



July 2015

The Courier

First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park

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Join us at church Sundays at 10:00 am

Pastor Lynn Reappointed

Pastor Lynn returns to First UMC at Canoga Park for a fourth year, for which she and Stan are grateful. It is good to serve the Lord together.

Quilt Sunday

On May 31 we held a well received community event focusing on Creativity through Quilting. Quilts were displayed all around the room in the Fellowship Hall, where we also held the worship service. Several of our church family members displayed family heirloom quilts and/or their own quilting creations. There were also several special quilts on display: Melissa Zawrotny's 1850's quilt from New Jersey, a prize-winner sporting four ribbons by Chatsworth quilter Gil Melgoza, and a family heirloom made in 1920 in Southern California by Eva Ens and loaned by her granddaughter T. J. Landon. Assistance League member Heather de la Vega helped throughout the event and was responsible for bringing us Jean della Monica and her spectacular Baltimore Album quilt. *(pictures on page 6)*

Several quilting activities were offered for attendees to try their hand at quilting or design. A small log cabin quilt was prepared for tying, following the pattern of the national organization Prayers & Squares. People tied the knots while saying prayers for Janet Fox, Liz Roger's daughter. Liz delivered the quilt the day Janet began her chemotherapy.

The theme of the event was the creativity in each of us. Made in the image of the Creator God, we are each endowed with creativity. We can lead fuller lives if we capitalize on that gift to create beauty in our surroundings and harmony in our community.

Made in the image of God the Creator, we are challenged to lead creative lives.

Inspired by the beauty all around us, we seek to create reflections of that beauty.

A follow-up activity is planned on Saturday, October 10. There will be a morning "Make and take" session held at the church, in which participants will create a small Christmas-themed fabric item. Please let the church office know if you would like to participate.

Sharon Mountford



Pastor

Lynn Westover

Preschool Director

Wendy Finley

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Rev Jim Powell



July/August Calendar

July Birthdays

- 3 Maxine McAuley
Patricia Rowe
- 9 Maria Cruz
- 10 Liana Burdsall
- 11 Roger Johnson
Jack Taylor
- 12 Gerald Rowe
- 19 Shirley Thomson
- 22 Dylan Bautista
Teddy Howell
- 24 Anneliese Laguna
- 25 John Barlow
- 27 Elmo Maiden
- 29 Talia Maturo
- 30 Devon Cates

July Anniversaries

- 7 Lou & Sharon Mountford
- 15 Robin & Ricky Abernathy
- 20 Joe & Sandra Dedinas
- 26 Robert & Flo Lamb

*If your special day is missing,
please contact the church office.*



July
All Sundays open

August

- 2 Open
- 9 George Miller *in honor of Irene's birthday*
- 16 Liz Rogers *in honor of her daughter Janet's birthday*
- 23 Open
- 30 Open

Weekly Activities

- Sunday Peace Evangelical Church, Hall, 9:30 am
Hindi Urdu UMC, Sanctuary, 5:00 pm
- Monday Senior Exercise Class, Hall, 9:00 am
- Tuesday Shower Ministry, 8:30 am - noon
Boy Scouts, Scout Room, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Men's Stag AA meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm

July Activities

- Friday 3 Church office closed for the Fourth
- Saturday 4 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Tuesday 14 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
- Saturday 18 Rockchippers meeting, Lounge, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 22 Education Ministry, Library, 4:00 pm

August Activities

- Saturday 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Tuesday 11 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
- Saturday 15 September Courier deadline
Rockchippers meeting, Lounge, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 26 Education Ministry, Library, 4:00 pm

Upcoming in September

- Thursday 3 UMW Mission Team, Room 10, 10:00 am
- Saturday 5 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Monday 7 Labor Day, church office closed
- Thursday 10 Choir Practice resumes, Choir Room, 7:30 pm

Visit our updated website at umccp.org



Santa Barbara District Mission U: School of Christian Mission July 24-26

Biola University,
13800 Biola Avenue, LaMirada, CA 90639

Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Camarillo UMC, 291 Anacapa Drive, Camarillo, CA

May General Meeting

Mary Mackay showed the dishes and silverware for which the church should find a new home. Her article and a photo are on page 4.



Future Meetings

UMW Mission Team will meet September 3 at 10:00 am in Room 10 and UMW General Meeting will be held September 17 at 9:30 in the Lounge. The program will be announced at a later date.

