

Prayer List

In convalescent care, Ruby Gregory, Betty Byrnes, Leonard Shaw, Natta Lea McCormack, Howard Nolan, Adrianna Paine, Dellours Hocking, Nancy Lasater, Jackie Watters, Bob Schiffer

For health and support, Dave Saenz, Rory Wynne, Frank Ferré, Allean Blose, Emily Shaw, Myra Williams, Lisa Thomas, Linsee Ramsay, Vijay Roberts, Everett McCormick, Justin Garnett, Eli Sturman, Samantha Powell, Forrest Duarte, Bobby Frairs, Rob Smail, Shannon Barranco, David McGarry, Sarah Six, Samantha & Zoe Dillingham, Debbie Boone, Fern Isom (Faith Ruddell's sister), Bob Schuler, Phyllis Chandler, Cathy Grimes (Steve Grimes' mother)

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; Director of Childrens/Womens Ministry, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Alice Wymer; Organist, Marc Longlois; Bell Choir Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Secretary/Receptionist, Ginger Mullen; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.



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From Pastor John

Now that the holidays and all their festivities are over, we move with joy into the New Year. And if you're like me (and most of you are, I am sure), you stop to think about what the next twelve new months might bring.

The question I have for myself more than anyone else, but also for you, is this: Will this thinking be just that, "thinking", or will it translate into actions?

I am reminded by scriptures and books I have read, including "Hurry Less and Worry Less at Christmastime," which was the book we used for our Advent Sunday School Class, that you can shape the months ahead with hope

and optimism. Life has taught us that we cannot control everything that happens to us, but we can control a lot of it. We can do something about it. My hope and prayers are that we will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, have a much better sense of what we want to focus on and accomplish in the year ahead.

As we begin a new year, take time to see and assess what you want, knowing that God has wonderful plans for you and wants good things for you. Set some goals in your life for your career, for your family, and also for your spiritual life. If you don't like the word goal, use dream or plan. Judy Pace, the author of "Hurry Less and Worry

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Less at Christmastime," also reminds us to be more specific; be specific about what you want to accomplish this year. Instead of saying, "I am going to be a better Christian," consider what one or two things you can do to be a better Christian. For example, plan on reading the entire bible in the year 2011. Perhaps your goal is to spend some more time with the family, but be more specific. Lastly, have a big dream and more passion about your future. Believe in Paul's words from Ephesians 3:20, "now to Him, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

I pray that your New Year will be filled with many dreams as well as fulfillments. I pray that you will move into the New Year with joy, trusting God, who will do great things through your life.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

See you at church,
Pastor John

Builders

Our next meeting is on Friday, January 14. Our featured speaker is Peter Kilnin speaking on "continuing Education". This is a program to help high school dropouts prepare for a college education. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a catered dinner.

You can make reservations by calling the church office prior to noon on Tuesday January 11.

We welcome visitors!

Calendar Sales The youth are still selling 2011 Pocket Calendars . Same low price, only \$5. These calendars make great stocking stuffers, last minute presents and, of course, one for yourself. We're also offering small notepads (purse size). See the display on the patio after worship. This is a campership fundraiser which supports children and youth attending both camps and mission trips. Thank you for your support.



in February

Sarah Shroyer.....2/2	Linda Hice2/11
Donna Kidder2/3	Buck DeFrance2/14
Daniel Noble2/3	Carol Stalder.....2/14
David Saenz2/4	Billy Waite Jr.....2/15
Eula Robison2/5	Manette Tomlinson.....2/16
Margaret Berger.....2/7	Pauline Fader2/17
Heather Cardenas.....2/7	Tina Rajaratnam.....2/18
Samantha Bales.....2/8	Steve Wilson.....2/20
Helen Kirkwood2/8	Diana Rosas2/24
Marjorie Souder.....2/8	Ruth Halpenny2/25
Matthew Speir.....2/8	Kathleen Thompson.....2/25
Alex Othon2/9	Jennifer Walker2/26
Robert Taylor.....2/10	Michelle Arguelles.....2/28
Elaine Vergeront2/10	Dorothy Wilson.....2/28

Our sympathy and prayers go to
the family and friends of
Ronald Pope
who passed away in December.

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling

UMYF continues to collect inkjet cartridges for recycling in our collection bin on the patio Sunday mornings or in the office during the week.

OFF Fellowship

OFF Group ~ save January 22 for a Thai dinner out...details to follow.
Debbie & Sigmar, co-ordinators.

Prison Library Project

You may have noticed several boxes placed around the church campus marked for books. The books (used or unused) are for a non-profit organization called the Prison Library Project.

The purpose of the project is to supply books free of charge to any inmate who requests them. We try to provide an ongoing invitation to prisoners to embrace personal responsibility, growth, and a deeper appreciation for the world of books, ideas, and education. Last year alone the project sent over 30,000 books to individuals in prisons all over the United States. Each week the Project receives about 200 letters, some from inmates who are writing for the first time and others who have written to us for several years. The books are for inmates to keep and are frequently passed on to other inmates or prison libraries.

You can find these clearly marked collection boxes in the narthex, the Fireside Room (FH), in the education building next to the library and in the church office.

