



June 2018

# The Courier

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

*Sunday Worship at 10:00 am*

## Heart to Heart

I like pencils. I always have. There's something about a new sharpened pencil with a fresh eraser. So, you might wonder about my green pencils.

The oldest pencil in my collection is 23 years old; the newest, 3 years old. The name of the hotel is printed in gold on each one.

As a rule, I don't like advertising on pens or pencils. And I don't like erasers too old to erase without a pencil smudge and a streak of eraser pink. Nevertheless, I keep each one of these pencils, because they encourage me.



I see the pencils and remember seminars I've taken across the years with Kennon Callahan, Ph.D. I remember things I've learned and people I've met. But most of all I remember Ken and the grace and encouragement he shares with us.

Remember the people who have meant the most to you. They are frequently people who live lives of grace and encouragement. Because what helps most of us is someone who loves us, who sees the best in us, and who shares grace with us. Go and do likewise. Go and be like them.

### God shares grace with us.

God invites us to live a life of grace with others and with ourselves.

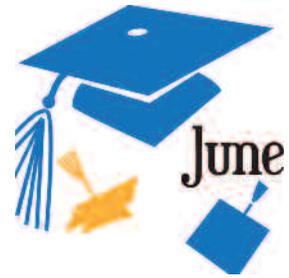
*Share kindness and words of appreciation and gratitude.*

### God is encouraging with us.

God invites us to be encouraging with those around us and with ourselves.

*Share the words well done with warmth and affection.*

*Pastor Lynn Westover*



**Pastor**

Lynn Westover

**Preschool Director**

Wendy Finley

**Music Director/  
Accompanist**

Paul Cady

**Christian Education  
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**Courier Layout**  
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**Resident Bishop**

Grant Hagiya

**North District  
Superintendent**

Rev. Jim Powell

### June Birthdays

- 1 Karen Grengs
- 3 Betty Phillippi
- 11 Ron Alderman
- 14 Bonnie Coleman
- 16 Barbara Dimmick
- 17 Liza Buenalla
- 19 Robert Lamb
- 24 Jim Ervin
- 25 Pat Taylor
- 26 Nicole Woods
- 29 Toby Lane  
Tamara Palmerlee

### Anniversaries

- 2 Wendy & Brian Finley
- 5 Grant & Trish Simmons
- 6 Paul & Barbara Coffman
- 7 Verda & John Longan
- 9 Nanette & Noel Roberson
- 11 Joshua & Jackie Gardner
- 12 Wilbur & Flora Wilhelm
- 21 Bob & Dawn Hromadka  
Tim & Lora O'Connor
- 25 Tom & Glynene Roe
- 27 John & Barbara Caldwell
- 29 Jennifer & Jim Ervin

*If we do not recognize your special days, please leave a note for Julie in the office, so that we may include them in the future.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3 Open
- 10 Open
- 17 Given by Lori and Ken Dimmick in honor of Barbara Dimmick  
Bud vases given by Shirley Thomson in honor of Stella Rayne Moore and in memory of husband Raymond
- 24 Open

### Weekly Activities

- Sunday Peace Evangelical Church, Hall, 9:30 am  
Hindi Urdu UMC, Sanctuary, 5:00 pm
- Monday Cub Pack, Scout Room, 7:00 pm  
Monday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, 8:00 pm
- Tuesday Shower Ministry, 8:30 am - noon  
Boy Scouts, Scout Room, 7:00 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, 7:30 pm  
Codependents Anonymous, Youth Room, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Men's Stag AA meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm
- Thursday Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous Study Group, Lounge, 6:30 pm
- Friday Girl Scouts, email: gsav11896@gmail.com for details

### 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, 11:00 am, Lounge
- Friday 8 Preschool Program 10:00 am, Sanctuary
- Monday 11 Deadline for the July / August issue of the Courier
- Tuesday 12 Administrative Committee Meeting, Library, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 14 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am  
Sarah's Circle, Denny's, 9:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Sunday 17 Father's Day
- Tuesday 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 20 Faith, Hope & Love, Dinner out, Marie Callender's, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming in July

- Wednesday 4 Fourth of July, Church office closed
- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*



You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of every month. Your much-appreciated contributions are taken to the West Valley Food Pantry for distribution to their clients.



