

In Our Prayers:

In convalescent care, Natta Lea McCormack, Howard Nolan, Adrianna Paine, Dellours Hocking, Nancy Lasater, Ruby Gregory, Leonard Shaw, Faith Ruddell, Michael Scholl

For health and support, Martha Devine, Josephine Duncan, Bob Schiffer, Manette Tomlinson, Justin Garnett, Ed Johnson, Allean Blose, Emily Shaw, Myra Williams, Lisa Thomas, Sarah Six, Vijay Roberts, Shayne Guy, Debbie Boone (cousin of Connie Taylor), Chandra Roberts's sister Taj, Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon), Brandy Gould & Nathaniel Pritchard (Cindy Qualtieri's daughter and grandson), Jim Thomas (Barbra Jo Wilson's brother), Casey Graves (Connie Taylor's grandson-in-law), Sue Byers



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From Pastor John

Four Reasons to be at Worship in November

Nov. 6—All Saints' Day: All Saints' Day is one of our oldest Christian celebrations. The church began honoring saints in its liturgy in the late second century; by the end of the fourth century, a day was regularly set aside to honor martyrs of the church. Sometime in the eighth century, the Catholic Church began using November 1 as the day to honor all the saints. This practice continues today. In many churches, including ours, this Sunday's service includes a memorial to those members who have died since the last All Saints' Day.

This year we will remember 13 members who have finished their

course in faith. Thirteen candles will be lit in their memories and one extra candle for all of our loved ones who are now with the Lord.

Nov. 13—Pledge Dedication Sunday: Our 2012 Stewardship Campaign "Build It Up" comes to an end on this day as we will dedicate the pledges members have made with their presence, gifts, service and prayer for our ministries in the coming year. Following the dedication and worship, we will then gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck. We know there will be a variety of delicious foods, just as there are many different gifts and talents for Christ's ministry here at FUMCOR. Let's celebrate this day and **Build It Up!**

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Nov. 20—Thanksgiving Sunday:

Sometimes expressing gratitude begins with the word "nevertheless." Other times it is a spontaneous outpouring. Whichever the case, giving thanks is always a good idea. It keeps me centered and reminds me to stop my busyness, to think about life and its blessings, and to acknowledge how dependent I am on God and others. When I do this, my life has much more balance. What are you grateful for this year? Look deeply and faithfully into your life and come and join us to give thanks to God with our presence and our gifts.

Nov. 27—First Sunday of Advent:

The word Advent means "coming." The season proclaims the coming of the Christ. We prepare to celebrate his birth once again. We celebrate that he comes continually in Word and Spirit, and we anticipate his return in final victory. And so on this First Sunday of Advent, the faith community of FUMCOR is called to prepare for these comings with hope. And Hope is a good thing!

See you at Church in November,

Pastor John

Mission Moments

from UMW

We see our presence at Trinity Theological College, and in Singapore, as a way of enhancing the global connection between the United Methodist Church and its mission partners in Southeast Asia. In early March 2007, we joined with the orchestra in a trip to Xiamen, Fujian Province, China, for an exchange concert with the Ging Shao Nian Gong (Children and Youth Palace). The trip was a valuable experience for building musical bridges of friendship between Singapore and China. After the Saturday night concert on the island of Gu Lang Yu, the combined orchestra and choir performed the following day for Trinity Church, also on the island. *George Martzen and Chin Cheak Yu, Singapore, Missionaries. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*



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Build Up FUMCOR Scholarship Funds

This fall sixteen of our youth received monies for their higher education from scholarship funds at FUMCOR. The funds were distributed from the Russell-Riley Memorial Scholarship Fund for attendance at RCC, the Fitch/Kriege Scholarship Fund for attendance at a four-year university, FUMCOR Education Fund, United Methodist Men, and United Methodist Women.

We have been receiving thank you notes from some of the recipients. In these notes, they tell us how they are using the money to help defray costs for books, tuition, and housing. And they say a special thank you to all of you for your support.

Remember, you can designate funds (donations, wills, trusts) to the above mentioned scholarship funds to help send our very own FUMCOR youth to a college or university.

*Loretta Cudney,
Chair, Christian Education Committee*

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Sound Crew Report—

HELP WANTED

CD Audio recordings of our worship services are made every Sunday. These are made on a lap top computer in the church balcony and requires an additional person to manage the lap top.

We are looking for volunteers who are comfortable operating a lap top, filing the recorded material, and burning the disc.

Please contact Bill Kerrick if you are interested and have questions about the operation.

New Members Class

November 6

following the

Pancake Brunch Fundraiser

11:45 AM Adult Lounge

Contact Pastor John if you are interested in attending.

The ministers of First United Methodist Church of Riverside are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, District Superintendent Bau Dang, and the church staff: Sr. Pastor, John Yoon; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Secretary, Rebecca Ruiz; Director of Children's & Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Alice Wymer; Organist, Marc Longlois; Bell Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.

Church Conference

Monday, November 28

Don't forget the annual Charge Conference is to be held at Wesley UMC this year. Wesley UMC is located at 5770 Arlington Avenue.

