



The Courier

First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park

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Join us at church Sundays at 10:00 am

July / August 2016

On the Saturday before Memorial Day, scouts and families of Scout Troop 474 and the new Cub Pack 474 went to the Los Angeles National Cemetery for the annual flag placement ceremony. They joined Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and other youth and civic organizations to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Our group placed small American flags on the grave markers of about 500 veterans in three sections of the cemetery. They had the opportunity and honor to hold a short ceremony at the grave of a soldier who had received the Congressional Medal of Honor.



The entire cemetery was covered with rows of the Red, White, and Blue. The scouts were particularly moved by the waves, honking horns and salutes from the drivers of passing trucks, cars, and motorcycles.

The Troop and new Pack families got together afterwards for breakfast to get better acquainted and reflect on the morning's experience. It is our honor to have represented the church in this particular community service for more than 20 years. We look forward to continuing the tradition.

Scoutmaster Robert Rees



Pastor

Lynn Westover

Preschool Director

Wendy Finley

Music Director/ Accompanist

Paul Cady

Christian Education Director

Margaret Cates

Administrative Assistant

Julie Mosley

Courier Layout

Sharon Mountford



Resident Bishop

Minerva G. Carcaño

North District Superintendent

Rev. Jim Powell



July/August Calendar

July Birthdays

- 3 Maxine McAuley
Patricia Rowe
- 9 Maria Cruz
- 11 Roger Johnson
Jack Taylor
- 12 Gerald Rowe
- 16 Judith Austin
- 19 Shirley Thomson
- 22 Dylan Bautista
- 24 Anneliese Laguna
- 25 John Barlow
- 27 Elmo Maiden
- 30 Devon Cates

July Anniversaries

- 7 Louis & Sharon Mountford
- 15 Robin & Ricky Abernathy
- 20 Joe & Sandra Dedinas
- 24 Mike & Shanelle LaGrasta
- 26 Robert & Flo Lamb



ALTAR FLOWERS

July

- 3 Open
- 10 Open
- 17 Judith Austin, *in memory of her parents, Edna & Lonnie Austin*
- 24 Open
- 31 Open

August

- 7 George Miller, *in honor of Irene Miller's birthday*
- 14 Liz Rogers, *in honor of Janet Fox's birthday*
- 21 Open
- 28 Ron and Sarah Alderman, *in honor of Jennifer Alderman*

Weekly Activities

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

Other Activities.....July

- Saturday 2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Monday 4 Independence Day, Church Office closed
- Sunday 10 Communion Sunday, *offerings for the Good Samaritan Fund and food items for the West Valley Food Pantry will be received.*
- Tuesday 12 Administrative Committee, Library, 7 pm
- Thursday 14 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am
Sarah Circle; Denny's, 9:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
- Tuesday 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 20 Faith, Hope & Love, Lamplighter, 7:00 pm
- Sunday 31 Fifth Sunday Potluck, after church

Other Activities.....August

- Saturday 6 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.
 - Tuesday 9 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
 - Thursday 11 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am
 - Wednesday 15 Courier Deadline for September issue
 - Tuesday 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
 - Wednesday 17 Faith, Hope & Love, Mimi's Café, 6:30 pm
- ## Upcoming in September
- Saturday 3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am
Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.

Altar Flowers

As you see from the calendar to the left, there are many Sundays in the upcoming months when no one has signed up to sponsor the altar flowers. If you would like to adopt a special Sunday, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Parlor.



Fall Meetings

UMW Mission Team
September 3
UMW General Meeting
September 15
9:30 am in the lounge.



Faith, Hope & Love Circle

Shirley Thomson, Lora O'Connor, Lynne German, Isabelle Walters, Dana Dreyfuss, Nancy Summer, Anita Parrinello, Marcela Rodriguez, Beulah Hajek and Trish Simmons enjoyed a dinner out in June and plan to continue meeting for dinner over the summer.

New Laura Longman Scholarship Plaque



An additional plaque for the names of Scholarship Recipients has been installed in the Narthex.



Summer Meetings

Bookends

Thursday, July 14

9:30 am

Church Library

Hostess: Helen Macintosh

Reviewer: Sandra Dedinas

Book: *I am Malala*

Thursday, August 11

9:30 am

Church Library

Hostess: Lynne German

Reviewer: Pat Taylor

Book: *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies*

Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, July 20

6:30 pm

Dinner at Lamplighter

(Giamela's)

9110 De Soto Avenue

Chatsworth

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm

Dinner at Mimi's Café

19710 Nordhoff Place,

Chatsworth

Sarah Circle

Thursday, July 14

& Thursday, August 11

9:30 am

Breakfast at Denny's

8330 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

(north of Roscoe Blvd.)



