

Prayer List

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

For health and support, Helen Nonnette, Irene Darton, Everett McCormick, Justin Garnett, Emily Shaw, Eli Sturman, Pat Williams, Ray Weakly, Lynn Ashworth, Rob Smail, Shannon Barranco, Forrest Durarte, John Burch, Edward Johnson.



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From Pastor John

Clarence McCartney, the late Presbyterian pastor, many years ago went to London for the very first time. He took a hotel room near Euston Station. He said he was awake all night long with all the noises of the city, the underground subways, the big trucks, the buses, and people calling out on the street. He said there was clamor all the time. The voice of that city, he said, was the voice of a people who never rested.

He went home and he talked to his organist. His organist had vacationed at Niagara Falls, and he said, "I couldn't sleep either. There was a rumble all night long also where I was—it was the rumble of the falls. But it wasn't just a single

note, it was a chord; because in the sound of those great falls, there were many different sounds, many different notes, and they came together to make one great chord."

Rev. McCartney says in the city, "there is the sound of hope, and there's the sound of despair. There's the sound of work and the sound of leisure. There's the sound of pain and the sound of joy. They all come together."

Speaking of cities, St. Augustine in his book *The City of God* says "the City of God is marked by people who forgo earthly pleasure to dedicate themselves to the eternal truths of Christian faith." FUMCOR is a City of God where we make a lot of noise for the eternal truth of Christian faith. And with the

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arrival of September we hope to see not only some cooler weather, but also continue to see, hear and make noises in our city of God.

I am looking forward to having the choir back and the bell ringers who make “beautiful noises” in our worship, and I am also looking forward to the noises we make in our committee meetings and in our actions for the city of God. In the city there is the sound of hope, work and joy. There is the sound of hope ringing loudly in the City of FUMCOR, the city that we are called to, to build and expand in faith. Let’s continue to make “beautiful noises” for God, together!

*See You at Church,
Pastor John*

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.

Faith & Fellowship

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, September 19

Faith & Fellowship will host a special event following worship. We will take a walk down FUMCOR’s Memory Lane. Our theme will be “Memories of FUMCOR Friendships.” We hope you will share some of your stories or pictures on a storyboard that we can display that day. We are working several other ideas to add to the fun. So begin to think about what you can do to make our “Memories of FUMCOR Friendship” a success.

Watch for more details in the bulletins in the next few weeks!

UMW Unit Meeting

The next Unit Meeting of UMW is Sept. 15 beginning at 10:00 AM with coffee.

Our speaker will be Constance Mahood, who, at age 77, is an LA Fitness yoga instructor. Her topic for the meeting is **What Yoga Can Do for You.**

We will also hold elections for 2011 officers.



Gary Bruggeman	1
Mary Lou Kerrick	1
Lillian Popko	1
Jim Johnson	2
Shirley Parks	2
Micheline Scoggins	2
Pam Ferre	3
Norma Nelson	3
Shirley Byron	6
Stephanie Wilson	7
Matt Gorder	8
John McDonald	8
Steve Walker	9
Bev DeFrance	11
James Cooper	14
Nan Mooring	17
Karen Hubbard	18
Susan Straight	19
Sawyer Van Os	19
Gabriel Knight	20
Susan Tomlinson	21
Doris Washburn	21
Sabrina Gilbert	24
Irene Darton	26
Aris Stepe	28
Faith Ruddell	29

Mission Moments from UMW

Young Adults in Mission Work

The youth fellowship at Chongyi Protestant church in Hangzhou, China, draws more than 1,000 young adults each week, many seeking to make sense of the fast changing society in which they live. We give thanks for this vital youth ministry of prayer, care, and Christian support. *Diane Allen, missionary, The United Methodist China Program.*

"I can't go back, now that I've witnessed moments of triumph and moments of defeat in this quest for Social Justice; I can't go back. Now that I've heard a mother say, 'I skip meals so my sons can eat'; now that I've seen a payday lending regulation bill killed in legislative committee; now that I've listened as church members tell their representatives how unjust the food sales tax is; now that I've overheard people talk about living in their car; now that I've opened my arms wide and gone where God has called me; I can't go back. I can't try to get a 'regular' job after this. I must stay in Social Justice. When my term is over, it won't be over." *Sarah Martindell, US-2 young adult missionary serving at Crossroads Urban Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

Aldersgate Chorale

Aldersgate Chorale has been on vacation this summer. In their absence we have enjoyed the services of many fine musicians. I hope you have appreciated each one.

