Our sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Howard Moore who died September 22. Services are pending.

In Our Prayers:

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

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

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From Pastor John

The month of October always has two special Sundays in the life of the United Methodist Church. Both play important roles in reaffirming our faith and answering the call to serve.

First, on October 2nd, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday offers the churches around the world an opportunity to experience Holy Communion together. It is a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church.

This day also reminds us that though we are many and different, we are one in the body of Christ. Whether the sacraments are shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, a makeshift tent within a war zone, or a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. This Sunday provides both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith. I hope you will join us on World Communion Sunday for worship and the International Potluck Luncheon which will follow worship.

Secondly, on October 16th, we will gather in worship to celebrate Laity Sunday. No, Laity Sunday is not about giving the pastor a Sunday off by letting laypersons lead the worship.

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The Book of Discipline, in paragraph 125 of Part III, Section I states it this way: “All Christians are called through their baptism to the ministry of servant hood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.”

We celebrate this calling of All Christians. Lay people make local church and its ministries possible. In addition to their local ministries, laypersons play an integral part of the church at large: there are equal numbers of lay members and clergy members to the Annual Conference, the Jurisdictional Conference, and the General Conference.

The reason for this strong and continuing role of laypersons is clear: we are all in this together! I am truly grateful for all the lay people at FUMCOR and their ministries. And I am delighted that on October 16th, Barbara Jo Wilson and Peter Brabant will be leading the worship service along with many other lay people, to celebrate this important Sunday.

See you at Church,
Pastor John

Mission Moments

from UMW

I am amazed at all that I have learned in a short amount of time. Aside from learning details about Hong Kong law, rights of migrant workers and helpful phrases in Cantonese, Tagalog and Indonesian, I have learned to listen. I have learned it's okay to cry, pray, be angry and be joyful with and for the women. I have learned hope carries a lot of weight and a little encouragement goes a long way. ***Elizabeth Hooks, mission intern serving at Bethune House in Hong Kong. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.***

UMW Bazaar—Nov. 5

Please join us Nov. 5 for our annual Bazaar from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be available from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

There will be handmade gifts for family, friends, and home and Grandma’s Attic for collectibles.

Please bring a friend for a delicious lunch!

A LITTLE CHRISTIAN HUMOR

submitted by Peggy Ramsay

Jesus and Satan were having a going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally, fed up, God said "THAT'S IT! I've had enough, I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from these results I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at keyboards and typed away. They MOUSED, they FAXED, they E-MAILED, they E-MAILED WITH ATTACHMENTS, they DOWNLOADED, they did SPREADSHEETS, they WROTE REPORTS, they CREATED LABELS AND CARDS, they CREATED CHARTS AND GRAPHS, they did some GENEALOGY REPORTS, they did EVERY TECHNICAL JOB God could think of.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was "faster than h---".

Then 10 minutes before their time was up, lightening suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known to the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It’s gone—it's all gone! I lost everything when the power went."

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait”, he screamed. “That's not fair. He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don’t have any?"

God just shrugged and said,

JESUS SAVES

Faith and Fellowship Sunday

On October 2, we will host our International Luncheon.

Each year we are thrilled and excited about the wonderful dishes our members share for this event. Please stop by the kiosk on the patio today and sign up for your dish.

United Methodist Women

An Invitation

The Corona UMW has invited us to a workshop entitled "Forgiveness and Reconciliation", based on ideas from the School of Christian Mission, which several of us attended this summer. The workshop is Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:30 AM to noon. Contact Lynn Ashworth, 684-4457, for more information.

An Opportunity

Our CalPac Conference UMW is sponsoring a program on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Holman UMC in Los Angeles.

The program is titled *UMW Working for Peace and Justice*, featuring speaker Harriet Jane Olson, the deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church. She will present some exciting changes and new opportunities in mission.

Please contact Lynn Ashworth at 684-4457, if you are interested. The registration deadline is Oct. 8.

UMW Library Cart

Search your shelves! Check under the bed! Many books are missing from the UMW book cart. If you have finished them, please return any you have to the office any day, or to the cart in the Library any Sunday.

BAZAAAAAR!

Mark your calendar!

The BIG event of our UMW fundraising for missions will be Saturday, Nov. 5. The doors will open at 9:00 AM and close at 1:00 PM.

Start planning for your Christmas shopping! Invite friends and make a day of it. Lunch will be available.

If you are working on projects at home, the sooner you can turn them in, the better please.

District UMW Event

There will be a UMW Spiritual Life Retreat at Redlands UMC on Nov. 4 and 5. The theme is *Becoming a 21st Century Psalmist.*

This unfortunately conflicts with our annual Bazaar, but it should be a wonderful event.

"Build It Up" 2012 Stewardship Campaign

Build It Up

By now, you should all have received your pledge cards in the mail. You may have noticed that this year's cards are just a bit different. The stewardship committee is asking everyone to reflect upon all four of their vows to the church: prayers, presence, gifts and service, and the pledge cards were designed with this in mind. We'd like everyone to ask the question, "What can I do for the church to help 'Build it Up'?"

Many of us are able to contribute financially. Fumcor's budget is very large and it requires a substantial amount of money coming in each month to meet all of our expenses. Equally important, however, is our church's ministries. Each of us can contribute in may ways: we can attend on a regular basis, invite friends and neighbors to join us in worship, lend our hands and our hearts to one of our many committees, and of course, we can all pray for our church.

