



The Courier

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Welcome to First Church where everyone is either our friend or family.

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

November 2024

Heart to Heart

As we welcome November and feel the crisp, cool air of Fall, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings God has poured over us throughout the year. This month is especially meaningful for our church family. November is not only a time to celebrate the beauty of the season, but also the beauty of our shared service for the Lord. Together, we have walked this year as the Body of Christ—serving, growing, and supporting one another through every challenge and triumph. Each of you has played an integral role in the ministry we've carried out as a church. Whether you've been teaching, praying, helping with events and outreach, sharing your faith, or simply showing up with a listening ear and a kind heart, you have made a difference. And for that, I am deeply thankful.

As we gather this month to reflect on our collective service, let's also look ahead with excitement and hope. God has even more in store for us as we continue to live out our calling. We are one Body, united in Christ, and it is truly a privilege to serve alongside you. As Scripture reminds us in Galatians 6:9: *Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* This verse reassures us that our faithful service is never in vain. God sees our efforts and promises a harvest in due time.

Let's take a moment this November to pause and give thanks. Let's thank God for His provision – both seen and unseen. Let's thank Him for the ways He has sustained us and given us opportunities to serve. And let's thank Him for the beautiful community we have in each other. This is a season of gratitude, and I am truly grateful for each one of you.

Blessings to you all,
Rev. Elaine Shin-Paull

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*"When our differences are not accepted as our uniqueness and beauty, it causes divisions.
When we value our differences, we can celebrate all life and cherish it like jewels."*



Pastor

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 1 Ken Dimmick
- 3 Selina Cho
- Tom Roe
- Chandra Seeger
- 5 Sharon Mountford
- 9 Denise Lenore
- 10 Perla Mercado
- 11 Shawn Alvarado
- 12 Edwin Villacisneros
- 1 Alondra Laguna
- 18 Elaine Shin-Paull
- 27 Jessica Williams
- 30 Andre Anderson
- Midge Herder
- Doris Hood

Anniversaries

- 1 Niss, Jeanne & Charles
- 20 Lauredo, Janet & Eddy

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let us know.



November Flowers

- 3 Selina Cho
- 10 Irma Santos
- 17 Open
- 24 Open

If you would like to provide altar flowers on a given Sunday, in honor or memory of someone, please contact Mary Mackay, 818-731-5872.

November Calendar

Weekly Activities

- Sunday Church service, 10:00, Sanctuary
Peace Evangelical Church, Hall, 9:00 am
The Chosen Bible Study, Season 4, Library 11:30 am
Hindi Urdu Church, Sanctuary, 5:00 pm
- Monday San Fernando Valley Master Chorale, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Except November 11. Will meet on Tuesday November 12
Boy Scout Troop 474, Boy Scout room, 7:00 pm
Virtual prayer meetings 7:30 pm on Zoom
Meeting ID: 898 8990 4696 Passcode: 875564
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89889904696?pwd=emhFc011Y3NTNzVkRjJEWCTmZndiUT09>.
- Tuesday Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 6:00-10:00 pm
- Wednesday Men's AA Group (Learning to Live), Parlor, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Thursday Wesleyan Bible Study, at 11:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous (Recovery Zone), Parlor 7:00 pm
Men's AA Step Guide, Room #10, 7:00 pm
- Friday Church of Christ, Hall & Lounge, 6:00-10:00 pm
- Saturday SFV Youth Chorus, Hall & Lounge, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Narcotics Anon. (Sharing from the Heart), Parlor, 9:30 am

Other Activities

- Saturday 2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am
Frank Weiler's Deli, 2116 Victory Blvd., Canoga Park
- Sunday 3 **Daylight Savings Time Ends** – *Fall Back 1 Hour*
- Tuesday 5 Election Day
Boy Scouts Parent Committee Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday 9 Wendy Finley's Memorial Service, Shepherd Church,
5901 De Soto Ave., Woodland Hills, 2:00 pm
- Monday 11 Veterans' Day
- Tuesday 12 San Fernando Valley Master Chorale, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Administrative Committee Meeting, Library, 5:30 pm
Charge Conference, Library, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout's Patrol Leader Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Monday 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Saturday 16 Rockchippers, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 20 Assistance League Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am -
1:30 pm
- Thursday 28 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- Friday 29 Native American Heritage Day

Coming in December

- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am



United Women in Faith



Cal-Pac UWF Conference Annual Celebration

was held Saturday, October 19, 2024 at San Dieguito UMC in Encinitas. At this meeting our unit submitted the name of Mary Beth Godwin to be honored as a person who inspires, influences and impacts those around her in her church and the community to live fully as a follower of Christ. The Candle of Commitment burned for one minute in honor of each honoree.