## Future Meetings

### UMW Mission Team

Thursday, September 6 in Room 10.

### UMW General Meeting

Thursday, September 20 in the Church Library.

## Reminder

We would appreciate receiving your UMW Pledge by June 30. Checks should be made payable to United Methodist Women designated for your Pledge. Give the checks to Chandra Seeger or Shirley Thomson.

## UMW Reading Program

I would like to remind everyone that our church library contains the selections for the UMW Book Program, located on the cart just to the right as you enter. They are divided into categories and can be checked out by removing the card from the pocket, signing your name and depositing the card in the file box. In order to qualify for a certificate at the end of the year you need to read at least one book from each section. (You can read more, of course.)

One excellent book for this year is *50 Women Every Christian Should Know*. It contains stories of the many women, who from ancient times to the present, have contributed to our Christian heritage, including Susanna Wesley. Although she never preached a sermon, or published a book, or founded a church, she was known as the Mother of Methodism. Read the book and find out why. It is extremely readable as each article is only two to three pages long.

Also in the library, to the left of the door, are monthly copies of two UMW magazines, *Response* and *New World Outlook*. They are filled with interesting and informative articles about the work the UMW is doing here and internationally. These magazines do not need to be checked out, so just return them when you're finished.

*Happy Reading, Pat Taylor*  
UMW Resource Coordinator

## June Circle Gatherings

### Bookends

Thursday, June 14  
9:30 am

Church Library

Book:

*A Gentleman in Moscow*  
by Amor Towles

Reviewed by Donna Nall.

Hostess: Lynne German.

### Sarah Circle

Thursday, June 14  
9:30 am

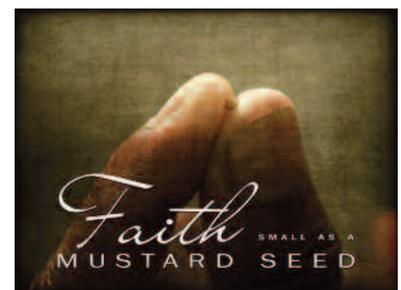
Breakfast at Denny's  
8330 Topanga Canyon Blvd.  
(north of Roscoe Blvd.)

## Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, June 20  
7:00 pm

Dinner out at:

Marie Callender's  
19310 Business Center Drive  
Northridge





## *Celebrating 70 years* **God's love at work every day**

Seventy years ago this year, The Advance was born out of disaster — a postwar world where hope seemed lost for many people. Bringing people hope and healing in the hour of greatest need has been near the heart of The Advance for seven decades.

It should come as no surprise, then, that the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR, Advance #999895) has been central to the work of The Advance from the beginning. Whenever a natural disaster strikes anywhere in the world, UMCOR is likely to be involved, offering aid and relief in the name of Christ.

Today, every U.S. annual conference has a disaster-response office, along with clergy and laity trained and ready to help the church respond to emergency. That is a long-term strategic vision carried out by UMCOR — training people and depending on them to find and train more people, year after year.

UMCOR, one of the more visible ministries supported by The Advance, is only one of hundreds. The Advance funds more than 300 missionaries and over 600 projects affecting every geographical region of the world and the following areas of focus:

Disaster Response and Recovery  
Economic Empowerment  
Education  
Evangelism and Church Growth  
Food and Agriculture  
Health  
Migration  
Mission Personnel  
Social Justice  
Water and Sanitation  
Women and Children

Visit [UMCmission.org](http://UMCmission.org)/give today,  
and choose the missionary or project you'd like to support.

## **Annual Conference** **2018** *Thirst No More*

The 34th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will be held:

Wednesday, 13 June –  
Saturday, 16 June,  
University of Redlands  
(Redlands, CA)

Our lay delegates are Grace Leighton and Mary Beth Godwin. Our clergy delegate is Lynn Westover. Uphold the work of Annual Conference in your prayers.

