

HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, June 17

The recipients of this year's Methodist Foundation Scholarships will be awarded and recognized during worship on June 17. Come support the students of FUMC furthering their educations as they also show continued participation in the works of the church.

CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 20 - 24 @ University of Redlands
Our clergy and several Lay Members from our congregation are attending this year's Cal-Pac Annual Conference at the University of Redlands. Several special events will be taking place throughout the Conference including Rev. Brad Beeman's ordination and special recognition of FUMC's Mission giving. Brad's ordination will take place on Saturday, June 23, at 7:30 pm in the chapel at University of Redlands. There will be a reception afterwards on the grass quad just outside the chapel. All are invited!

FILM SERIES CONTINUES

Sunday, June 24

The Social Concerns film series continues with a showing of excerpts from the film "The Age of AIDS," a PBS/Frontline documentary reporting on the past and future of the worldwide AIDS epidemic. Made on the 25th anniversary of the first diagnosed cases, this acclaimed documentary covers "a quarter century of political denial, social stigma, stunning social breakthroughs, bitter policy battles, and inadequate prevention campaigns" and focuses on the continuing battle against a virus that has killed over 30 million people and currently infects 40 million worldwide. All are welcome to the screening which will begin at 11:20 am in the Fireside Room.

GCWT TALENT SHOW

Saturday, July 14

The UMYF and the Youth Gulf Coast Work Team present an evening of entertainment on Saturday, July 14. A silent auction will begin at 5 pm. Seating will begin at 6 with the dinner and show beginning at 6:30 in Simkins Hall. Proceeds will support the Youth GCWT trip to New Orleans on August 4 - 12 as well as other UMYF activities and needs. Beginning June 24 tickets will be available on Sunday mornings during coffee hour or during the week in the church office.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

photos by Allan Walker



JOHN CIAMPA comes to us with a very significant United Methodist background and as a Reaffirmation of Faith. He moved here from Ohio and brings some extensive gifts in the areas of media and outreach. Welcome John.

you here, Linda. Welcome.

CAROLE KROMAN was a member for years, took a bit of a sabbatical and is now back with us. What a wonderful privilege to welcome you back into membership. Welcome home, Carole.

JANET LIPSCOMB (not pictured) comes to us as a transfer from North United Methodist Church in Minneapolis where she grew up. Janet is a long time UCLA office manager, a wonderful and gentle soul who has been attending for awhile. Great to have you join, Janet.



GLENDA MARTINEZ comes to us from the Maywood United Methodist church on Reaffirmation of Faith. Glenda is already working hard as a teacher in the Sunday School and brings a wonderful warm smile and willing spirit as well as her two children Alejandro and Natalia. Glenda is Vice President and Chief Counsel at Univision Communications. It's great to have you here, Glenda.

DEVIKA OGDEN comes to us on Profession of Faith and may have the warmest smile we've ever seen. Devika has a warm heart and giving spirit. Devika is Sri Lankan and works at the Australian Trade Institute. It is great to have you here. Welcome, Devika.



CAROL SOLVERSON comes to us by transfer from Pilgrim Lutheran Church here in Santa Monica. Carol has been here for years and this is simply the formalization of what has become a wonderful relationship. She has already given so much to this church. What a privilege to welcome you as a member.





It's summer and that means BASEBALL! It still feels good, even while watching the Dodgers blow a lead to lose to the Padres in the bottom of the 9th. So imagine my delight when I came across the following in an article on "Grace" by Wesley scholar Stephen Manskar:

Learning the practice of loving God and loving as God loves is very much like learning to play baseball.

Really! Here's how he explains it:

Attending to our relationship with God through practicing the means of grace does not... come naturally. We need to learn how to do these basic practices of discipleship...loving is a discipline that must be learned. It is learned over time through discipline and practice with experienced practitioners.

First, you cannot do it alone. Baseball is a game that cannot be played alone. It can be played only with a team. Even if all you want to do is play catch, you need at least one other person to play. Because grace is relational, we learn how to love as God loves in the presence of others who have known and loved God longer than we.

Second, like all games, there is a set of basic skills that must be learned and practiced in order to begin to play the game. This set of basic skills is universal. All players must learn them: throwing, catching, hitting, running, knowing, and thinking baseball. The basic practices of Christian discipleship are the means of grace. They are foundational to Christian faith and life.

