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The Courier

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Join us at church Sundays at 10:00 am

Heart to Heart

When my day is very busy, Stan will sometimes get something to go for lunch. I take a break, and we eat together in the church library.

Not long ago, Stan picked up subs at our favorite sandwich shop. When we took the individually wrapped subs out of the bag, it was not easy to tell which sandwich was his and which was mine. And I prefer not to have to open a sandwich to answer that question.

Then, I saw written in pencil on each sub what might be the sandwich numbers on the menu. One mark looked like a seven but not exactly. But neither of us ordered a number seven. The other mark looked somewhat like a five but not really. And neither one of us ordered a number five.

I was ready to open one of the sandwiches and eat lunch. I had a fifty-fifty chance of opening the right sandwich. That's good odds, and I was hungry.

That is when it dawned on me what the marks on our sandwiches were.

The funny seven was *L* for *Lynn*; the odd five, *S* for *Stan*.

We laughed and felt very special. Stephanie learned our names. Across time, we have developed a relationship with Stephanie, Angel, Rafael, and others at the shop. How did we do it? Since they do not wear nametags, we introduced ourselves. Then, we did our best to call them by name when we saw them again.

It makes a world of difference when you call someone by name out in the world and here in the church. Wally Umphres liked to usher on Sundays and meet people at the door. When he called Lora O'Connor by name her second visit, she knew she had found a church home.

Good friends, go and do likewise.

Pastor Lynn Westover



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April Calendar

April Birthdays

- 1 Michael Byers
- 2 Jeff Leighton
- 6 Betty May
Nancy Summer
- 12 Otto Bernier
Louis Parrinello
Ted Stanwood
- 19 Martin Shuler
- 21 Ted Jimenez
- 23 Dixie Smith
Leanne Tapper
- 25 Virgene Engberg

Anniversaries

- 10 Louis & Anita Parrinello
 - 12 Stan & Barbara Dimmick
 - 18 Lynn & Stan Westover
 - 22 Ron & Jennifer Alderman
- If your special day is missing, please contact the church office.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3 *In Celebration of Betty May's 94th birthday*
- 10 *Given by Toby Lane in honor of the birthday of her granddaughter Astrid*
- 17 *In honor of Dixie Smith*
- 24 *Given by Perla Mercado in honor of the birthdays of her children Courtney and Liza*

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
Monday Narcotics Anonymous, Lounge, 8:00 pm
- Tuesday Shower Ministry, 8:30 am - noon
Boy Scouts, Scout Room, 7:00 pm
Tuesday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, 8:00 pm
- Wednesday Men's Stag AA meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm
- Thursday Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm

Other Activities

- Saturday 2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Tuesday 5 Leisure Club, Lounge, 11:00 am
- Sunday 10 Native American Ministries Sunday *(special offering)*
- Tuesday 12 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 14 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am
Sarah Circle, Breakfast at Denny's, 9:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Friday 15 *Courier* Deadline for May issue
- Tuesday 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 20 Faith, Hope & Love, Anita Parrinello's home,
7230 Woodvale Ct., West Hills...7:00 pm

Upcoming in May

- Tuesday 3 Leisure Club, Lounge, 11:00 am
- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.

Pastor Lynn's Schedule

- Mon-Mon, April 4-11 ... On vacation
- Mon-Fri, April 18-22 ... At continuing education

Continuing Education

Pastor Lynn will be attending the 2016 Leadership Seminar, *Living in Hope, Healthy Directions for Congregations*, with Ken Callahan in San Diego. She will learn about **Embracing Generations** – Cultures and subcultures, Differences and similarities, Goals and values; **Puzzles for Congregations** – Dealing with problem behavior & problem people, People who hijack & control, Help with mediocrity; **Healthy Practices and Healthy Directions** – How to favorably suggest a new idea, Staff Persons – Positions that match the person, persons that match the position, persons & positions that mismatch, With facility sharing arrangements; **Emerging Sources of Hope** – Persons of hope, Motivations & generosity, and Passion, memories, mentors.



**United
Methodist
Women**

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMW General Meeting

April 21 at 9:30 am in the
Lounge

Our program will be the Pledge service. Pledges may be given any time to Shirley Thomson or Chandra Seeger, our Treasurer, or turned in at the April General Meeting.

Western Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting

This meeting is being held in Salt Lake City on April 22-24, 2016. The theme is "A Fresh Wind Blowing." You come to these meetings for inspiration, information, affirmation & confirmation.