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
- 21 Sandra Dedinas
- 22 Karen Foreman
- 27 Betty Barlow
- 29 Jennifer Alderman
- 30 Jamie Foreman

August Anniversaries

- 3 Donna Nall
- 4 Ken & Lori Dimmick
- 7 Stan & Cathy Plucinik
- 27 Don & Evelyn Heim



Food In-Gathering

The First Sunday of every month is usually an in-gathering of food for the West Valley Food Pantry. In July it will be July 10. Please remember our hungry neighbors and bring non-perishable items for the Pantry.

Pastor Lynn Reappointed

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

New email address for the church office crossandflame@att.net

This month, we are transitioning to our new email address for the church office. The new email address will be crossandflame@att.net. The old email addresses will still be active and monitored during the transition period, and you will receive a friendly reminder to update your records to crossandflame@att.net. Rest assured your emails will not be lost in the transition, and we will provide ample time and reminders for everyone to update their records.

Copies in the church office

Members are invited to use the office copy machine for personal copies. We pay for 8,000 copies every month, and in many months we don't use them all. There is a chart of costs posted on the wall by the copier. A single sheet one-sided in black and white is 5¢ and in color is 8¢.

Listening Aids

Assisted hearing devices are available during the worship service. Please see an usher if you need of one.

Sunday School

Church school is on break for the summer.

Graduates

Congratulations to high school graduates Christopher Guerrero and Anthony Hernandez. Anthony plans to attend Pierce College.

Dylan Bautista graduated from Capistrano and will be attending Sutter Middle School in the Fall.





Preschool

We had 21 students graduate at our end of the year program! It was a very special day – everybody singing and with hand motions.

Summer school started on June 21 with a full house. It will run thru July 28. We will start our fall session on August 16th.

Seen below is Pastor Lynn holding Chapel Time with the children.

Wendy



Jackie & Joshua Gardner

Joe Buttemeier

Pastor Herb Lucas

Wendy Finley

Stephanie (Nancy
Summer's daughter)

Irene Zelaya

Family of Janice Jessup
(death)

Ruth Albrecht

Martin & Margaret Shuler

Jasper Hood

Hope Schmidt

Ken Dimmick

Barbara & Stan Dimmick

Don & Evelyn Heim

Ted Jimenez

Chuck Engberg

LaDean Owen



To receive Prayer Chain
e-mails, please contact
the church office at
crossandflame@att.net

Transportation Ministry

If you need a ride to church events, 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.



Leisure Club is on Summer break.

Next meeting is October 4 with a session of Bingo. Seen above are the members enjoying their June meeting.



UMC Market

<https://www.umcmarket.org>

When you shop online at one of the thousands of participating stores, a percentage of every dollar you spend is contributed by those stores to your church. For instance, if you shop at a store listed as "3%," that means for every \$100 you spend, \$3 is contributed to church, at no additional cost to you.

Register today!

Pictorial Directory

It is time for a new church directory. With your help, the skills of our Courier team, Sharon Mountford and Julie Mosley, and the keen eyes of our volunteer photographers Trish and Grant Simmons, we plan to prepare this directory in house.

Pictures are being taken each Sunday morning before church at 9:30 AM and during the Fellowship Time, following worship. Reservations are not needed. We began on Sunday, June 19 and will continue into July.

For our homebound members, we will contact you to schedule a visit to take your picture. For our members living at a distance, please send us a picture with your current contact information to include in the directory.

Fifth Sunday Potluck July 31

Plan to stay for a potluck in the Parlor following church on the last Sunday in July.

Gardner-Robertson Wedding

Joshua Gardner and Jackie Robertson were married on June 11 in our sanctuary. The reception was a picnic on the lawn. A great time was had by all. Four of the young attendants were members of our youth group -- Anthony Hernandez, Shawn Alvarado, Annaliese Laguna and Eric Rodriguez.



Visit with Booker T

Sharon and Lou Mountford went to hear Booker T Jones when he and his band were performing on a very hot afternoon at the Cajun and Blues Festival in Simi Valley. Booker and Nan and their children were active at our church for about six years, until they left the area 25 years ago. Booker sang in the choir and occasionally filled in at the organ.

It was so good to see them again. The only way to get close enough to chat was to stand in line for an autographed CD, but they were gracious with their time and had their daughter Olivia take our picture.

It was a family affair with Nan and Olivia manning the booth selling CD's, shirts and other merchandise and Ted in the white shirt is seen on stage with his dad (below). When the family moved away Ted was two and Olivia was seven. Olivia is now her father's business manager and is getting an MBA at UCLA.





Memorial Day 2016

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