



# The Courier

## First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park

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Join us at church Sundays at 10:00 am

September 2015



### Farewell... Rebecca Roe

It is with mixed emotions that the church family bid farewell to Becca Roe at the end of July. She has served so well as our Administrative Assistant that we hate to see her go, but she and Mike have decided that they may have a more comfortable life in Las Vegas, where jobs are plentiful and the cost of living is considerably lower.

Becca's new mailing address is:  
8550 W Charleston Blvd., Ste.102-291  
Las Vegas, NV 89117



*Shirley Thomson, Grace Leighton, Lora O'Connor, Pastor Lynn and George Grengs sending Becca off with the church's blessing*

### Welcome...

#### Julie Mosley

Julie grew up in Hawaii on the island of Oahu where she attended Kilohana Methodist Church. She moved to California to attend California State University at Fullerton, where she met her husband of 21 years, Robert.

They have lived in the San Fernando area for about 13 years and have 2 children. Their son, Grayson, will be a freshman in the Fall and their daughter, Miranda, will be a senior. Both are attending Granada Hills Charter High School. The Mosleys are members of Northridge United Methodist Church where they serve as liturgists, ushers, and are active on the Family Ministries Committee.

Julie is happy to be here at First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park as the new Administrative Assistant, and is thankful to the congregation because it has been so helpful and welcoming.

The Mosleys' home address and phone are:

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#### Pastor

Lynn Westover

#### Preschool Director

Wendy Finley

#### Music Director/ Accompanist

Paul Cady

#### Christian Education Director

Margaret Cates

#### Administrative Assistant

Rebecca Roe

#### Courier Layout Sharon Mountford



#### Resident Bishop

Minerva G. Carcaño

#### North District Superintendent

Rev. Jim Powell



## September Calendar

### September Birthdays

- 2 Donald Heim
- 4 Rae Wilken
- 10 Rebecca Roe
- 15 Barbara Caldwell  
Herbert Lucas
- 17 Florence Lamb
- 18 Dominic Bautista
- 24 Shanelle LaGrasta
- 25 Danielle Wall
- 29 Lynne German  
Ginger Huston  
Wilbur Wilhelm
- 30 George Grengs

### Anniversaries

- 2 Frank & Rae Wilken
- 5 Walter & Elvera Deonik
- 7 Byron & Mary McKibben  
Jack & Pat Taylor
- 15 Joe & Sylvia Buttemeier
- 24 Norm & Bonnie Coleman

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

### 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
- Thursday Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm  
*(resumes September 10)*

### Other Activities

- Thursday 3 Stewardship Committee, Library, 4:00 pm
- Saturday 5 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Tuesday 8 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am  
Courier deadline for the October issue
- Thursday 17 UMW General Meeting, Lounge, 9:30 am  
Stewardship Committee, Library, 4:00 pm
- Saturday 19 Rockchippers meeting, Lounge, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday 23 Education Ministry, Library, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming in October

- Saturday 3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Sunday 4 World Communion Sunday
- Tuesday 6 Leisure Club

### North District News

North District will formally welcome our new District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell, with a wonderful and spiritual worship service, followed by light refreshments and fellowship time. You are invited to attend any of these special events to celebrate Pastor Jim's faithful leadership in our district and to thank God for our ministry together.

- Saturday, September 12, at 2 pm  
Arroyo Grande 1st UMC
- Saturday, September 26, at 2 pm  
Thousand Oaks UMC
- Sunday, September 27, at 3 pm  
Santa Clarita UMC

### Before August Ends



Fifth  
Sunday  
Potluck

Bring a dish to share and stay for lunch on August 30.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6 Jack & Pat Taylor *in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary*
- 13 Roger & Nancy Johnson *in memory of Laura*
- 22 Open
- 27 Open



## Special Mission Recognition

Tom Roe – June, 2015

Ten years ago United Methodist Women decided to recognize a man in our congregation by awarding him a UMW Special Mission Recognition Award for his hard work, volunteerism and dedication. This year the recipient was Tom Roe. He was

born in Santa Monica in 1942. His father was a master craftsman in wallpaper hanging whose clientele included many celebrities. His mother was a trained concert pianist who was devoted to God. The family moved to the west San Fernando Valley and lived in an army tent on a ranch until their new home was built. Tom was educated at schools in the west San Fernando Valley.

