

## Prayer List

*In hospital*, Bob Schiffer, David Nelson (son of Bob Nelson)

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

*For health and support*, David McGarry, Barry Arnold, Frank Ferré, Allean Blose, Carol Boothby, Manette Tomlinson, Emily Shaw, Myra Williams, Lisa Thomas, Vijay Roberts, Everett McCormick, Justin Garnett, Eli Sturman, Shannon Barranco, Sarah Six, Bob Shuler, Cathy Grimes (Steve Grimes' mother), Jim Thomas (brother of Barbara Jo Wilson)

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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# The Messenger



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## From Pastor John

Ash Wednesday arrives a little later than usual this year; to be exact it falls on March 9. This day marks the beginning of Lent, which means it is time again to prepare our hearts and minds for the 40 days of reflection, sacrifice, prayer and renewal. The season concludes, of course, with the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. I encourage you to find a quiet time each day during the season to read the scriptures or a devotional book to reflect and pray. Try to be honest about yourself and your walk with Christ, uncovering who you are and renewing your faith. Lent can be a time for relearning how to live as a

Christian. And remember Lent goes beyond just a religious formality of giving up things, and when you sit quietly each day, you join brothers and sisters in Christ who are also praying with you during this special and meaningful season.

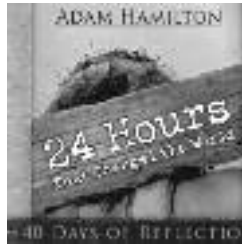
This year, to help us in our Lenten journey, we have chosen Rev. Adam Hamilton's book *24 Hours That Changed the World* as our Lenten study. Rev. Hamilton's devotional book, *40 Days of Reflection*, is available for purchase in the office or on the patio Sunday, March 6 after the worship service. I encourage everyone to spend time with the book. It will enable us to pause, reflect, dig deeper, and be transformed.

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# Lenten Soup Study

Lent begins March 9 with our Ash Wednesday service. Lent calls us to deepen our spiritual lives. To help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death, this Lent we are going to use Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours That Changed the World—40 Days of Reflection* and the video. During our Lenten soup and program, we will watch the DVD presentation and study together. There will also be a music program.

*24 Hours That Changed the World* can be purchased on the patio following the worship service on March 6, or in the church office. Cost is \$7. Pastor John has included a devotion schedule with the book.



Everyone is welcome to purchase this book as a personal Lenten devotion guide whether or not you are able to attend the soup study series.

**Children's Program** If you are planning to attend the Lenten Soup Suppers that begin on March 16 and want to have planned activities for your children during the study program, please let Barbara Jo Wilson know as soon as possible. She will put together a team to work with the children.

The soup supper begins at 6:00 PM, and the program ends by 7:45 PM.

## 24 Hours That Changed the World Lent 2011

40 Days of Reflection  
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- Shara Andrade .....4/2
- James Sizer.....4/3
- Lisa Laird .....4/5
- Marilyn DeJarnatt-Peebles .....4/6
- Vir Jean Halbrooks .....4/9
- Robert Carrington .....4/10
- Tina Fletcher.....4/12
- Randy Peebles.....4/14
- Kim Oster.....4/16
- Lisa Thomas .....4/16
- Kirk Ferguson .....4/17
- Skylar McDonald.....4/18
- Helen Dennington.....4/20
- Jami Plumley .....4/20
- Marge Wolter.....4/20
- Ruby Gregory.....4/21
- Billy Waite.....4/21
- Doris Wright.....4/21
- Lillian Zeeb.....4/21
- Kyle Grimes.....4/24
- Gail Murray.....4/24
- Sean Clark.....4/25
- Marjorie Weeks .....4/29
- Richard Whitmark.....4/29
- Barbara Jo Wilson .....4/29
- Richard Rajaratnam.....4/30

## From Pastor John

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During our Wednesdays' Lenten Soup and Program, we will also watch Rev. Hamilton's DVD series. In this video we travel to the Holy Land with Adam Hamilton to visit the sites where those earthshaking events took place. He will guide us from the Last Supper to Gethsemane to the trial and to the Crucifixion in 24 Hours that Changed the World. There will also be a music program on Lenten Soup Study night. Please join us on Wednesdays at our Lenten Soup Studies and look for other Lenten programs and opportunities in our calendar, and bring a friend. May God richly bless you during this season of Lent.

See you at Church,  
**Pastor John**

## Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study will begin in May. There will be more information in the April *Messenger*.