## **Newton Fund 2018** **Local Church Grant** **Proposals**

In 2017, the Newton Task Force awarded three grants:

- 1) Elementary and Youth Sunday School Teachers, as well as two special Sunday School events for 2017-2019;
- 2) Workshop on Visual Media for Church Services; and
- 3) Choir Designated Fund for guest singers and musicians.

Think about programs or events that will benefit our church and/or community. Write and submit a grant request, including budget. The task force will meet Sunday, June 24, at 11:30 am to consider grant proposals. Send grant requests no later than Wednesday, June 20, to Pastor Lynn at [preachingbarefoot@att.net](mailto:preachingbarefoot@att.net).

## Preschool Happenings

The school year is coming to an end. We have 15 five-year-olds who will be "Graduating" from Preschool this month. Ready for kindergarten, these children will have a little bit of an edge moving on in their education due to all they were taught during their time here at FUMP!

There will be a performance for parents, family & friends on Friday, June 8th, at 10:00 am in the Church sanctuary. We invite you all to come and see the kids perform their songs. This will also be our last day of school!

We will be back on Tuesday, June 19th, to start our 6 weeks of summer school

*Wendy*

## Do You Know Dana Dreyfuss?

Dana, born and raised in Los Angeles, grew up in a family of six girls. She was brought up in the Methodist Church. She married and had a daughter and a son. After her husband's death, she went into the banking business. She retired after 22 years. She has volunteered for 20 years at West Hills Hospital, Madrid Theatre, and West Valley Playhouse.



Although Dana hasn't played for years, she used to love playing golf. She enjoyed many parties, trips and birthday celebrations with her sisters. She likes country-western music and has fun doing jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzles, as well as reading detective books and westerns.

Pastor Lynn welcomed her as a new member of our church on Sunday, April 22, the day before her birthday.

23849 Kittridge St., West Hills, CA 91307  
818-888-9450 (home)



Next meeting  
Tuesday,  
June 5  
11:00 am  
Lounge

Leisure Club is meeting on June 5th in the Lounge. For our program we will be playing a traditional Leisure Club dice game which is a lot of fun. Please bring a wrapped "White Elephant" which is part of the game. In addition, bring a salad or dessert to share for our pot-luck following the program. This will be the last meeting until October so come to see your friends and make new ones. Don't miss it!

## Proud grandfather,

Joe Buttemeier, shares this announcement with his church family...



UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
The Graduate School

Dear Analyssa,

Congratulations! On the recommendation of the graduate faculty, I am pleased to inform you that you have been admitted to the Graduate School of the University of South Carolina. Your admission to the **Genetic Counseling - MS** program is effective for the **Fall 2018** term. Please accept this email as formal notification of your admission decision.

## AED Introduction

As you may have noticed, AED (automated external defibrillator) machines have been installed in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary hallways.

On Sunday, June 10, at the beginning of the worship service, Grace Leighton will give a brief introduction and instruction on the machines. They are to be used in conjunction with emergency CPR. If you are unable to attend, instructions are located in the cabinet along with the AED. Be prepared should a true emergency arise.

## Farewell to Jean and Ann

On Sunday, May 6, we bid farewell to Jean Smith and her loyal caregiver, Ann Peterson. Jean is moving into an Assisted Living facility and Ann is heading off to be with a daughter who is facing surgery. When Ann returns, she can be reached at the address below.



## Directory Changes

Marcela Rodriguez  
10412 Peach Avenue  
Mission Hills, CA 91345

Ann Peterson  
2108 Fairpark Avenue #315  
Los Angeles, CA 90041  
her phone number has not changed

Jean Smith  
Senior Living Pacifica  
2211 East Gonzales Road, Oxnard, CA 93036  
805-288-6792

after June 15  
Steve Robertson  
Jackie and Josh Gardner  
31130 Flossie Way, Winchester, CA 92596

## Shower Ministry

One of the clients of the shower ministry died on April 24. He was Patrick Henry, a U.S. veteran. Grace Leighton presided over a memorial service for him here at the church.

