

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Robert Taylor who died August 7. Services were held at Riverside National Cemetery on August 19.

In Our Prayers:

In hospital, Regina Sloss (Carol Boothby's sister), Leonard Shaw

In convalescent care, Natta Lea McCormack, Howard Nolan, Adrianna Paine, Dellaurs Hocking, Nancy Lasater, Ruby Gregory, Robert Halpenny

For health and support, Josephine Duncan, Bob Schiffer, Manette Tomlinson, Ed Johnson, Allean Blose, Emily Shaw, Myra Williams, Lisa Thomas, Sarah Six, Vijay Roberts, Shayne Guy, Debbie Boone (cousin of Connie Taylor), Jon Unland (Pat Beals' cousin), Chandra Roberts's sister Taj, Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon), Brandy Gould & Nathaniel Pritchard (Cindy Qualtieri's daughter and grandson)



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From Pastor John

Back-To-School, Back-To-Work, Back-To-Church and Faithful Living

It seems like it was yesterday when the calendar in my office said June but here I am ready to flip over the August page. Yes, summer 2011 is all but gone. I also sense the passing of summer by seeing some of you coming back from your summer vacations. It's awkward, however, welcoming you back while I am getting ready to go on my vacation. We scheduled our family's vacation this year in the early September because of our children's busy summer schedules. But when I come back, I am hoping I will be well rested. Again, September is here, adults will be back

to work. Your kids and my kids will be back to school by then. In fact, when our youngest son Joshua goes to college after we come back from the vacation, Mina and I will be Empty Nest Parents. Yes, it will be different in Yoon's home.

Which reminds me that life often brings many changes and challenges. I know things will be different in some of the homes of FUMCOR members due to the death of loved ones, illness, continuing financial hardships, broken relationships, unemployment/underemployment, retirement, etc. In Hebrews 11, faith is defined as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It also lists the names of those

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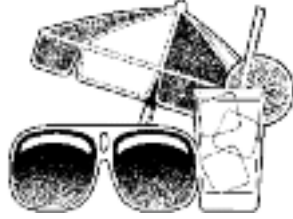
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who lived by that definition, including Abraham who traveled by faith, faith alone, not knowing where he was going. Faithful living is staying faithful and loyal to God, our family, church, and friends in the midst of all that is going on in life.

*See you at church,
Pastor John*

Pastor John will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 29 and returning Tuesday, September 13.



Mission Moments

from UMW

More than 450 people have experienced our Community Challenge Course at Birchwood Camp in this first year. They have been part of our camp events, school groups, Volunteer-In-Mission work teams, and Christian leadership training events. They internalized important concepts and experienced them in action. In supportive groups, they have been challenged to get their team from one wooden "island" to another or through a giant spider web. Then they take time for reflection. Groups discuss how well they communicated, how each person was able to contribute to the activity's successful completion, and how this experience might apply to their faith journey or personal life. *Dave Kobersmith, Chugiak, Alaska, Missionary. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*



1st United Methodist Church

Is hosting a donation drive in your area.

1st United Methodist Church has partnered with Goodwill of Southern California to raise money to help their ministry outreach programs, as well as help Goodwill continue their many programs that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities or other disadvantages by providing education, training and job opportunities. Come out and donate your gently used items to help clear out space in your home as well as help your community.

Bring your donations

**Saturday
September 10
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
4845 Brockton Ave
Riverside**



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951-683-7831 or
951-683-4500**

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Unfortunately Goodwill cannot accept: mattresses, major household appliances, exercise equipment, weapons, hazardous waste, broken items nor furniture with holes, rips or stains.

Sister's Bible Study Class

Our Sister's Bible Study Class begins Wednesday, September 14 and goes through October 26. We'll meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Adult Lounge.

We will study *Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech*, by Mary Kassian. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars.

If there is any interest in a Sunday morning class, please see Barbara Jo Wilson. We have a couple of options available to us.

Children's Family Ministry

We're planning a Family Movie Night for September 24, 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details!

An Afternoon of Contemplative Music

William Zeitler will present a piano concert at Arlington UMC September 10 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are available in our church office for a donation of \$10 each.



October Birthdays

Gary Bruggeman.....	1
Mary Lou Kerrick.....	1
Lillian Popko	1
Jim Johnson.....	2
Shirley Parks.....	2
Micheline Scoggins	2
Pam Ferré	3
Norma Nelson	3
Shirley Byron	6
Stephanie Wilson.....	7
Matt Gorder	8
John McDonald	8
Steve Walker	9
Bev DeFrance	11
Barbara Spencer.....	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
Aris Stepe	28
Faith Ruddell	29

Faith and Fellowship Fall Calendar

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Sept. 10—Goodwill Drive

Sept. 18—Friendship
Sunday Carnival

Oct. 2—International
Potluck

Oct. 30—Halloween Hop

Nov. 20—Hanging of the
Greens

Dec. 11—Christmas Brunch

This is the time of year that extra volunteer help is needed. Please let anyone on the Faith & Fellowship Committee know if you are interested in being a part of these special events.