We urge you to take some time to consider the ways you can contribute, and then return your pledge card to the church office. Our goal is 100% participation of our membership. Working together, we can all help 'Build it Up!"

Thank you,

Shaila Chamberlain, Co-chair of the Stewardship Campaign

Acolytes Needed

If you have a child or children 5th grade through 12th grade, who have not been trained to acolyte, we are making plans for another training class soon.

We need to have a larger group of acolytes to participate on Sundays. We like to have two acolytes for each service. Please contact the office if you would like to have your child or children participate.

November Birthdays:

Catherine Murray 3
Barry Kennedy 4
Dirk Van Os.....4
Courtney Wilson 4
Gage Wynne 4
Allison George.....5
Gabriel Arguelles 7
Hannah Arguelles.....7
Ashley Buswell.....7
Elizabeth Paldanius 7
Richard Austin.....8
Jim Ament 9
Paula Kaufhold.....9
Kevin Simpson 9
Emily Noble 11
Bonnie Whitney.....11
Jackson Murray 12
Jason Handen 13
Gayla Lonsbery 13
Caitlin Shroyer 13
Christopher Carrington 14
Howard Nolan 15
Lucy Speir 15
Emily Binford 16
Bernard Ostrander 16
Leonard Shaw.....16
Allean Blose 17
Mildred Traver 17
Marguerite Gilliam 18
Pamela Holder.....18
Mike Murphy 18
Kelsey Weakly 18
Daryl Salmon.....19
Marlene Bardarson 20
Bill Kerrick 20
Melissa Beals.....21
Finn Van Os.....22
Franklin Lindeburg.....23
Kezia Anderson.....24
Landon Cardenas.....24
Linda Landis.....24
Joe Rank.....24
Erik Rosas.....24
Bob Schiffer 24
Barbara Bush.....25
Chuck Kidder 26
Sigmar Hofmann.....28

Yucaipa UMC 2011 Faith Fest—Oct. 8-9

Yucaipa UMC, located at 35177 Beech Ave. in Yucaipa, will host it's Faith Fest All Star Weekend on Oct 8 to Oct 9. The event will be from 2:00 PM Saturday until 2:00 PM Sunday.

The event is for all 6th to 12th graders and the cost is $20.00. The fee includes 3 meals and all activities.

A registration form is needed, so if you are interested in this exciting event, please contact Amy Bahnson at 760-408-2453 or Pastor John.

Goodwill Fundraisers 2011

For the 2011 year, with a total of 3 Goodwill Fundraiser Drives, we earned $2420.00 on the first drive, $1350.00 on the second drive, and we should earn $2200.00 on our most recent drive. This will give us a total of $5970.00.

These funds will be shared between FUMPS, and multiple groups here at the church.

We will be given a truck for 2012 according to the information we have received so far. Thank you for making this a success for our church!

Upcoming Children's Family Activities

We are having a Parent's Night Out on October 22 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Meet in the Fellowship Hall and then enjoy a night out!

Join us on October 30 for the Halloween Hop from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for some fun Halloween activities.

Finally, Nov. 18 there will be a Family Game Night from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM with lots of fun for the whole family! We hope to see you at these family events!

United Methodist Men

The next United Methodist Men's meeting will be on Sunday morning, Oct. 9.

Our featured speaker will be Jaswant Roberts. He will share his background, experiences, and the connectivity he and his family has with the Methodist Church now and in the past.

The church has brought immense blessings to him and his family in many ways. His family has been connected with the church in the U.S. and India for many decades. He will speak about his mother's great grandfather who was the first Indian Methodist pastor in India. He will also shed light on how God's plan worked like a puzzle for the entire Robert's family.

Join us for a delicious 7:00 AM breakfast in Fellowship Hall followed by the meeting. The cost is only $6.00 and ladies are always welcomed to attend.

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.

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45am Know Your Bible—RoomA 10:00 am **Worship/Communion** 11:00 am International Potluck 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	**3** 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship—AL	**4** 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Hispanic Ministry—Koinonia 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen	**5** 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS 6:00 pm Sit N Sew Quilters—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	**6** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Choir—MR	**7**	**8**
9 7:00 am UMM—FH 8:45 am Know Your Bible—Room A 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am **Worship** 11:15 am Evangelism/Discipleship—AL 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	**10** 12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen	**11** 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm SPRC—CR 7:00 pm F & F—AL 7:00 pm Bells—S	**12** 9:30 am UMW Exec Committee—Mary's Kitchen 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	**13** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Choir—MR	**14**	**15**
16 8:45 am Bells—S 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Know Your Bible—Room A 10:00 am **Worship** 11:15 am Church & Society/Missions—AL 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	**17** 7:00 pm Christian Education—Mary's Kitchen	**18** 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting—CR 5:00 pm Finance—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen	**19** 9:30 am Handcrafters—AS 10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting—Koinonia 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	**20** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Choir—MR	**21**	**22** Hunger Ministry 6:00 pm Family Night/ Parents Night Out—FH
23 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Know Your Bible—Room A 10:00 am **Worship** 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	**24** 7:00 pm Church Council—AL	**25** 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch—AL	**26** 12:30 pm UMW Bridge—AL 7:00 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	**27** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Choir—MR	**28**	**29**
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