Tom loved taking care of horses and his father volunteered as a member of the Calabasas Mounted Sheriff's Posse. One of the horses Tom favored was named "Topper," Hopalong Cassidy's horse. He would go for long rides around the then largely undeveloped West Valley.

As a youth Tom participated in the YMCA's Christian-based "Ragger" Program, a seven-stage progression of spiritual and personal growth that involved peer counseling and symbolic bandanas. While each person develops his own goals for growth, each 'rag' challenges the individual to deeper awareness and personal growth. He continued with the YMCA in a leadership role into adulthood – caravanning youth to Yellowstone National Park, for example.

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### UMW Mission Team

August 31 at 10:00 am  
Room 10

### UMW General Meeting

September 17 at 9:30 am  
Lounge

The program will be presented by Grace Leighton who will speak about her experience with Mission U this summer and her class in "Happiness – how to live the life that God calls us to."

### UMW Santa Barbara District Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 26, 2015

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Camarillo UMC,

291 Anacapa Drive, Camarillo, CA

The Guest Speaker will be the new District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell.

### Adopt-a-Child-Abuse-Caseworker Program

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Kohl's Back-To-School Shopping Spree this year. Your support is so very much appreciated. DCFS expresses their gratitude for the contributions from our church. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

*Shirley*



### UMW Circle Meetings



#### Bookends

Thursday, September 10, 10:00 am

Library

Hostess: Margaret Cates

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

#### Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 pm

Hostess: Diane Ray

Place TBA

#### Sarah Circle

Thursday, September 10

9:30 am

Breakfast at Coco's

**Tom Roe** *continued from page 3*

While attending Junior High he met his future wife. At Canoga Park High School, he participated in the Student Body Cabinet and was Club Chairman and Affairs Chairman for his senior class of 1960. He attended Pierce College and continued his education at Valley State, where he worked as a disc jockey and newscaster for KEDC, the student-run radio station. There he found his calling. He went on to host a radio show called "The Folk Festival" on KVFM for several years. By 1965 Tom was program director at KNJO in Thousand Oaks – the first radio station conceived and built for stereo in Southern California. Later he earned a BS degree in Business Management at Cal Lutheran.

In September 1967 he was commissioned as an officer in the US Army, just one year after he and Glynene were married in our church. In 1969, shortly after the birth of his first daughter, he was sent to Vietnam as a combat photographer. After completion of his military service, he re-entered radio. Due to his vivacious personality, he was a perfect fit for selling radio airtime. He called a number of radio stations home – such as KHTZ, KBIG, KZLA and KFVB. He had many professional achievements – President and Co-Founder of the General Sales Manager Council of Los Angeles. He enjoyed serving as a guest lecturer at CSUN, Cal Lutheran and UCLA.

He officially became a member of Canoga Park First UMC in 1980, but he supported this church many years prior to that. Over the years he has served on many committees – Parsonage, Staff Parish Relations, Property & Upkeep, Family Life and the 100th Anniversary Committee. He has served as liturgist, usher & counter for a number of years and is one of three financial secretaries. In the late 60's he taught Sunday School with June Nordman. He has been Master of Ceremonies at our BBQ's, Fellowship Hall Dedication Ceremony, Time Capsule Opening Ceremony, and Cornerstone Placing Ceremony. He is a member of the Men's Fellowship, driving members to and from the Men's Breakfast. He is a member of the church Audio Committee. He continues to serve on the West Hills Homeowners Association and the West Hills Fire Council.

## Eagle Project

Hello. My name is Alexander Schwartz. I'm in the process of developing an Eagle Project at this church. The project will provide several benefits to the church. The new lawn sprinkler system will save water which is essential, because of the current drought. It will also create a more efficient sprinkler system because the sprinkler heads will be located to cover a greater area of the field. Also, this will economically benefit the church because they will not be using money on wasted water.