Four churches will participate in the celebration service. Refreshments will begin at 6:30 PM, and FUMCOR attendees have been asked to bring veggie plates to share. Also, Wesley would appreciate some idea of how many attendees we'll have so they can prepare an appropriate room. Please contact Barbara or Becky in the office if you think you can attend.

Committee Reports

Please have your Charge Conference committee reports turned in to the office by Friday, Nov. 18.

Happy Thanksgiving

The Church office will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 for the Veteran's Day Holiday and also Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

The Journey

Walking the Road
to **Bethlehem**

A simple girl
An ordinary man
An unforgettable destination

Beginning in November, Pastor John will offer a four-week study you won't want to miss: *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. In the study, Adam Hamilton travels with us from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections, Hamilton illuminates this most amazing moment in history. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ.

Since the story of Christmas is so central to our faith, we are asking members of the congregation to invite neighbors and friends.

Pastor John will include this study during his Sunday morning Bible Study, 8:45 AM beginning November 27. He will also offer the video program on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM (November 30, December 7, 14, 21). Bring a brown bag dinner and share a meal and fellowship with Pastor John at 6:00 PM in the Adult Lounge.

For more information about this special event and how you can participate, please contact Pastor John or the church office. *The Journey* study books are available for purchase in the church office. Cost is \$12. Deadline for purchasing books is November 21.

Youth Events

The Youth have a number of activities planned for the last two months of 2011. They include:

- November 6: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- November 13: Movie day in the FUMCOR Youth Center at 6:00 PM
- November 20: Hanging of the Greens—Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Youth Center
- November 27: Ushering during service; no youth meeting in the evening
- December 4: Baking cookies and Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- December 11: Christmas caroling at 6:00 PM
- December 18: Live Nativity at 6:00 PM
- December 24: Usher for Family Service at 7:00 PM

All children from 7th through 12th grade are invited to any and all of the above activities. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Children's Ministry

- Loretta Cudney, Laurel McDonald, John-Paul McDonald, and Barbara Wilson will be working together on our Children's Christmas Program for this year. Rehearsals begin on November 6 and continue through December 11 (no rehearsal on Sunday, November 27).
- Our next Children's Family Night will be on Friday, November 18 in our Fellowship Hall from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Please let Barbara Jo Wilson know if you would like to help with planning this evening.
- On Sunday, November 20, the children who have completed the "Learn Your Bible" class will be presented with their Bibles during the worship service.

Faith and Fellowship

- Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 20 following worship. If you would like to bring a pot of chili to share, F&F will furnish the crackers and drinks. During this time, there will be activities for the children in Fellowship Hall.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men's meeting for November will be on the 20th. We normally meet on the second Sunday of the month, however, this would conflict with the "Build It Up" celebration on Pledge Dedication Sunday, Nov. 13—so we are delaying our meeting for one week. The meeting starts at 7:00 AM in Fellowship Hall with a wonderful breakfast prepared by super chefs Gretel and Tim Noble and the cost is only \$6.

Our speaker will be our own Bob Bahnsen. He will discuss his USAF military career, and, among other experiences, he will talk about what it is like being an enlisted man who reports directly to a general. Bob and his wife Virginia have been active long-time members at FUMCOR.

A big thanks to Jaswant Roberts, our speaker in October. He inspired us with his family's personal story going back to India in the mid-1800s, and if you were not there, you missed one of the best programs we have ever had.

Stuff, Fluff, and Sauce

Things That Make a Holiday Dinner Special

Church & Society/Missions will be collecting boxed stuffing, miniature marshmallows and canned cranberry sauce through December for the Riverside City Mission holiday food boxes.

The Riverside City Mission, a Christian non-profit organization, focus is on serving seniors, low-income families and the homeless in Riverside.

Collection boxes will be placed in the church office and in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Laird at 276-4490. We thank you for your generosity!

"Build It Up" 2012

Stewardship Campaign

New figures are in for our *Build It Up* campaign: we have received **60** pledge cards. This represents **48%** of our goal of 125.

If you have not yet returned your pledge, please consider sending it in as soon as possible. Our church needs the support of all our members.

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		8:30 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 1 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 2	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 3 7:00 pm Aldersgate Rehearsal —MR Begin Set-up for Bazaar	4 Continue Set-up for Bazaar	5 Holidays Bazaar 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
All Saints Day 6 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:00 am Pancake Brunch —Fellowship Hall 11:45 am New Members Class —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—Adult Lounge	7:00 pm Trustees —Mary's Kitchen 7 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 8 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Sanctuary 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Adult Lounge 7:30 pm SPRC—CR	9:30 pm UMW Executive Cmte —Mary's Kitchen 9	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 10 7:00 pm Aldersgate Rehearsal —MR	11 Veteran's Day Holiday (the church office will be closed)	12
Pledge Dedication Sunday 13 8:45 am Bells—Sanctuary 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Pledge Sunday Potluck—FH 11:15 am Evangelism—Adult Lounge 5:00 pm CDG—Adult Lounge 6:00 pm UMYF Movie Day	12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen 14	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 15 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am UMW Unit Mtg. —Koinonia 16	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 17 7:00 pm Aldersgate Rehearsal —MR	5:00 pm Family Movie Night —Fellowship Hall 18	19
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