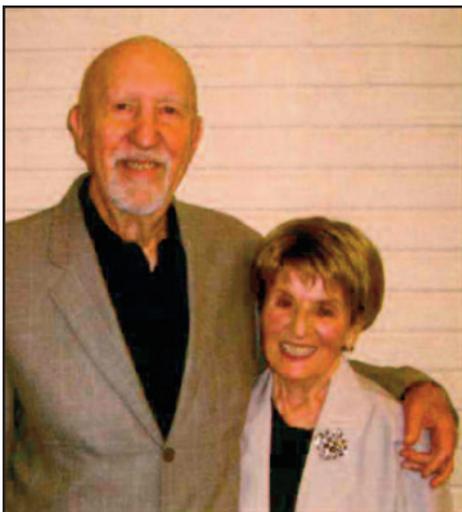
We get Mail

"Just wanted to let you know how surprised and honored to be recognized by UMW as the 2016 Special Mission Recognition recipient. I am proud to wear this beautiful pin. Thank you so much."

Nancy Johnson

"Thank you all for thinking of me at Valentine's Day and for your very gracious and generous gift. I sincerely appreciate all of the help and support I receive from all of you. It is truly a blessing to be here. May God bless you all."

Julie Mosley



Remembering Elvera

The gracious lady, eternal optimist and dedicated lover of life, Elvera Deonik, succumbed to cancer at her home in March.

A week or two before that Elvera had phoned to say 'thanks' for the lovely pillow bearing a scripture verse which UMW had given to her. She was most grateful and put it to good use to help her recline more comfortably in her chair.

Walter has truly lost half of himself and is thankful for your prayers and friendship at this most difficult time.



April Meetings

Bookends

Thursday, April 14,
9:30 am

Church Library

Hostess: Pat Taylor

Reviewer: Lynne German

Book: *The Girl on the Train*

Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, April 20
7:00 pm

Anita Parrinello

7230 Woodvale Court

West Hills

Sarah Circle

Thursday, April 14
9:30 am

Breakfast at Denny's

8330 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

(north of Roscoe Blvd.)



**FOOD
PANTRY**

Food In-Gathering

The First Sunday of every month is an in-gathering of food for the West Valley Food Pantry. Please remember our hungry neighbors and bring non-perishable items for the Pantry.



Preschool

We start off the month returning from a week's vacation. Easter Break is always a nice way to rejuvenate and come back ready to continue our school year!

We will be finishing up Parent/Teacher conferences this week with our little ones in Room 3.

We will have Spring pictures taken this month. We want to do an all-school picture again this year. We have so much fun getting all the kids to smile and look at the camera at the same time! Wish us luck!

Enrollment for Summer session and Fall has already begun. It has started off with a bang!!

Wendy

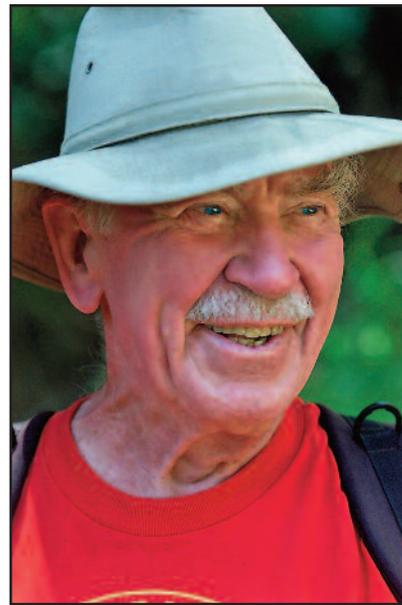
Scout Troop 474

The Troop thanks the church for their support on Scout Sunday of the upcoming trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The boys are continuing their fund-raising activities and would welcome any additional contributions.

Our church has agreed to add a Cub Scout Pack to our Scout troop. We will be sponsoring and will be the home of a new Cub Scout Pack 474. The new Pack will need volunteers to be Den Mothers, Den Assistants, etc. If interested, please call 818.600.1474 and let them know of your interest or need for more information.