The flower boxes will serve as a beautification so that residents will have a view to enjoy while they sit down on the bench to relax. In addition, by adding primer and repainting the wrought iron rod fence, I will be creating a more welcoming entrance. The primer will lengthen the fence's lifespan because if some of the iron is exposed then it will rust over time, causing it to break.

This project involves buying the proper materials that will be installed by scouts and volunteers. Any amount you may be moved to contribute to support the project would be greatly appreciated. I have also included the tax ID number (47-3964142) to give you an opportunity to benefit from your generosity through tax deductions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in the development of the efficiency improvement for the First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park.

*Alexander Schwartz*



Leisure Club will resume meetings on  
October 6  
with a program from the LA Zoo.

## Preschool News

Back to School!! Our teachers have been cleaning and organizing classrooms and doing their home visits. Our first day of school was August 18th. What a great start to a new year!!!

We'd like to welcome back our terrific teachers... Miss Cheri & Miss Kelli in Room 3....Miss Joanne & Miss Sari in Room 4....Miss Robin, Miss Nina & Miss Grace in Room 5. Starting enrollment is up from last year and we are optimistic that it will continue to grow!

We would also like to welcome back Robert Lamb! He will be doing music again this year. Music time has become a favorite part of the week!!

*Wendy*

## Sunday School Starting

Sunday school classes will begin on September 13. Grades 1 through 8 will meet in the Lounge located in the Fellowship Hall and be taught by Jackie Robertson. Grades 9 through 12, taught by Josh Gardner, will meet in the Library next to the Office.

A Bible craft lesson for toddlers and kindergarteners will be led by Alexia Mendoza in Room 1 of the Education building.

All classes will be held from 10:00 to 11:00.

## Follow-up to Quilt Sunday

Saturday, October 10

10:00 am to noon



Come and make a small Christmas mat (or a block for a larger project). One option is shown here. Cost is \$5 to cover cost of materials. You will need to bring your sewing machine.

Please contact the church office or Sharon Mountford (818-340-5084, or smountford@socal.rr.com), if you would like to attend.

## 2016 Stewardship

### Joyful Giving! Joyful Living!

Responding to God's love is the essence of Stewardship. God asks us to respond in a joyful way as we give of our good works, our talents, and our financial resources. All of who we are, all of what we have, comes from God. It's our choice to live life joyfully when we give back to God, as we care for our church, family and neighbors.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**<sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.**

This year's program begins in October and runs for a three-week period:

#### Inspiration Sunday, October 11

We will have a powerful Stewardship Sermon from Pastor George Crisp, who will challenge us to step up our Stewardship in 2016! Your individual Stewardship packet will be available.

#### Celebration Sunday, October 18

Margaret Cates will speak about her personal stewardship experience. Please attend so that we can come together as we bring our estimate-of-giving cards up to the altar to be blessed. Blank cards will also be available at the service.

#### Gratitude Sunday, October 25

We will share the totals for the 2016 program

### Practicing Good Stewardship

- + Pray about how you might participate as well as give regularly to God's ministry and mission through our First United Methodist Church in Canoga Park.
- + Model God's humility and generosity.
- + Consider how you might rearrange priorities to make joyful giving a bigger part of your life.

*Stewardship Committee*

# Remembering Patricia Ann Ferrin

**13 February 1926 – 15 March 2015**

Born in Sacramento to Elmo and Olive Funke, Pat grew up in Curtis Park and graduated from UC Berkeley, where she met her future husband. A friend insisted she go on a blind date with a Navy man who was stationed on an LST in San Francisco Bay. She and Ralph hit it off and were married two years later on 27 June 1948, after Pat graduated from college.

Ralph went to work in Hollywood with his uncle, working on *The Buster Brown Gang* TV show and the *Lassie Show* on radio. Pat worked for a company that studied the purchases of homemakers for the LA Times.

Pat and Ralph bought their first home in Encino Park and later moved to Woodland Hills. They had five sons – Patrick who died in 1954, Thomas, James, Timothy, Jonathan – and one daughter, Elizabeth. Pat was very busy raising her children but found time to be involved with Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, her sorority alumnae group, PTA, YMCA, and the elementary school Reading Lab. When all the children were in school, she worked for the L.A. Unified School District with special needs children.