Emily Noble

United Methodist Men

Our next UMM meeting on Sunday morning, Jan. 9. will feature speaker Gary Bruggeman who will share his background and experiences in the agriculture industry around Bakersfield. Some may even call this area "God's Breadbasket." Gary and his wife Paula are relatively new members of the FUMCOR family. This will be a fun time for Gary to share some of his life and background with us.

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

Our thanks to Alice Wymer who provided a special Christmas music program at our last meeting. And lest we forget, we need to say a big thank you also to Gretel and Tim Noble and family who have been preparing delicious breakfasts for us the last several meetings. We appreciate it so much.

Riverside District Spirit & Life Celebration & Dance

An Evolutionary Event
for Everyone

The **Big Bang Happens**
Saturday Night — February 5
5:00 to 8:30 pm

Wesley UMC
5770 Arlington

Led by:
Kimball Coburn and
The Calling Band

Mission Moments

from UMW

Pamela, Valeria, Jenny, Andrea and Vanessa, five live sisters, aged 9-13. They have been attending our Bible school every Saturday. One day after reading the Lord's Prayer in Scripture I asked them to pray by themselves and let God know about their lives and requests. Suddenly Valeria said, "Pastor, I don't know how to pray. Would you like to teach me." I told her that God doesn't need fancy words, that he is always hearing us and ready to answer our concerns when we pray with all our heart. She opened her eyes and said, "I'm going to write the Lord's Prayer down and I'm going to learn it by heart." *Miguel Arenas, Salto, Uruguay, Missionary. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. I remember when I was little, going through the process of learning The Lord's Prayer; it seemed like such a huge undertaking! I'm sure it was the same for most of us. pr*

Winter Camp Camp Wrightwood

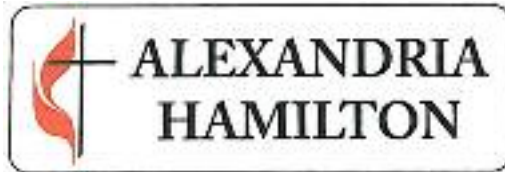
Winter Camp registration has begun! Elementary Camp (grades 2-5) and Junior / Senior High Camp (grades 6-12) will be January 15-17 at beautiful Camp Wrightwood. Enjoy a great camp experience in a beautiful mountain setting. Maybe there will be snow this year.

Registration materials are on the kiosk. Registration fees are \$150 - camperships are available. See Val Weise for campership information and additional camp registration information.



Name Tags Are Back

If you have never received your Methodist Church badge (sample shown), or you need a new one, you may order your name tag by PRINTING your name as you want it, and CIRCLING either pin closure (P) or magnet closure (M) on the form below. Also, list any family members who are members of the church who may also wish a name tag.



Place your order in the offering plate or send it to the church office. After two weeks, pick up your tag(s) in the Narthex before the Sunday service.

Tags are free, courtesy of the Evangelism/Discipleship Committee.

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_____	P _____	M _____
_____	P _____	M _____
_____	P _____	M _____

Name Tags

Donations Needed

Beginning this month, FUMCOR and FUMPS will begin the **first of three** scheduled Goodwill Donation Fundraisers.

When you are doing some cleaning or going through items to donate, **please** hold on to them for our first Goodwill Fundraiser pick-up date of **January 22**. This is a Saturday and we will be asking for volunteers to help us with picking up items, helping the assistants with loading the trucks, and talking it up among your family and friends. We will have flyers and a sign in front of the church the week before the trucks will be here. This will be a joint effort between our church and our preschool.

You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. Thanks in advance for all of your help and support.

Note: Unfortunately Goodwill **cannot** accept mattresses, major household appliances, exercise equipment, weapons, hazardous waste, broken items, or furniture with holes, rips or stains.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT
SPRING CLEANING
OF THE WOMAN'S HEART**

A HUMOROUS INTERACTIVE WEEKEND
EXPLORING A WOMAN'S HEART

January 28-30, 2011
Aldersgate Retreat Center
Pacific Palisades, CA

**OUR RETREAT
LEADER**

PENNIE SPEER

Pennie has been an inspirational writer and speaker for over 20 years with an emphasis on Christian devotional material sprinkled with humor and wit as part of her service to God. God has given her an ability to blend the beauty and joy of this life with the comical side of our day-to-day living while we are here on this earth!



He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. ~ Job 8:20-21

All women are invited to share in this weekend of fun, singing, faith and discovery. If you need registration information, see Barbara Jo Wilson.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Communion 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	3 New Year's Holiday The Church Office is closed.	4 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	5 6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen	6 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	7	8
9 7:00 am UMM—FH 8:45 am Sun. Sch.; Youth Bells 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir—YC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Evangelism—Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC 6:00 pm Sisters Dinner—FH	10 12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee—AL	11 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 7:00 pm SPRC—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	12 9:30 am UMW Executive Committee—Mary's Kitchen	13 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	14 6:30 pm Builders —Fellowship Hall	15 Youth Summit
16 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Church & Society—AL 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	17 Martin Luther King Holiday The Church Office is closed.	18 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 5:00 pm Finance Committee—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	19	20 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	21	22 Goodwill Donation Fundraiser Church Parking Lot Hunger Ministry
23 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Youth Bells—YC 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir—YC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Shelter Lunch—FH 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	24 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting —CR 7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	25 10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch —Adult Lounge	26	27 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	28 Women's Retreat January 28 - 30	29
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