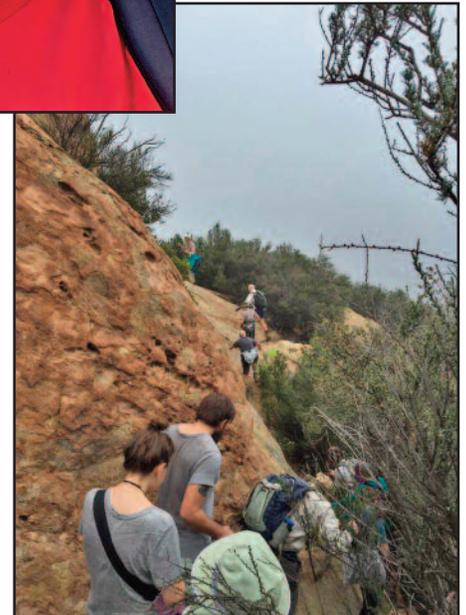
McAuley Peak

In his 1980 book, *Hiking Trails of the Santa Monica Mountains*, Milt McAuley detailed 75 hiking trips to



enjoy in the Santa Monica Mountains. Milt's wife, Maxine, typed the original manuscript for this book, and did the final typesetting. Six editions would follow. Trip #35, a six-mile hike, takes you to Peak 2049 (2049 ft. high).

Coby King, an avid hiker, purchased one of Milt's books. Learning of Milt McAuley's passing in 2008, he began looking for ways to honor this influential author and hiker. Through his efforts, and the many agencies involved, the lengthy five-year process of naming a wilderness area began.



On March 5, 2016, family and friends gathered for the dedication ceremony to officially rename Peak 2049 as McAuley Peak in honor of Milt.

*Indulge yourself by going on the trail for an adventure.
Savor the spell that the mountains cast upon you and
return home at the end of the day
with an aching body but a rested soul.*

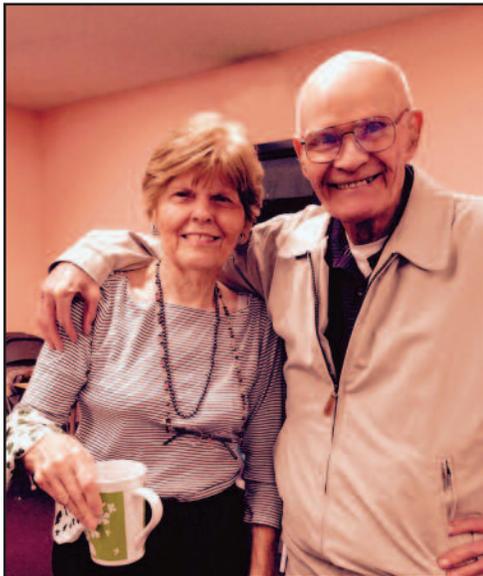
Milt McAuley 1919-2008



Leisure

Tuesday, April 5
11:00 am...Lounge

Bring a pot luck to share.
Enjoy an Easter Biblical Trivia game.
Don't forget our monthly collection of
items for our Shower Ministry.



*Pat and Jack Taylor won the
March prize*

New Address

Coral Harper
Meadowbrook Senior Living
5217 Cheseboro, Agoura Hills, CA
91301-2264

As of this date, Coral doesn't have a
telephone number, but the facility
number is 818.991.3544.

Her room number is 277,
and she would love visitors.

From the Mailbox



Dear Church Family,
Thank you all so much for your
outpouring of love and care
while I pass through this trial of
cancer. Your prayers and cards
are very much appreciated and
so meaningful to me. Though
I'm in the early stages of
chemotherapy, my oncologist
tells me that it is working! Praise
the Lord for that. Again, many
thanks for being such a loving
and caring community of faith.

May God's richest blessings be
with you all.
Pastor Herb

Dear Pastor Lynn,
Thank you so much for the
beautiful, warm green prayer
shawl. I love it & don't have
anything like it. Unlike my
former self, I am cold all of the
time, so it will get much use.

My sons Jason & Chris were in
2nd grade & kindergarten when
we moved to Ventura & left
Trinity UMC. They are now 25 &
27 years old & you still
remember & love me! That
means so much to me! Thank
you for all your tender, loving
care and prayers!