### Please Support the Riverside CROP Hunger Walk

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Congregations in Riverside respond each year by holding the CROP Hunger Walk to raise money for local and worldwide hunger relief efforts. Our church has participated in this event for more than 30 years. Between now and March 6th, please visit the table on the patio to sign up as a walker or a sponsor. You may also donate online at <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/FUMCOR>. Thank you for your continued support!

Riverside CROP WALK, Sunday March 6, 1:00 p.m., Temple Beth El, 2675 Central Ave

### United Methodist Men

The number is 15,000! Yes, 15,000 Hot Wheels — all colors, all types. Cars, trucks and many more.

Our March 13 program features Richard Whitmark, a collector and an expert on Hot Wheels. Get the family together and join us in this early morning adventure and breakfast, 7:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.

February's speaker, Susan Straight, was appreciated by all. Thanks, Susan; your stories were great. The annual UMM silent auction is coming soon. Get your woodcrafts,

### Sunday Worship on CD

The Sunday Worship service is now available on CD. Contact Bill Kerrick for more information.

### 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.

paintings, jewelry and other items ready for the display during the month of May. Donations are also welcome.

### YOUTH NEWS

**March 6 CROP WALK** Youth will participate in the CROP WALK. See Kevin Simpson to sign up as a walker.

**March 11 District Overnight** St. Paul's-San Bernardino will host the Riverside District Prayer and Repentance Conference. As part of this conference, youth are invited to an overnight prayer and Bible reading. Friday, 6:00 PM - Saturday 9:00 AM

**Campers!** Mark your calendars for this summer's Riverside District Camps. Elementary Camp for those entering grades 3-6, is July 10-16 . Junior and Senior High Camp for those entering grades 7-12, is July 17-23 .

All camps will be held at Camp Wrightwood. Online registration will begin soon.

**Pocket Calendars** are still available in the church office for \$5. This is a campership fundraiser that supports children and youth attending both camps and mission trips. Thank you for your support.

### United Methodist Women

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**Handcrafters Workshop** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in Asbury. March 2, 9, 23, 30.

**Mar. 4**—Our church will host the **Church Women United "World Day of Prayer"**. (This is a change of location.) We'll begin with coffee at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00 featuring the theme *How Many Loaves Have You?*, written by the Women of Chile. All women of the church are invited to experience this meaningful program.

**Mar. 9**—Exec. Committee, Mary's Kitchen 9:30 AM

All women of the church are invited to attend these meetings. Please contact Lynn Ashworth (684-4457) for further information.



### Jelly Jars

Gretel Noble is collecting jelly jars. If you have some you'd like to recycle, give them to her on Sunday.

### New Membership Class

The next new membership classes will be on March 27 and April 3, following the worship service.

If you cannot attend either one, please see Pastor John.

New members will be welcomed during Easter Sunday worship.

### Teachers & Helpers

We're looking for people who are willing to help with Sunday / Church School and other activities throughout the year. If you are interested, contact Barbara Jo Wilson in the office Monday or Thursday, or email her at:

*[bwilson@fumcor.com](mailto:bwilson@fumcor.com)*

### Spring Fling March 20

Faith & Fellowship will host our first Appetizer Brunch following the worship service on March 20. After sharing in the brunch, our Spring Fling will also be a time to share in some fun games and activities. There will be a sign up poster on the patio on March 6. Please plan on joining us.

### Family Ministry

We're having a Family Game Night on Saturday, March 26. There will be a pizza and soda supper provided, with games, a movie, and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of this group come and join us in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM.



### Palm Sunday Children's Skit

Children will present a Palm Sunday skit this year. We're currently putting together a group of people to work on this project. There will be speaking parts, group participants and singing. Rehearsals will be during Children's Church School beginning March 27. Watch for sign up sheet in this month's bulletins.

### Pretzels

We'll be making pretzels (instead of hot cross buns) April 3 from 5:00-7:30 pm. We'll have supper before we begin baking. Pretzels will be shared with the congregation on Palm Sunday.

### Mission Moments

*from UMW*

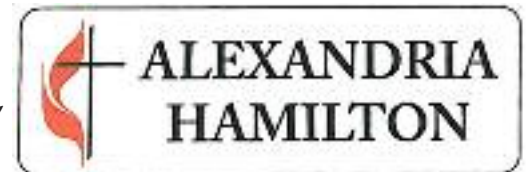
"I sensed my call into ministry through a vivid dream of a woman living in her car. She was thirsty with no source of water. I now teach GED\* at a shelter to empower homeless men and women. A GED helps them realize a more secure future for their families." *Deaconess Sue Lewandowski, GED/ESL, transition specialist, Spotsylvania, Va. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

(GED stands for General Educational Development, the process of earning the equivalent of your high school diploma, which is called a GED Certificate.)

