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Children's Camp at Sky Meadows:

"I am a Child of God: Celebrating the Wonder of our Creation in the beauty of the Mountains"

from Rev. Debbie Gara

Twenty-two elementary children from 1st-6th grade embarked on Camp Sky Meadows this past weekend to enjoy two days in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains and explore our wonderful gift of life and love as God's beloved children. We did this in several ways together resulting in a wonderful experience with new and old friends. We enjoyed crafts in the lodge, good food, campfire songs, sessions exploring our

theme with some wonderful sharing, hiking, snow patches big enough to make snow balls, and singing. A special

treat was our science session with Mark Cowdin, who built and brought a catapult to shoot objects high into the sky (water balloons were the choice) as we learned about and experimented with levers. We worshipped and had communion at the chapel in the sky surrounded by the magnificent beauty and amazing stillness of the mountains. Special thanks to the great group of

Lenten Dinners and Communion

The Adult Ministries Committee encourages you to enjoy a time of fellowship around the table with friends and family of FUMC Pasadena. Please come for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evenings, February 14th – March 13th at 6:00 pm. Communion will be served in the Chapel at 6:45 pm prior to the Lenten Study. All are invited whether participating in the class or not. A donation will be taken to off-set the cost of food as you are able. Invite a friend!



counselors who came, helped in many ways, and insured that this spirit-filled weekend was safe and smooth: Roberta and Mark Cowdin, Eric and Kellie Dimacali, Anne Dimmock, Lilly Funcion, Heather Grimaldi, David Lohr, Gerry Poulin, Doug Rogers; *youth counselors*, Victoria and Katie Dickerson; *cook*, Leslie Garriott; *nurse*, Marlene Farrell; *song man*, Dan Gara.

A Story from the Mission Field in Mexico

The following is an excerpt from an email sent from Terry and Muriel Henderson. It not only touches on their mission work in Mexico, but it notes environmental efforts in saving our planet, which is worth noting since we are in discussion about taking this church “green.”

—Elaine Enzlinger



We would like you to meet some very special friends, Eleuterio and Celia Jimenez, an elderly couple living in the village of Alchichica, Puebla.

They are always open to receiving friends and strangers for a visit under the trees in their outdoor patio. It is common for them to share their faith through music and they enjoy singing their many favorite hymns and two-part harmony. They know all the verses by heart as they have sung them since their youth.

Eleuterio and Celia raised twelve children on their small parcel of land, feeding their family from the agricultural products they grew, which was mostly corn and beans as well as fruit from their twelve mango trees. One for each of their children.

Although now grown, one daughter remains at home while the other children have moved away. A few send a small amount of money every couple of months to help their parents' support. As in most underdeveloped and developing nations, once parents are too old or too sickly for gainful employment, they live on what their children can afford to give them.

This couple lives in just one room and when the temperature is too hot to sleep inside they spend the nights on a woven straw mat outside.

With age come health issues, like arthritis, cataracts, digestive and respiratory problems, etc. The Jimenez are dealing with all these and diabetes. Another problem is that it's difficult for them to walk out to the pit latrine far beyond their room and especially at night. That is where the GYTTE program got involved.

With help from some GYTTE staff and work team members, as well as their daughter, a room with a dry composting toilet system and an adjoining shower stall was built onto their one room, making everyday living easier. Just yesterday we were visiting them and Eleuterio was painting the outside of the bathroom addition. He and Celia seem pleased with the convenience and safety this has brought into their lives.

Many of the technologies taught by the GYTTE staff improve daily life while taking the environment into consideration. The Jimenez family is reaping the benefits of a low-cost construction with a low-tech, and environmentally sensitive sanitation unit. This is one way in which your mission gifts touch the lives of people in Mexico as well as making a positive impact on the earth.

On behalf of the Jimenez family and the GYTTE staff, we want to thank you for your mission involvement that touches and changes lives.

