

HIGHLIGHTS

UMW AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 3 @ 11:30 am

The UMW will be recognizing, celebrating and awarding our graduating high school seniors with a potluck lunch for the entire congregation. All are invited to this luncheon to support and congratulate our seniors who will be furthering their educations. You will enjoy the high school and college/university decor and will have the option of sitting at your alma mater's table or singing along to your favorite fight song. If potluck is a problem, simply give a donation for lunch. Proceeds will go to the UMW Scholarship Fund.

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Sunday, June 3 @ 7:30 pm

Our Chancel Choir along with the SMC Concert Chorale and the LA Philharmonic will perform their annual summer concert including Requiem Mass in C minor by Luigi Cherubini and Misa Tango by Luis Bacalov featuring Coco Trivisonno on Bandoneón. Contact the church office for tickets (\$15 or \$10 senior/student) or purchase at the door.

REV. FARRIS BOOK STUDY AND POTLUCK

Sunday, June 10 @ 11:30 am

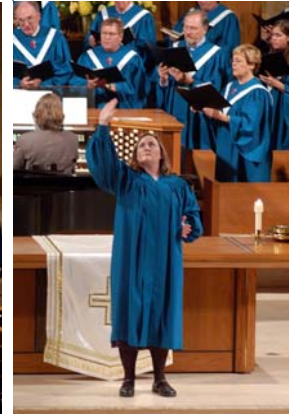
Called to Be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day, by Anthony B. Robinson and Robert W. Wall is now available in the church library. The chapters of the book alternate between careful study of the early church in the Book of Acts and issues and challenges facing the contemporary church. It puts so much of what we currently wrestle with in context. Get going on your reading so you'll be ready for a great discussion on June 10 at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room. And bring your appetites for a potluck lunch!

CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 20 - 24 @ University of Redlands
Our clergy and several Lay Members from our congregation will be 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. The books on Bishop Swenson's recommended reading list for Annual Conference are available in the church library. Check them out!

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: MUSIC TO OUR EARS

photos by Allan Walker





You may remember my tale of woe at the loss of our beloved jacaranda tree from the front yard of the parsonage. Fortunately, God is still making all things new through the season of Eastertide. Thanks to the efforts of our landscaper, Joel Gomez, and our Business Administrator, Bill Prescott, a new tree has been planted and is proudly taking hold of its new terrain. It is a bauhinia, a Hong Kong orchid tree. At the moment, it is small but mighty, and arrived full of beautiful deep fuchsia blooms.

While enjoying the gorgeous blossoms, David and I were also delighted to observe that hummingbirds love our new tree as well. They visit it regularly and add their own color and energy to the scene. It's as if God's creation is dancing just outside our front window.

It turns out that our new tree has arrived in our neighborhood just in time to witness to "National Pollinator Week," June 24-30. On Friday, June 29th, a beautiful new Pollination stamp series will be introduced. Carol Greenwood brought this to my attention at the recent Trustees meeting. Sure enough! Pollination is vital in the life cycle of all flowering plants. 75% of all flowering plant species need the help of animals and insects to move their heavy pollen grains from plant to plant for fertilization, ensuring healthy crops, harvests and seeds.

In fact, pollinators are called "keystone species," meaning that they are critical to an ecosystem. There's much more to learn about pollinators and their role in the cycle of life. Go to www.pollinator.org and you might be amazed. But alarmingly, their habitats and well-being are threatened by land development, the use of pesticides and other environmental changes.

There is much we can do as stewards of God's creation to protect and support pollinators and I commend this to your attention. One suggestion is to "watch for pollinators"—get connected with nature, take a walk and look for pollinators midday in sunny planted areas. Another is to "plant for pollinators"—create pollinator-friendly habitat and support pollinator havens.

Your parsonage is ready to celebrate National Pollinator Week! The new small-but-mighty bauhinia tree is not only a beautiful addition to our yard. I like to think of it as a "statement," a witness to our neighborhood about our congregation's faith, our care for God's creation and our love "for the beauty of the earth."

Patricia Jarvis

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Remembering Keiskamma

Just because it's no longer with us doesn't mean that we want to forget about the Keiskamma Altarpiece, its creators and the reason for its current nation-wide tour. In our church library you will find the DVD of the film "Yesterday" which was viewed in conjunction with the Altarpiece's presence in our sanctuary. Also, you will find the DVD from the Fowler Museum of Eunice Mungwane's Keiskamma introduction. Continue spreading the word about this important piece of art and the movement behind it. Visit the church website for a list of the tour destinations.

Prayer Quilt Thanks

Thank you for the wonderful prayer quilt. I put it on my bed and I sleep under all those prayers every night. What a comfort!

*-Dorothy Smith Wilson
(Phyllis Johnson's Aunt)*

*Thank you all so very much for the prayer quilt during my recent surgeries. Be assured of my prayers.
Love, Shirley Gholson*

Births

We welcome into the world Wendolyn Reid Stanfill born to Katherine and Chris Stanfill on Monday, May 14. She weighed in at 5 lbs and was 18 inches long. The entire family is doing great. Congratulations to Katherine and Chris!

We congratulate grandparents Mary and David Clark on the birth of grandson Christopher David Brooks born on May 22 weighing in at 7 lbs .