Mary Beth Godwin honored

Statue Dedication

In July, the President of Cal-Pac UWF attended a Statue Dedication Ceremony unveiling the Angel & Baby Statue in the USC Arcadia Hospital Chapel Garden. It represents a place to pray for healing of broken hearts and to bring comfort to families during times of grief.



Shari Worrell with her Quiet Disciple Award

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Endowment Fund of the United Women in Faith is a permanently invested endowment that supports the work of improving the lives of women, children and youth at home and abroad. California-Pacific UWF was recognized at the Western Jurisdiction meeting in May, as the conference in the Jurisdiction that had the largest increase in giving to the fund between 2023 and 2024 a 300% increase. Our Canoga Park UWF unit makes a yearly contribution to this fund.

Confirm gatherings before you go.

Bookends
Wednesday, Nov. 20
Program TBA.

Sarah Circle
Thursday, Nov. 14,
9:15 am
Breakfast at Nico's
Restaurant
7166 Shoup Ave.,
West Hills

Faith, Hope & Love
Please note new time and date
Wednesday Nov. 13
1:00 pm in Church
Library.
Shari Worrell will present
a program called
*Native Americans
vs Pilgrims:
Different and Alike.*



Remember to bring food for the West Valley Food Pantry on Communion Sundays

Good News for Sunday School Ministry for Older Children

We are happy to announce that Dante Wilson will be working with preteens. He will be in the church worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Dante 's Introduction

Greetings to everyone at the First UMC in Canoga Park! I 'm Dante Wilson, and many of you already know me. I started attending this church with my late grandmother when I was 5 years old and served as an acolyte until I stopped attending during middle school. After a long absence, I returned to preach at my grandmother's funeral earlier this year.

There was a lot that happened in those several years, but long story short, I ended up becoming a Christian after I accepted the authenticity of God's Holy and inspired Scriptures by faith. I am very academically minded, and, wrestled with misunderstandings about the truth of the gospel. However, I am grateful for this struggle because it has allowed me to become more confident in my faith and to understand how the Spirit of God works through science and history.

God has used my testimony and the gifts He has given me to serve His eternal Kingdom and I plan to continue to do so for as long as I live. People often ask me if I will ever go to seminary and become ordained, and I always tell them that I have no idea. At the time of writing this, I am only 21 years old. But for the last 3 years I have been preaching in churches, teaching Sunday school classes, evangelizing in various communities, and ministering to those that God has put in my sphere of influence. The future plans that God has for me are still somewhat mysterious, but I know that I will always continue to do the work of the Great Commission while being motivated by the two Greatest Commandments.

This is why I am very grateful to find myself back at FUMC in Canoga Park. I will be teaching in the Sunday School program as we are trying to revive this part of the ministry. From my personal experience in this church, the disintegration of the Sunday School was largely responsible for why I stopped coming to church in the first place. Lord willing, and with all of our fervent prayers, the next generation can be blessed with the truth of God's Word through the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am particularly passionate about learning how to live a balanced and Holy life in a healthy way, especially during this time in our lives when immoral values unfortunately influence many people. I am very excited and I look forward to the time I will be able to invest in these endeavors. God bless you all!"



Advent Project

Between November 10th - December 8th, First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park will be collecting money or gift cards as our Advent Project* for The Woodlands Family Shelter. Congregants may purchase as many gift cards as they choose, but we ask that each gift card does not exceed \$25. These will be distributed to the families so they can purchase Christmas gifts, clothes, shoes, etc. for their children.

Suggested gift cards (no fast-food gift cards):

Target

*(within walking distance of the shelter,
so the preferred retailer)*

Wal-Mart Dollar Tree Ralph's

This Hope the Mission's family shelter is located in Woodland Hills. It is a 400-bed facility, currently housing 189 children. Each room has two bunk beds (four beds per room). Each room comes with a microwave, mini-fridge and bathroom. Residents are provided three meals per day, enrollment into schools for the children by LAUSD, daycare (when completed) for those too young to attend school as well as mental health services and clothes, if needed.

70% of The Woodlands residents have found permanent housing since they opened in May 2023!

If writing a check, checks should be payable to FUMC-CP. In the Memo line, please note Advent Project.

Please drop off or mail the gift cards, checks, or money to the church office. You may also bring to the worship service on Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shari Worrell at: sharikworrell@gmail.com or 310-902-0179.

"You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

Deuteronomy 15:11

To learn more about Hope the Mission, please visit their website www.hopethemission.org



A room at The Woodlands Family Shelter

Name Tags

New name tags on red cord lanyards are available in the Parlor. We encourage everyone to wear their name tag, as they help people identify others, especially in places where it can be difficult to remember everyone's name. This is especially important for our new members or visitors.

Following the worship service, please leave your name tag either in the treasure chest or on the table.