Views of the Parks Featured at Aldersgate February 8th Luncheon

Don Hanselman will share his pictures of the National Parks at the February Aldersgate Forum. The luncheon and program will be held Friday, February 8th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

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Light from the Catacombs

from Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

Peter's Protégés



(Back row) Danny Smith, Jay Officer, Earl Jamgochian, Jim Stranahan, Malcolm Stump, Greg Mann
(Front row) Linda (Underwood) Officer, Martee (Dorn) ONott, Paul Dorn, David Stranahan



Mitchell Zeider



Tony Vallejo



Cathie Capp & Daniel Niemann



Charlie Peterson



Paul, Mary (Dunne) Taylor, Georgia Rae & Maddie Dorn



Eric Wolf



Mirriam Gustafson
Hameed & Vickie Brown



John Atkinson



Jim Wittry



Susie Lohr, Meg Vallejo, David
& Lia Lohr



Mike and Wesley Underwood



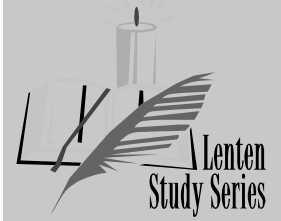
Roger & Kristopher Wittry



Richard Langstaff

Remembering Peter Beam

Pictured are a few of the more than seventy former FUMC youth that attended Peter Beam's service. Doe (Hain) Jamall was there, and she is currently living in Pakistan. There are many second generation families in our church that were influenced by Peter. One family has had three generations participate in the youth group with Peter.



A Lenten Study for
2008

"Behold the Lamb of God"

~based on the Revised
Common Lectionary
Dr. Frank Trotter and
Rev. Debbie Gara

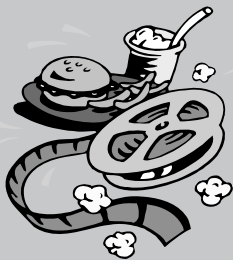
This study reminds us
that approaching Easter
through the season of
Lent is more like
ascending the Himalayas
than going for a pleasant
walk in the park!

We are invited to explore
together the foundations
of our faith through
reflection and prayer. We
will pass through the
garden of paradise in
Genesis, the garden of
decision, Gethsemane, and
enter the garden of
Christ's resurrection,
Easter Day.

Thursdays,
February 14th-
March 13th
7:00-9:00 pm
Church Lounge

Sign up on Sunday after
worship in the Fellowship
Hall. Child care will be
provided as needed,
please indicate with
sign up.

Movie Night with the Questers



Questers will meet on February 17th at 7:30 pm in the Church Lounge for movie night.

A hilarious W.C. Fields classic film will be shown.

Singers Invited to Participate in Mozart's Requiem

The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present Mozart's *Requiem* as part of the Maundy Thursday Communion Service on March 19th in the Sanctuary. Singers who would like to participate in this special musical offering but who cannot sing every week are cordially invited to join the Chancel Choir for the next several weeks as the music is prepared for worship.

The *Requiem* will be rehearsed from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm each Wednesday in the Choir room and the music will be provided. This promises to be a very special project, and I hope you can join us!

Should you have questions, please give Stephen Gothold a call at (562) 708-2348 or drop him an e-mail at sgothold@fumcpasadena.org. Mozart rehearsals will begin February 5th.

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Avenel Chamber Players to Appear Super Sunday, February 3rd

In our ongoing series of "First Sundays and First Church", the Avenel Chamber Players will present the first Guest Artist of the new year on Sunday, February 3rd at 1 pm, following Friends and Family Luncheon.

The program will include the Sonata for Flute and Piano of Francis Poulenc, the Piano Quintet of Beethoven, and the spirited and jazzy Sextet of Poulenc. The instrumentation of the group is flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, bassoon and piano. All the players are LA based, and love playing and sharing their ensemble music.

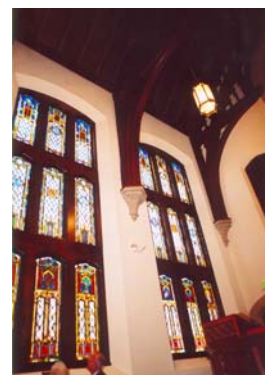
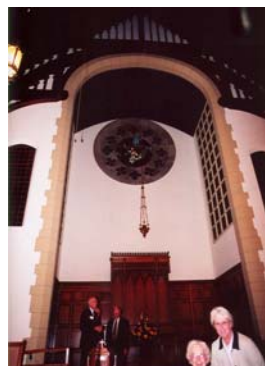
The concert is a little less than one hour in length and you will be home in PLENTY of time to watch the Super Bowl!!