Merritt Memorial Fund

Many thanks to all who contributed to the United Methodist Women's Merritt Memorial Fund, making it possible for 5 of our youth to attend summer camp. We are grateful for the support of this program for our youth.

Summer Schedule

Bookends and Faith Hope & Love will not meet in July and August. Sarah will continue meeting at Coco's during July & August.



Faith, Hope & Love members enjoying their lunch out.

Adopt-A-Child-Abuse Caseworker Program

The annual Kohl's Back-to-School Shopping Spree will be held again this year. If you wish to contribute to this program make your check payable to "D.C.F.S." (Department of Children & Family Services). Please be sure to note in the memo space "Kohl's Shopping Spree." Or, you can get a Kohl's gift card for whatever amount you wish. The donations should be given to Shirley Thomson, coordinator for the ACAC activities at our church.

🌀 UMW Circle Meetings for September 🌀

Bookends

Thursday, September 10
10:00 a.m, Church Library.
Margaret Cates, Hostess.

Book review: *All the Light We Cannot See*
by Anthony Doerr

Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, September 16
7:00 pm
Diane Ray, hostess
Place TBA

Sarah Circle

Thursday, September 10
9:30 am
Breakfast at Coco's
Also in July 9 and August 13



New Members Welcomed

On Pentecost Sunday five constituents officially became members of our congregation. We welcome Tom Nowlin, Paul Cady, Shirley Ilgenfritz, Johnny Ramirez and Irma de Gala!

August Birthdays

- 1 Grace Leighton
- 2 Sabra Pittenger
- 4 Grant Simmons
- 5 Tom Nowlin
Lee Smith
- 7 Alexia Mendoza
- 8 Irene Miller
- 12 Helen Robertson
- 15 Charlotte Girvan
Tim O'Connor
- 16 Dean Lottman
- 18 Johnny Ramirez
- 19 Liz Rogers
- 20 Nick Aiani
- 21 Sandra Dedinas
- 22 Karen Foreman
- 27 Betty Barlow
- 29 Jennifer Alderman
- 30 Jamie Foreman

August Anniversaries

- 4 Ken & Lori Dimmick
 - 7 Stan & Cathy Plucinik
 - 27 Irma & Rodelio de Gala
Don & Evelyn Heim
- If your special day is missing, please contact the church office.*

Transportation Ministry

If you need a ride to church, or if you are interested in becoming a driver for the transportation ministry, please contact:

JoAnn Chadwick-Ellis
at 818-932-9724
or Mary Mackay
at 818-346-5872.



Look What We Have!

When our congregation relocated from the old church to our present facility in 1962, the Women's Society of Christian Service (now the United Methodist Women) began saving Betty Crocker Coupons, Blue Chip and Green Stamps to purchase equipment for the new kitchen. Oneida Stainless and Melmac dishes were purchased and used for banquets, pot-lucks, meetings and Tasting Bees.



When our Fellowship Hall was built in 1987, new dishes and silverware were purchased for that kitchen. In 2011 the Sanctuary kitchen was renovated and the Oneida Stainless and Melmac dishes were packed up and put in the Hall cupboards.

As part of our "Spring cleaning" we have completed an inventory of these "treasures" and will have them on display during the month of July in the Parlor following worship. If you could use any of these items, or know of someone needing dishes or silverware, please contact Shirley Thomson, Chandra Seeger or Mary Mackay.

Donations for these items may be made to United Methodist Women.

Boy Scout Troop 474...Camporee 2015



Michael blowing the bugle with Nick looking on

The third weekend in April 2015, Boy Scout Troop 474 competed in the annual Boy Scout Camporee. Last year, in 2014, the Troop participated in Camporee and had a great time at the Navy Base in Port Hueneme. This year's Camporee was in a canyon on a private ranch in Castaic.

Approximately 50 troops competed in 27 different events. Each troop was assigned nine events in which to participate, based on skill levels and age groups. Prior to going to Camporee this year the troop went on several practice training camp-outs to make sure our skill levels were highly competitive. The troop competed in knot tying, first aid, Tomahawk throwing, rock wall climbing, climbing up a pole and walking across a rope bridge, as well as other competitions.

The troop won 3 first-place ribbons, two second-place ribbons and a third-place ribbon as well as getting a perfect score on their uniform inspection.