Sisters Laurie Williams, Kris Lovekin and Val Othon, sang on July 11. Laurie will be leaving us to take another job and will be missed.

July 18, Samuel Walker, a friend of Val Weise, sang.

Our own Michael Noble played piano on July 25. Michael has graduated from Eastman School of Music and is going to Yale this fall.

Mike Atienza sang on August 1. Mike has just received his Master's degree in East Asian Studies from UCR this year.

On Sunday, August 8, Brass Works, a brass quintet, played for us. You will have recognized Dan Bernstein and Lisa Foerester as members of that group.

Jubilant Joy Schuh sang on August 15. Tony Ginter, violinist was part of our worship on August 22. Phil Bremenstuhl sang on August 29. Yours truly will sing on September 5.



The church office will be closed

Articles for the next *Messenger*
(issue date October 3, 2010)
must be in the church office no later
than Wednesday, September 22.

I should not fail to recognize that we also had two fine substitute organists—Marge Kertz and Kenneth Rudolf—while Marc was on vacation.

Our choir will meet again on Thursday, September 9 at 6:00 pm for a light supper in Mary's Kitchen, then adjourn to the Music Room to go through music for the next six weeks. There is room in the choir for any of you who would like to join us. We rehearse each Thursday at 7:00 pm and again at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings. Why not give us a try.

Alice Wymer
Aldersgate Director

Stewardship

The finance committee is proud to announce the theme for this year's stewardship campaign: Roundup 2011.

Over the next several weeks, we will be discussing the financial needs of our church for the coming year. You'll be given the opportunity to hear some of our members speak about our current financial situation, upcoming issues and how each of you can make a difference.

Our church's needs are great this year. Administrative costs alone will top \$600,000. Our facilities are aging and in need of more frequent and costly repairs. The downturn in the economy has affected our resources. With so many families struggling, monthly giving is not currently keeping up with expenses. We find ourselves relying more and more on the interest and dividends of our portfolio. However, interest rates are at an all time low, so now we find ourselves dipping into the principle. Unfortunately, the outlook for 2011 is not terribly encouraging, either.

The committee has taken these issues into consideration and established a pledge goal of \$450,000 for 2011. This is an aggressive goal and will require the commitment of all our membership.

At this time, we request that you begin praying on the financial considerations of our church and begin thinking and praying on your 2011 financial commitment.

Bells & Chimes

In September, our three handbell groups return.

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 available during rehearsals.

The Youth Bells are for 7th-12th graders and meets 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.



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 next *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.

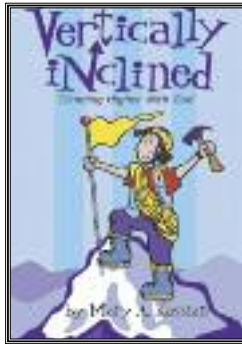
We will begin on September 29, continuing through November 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Adult Lounge. Cost of the book is \$12. There will be a registration form in an upcoming bulletin. Loretta Cudney, Sharen Topham and Barbara Jo Wilson will lead the sessions.

Sisters Reunion Dinner

A *Sisters* Reunion Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 26 at Bev DeFrance's home. We will have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00 PM. You will receive a letter in the mail soon with more details!

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!



Enjoy a delicious brunch after worship Sunday, September 12.

Pancakes • Scrambled eggs • Sausage • Hash browns.