A freewill offering will be taken.

Celebrating the Chapel

from Veta Campbell
Chair, Chapel Restoration Committee
Photos by H Reid

Sunday, January 13th had a celebrative air as Coffee Hour was held outside the Chapel and all the doors of the Chapel stood open inviting people to visit the beautiful space. Plaques of the



donors to specific parts of the Chapel

were on view as well as a book listing all whose gifts supported the restoration of this important space. Chapel Restoration Committee members were available to answer questions and a photo exhibit of the construction and the historic Chapel was displayed. Clearly the Chapel has played a significant role in the life of FUMC over the years and now it is continuing to do so safely.

There are some ways that designated gifts can still serve to enhance the Chapel and provide needed financial help. There are some unsponsored **window panels at \$2500**. One of the **altar railings remains to be named at \$1500**. A number of **pews can be designated gifts at \$700**. The organ console and electronics are new and state of the art. The keyboard is original and

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So THAT'S What Stewardship Means!

from J.P. Harris
FUMC Stewardship Chair

On Sunday, January 13th, we celebrated Virgil Bryant Sunday at First Church. What a wonderful event, celebrating the contributions of Virgil and Juanita. The contributions and sacrifices these two have made to the betterment of the life of this congregation is truly incredible. We would not be "Here To Stay" were it not for the dedication, leadership and, yes, stewardship of this pair of heroes. I was personally inspired and motivated by the vision expressed by the Bryant's and I know that many of us feel the challenges left unmet should serve as a road map to the future.



Church! Invite a church member you have not seen in a while to rejoin the congregation and experience the new sense of excitement that permeates Fellowship Hall. Show a friend the beauty of our newly restored Chapel so they can marvel at the artistry of the stained glass and the feeling of belonging that comes

with joining our congregation. Reach out to a home-bound member and offer to bring them to church so they, too, can experience the joy of regular church attendance.

Taking care of each other, that is Stewardship. Taking care of what God has given us, that is Stewardship. Advancing the mission of the church, that is Stewardship. And, yes, regularly giving back a percentage of what God has so graciously given YOU, that is Stewardship.

The 2008 Stewardship Campaign is now complete. 201 pledges were received and the generosity of this church family has never been greater. On behalf of the entire Stewardship Committee team, thank you for giving First Church a new lease on life and furthering the mission of Our Lord. For it is He that you honor through your sacrifice and worship.

Thank you, Virgil and Juanita, for the years of dedication and stewardship you have provided. The baton is passed. We will continue the race to the Glory of God.

Preserving the past so that future generations can experience the wonder and awe we all felt the first time we entered our sanctuary is a noble deed, not to be taken lightly. God's glory is manifest in our church buildings and we all need to be mindful of that fact. But Virgil's dream was greater than our buildings, as beautiful as they are. Stewardship means more than just marking time: it means moving forward with resolve to make the world a better place for us all.

The Good News that is First Church needs to be shared with everyone you know. 2008 lays before us like fresh snow, waiting for those first new footprints. Ask someone you know, a neighbor, co-worker, best friend, to join you in experiencing the beauty and fulfillment you experience here at First

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seat refurnished. **The organ designation is \$65,000.** If a few families or groups would like to go together to sponsor the organ, that could be worked out. Please contact Tim Sun if you are interested in any of these gifts.

As you consider gifts to many worthwhile organizations and places, remember the outreach that ministry through the Chapel can now provide. Your gifts now and those

provided in your estate planning can lessen the burden of debt repayment for the Church. Gifts to the Chapel honoring or in memory of loved ones are also helpful. We are all grateful for the loan from the Pasadena Methodist Foundation as well as gifts that came to it for the Chapel. Without the support of the Foundation this project could not have gone forward. Please continue remembering the Chapel so that all the ministries of our church can prosper.



Sunday School Big Red Barrel Donations for February

February has four syllables. We will collect something that has four syllables. Our social service clients need this to open cans of food when they are hungry.

