebration will continue on the lawn with food, live entertainment, games, and more.

Andrew Melendrez, City Councilman for the area, will be our special guest. Invite a friend - Join in the fun - Be a part of Grace's history.

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Dirk Van Os	4	Mildred Traver	17
Courtney Wilson	4	Marguerite Gilliam	18
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Elizabeth Paldanius	7	Kelsey Weakly	18
Richard Austin	8	Daryl Salmon	19
Paula Kaufhold	9	Marlene Bardarson	20
Kevin Simpson	9	Bill Kerrick	20
Emily Noble	11	Melissa Beals	21
Bonnie Whitney	11	Franklin Lindeburg	23
Jason Handen	13	Kezia Anderson	24
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Christopher Carrington	14	Joe Rank	24
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Mission Moments

from UMW

At Mujila Falls, we are adjusting to the imperfect human economy as we become more attuned to the perfect, God-driven economy. Our cattle and goats are milking, our chickens are laying eggs, and our fields are filled with corn, soybeans, peanuts, vegetables and fruits. We are still providing milk for our day care center, eggs and vegetables for the local market, and jobs for about 20 workers. Mostly, we supply hope of a better future through Christ. Your prayers and support for the people of Zambia, and especially Mujila Falls Agriculture Center will bring people into God's Economy.

The Rev. Paul L. Webster, missionary, Northwest Province, Zambia. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.

Youth News

- October 3 Communion Training, 6:00-7:30
- October 10 Street Clean Up, 5:30-7:30
- October 17 Pancake Brunch after worship
- October 17 UMYF 6:00-7:30
- October 24 UMYF & Halloween Hop
- October 30 District Halloween Party, Wesley UMC
- October 31 No UMYF

Acolyte Training

All youth, grades 5th-12th, are invited to serve in the worship service as an acolyte. Training will be held Sunday, October 10 after worship. All acolytes should attend this short training with Pastor John. If you have any questions, contact Pastor John or Val Weise.

Communion Training

Youth grades 7th-12th will be trained for serving communion during UMYF on Sunday, October 3. Pastor John will be joining the youth group that evening when they learn about communion and serve communion to each other in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Val Weise.

Family Fun



DEEP PIT BBQ AND FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Lazy W Ranch in San Juan Capistrano invites the whole family to enjoy a delicious BBQ, live music, activities for the kids and Christian Fellowship on Saturday, October 16, 11:00 AM - 3 PM. Lazy W is a camp owned and operated by the California Pacific Conference. More details are available on their web site at www.lazywranch.org.

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