Third, discipline is essential to growth in grace and love. An athlete who engages in the discipline of baseball (catching, throwing, hitting, running, and knowing and thinking the game) becomes a baseball player. Likewise, a person who engages in the discipline of following Jesus in the world (attending to all of his teachings through works of piety and works of mercy) becomes a Christian disciple.

Learning and practicing the means of grace as part of daily life is how Christians attend to their relationship with God and with those whom God loves (neighbors, other Christians, and selves). They are how God's grace flows through a human life for the world. In the process, when people open themselves to grace, they open themselves to becoming fully the human beings God created them to be, in Christ.

Here's proof positive that you can be a good Methodist and a baseball fan! And that maybe the two go together in some mysterious way. So enjoy summer, dear friends. And while you're at it, practice the means of grace with your fellow Methodists. We never stop practicing and we never stop needing one another.

Patricia Jarvis

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Congratulations

Alison Throckmorton married Scott Petersen on May 12 in Palo Alto. They live in Redwood City. Congratulations to Alison and Scott and proud mom, Elli Throckmorton.

Congratulations to Tom Larmore on his installation as President of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. Our own Patricia Farris gave the Invocation at the installation dinner at Tom's invitation. Congratulations to Larry Naylor and Naylor's Paint for receiving the Chamber Business Award and to Kris Andresen, recipient of the Roy E. Naylor Lifetime Achievement Award. And, last but not least, congrats to Marilyn Leoni who won the raffle!

Kudos to Bob Moore and Herb Roney who recently attended their 60th Class Reunion at SAMOHI!

Special Recognition

During the month of May, my daughter Judy Sheridan and I had the rare privilege of attending the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremonies in Washington, DC, honoring all who have given their lives in the line of duty. We were guests of honor from California sent by the Santa Monica Retired Police Officers Association and sat in the survivors section. I had the utmost feeling of dignity and pride knowing my husband Sgt. Ronald Wise serving on the Santa Monica Police Department from 1956-1965 as a dedicated officer sacrificed his life for this city. Seeing my husband's name on the Memorial Wall along with 17,900 other names was so touching and emotional for me. He will always be a hero to me and heroes live forever and are never forgotten. -Ellen Wise

Births

We congratulate Darcy and Drew McLaren, big sister Rylie and Grandma Charleen Smith on the birth of Camryn Sofia on June 1 at 10:30 pm. Camryn weighed 8 lbs 5 oz and was 19 inches long.

We congratulate grandparents Camille and Alan Rogers on the birth of new grandson, Bradley, to Christopher and Rebekkah Rogers in January.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Frater who died on May 28.



June 17 - Happy Father's Day!

8:30 am Spiritual Formation, Rm 300
8:45 am Partnership with God, Rm 101
9 am Youth GCWT, Rm 301A
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour, SH alcove
11:15 am Fellowship & Events, Rm 203

June 18

6:30 pm Abigail Circle, FR

June 19

7 pm Finance Committee, CR

June 20 - 24

Cal-Pac Annual Conference in Redlands

June 20

9 am UMW Work Party, Work Room

June 21

10 am Rebecca Circle, FR

June 23

7:30 pm Brad Beeman is ordained,
University of Redlands

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AIDS, FR

June 25

Summer Adventures! Begins
(9 am - 4 pm, Monday - Friday)
6:30 pm Mother's Fellowship, FR

June 26

7 pm Church Council, FR

June 27

9 am UMW Work Party, Work Room

June 28

2 pm St. John's Senior TLC: Lecture
on Memory, FR
6 pm UCLA Community Education
Seminar, FR

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

by Cindy McQuade

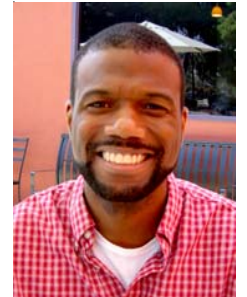
This year we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Upward Bound House of Santa Monica Family Place. The 22 unit "Welcome Mat" of Family Place envelops families who have lost their permanent residence. Family Place is Santa Monica's only transitional housing program for children and their parents. It offers 21 apartments of free housing and a variety of support services.