There is an on-going need for cooks to prepare meals for the shower ministry clients. If you would be able to prepare a hot, ready-to-go casserole for twenty on Tuesday by 8:00 am, please sign up on the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. You can also contact Beulah Hajek at 818-883-2616 or by e-mail (BSorensonhajek@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Congratulations, Grace Leighton

Grace was elected Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministry at the North District Conference in May. Lay Servant Ministries currently offers training curriculum which includes the Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries (English and Spanish) and fourteen Advanced Courses in the areas of Caring, Communication, Spiritual Formation and Leadership.

## Fire Lane

As a result of a citation we received from the Los Angeles Fire Department, we have installed "No Parking Fire Lane" signs along the exit lane leading from the parking lot out to Sherman Way. For the safety of our church, preschool, and all those who use our facility, there is no parking allowed along the fire lane at any time. It will be monitored and subject to ticketing by the city. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## 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 818-280-6441 or Mary Mackay at 818-346-5872.

## News from our Scouts

### Camporee 2018

The Scouts from the Troop and the Webelo Scouts from the Pack attended "Survive the Zombie Apocalypse," this year's themed Boy Scout Camporee. Neighboring Scouting units from around the valley attended this fun



competition. Five Scouts from the Troop and 3 Webelo Cub Scouts from the Pack attended this event. Two additional Webelo Scouts from Pack 777 competed alongside our Webelo Scouts this year. We are very proud to have the opportunity to share Camporee with a neighboring unit.

Both of our competing teams earned First-Place on their Uniform Inspection. Our Webelo Scouts from Packs 474 and 777 earned a Third-Place award for

their Flag Design and Second-Place for the Moon Walk event. Troop 474 Scouts received three First Place Awards in BB Slingshot, Archery and a game testing their 10-Essentials Knowledge.

### Fundraising: Pizza Night and Yard Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the fundraising events a success. With your efforts, we raised a total of \$920 to subsidize Scouts going to Summer Camp in the month of May. In addition the Scouts contributed \$200 to the church coffers as a result of their sale.

### Leadership Recognition Dinner

In keeping with 474 tradition, many of our leaders were honored at this year's recognition dinner. Our very own Troop Committee Chair, Stu Schwartz, was honored with the highest possible honor, the District Award of Merit, a prestigious award presented to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature for the Las Colinas District. We are very proud of Stu's accomplishments.

### Thank you, FUMC for all that you do for Scouts.

Every day, we give thanks for the dedicated Scout Room that we are so privileged to use year-round. In addition to hosting our district Order of the Arrow meetings and events, the Scouting Worship Service for Scout Sunday, Scouting for Food Drive, and typical recruiting and fundraising events that our unit participates in annually, this year the FUMC went above and beyond for our Scouts and our District.

FUMC hosted two Las Colinas district events. The 2018 Merit Badge Midway, which was a roaring success for all of WLACC, as well as our very first ever District Pinewood Derby.

**THANK YOU**



Willie Wilhelm

Joan Kelley

La Dean Owen

Nancy Summer

Betty Phillippi

Barbara Caldwell

Paul Cady's Parents

Ann Peterson

Jean Smith

*To receive Prayer Chain e-mails, please contact Robin Abernathy at [robingreenbird@yahoo.com](mailto:robingreenbird@yahoo.com) "cc" the church office at [crossandflame@att.net](mailto:crossandflame@att.net)*



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## Spider Web

On May 20, during the morning worship service, Pastor Lynn led the congregation in a web-building experience to remember the people in our lives who have been instrumental guides on our faith journeys. The resulting network of red yarn joined the congregants in an interconnected web of shared experiences.



## A Timely Reminder...

*Pastor Lynn's web-building service reminded me of this photo.*

Even though the web was built with utmost care and precision, it has been damaged by numerous impacts, requiring daily maintenance by the resident spider.