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

RIVERSIDE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

8:30 - 2:30

Riverside First United Methodist Church

4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside

(951) 683-7831

\$8.00

"LIVING IN GOD'S TRUTH"

3rd John 5-8

Speaker: Sharon Kay Rhodes-Wickett

Pastor at Claremont United Methodist Church

8:30 Registration, Refreshments, Program Resources

Business Meeting, Speaker, Music, Lunch, Workshops

Workshop # _____ Workshop title: _____

(Complete and mail bottom of form (with check) as instructed; keep top half of page.)

Name: _____ Church _____

Workshops: (Check one)

1. _____ "A Healthier Body, Mind & Soul"
2. _____ "Joy to the World"
3. _____ "Beauty and Courage of Sudan"
4. _____ "DVD Theater" (showing *Sisters of the Planet, Ubuntu—St. Louis, and Resurrection Road*)
5. _____ "Human Trafficking- Social Action Can End It"

Child care: age(s) _____ Bring snack. Allergies? (be specific) _____

_____ \$8.00 enclosed, made payable to UMW

Registration: send in by September 17, 2010

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Riverside First United Methodist Church
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, Ca. 92506 (951) 683-7831

Saturday September 25, 2010, 8:30- 2:30
\$8.00

"LIVING IN GOD'S TRUTH"

3rd John 5-8

SHARON KAY RHODES -WICKETT, CLAREMONT PASTOR

8:30 Registration, Refreshments, Program Resources
Celebration, Communion, Closing 2:30
Check out the reading program books for 2010-2011

Business Meeting:
Installation and Introduction of New Officers, Budget
Offering will go to the Deaconess Program
Coming events
Lunch

Workshops

" A Healthier Body, Soul & Mind"
" Joy to the World"
" Beauty and Courage of Sudan"
" DVD Theater"
" Human-Trafficking- Social Acton Will End It"

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY!

Builders Fellowship

Builders Fellowship is ready to begin a new year on September 10. It will be an Ice Cream Social and game time. All of you are invited to join us. We will begin the evening with ice cream sundaes and cake or cookies. Then Bill McInroe and Don Blose will test our minds with their games and quizzes. Beginning time is 6:30.

Bob Nelson and Don Blose have planned some good programs that I am sure you will find interesting: our pastor John Yoon and his wife, Mina, Heifer International, Christmas music, RUSD Continuing Education, the Underground Railroad, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Social Security Specialist, Riverside Parks, and March Air Force Reserve Base Museum.

After our September event, our meetings will be catered dinners. Hope you will join us. Look for more information in future Messengers and in our Sunday Bulletins.

United Methodist Men

The next United Methodist Men's meeting will be on Sunday morning, September 12. Our featured speaker will be Pastor John who will have an opportunity to share more about his background and experiences. We have all enjoyed getting to know him in the short time we have been together, and appreciate his willingness to be with us that morning. He may even be able to share a few ideas he has seen work well in the other United Methodist Men groups he has observed.

We meet for a delicious 7:00 AM breakfast followed by the meeting. Ladies are always welcome to attend as well.

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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen	6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen		
8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Communion—S 11:15 am Evangelism/Discipleship—AL 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL	Labor Day The Church Office is closed	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen	9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop—Asbury 9:30 am UMW Executive Committee —Mary's Kitchen	6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen 5:30 pm Choir Dinner —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	6:30 pm Builders—Fellowship Hall	
7:00 am UMM—Fellowship Hall 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—S 11:15 am Evangelism/Discipleship —AL 11:15 am Pancake Brunch—FH 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck —Mary's Kitchen 6:30 pm Discipleship Class —Koinonia 7:00 pm Worship Committee—AL 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm SPRC—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting —Koinonia 3:00 pm Communion—Olive Grove Retirement Community	6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR		
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8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Family Worship—S 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC 6:00 pm Sisters Reunion Potluck	6:30 pm Discipleship Class —Koinonia 7:00 pm Church Council—AL	8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch—AL	9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop—Asbury 6:30 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR		