Memorial

A Memorial Service for Grace Munn will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 2 pm in Gates Chapel.



June 3

8:45 am Partnership with God, Rm 101
 Academy for Spiritual Ministry &
 Communion Server Ministry
 with Mary Crawford
 10 am Worship
 11 am Coffee Hour, SH alcove
 11:30 am UMW Awards Luncheon, SH
 7:30 pm A Festival of Music, S

June 4

6 pm Methodist Foundation, CR

June 5

7:30 pm Church Council, FR

June 7

11:30 am UMW/Health Ministry
 Program, *Life Line & Balance*.
 Everyone is invited to this lunch,
 please RSVP to the church office.
 2 pm Grace Munn Memorial Service,
 chapel
 6 pm Methodist Foundation, CR
 7 pm Hope Circle, MH

June 8

5 pm Everyday Sacred TF, Rm 300

June 9

10 am Everyday Sacred TF, Rm 307
 3 pm Confirmation, FR

June 10 - Food Drive

8:45 am Partnership with God, Rm 101
*Spiritual Sharing, Middle-Eastern
 Insights*
 9 am Shareringers, Rm 203
 10 am Youth GCWT, Rm 301A
 10 am Worship
 10:30 am - 12 noon Labyrinth, SH
 (last entry at 11:15 am)
 11 am Coffee Hour, SH
 11 am My Everyday Sacred Photo
 Exhibit, SH alcove
 11 am Blood Pressure Screenings, FR
 11:15 am Guidance & Outreach, Rm 303
 11:30 am Book Study & Potluck, FR
 11:30 am Missions Council, MH
 2 - 4:30 pm Labyrinth, SH
 (last entry at 3:45 pm)
 6 pm Youth Banquet, SH

June 14

5:30 pm Trustees, CR
 7 pm Health Ministry's *Life Planning*, SH
 7 pm Preschool Committee, Rm 203

June 16

9 am Prayer Quilt Ministry, Rm 300

*The Spiritual Formation Ministry invites you to the opening of the **My Everyday Sacred Photo Exhibit**, curated by the Everyday Sacred Project Task Force, on Sunday, June 10, at 11:00 am in the Alcove. Spiritual Formation will be sponsoring Coffee Hour incorporating the theme of: **Our Everyday Sacred, The Spirituality of Chocolate and Other Healthy Food.***



SUMMER ADVENTURES! IS HAPPENING

We are very excited to announce that Summer Adventures! will indeed be happening this summer. The program will be smaller which allow for more time spent with each child. Therefore, sign-ups will be limited. You may register your child starting immediately. The theme for Summer Adventures! 2007 is "God's Wonderful Creation." Each session will include a special field trip or fun activity, and a service project that will help one part of God's creation. Each week will include a "break" on Wednesday for what has become the traditional day in the water. On those days Summer Adventures! will be at the beach or at the Santa Monica pool. The sessions will run from June 25 - August 31, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4 pm. A schedule with breakdowns of each session (sessions are one, two or three weeks long) and the costs per child is available in the church office and on the website. Don't forget Vacation Bible School which will be its own program but also a part of Summer Adventures! August 6-10. You may sign your children up for VBS at any time in the church office. Visit the website or contact the church for more information.

LIFE PLANNING: SOCIAL, MEDICAL & FINANCIAL

This Seminar sponsored by FUMC's Health Ministry Council will take place on Thursday, June 14 at 7 pm in Simkins Hall. Guest Speaker Sue Hartenbaum, MA, Educator on Aging, will help those over the age of 40 look toward their futures.

- What resources do you need?
 government, other financial, community, private
- When will you need them?
 retirement, illness, other life changes
- How do you find these resources?
 medical & legal professionals, community organizations
- How do you start the planning process?

Come learn all you can about planning for your future. Contact the church office to RSVP or for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am



June 3, 2007

Trinity Sunday

Luke 10:25-28

“The Character of a Methodist”

In addition to recognizing our fabulous Preschool teachers and staff and receiving new members into our FUMC congregation, we will also be recognizing the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. The sermon will be a compilation of words and hymns written by John and Charles Wesley.

June 10, 2007 Confirmation Sunday/Communion

Psalms 146

Sermon by Rev. Patricia Farris

Our Confirmands will participate in the worship service through communion and reading of scripture. They will be Confirmed and will join the church.

UMCOR SEWING KITS REQUESTED

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.

GULF COAST WORK PROJECT UPDATE

Team V of the Gulf Coast Work Project will venture to New Orleans on October 27 - November 3. There are several possibilities for participation. We will send a traditional work team that will either be gutting homes or doing construction work or both. We are looking to form a sub-team of medical professionals for that same week to work with Bethany and Rayne Memorial/Mt. Zion in their health clinics. It is likely that the Paradise Valley church in Phoenix will send both a work team and a medical team as well.

Bethany is celebrating its 50th anniversary on October 27 - October 28. Anyone who wishes to share in this celebration is welcome to make arrangements, even if you do not plan to be on a work team. Additionally, Rev. Hadley Edwards and members of Bethany's congregation will be honored guests at the Paradise Valley UMC the weekend of June 23 (potluck supper and party) and June 24 (three services). Paradise Valley has invited any and all from FUMC to join them for the weekend. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, contact Jim Krause, jkrause@nonprofitventures.org.



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