Pat was a phenomenal seamstress and voracious reader. She kept an extensive diary and checked her horoscope every day. She loved gardening, tending her roses, and teaching children about roses through the Gardening Angel program. She was an active member of the West Valley Garden Club and served as president for four years.

An avid sports fan, she loved the Lakers and Dodgers. On their 50th wedding anniversary, the whole family attended a Dodger Game to celebrate. Ralph and Pat's names were even in lights on the scoreboard.

Pat grew up in the Pioneer Congregational Church, one of the first churches formed in Sacramento.

Later, she and Ralph joined the Encino Presbyterian Church where both served as Deacons and Elders. They were members there for 45 years.

Both Pat and Ralph were liaisons from Encino Presbyterian Church for the Department of Children and Family Services and worked tirelessly gathering clothing and household items for DCFS. One day, while Pat was in Mervyn's department store in Canoga Park, she overheard someone in management talking about finding children to participate in a program where the children could get their back-to-school clothing. Pat spoke up: "I know where you can find some children." She pointed them to the Department of Children & Family Services. The program became the Back-To-School Shopping Spree now hosted by Kohl's department store.

In 2004, the Ferrins joined First UMC of Canoga Park, the church where her in-laws had been members. She joined the UMW and the Bookends Circle. She served as Treasurer of UMW and as a member of the Laura Longman Scholarship Committee. In 2013, Pat received a Special Mission Recognition Award presented by our UMW.

Faith sustained Pat through good times and bad. The church family shares each other's joys and sorrows. Together we laughed and cried; together we worshipped and praised God; together we marveled at the goodness of God.

Oh, how Pat loved to marvel! She so often asked me, Have you marveled today, that I started asking her the same question. Even in rehab, she marveled at people who came to visit, and she marveled at the many people who helped her each day. Even at the hospital, she marveled at being able to watch baseball with her son or to talk to loved ones on the phone.

I like to think about the marvelous things Pat has seen since she went home to be with God and gathered with the saints around the throne. She has seen God's face and Ralph. God's name is on their foreheads, and God will be their light forever and ever.

*Pastor Lynn*

## Haircut Day

On Tuesday, July 7th our brides' room was once again turned into a barber shop.

Da Jaun Houston, owner of Houstons Barber shop on Ventura Blvd. in Woodland Hills, closed his shop for the whole morning and came to give hair cuts to men and women who participate in the Shower Ministry. He brought three other barbers with him. Along with DaJaun, Warden, Ray and Ramone gave cuts to every man or woman who wanted one. It was such a boost to their egos. They were all smiling and walking a little taller. A big thanks to these fellows for their community service.

Thanks to Nancy Summer for arranging this service for our homeless friends!!



Betsy Crawford  
*on the death  
of her husband Ken*

Ruth Albrecht

Tom Nowlin

Evelyn Heim

Irene Zelaya

Stan Dimmick

Robin Abernathy  
and her son Skylar

La Dean Owen

John Allen  
*Betty's son*

Ted Jimenez

Chuck Engberg

Leiane Alden  
*Pastor Lynn's sister*



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

## Congratulations.....

to Grace Leighton for successful completion of her studies in the Lay Speaker program.

## 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.

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## Memorial Garden

Karen Grengs and her committee did a marvelous job of renovating the Memorial and Rose Garden. Do stop by to admire the finished product.

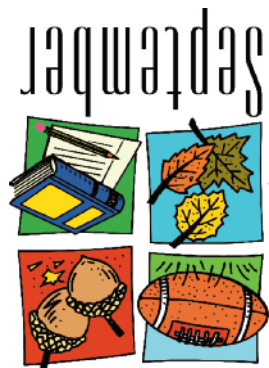
Seen above enjoying the new fountain in the Garden is Lynne German's granddaughter Lucy.

# Photo Album

Julie and Robert Mosely were welcomed on the first Sunday of August.



Devon and Tracy Cates were married at Orcutt Park on July 18, the day it rained. This picture was staged two weeks later when the sun was doing its usual California thing. They say it is good luck to have rain on your wedding day. Let's hope that holds true!



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