Love,
Jan Frias



Frank Wilken
Pastor Herb Lucas
Liana Burdsall
Ruth Albrecht
Martin Shuler
Walter Deonik
Jack Barlow
Jennifer Waters
Irene Zelaya
PJ Umphres
Shirley Thomson
Frances Leslie
Jasper Hood
Hope Schmidt
Stan Dimmick
Don & Evelyn Heim
Robin Abernathy



*To receive Prayer Chain
e-mails, please contact
Robin Abernathy at
robingreenbird@yahoo.com
"cc" the church office at
FUMCCP@sbcglobal.net*

Transportation Ministry

If you need a ride to
church, or if you are
interested in becoming a
driver for the transpor-
tation ministry,
please contact JoAnn
Chadwick-Ellis at 818-932-
9724 or Mary Mackay at
818-346-5872.

Get to Know Elmo Maiden

Elmo was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. He attended the University of Kansas School of Engineering where he participated in football, baseball and basketball under "Phog" Allen, the Father of Basketball Coaching.

Elmo worked at Consolidated Aircraft to pay for his education and earned his pilot's license in 1941. He joined the Army Air Corps in September 1942 and completed pilot training, combat crew training and radar training on the B-24. In 1944 he flew new radar B-24's to the European Theater of Operations (ETO), joining the 786 squadron/466th Bomb Group at Attlebridge, England. Elmo completed 35 combat missions plus two gas-haul missions. He flew several missions over France. On one such mission three engines failed and he successfully piloted a crash landing outside Paris.

Elmo has received many awards and decorations including the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, The Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and four Battle Stars (ETO). France awarded him the French Medal of Honor in January 2014 in recognition of his service to France.

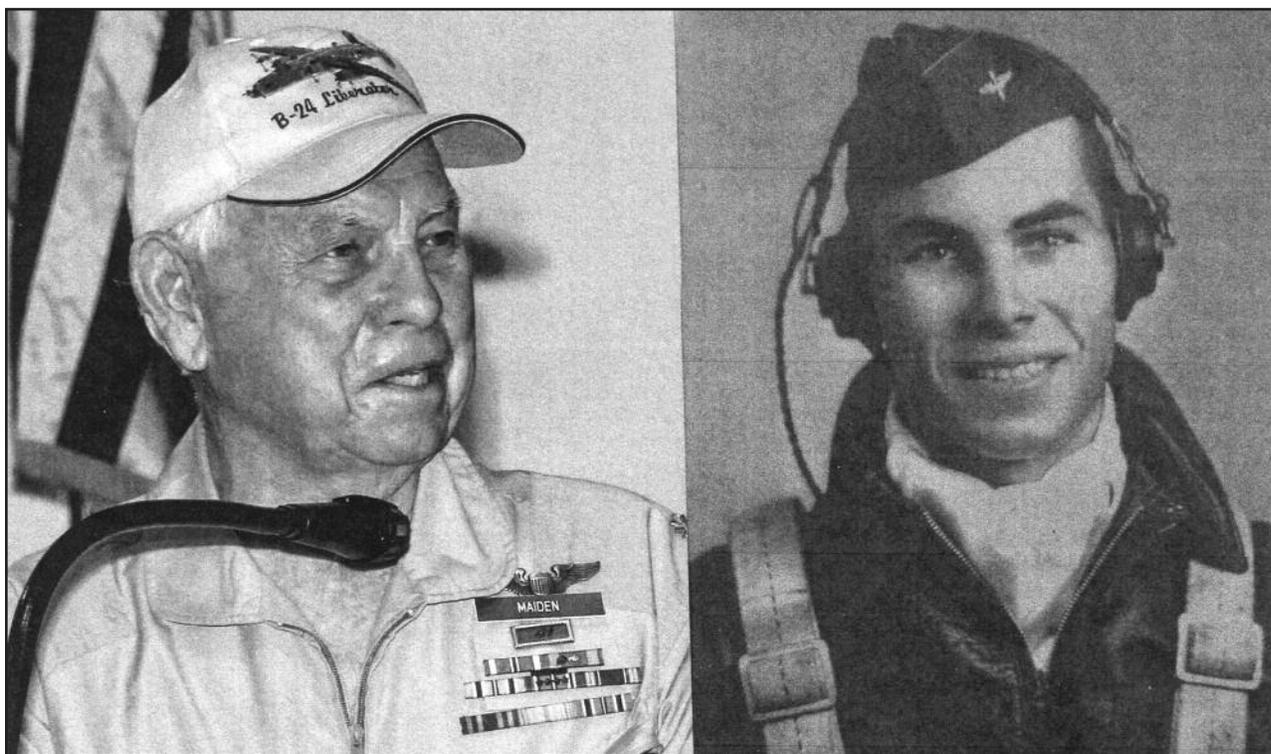
After the war Elmo completed his BA and MA degrees at the U of K, and taught in the Engineering Department. He continued working in the field of microelectronics, inventing a microdiode and owned an electronics company.