How does one measure success? By the lives saved, the hearts touched, the money raised, the goals met? I measure the success of Upward Bound House-Family Place by the more than 630 children who have been given a home, safety, comfort, stability and education. I measure the success by a parking lot transformed to homes for over 300 families since its opening in June 1997. I measure success by witnessing our church embracing and interacting daily with these new sisters and brothers we prayed to welcome and serve. (Read this full article on the church website.)

MEET OUR NEW PARISH ASSOCIATES

We are delighted to introduce two persons who will come onto our staff as full-time "Parish Associates" starting June 26. Both are in their late 30s and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with the Master of Divinity degrees on June 9. Each is very talented, gifted, highly organized and motivated and will enrich our staff. They bring poise, grace, pastoral sensitivity, maturity and an ease in working with all kinds of people. Both are interdenominational in their background and outlook. They are very comfortable with all kinds of diversity—which fits well with our community and with the profile of our increasingly diverse membership and congregation.

Paul Deveaux is from Queens, NY and is married to Michelle. After attending Art School, he graduated with a BS in Computer Science from the US Naval Academy and served as an Intelligence Officer in the Marine Corps. His church background is Episcopalian with his most recent experience being in the Mosaic Ministry in Los Angeles. He will work with the Missions Council and focus on the development of local hands-on mission opportunities for every age level. He will work with the Lay Leadership Committee in the area of spiritual gifts. And he will work with the Youth Ministry.



Nate Risdon is from northern California and is married to Mee Heh. His undergraduate work is in voice—operatic training—at San Jose State. And he has worked as an elementary school teacher. His background is American Baptist, with his most recent experience being as an Intern with Rev. Greg Norton at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church. He will work with Children's Ministry and with our possible after-school music and theater program for children and youth. He will also work with the Social Concerns Council and on our worship renewal grant through next year. Nate and Mee Heh's baby daughter, Abigail, was born last month.

SUMMER SING-ALONGS ARE BACK!

On the four Thursday evenings in July you'll have the opportunity to sing along with or simply enjoy listening to major choral works led by outstanding guest conductors. It begins at 7:30 pm and musical scores and refreshments will be provided. You may pay \$40 for the entire series if you reserve your spot by July 1, OR you may pay \$12 at the door on any of the four evenings.

July 5 = *Little Organ Mass* by Haydn, *Coronation Anthem #4* by Handel and *Hallelujah from Mount of Olives* by Beethoven with guest conductor Wyant Morton (California Lutheran University).

July 12 = *B Minor Mass* (Choruses only) by Bach with guest conductor Donna M. Di Grazia (Pomona College).

July 19 = *Gloria* by Rutter and *Gloria* by Vivaldi with guest conductor Glenn Carlos (Hollywood Master Chorale).

July 26 = *Mass in C minor* by Mozart with guest conductor Jonathan Talberg (Cal State Long Beach).

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am



June 17, 2007 Father's Day/Scholarship Sunday

Psalm 150; 2 Corinthians 4:6-10

"Treasure in Clay Jars"

Rev. Larry Young

On this Father's Day the Methodist Foundation Scholarships will be awarded and our Children's Choir will provide special music. This will be Rev. Larry Young's last Sunday with us as one of our clergy leaders. Come celebrate his years of service at FUMC!

June 24, 2007 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
(Annual Conference)

1 Kings 19:9-15a; Luke 8:26-39

"When We Are Called" *Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley*

UMCOR SEWING KITS DUE

The deadline for delivering completed sewing kits to the church office for Annual Conference is June 17. Please visit the church website or call the office if you need the assembly instructions or have any questions.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

The UMW Work Party is seeking volunteer assistance in merchandizing for the upcoming Holiday Boutique in November. If you would like to lend your talent or if you know of someone in our community who might be willing to help, please contact Pat McFadden at (310) 829-1431 or email her at pmcfuff@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

In July, Sunday School will be combining the 1st-3rd grades. 3rd graders will go to Room 206 and will be picked up there after worship. This is just for the month of July.

All children in grade-school remain in their grade levels throughout the summer and will move up to their next levels with the start of the school year in September. See you at Sunday School!



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