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### 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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Name Tags

## Take A Look—Take A Book

Many of you already participate in the book program sponsored by the UMW, but you should know that the reading program is not just for official members of UMW. Any member of the congregation, including the gentlemen, can check out books from the Book Cart. The program is sponsored by the Women's Division, which chooses the books for their ability to make us aware of the woes and triumphs in places we will likely never visit and prompts us to consider what, if anything, we can do about it. Some of the books are memoirs of people who can give us a new perspective on ourselves and our world.

The Book Cart will reside in the library, but will be brought to the patio on "magazine Sundays" for easier access. You can browse and perhaps check out a book for up to one month. Books can be returned to the Book Cart any Sunday in the Library or on the patio.

A friendly rivalry is sponsored by the Cal-Pac Conference UMW to see which district can earn the most points for books read. There will be a sheet to sign when you return a book that will help Pam Conlin, book chairperson, add up our score.

Below is a synopsis of one of the books to be found on the cart. From time-to-time others will be printed.

*Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh* (186 pages),

by Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Sheikh Jamal Rahman

This deeply personal journey to interfaith collaboration offers hope for an inclusive and healing way of being together in the world. Interfaith Talk Radio provides a rich understanding of the road to collaboration by sharing their stories and challenges, and the inner spiritual work necessary to go beyond tolerance to a vital, inclusive spirituality.

## BUILDERS

Builders will meet Friday evening, March 11, with guest speaker **Elizabeth Hall** addressing the topic of **Guide Dogs For the Blind**. Elizabeth and her husband Lewis have been trainers for a number of years raising guide dogs who become reliable service dogs for the blind or other handicapped persons. They plan to bring "Gibbs" a Golden Retriever in-training to educate us and demonstrate how the process works. Their devotion to this project is remarkable, and you will enjoy the evening with a fine dinner and program. Dinner is in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$10.50.

### Cookbooks

We still have cookbooks available. They would make lovely Mother's Day gifts at just \$12 each. You may purchase a cookbook anytime by contacting any member of the Faith & Fellowship Committee (Marcia Bales, Pat Beals, Judy Bello, Scott Kirkwood, Marilyn or Randy Peebles, Ruth Walker, Kelly Weakly or Barbara Jo Wilson.)

## Spiritual Growth Retreat

"Resurrection Women" is the title of the Riverside District UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held at the Yucaipa United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 26, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. The cost is \$10, which includes lunch and materials. The planned activities include these intriguing titles: Spiritual Sharing, Singing, Drama, Labyrinth, and Sacred Spa.

Dietary and or physical needs can be provided. Please tell Lynn of these needs when you register. Child care is available; please provide a sack lunch for your child.

To register you need to give to Lynn Ashworth, by March 20, a \$10 check made out to "Riverside District UMW". Lynn will register us with the district. Her phone number is 684-4457. We will carpool from the church; meet at 8:00 AM on March 26.

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Articles for the next <i>Messenger</i> (issue date April 3, 2011) must be in the church office no later than March 23. <i>Thank you!</i>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 am Handcrafters—AS</p> <p>6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 am CWU "World Day of Prayer"—Fellowship Hall</p>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School, Youth Bells</p> <p>9:30 am Children's Chime Choir—YC</p> <p>10:00 am <b>Worship/Communion</b></p> <p>1:00 pm CROP Walk</p> <p>4:00 pm Covenant Group—AL</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship Committee—AL</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>7:00 pm SPRC—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm Faith &amp; Fellowship—AL</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 am UMW Executive Committee—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>9:30 am Handcrafters—AS</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Builders—Fellowship Hall</p>	<b>12</b>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 am UMM—FH</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School, Youth Bells</p> <p>9:30 am Children's Chime Choir—YC</p> <p>10:00 am <b>Worship</b></p> <p>11:15 am Evangelism—Adult Lounge</p> <p>11:15 am Confirmation Mtg.—FH</p> <p>4:00 pm Covenant Group—AL</p> <p>6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Sisters</i> Dinner—FH</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>5:00 pm Finance Committee—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten Soup Study—FH</p> <p>Servers: UMW</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfst—Mary's Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<b>19</b>
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