Elmo was married twice and had four children, eight grandchildren and has one great-grandson.

These days he is often invited to speak to service organizations and school groups about his World War II experiences. After one such presentation he was given a handsome engraved plaque reading

In Recognition Of Distinguished Valor
Presented To
Lt. Col. Elmo E. Maiden
466 Bomb Groups
World War II...1944-1945
From West Glendale Kiwanis Club
And Wilson Middle School
November 10, 2015

A film about the last surviving B-24 is being made. The trailer is available at www.thelastliberator.com. Elmo's face is featured on the introductory section and his story is due to be included in the film. We look forward to seeing it on the big screen!





From the Mailbox

More letters

Our two scholarship winners at Claremont School of Theology (CST) sent these letters of thanks.

I am extremely thankful for the scholarship funds that I have received from the Claremont School of Theology directly through your support. Your generosity has been a blessing that has enabled me to follow God's call into ministry.

I am a second career student pursuing a Master of Divinity degree to meet the ordination requirements of the United Methodist Church. I left my professional career in the credit union industry in 2014 to become a full-time student at CST. I am currently in my second year and serving at Desert Spring UMC in Las Vegas, as an intern and working my way through the ordination process.

I am single and living on savings and the small amount of income provided my internship. Without your support, I would not be able to meet my obligations of tuition and living expenses. The CST scholarship provided by your direct support has been absolutely crucial in allowing me to become equipped for the diverse needs of ministry that I will face through my education and experience at CST.

I am truly grateful for your continued support of those working to answer God's call.

In God's love and peace,
Timothy R. Hunsinger

It is with gratitude I send this letter to you to thank you for your contribution to my scholarship at Claremont School of Theology. Your support makes it possible for me to continue my education and pursue my vocation.

I am in my first year and second semester in seminary. I am currently a candidate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for pastoral ministry. I am also a single mother and sole provider for my nine-year-old daughter Lillyana Ruby. Together we volunteer at the Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino to serve one of the poorest populations in the nation. My interests in ministry are about justice and wholeness among the 'poor' and in immigrant communities. My education here at CST is preparing me and equipping me with the cultural competence and relational tools in order to facilitate change in these diverse populations.

CST is a special place to me because I believe in what the institution is about: 'desegregating religious education' while transformation agents from many different denominations and traditions come together to be prepared to respond to the reality of our religiously pluralistic and complex world. This is why I came here versus another institution. So, thank you for your contribution to my education and supporting me and my daughter, and other seminarians like me. Thank you for seeing how important it is to put love, wisdom, and critical thinking to work for the transformation of our world.

In and through God's peace,
And toward transformation of the world
Lacey Golden Soto

**Dr.
Tom's
Thought**

*A good rule for going through life is to keep
the heart a little softer than the head.*

John Graham



Frank in worship on March 13 with son Loren and the gift set of glasses

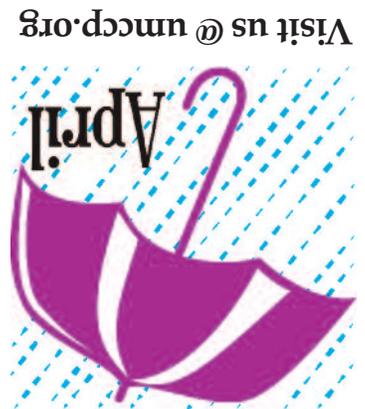
Congratulations, Frank Wilken!

Frank Wilken was recently presented with vintage Coca Cola glasses and holders to acknowledge and celebrate something remarkable about him. Frank lives a life of harmony.

You might be wondering how Coke glasses represent harmony. Well, for forty-five years, Coca Cola has aired commercials with the following words: *I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony....*

Frank lives a life of harmony. For years and years, Frank sang with our choir. Although some songs were sung in unison, most were in four-part harmony.

Frank lives a life of harmony. God gave men and women dominion over every living thing. Humans are to live in peace and perfect harmony with all creation. As a veterinarian, Frank lived this peace, this harmony, this shalom every day. It is a privilege to recognize Frank Wilken for living a life of harmony.



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