Your Faith & Fellowship Committee members are Marcia Bales, Pat Beals, Scott Kirkwood, Marilyn Peebles, Ruth Walker, Kelly Weakly and Barbara Jo Wilson.

Choir News

There will be a *Back to Choir Potluck Dinner* Thursday, September 1, at 6:00 PM, at Bob & Norma Nelson's home.

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 PM. We will be singing on September 11 (the 10th anniversary of 9/11).

If you would like to sing with us, now is the time to join. Rehearsals are at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings and we sing on Sundays with a rehearsal at 9:15 AM. We would love to see some new members!

Seeking Bell and Chime Ringers

The Allegro Ringers Bell Choir has three openings in their group. They meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Musical experience is helpful, but is not required.

The Youth Bells also have openings in their group. This is open to all youth. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 8:45 AM. Again, musical experience is helpful, but not required. Rehearsals start on September 11, so sign up now.

The Children's Chimes group is open to anyone from 2nd - 6th grade. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:30 AM and start on September 11.

For questions or to sign-up for any of the above groups, please contact Gayla Lonsbery, Bells Director, at 951-733-1136 or through the church office.

United Methodist Men Beyond the Sermon—Sept. 11

UMM will start off their Fall program with a presentation by Bob Nelson entitled *Beyond the Sermon*. It will feature a Power Point pictorial summary of projects and approximate costs of major repairs and improvements undertaken during the past couple of decades. It is fascinating to see what it takes to keep an aging church facility functional.

Other FUMCOR events are also sprinkled in the presentation. Bob's hobbies include amateur photography, as well as working with the computer, which will be combined with his memories (and perhaps yours, too) of working on several of the projects.

We will also celebrate the return to active duty of our able leader Bill McInRoe. Bill had a knee operation a couple of months ago and should be back on his feet soon.

The program breakfast starts at 7:00 AM in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, September 11, and it costs \$6.00. All men and their spouses, as well as other guests, are most welcome to attend!

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser— Sept. 14

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Riverside Meals on Wheels is having its annual *Night at the Theater*. For a mere \$35.00 you can have dinner on the Riverside Community Players theater patio, enjoy the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo*, and support Meals on Wheels!

Advance tickets are available in the Meals on Wheels office across from our church library or by calling their office at 683-7151 to receive them by mail.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sept. 10 is the Goodwill Drive here at the church. Help is needed, so please see Barbara Jo Wilson on what you can do to make this event a success for our church!

Faith & Fellowship is putting on a Friendship Carnival on Sept. 18. Come join us and have some fun!

On Sunday, Sept. 25, there will be a Back To School Swim Party at the home of Marcia Bales at 4:00 PM. It should be a lot of fun and we hope to see you there! Please watch the bulletin for more details.

"Build It Up" 2012 Stewardship Campaign

To the Congregation,

Soon we will be kicking off our annual stewardship campaign. Our theme for 2012 is "Build it Up". Our finance committee chose this theme because we believe there are currently many opportunities for building upon FUMCOR's solid foundation. You might say we've already started. With the building of a brand new parking lot, we are literally building from the ground up. Now, we face the task of "Building Up" our finances. There are other areas we'd like to "Build Up", as well: our membership, our youth programs, and our service commitments, just to name a few.

In the coming weeks, you'll hear from Pastor John, members of the finance committee and fellow church members on the importance of stewardship. We will also address the 2012 budget, our pledge goals and the financial impact the parking lot and the poor economy has had on our endowment fund. Finally, we will ask for your pledge for the coming year.

At this time, we ask that you begin thinking about your own situation and how you might help FUMCOR "Build it Up" in 2012.

Thank you,

Shaila Chamberlain, Co-chair of the Stewardship Campaign



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.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 1	2	3
8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Communion 4 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	5 Labor Day Holiday the church office will be closed	7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen 6	9:30 am Handcrafters Wkshop —Asbury 7 6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Adult Lounge	6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 8 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir —Music Room	9	10 Goodwill Donation Parking Lot 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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8:45 am Sunday School 25 8:45 am Know Your Bible —AL 10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm UMYF Swim Party @ the Bales' home 5:00 pm Covenant Group—AL	26 2:00 pm Office Staff Meeting —CR 7:00 pm Church Council—AL	27 8:30 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch—AL	28 9:30 am Handcrafters Wkshop —Asbury 12:30 pm UMW Bridge—AL 6:30 pm Sisters Bible Study—AL	29 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir —Music Room	30	

The parking lot at FUMCOR as it undergoes a major redo in August 2011.
Dave Cudney and Brian Tomlinson took these photos from Dave's airplane just a few days prior to the completion of the project.