We will collect personal, manual can openers and peanut butter and pop-top tuna.

Church Notes:

Pastor Emeritus
George Mann
to preach
February 10th
at 10:00 am
worship service

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Bishop
Swenson
to Preach at
FUMC
Sunday,
March 9th

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Save the Date!

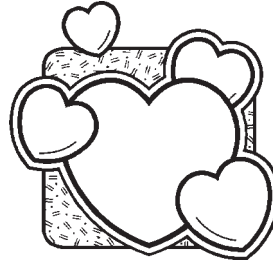
Vacation Bible
School
Summer 2008:
July 14th - 18th

Valentines to the Library – 2008

from Ruth MacPherson
FUMC Librarian

On Sundays, February 10th, 17th, and the 24th, will be the library's annual fundraiser, Valentines to the Library. Look for our library table in Fellowship Hall, full of lovely new library books and tapes, waiting for sponsors to underwrite their costs. We will also feature a "wish tree" suggesting library equipment we need. All donations will be forwarded to the church's financial office where they are recorded as part of your church giving.

When you sponsor or underwrite the cost of a book, a bookplate will be prepared in honor, or in memory of a special person in your life. A bookplate to honor or memorialize that person, will be placed in the book you



sponsor. Then a valentine or a card of memory signed by you, will be sent to that person or their family. The monies received from these donations, strengthens our library budget to fund our "Ten Books Club" reading project for children and youth. They receive free books for every 10 FUMC library books they read.

Come and friendly library staff volunteers will assist you with receipts, valentines and dedications to list on your bookplates. The library is grateful for your support now and in our past Valentine's to the Library campaigns. You have helped us so very much.

Pasadena Methodist Foundation: Looking to the Future

The trust assets of the Pasadena Methodist Foundation have grown in the last sixty years due to the generosity of many church members and others who have seen the value of the Foundation's ability to ensure that a gift for a worthy cause continues to give year after year if invested and managed with care. The ability of the trust to provide support for charitable and religious work in the future is based on a management strategy dedicated to the notion that annual grants be made out of income from trust assets rather than the spending of the trust assets themselves.

The Foundation's decisions on grant awards each year are driven by a variety of variables and constraints. First, the Foundation is bound by the terms of each respective gift, whether by lifetime donation or by bequest. Undesignated gifts allow monies from them to be used in various ways as the needs of FUMC's ministries change. Other gifts are designated and are used as the donor provided. Much of FUMC's most vital outreach is funded by such designated gifts—the church's

Christian education program, the church's music program, student scholarships, and community and overseas ministries. Second, disbursement decisions take into account specific funding requests received from committees, departments and staff members within the church, and from community and theological organizations outside the church. Not all of these requests can be granted but the disbursements committee reviews each carefully. Third, economic factors, the performance of the Foundation's stock as well as bond and real estate assets, and the amount of income received annually serve as positive or limiting factors on the amount of grants made in any given year.

In the future, the Foundation hopes to build its undesignated assets to provide greater flexibility for support of worthy church and community charitable work. The Foundation offers a membership program to encourage this sort of giving within the church family

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Methodist Hospital's Health Connection

Diabetes Management Classes

Methodist Hospital offers educational services for people with Type 1, Type 2, and hypoglycemia (impaired glucose tolerance). If you have diabetes, we encourage you to attend Methodist Hospital's free diabetes management classes. A registered nurse, diabetes educator, registered dietitian and a physical therapist work with you, answering your questions and providing information you need to live an active, healthy life. All classes are held at Methodist Hospital in the classroom area from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Topics of the diabetes management classes include:

- Eating and Diabetes
- Exercise
- Blood Glucose Monitoring
- Medications
- Prevention of Complications

This is a four-week series that is held each month. A special workbook is available to purchase to accompany the course for only \$20. For more information, call (626) 898-8788.

Healthy Heart Fair

Mark your calendar and save the date of February 23, 2008 for the Healthy Heart Fair. The fair will be held in the classroom area at Methodist Hospital. There will be free screenings, physician speakers, educational information, prizes and fun!