Lofty Language (Margaret's humor)

The following sayings have been disguised in fancy language. Can you translate them into their popular form?

1. Alacrity creates rubbish.
2. One lupine animal attired like an ovine.
3. What is your opinion of those Winesaps?
4. Dig a hole, throw in a short-handled ax, and cover it with dirt.
5. Permit snoozing schnauzers to recline.
6. Place the thing over there inside the meerschaum you own, then puff away.
7. Staying apace with Casey and John Paul.
8. The cosmos happens to be a bivalve mollusk owned by me.

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Administrative Committee Reports

Facilities Update

We continue to work on the Fellowship Hall Gym LED light conversion project. We're becoming concerned that there is not enough energy savings to qualify for the LADWP rebate program. We should know soon.

We will be making a repair on a small section of the sanctuary ceiling that has pulled away and is starting to droop. We will be following that repair with some miscellaneous painting on patched areas in the building.

The Parlor floor has become harder and harder to clean so we will have it stripped and waxed in early November. All the arcade lights and lenses (under the overhang) on both sides of the sanctuary building were cleaned, bulbs replaced with LED bulbs as necessary, and one motion detector replaced. This included removing a few yellow bulbs. The effect at night is dramatic, with the church looking very bright and cheerful in the evening.

We've found a small patch of subterranean termites in one of the sprinkler valves covers and dry wood termites in the woodwork on the east wall of the sanctuary, where the monitors are attached, and up in the attic behind. We plan to do a local treatment in the attic and sprinkler box areas, but we'll wait until spring to go through the process of removing the monitors and doing a heat treatment on the east wall termites.

Financial Update

Following the close of the Stewardship Campaign we will begin the budgeting process for 2025. The initial rough draft will be done by November 12, and it will be finalized near year end

User Groups

We did our first tour for a special needs school as we hope to find a group to use the Fellowship Hall Gym and other rooms during the weekdays. Looking for the right group will probably take some time as not that many for profit groups are interested in shared use facilities. **Beyond the Lines Preschool** conducted a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot on Friday, October 25 for Halloween.

George Grengs



Please join us to celebrate the life of

Wendy Kathleen Finley

November 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM
Shepherd Church - Woodland Hills
5901 De Soto Ave Woodland Hills, CA

Please bring memories and stories to share.
Reception to immediately follow the service.
Hors D'oeuvres and beverages will be served.



New Home Address

We have received a new home address for
Stan and Lynn Westover
18509 30th Avenue
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

“The Chosen” Season Four Begins October 6

Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone.

Threatened by the reality of Jesus’ growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable – ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus’ message turns violent, He is left with no alternative but to demand that His followers RISE UP. Yet each episode demonstrates God’s Goodness for the Chosen.

On October 6, following Worship and Fellowship times, 11:30 am, “The Chosen” video/bible study and discussion class will meet in the Library for the first of eight episodes. Discussions will be led by Roger Johnson.

When you sign up to participate, you will receive a description of the characters we have met to date and an outline/discussion guide with scripture references for each week’s discussion. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the parlor or contact Ebelyn during September. We are excited to see you there!



Do You Shop At Ralphs?

If so, every time you shop a percentage can go to our church.

All you need is:

- A Ralph’s Rewards Card*
- A Ralph’s Digital Account**

*If you do not have a Ralph’s Rewards card you may apply for one at the store or ask for one after worship service.

**A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper’s Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

If you do not have access to the online sign-up method, please call 1-800-443-4438 for assistance. They will assist you in registering.



Lofty Language Answers

1. Haste makes waste
2. A wolf in sheep's clothing.
3. How do you like them apples?
4. Bury the hatchet.
5. Let sleeping dogs lie.
6. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.
7. Keeping up with the Joneses.
8. The world is my oyster.

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People lifted on the prayer chain:

Mary Beth Godwin

Brenda Jones

Susanna Jones

Michael Mosbe

Greg Fernandez

Laurie Berger

Molly Hones

Nancy Johnson

Janet Kirkendall

Clark Kirkendall

Fred and Marilyn
Simmonds

Lora and Tim O'Connor

Lynn Westover

McKibben family

Lirio Del Rosario

Toto Rich

Kathy Borisoff

George Grengs' sister
Nancy

Nancy Seeger

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Return Service Requested

Edwin's Computer Ministry

If you're having problems with your computer and would like someone to look at it (for free) please contact me. Edwin works in the IT department at Valterra Products where I used to work and has gladly looked at several computers for the church and church members. He doesn't come to your house, he just connects to your computer through the internet on the third Saturday of each month between 9-11am. Joe Dedinas was the last member that had great success improving his ability to connect with others. If you or your computer need help, please give me a call and I'll schedule you in!



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