The boys had a great time and on the way back from the awards ceremony decided to pull a fast one on the Scoutmaster. They hid all of their medals and when they walked back into camp showed Scoutmaster Robert Reese just one ribbon. As the boys were walking up, Robert was thinking of what kind of motivational speech to give the kids. Then, just as Robert was about to speak, the boys started to pull out all of their ribbons and shocked Scoutmaster Robert. He was very excited for the boys.



The troop had a great time and are looking forward to next year. We just wish there were more boys, and if you have any children or grandchildren, you should consider recommending they join our troop. What about your neighborhood boys who could use some wholesome activities and adult role models?



Gino, Justin, Joseph, Michael, Christian and Nick

New addresses

Helen Robertson

Aegis at Shadowridge
1440 S. Melrose Drive, Apt. 240
Oceanside, CA 92056
818-399-8323

Charles Engberg

West Hills Care Home
22910 Sherman Way
West Hills, CA 91307
818-914-5002



Some of the set-up committee: Grace Leighton, Liz Rogers, Sharon Mountford, and Johnny Ramirez



Midge Herder with her family quilt



Ready for Sunday morning



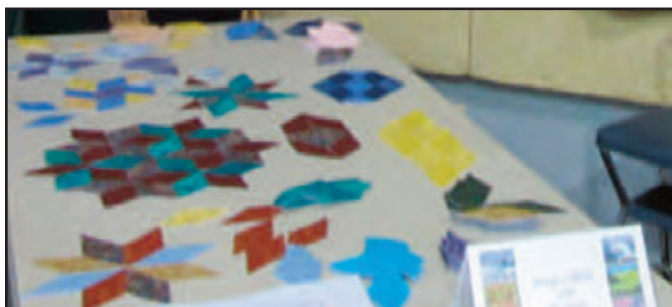
Dawn Hromadka showing pinwheel patterns



Margaret Cates tries her hand at quilting



Perla Mercado assisting with tying the knots



Shapes to design a quilt



Detail of Jean della Monica's Baltimore Album quilt

All photos by Pastor Lynn

News from the Preschool

We ended our school year with our program in the chapel. Our students sang their hearts out!! We had 16 students "graduate." They will be attending kindergarten in the fall.

We will be back in summer school on June 23rd with a full house! Only a few spots are still open. Summer school ends on July 30th. Fall registration is going very well. We will start our school year on Aug 18th. We hope you all have a great summer!



Children in Room 3, with their SUN glasses, ready to sing for their parents

Miss Wendy



Robin Abernathy
Evelyn Heim
Jan & Michael Hawley
Betty May
JoAnne McColloch
Irene Zelaya
Pat Eaton
Charyl Patterson
Stan Dimmick
Elvera & Walter Deonik
Martin & Margaret Shuler



To receive Prayer Chain e-mails, please contact Robin Abernathy at robingleenbird@yahoo.com

Sunday School Event

Dead Sea Scrolls: The Exhibition and IMAX Jerusalem 3D August 4

For the first time in Los Angeles, the California Science Center in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority presents the largest Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition ever mounted outside of Israel, featuring over 600 ancient artifacts. Join us as we explore these ancient texts from the Old Testament and enjoy a 3D experience viewing the city of Jerusalem.

We have scheduled an IMAX seating time of 12:00 pm, a half-hour for lunch together, then an entry into the exhibit at 1:45. Adult tickets are \$20.75 and children ages 4-17 are \$15.00. If you would like to join us, please contact Jackie Robertson for more information. 818-456-7301, or jjrobertson89@gmail.com

Elementary Sunday School class will not meet in July and August, but the youth class will continue to meet. Nursery care will be available every Sunday.



Rose Garden

Brenda Jones is doing a great job tending the rose garden, but she does need some help with the weed-pulling duties. Please speak with Brenda or contact the church office, if you can be of assistance.



Leisure

Leisure Club is on summer break. The next meeting will be October 6, 2015 with a program from the LA Zoo.



It's a Grand Old Flag

Evelyn Heim's quilt displayed on Quilt Sunday.

Have a happy and safe Fourth!



From the Mailbox

We find ourselves firmly Coloradans now and have a new address:

**2836 Elm Meadow View,
Colorado Springs, CO 80907**

This is a townhouse in a retirement community nearby, that gives us a more home-like atmosphere.

We have been attending Sunrise UMC and like the congregation and pastor very much. We will be going to an "orientation meeting" soon to learn more about their activities. But nothing can really take the place of Canoga Park UMC.

Fond regards to all you wonderful Valley people!

Gerald and Pat Rowe

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