Bulletin Correction

In the January 20th church bulletin, the name of Kris and Donna Youngstroms' new baby girl was inadvertently misspelled. The correct spelling of her name is Rachel Lauren. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Saturday, February 9th FUMC All Church Prom!



Do you still have fond memories of your experience at the prom? Not the best experience, and you want to

create better memories? Didn't get to go at all? The Youth of Pasadena FUMC are hosting an All Church Prom in Fellowship Hall on Saturday February 9, 2008 from 5pm -10pm. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door.

There'll be a photographer, so come with an extra \$2 to take that memorable photo while there. We are hoping for couples (or singles) of all ages! Not sure what to do with your children during this event? Aha – our Youth have already thought of that! There will be childcare in the education wing on a donation basis!

And wait, if you already have a prior engagement for that evening, you may also make use of the childcare provided. Please notify the church office of your interest. Boogie on!

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and the larger community. The program provides for memberships at the following levels: life (\$1,000) and annual (\$100).

In addition to opportunities for annual giving, the Foundation encourages church members to consider including the Foundation in personal and family estate planning efforts. Since its inception in 1939, the Foundation has been an invaluable resource in sustaining and building the church program, playing an ever-increasing role in support as the costs of capital projects and day-to-day operations have increased in recent years.

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation, contact Ed Sales, Eldon Osborn, Don Quan or Pam Marx through the Church Office.

Hilltoppers Survey City of Sierra Madre

February 11th

The Hilltoppers unit of the United Methodist Women will meet February 11th. The change of date is because the church is closed for Presidents' Day holiday.

Our program will feature Beverly DeVoy telling us about the beautiful and friendly city of Sierra Madre.

The meeting will be held in the Church Lounge at 1:30 pm and all women are invited and welcome.

FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS:



1-2	6:30pm	Youth Cabaret 2008	Fellowship Hall
3	11:30am	Friends & Family Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	New Members Class	Church Lounge
	11:45am	Girl Scout Troop 529 Meeting	Rms 200 & 300
	1:00pm	Avenel Chamber Players Concert	Chapel
4	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
6	9:00am	Pasadena Homeless Prevention	Great Hall
	10:00am	Foundation Office Hours	Foundation Office
	4:30pm	Board of Trustees Meet	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Chapel
8	12:30pm	Aldersgate Forum	Church Lounge
9	7:00pm	All Church Prom	Fellowship Hall
10	11:30am	New Members Class	Church Lounge
	11:30am	Worship Committee Meeting	Adult Lounge
	4:00pm	Confirmation Class	Jr. High Lounge
11	1:30pm	UMW Hilltoppers	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
12	6:30pm	Liturgist/Communion Training	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Evangelism & Hospitality Meet	Church Lounge
13	6:00pm	Preschool Advisory Board	Church Lounge
14	6:00pm	Dinner before Lenten Series	Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm	Communion before Lenten	Chapel
	7:00pm	Lenten Series	Church Lounge

Weekly & Ongoing FUMC Events

SUNDAYS
 9:00am Sunday School for all ages
 10:00am Sunday Morning Worship
 11:30am Youth Handbell Choir
 5:15pm Youth Choir Choir Room
 6:45pm UMYF Dinner & Program Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS
 10:00am Social Services Great Hall
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop Scout Room
 7:30pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal Bell Room
 7:30pm AA Meetings Adult Lounge

WEDNESDAYS
 7:00pm Young People's AA Meeting Adult Lounge
 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

FUMC Prayer List

Please remember persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers...

We lift up to God these prayers...

for healing:

Lura Brown
 Wayne Brubaker
 Stephen Bumb
 José Casillas
 Patrice Daniels
 Curt Elrod
 George Griffith
 Pat Hall



Peggy Hendricks
 Holly Dale Howard
 Sylvia Jacoby
 Evelyn MacDougall
 Jeff Morrison
 Lyz Rhodes
 Norm Schmidt
 Argie Taylor
 Ladd Thomas
 Cherry Walther
 Rev. Al Waterson
 Rachel Youngstrom

for strength & comfort:

Ken Beam
 The Elrod Family
 Barbara Gorton
 Don Hanselman
 Ae Kyong Kim
 Lorene Ozsvath



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