



# The Messenger

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## An Invitation: Mission Breakfast on February 22nd

*Come hear Maienne Albina discuss the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Breakfast will be served at 8:45 with the presentation and answer period from 9:00 to 9:50. A freewill offering will be collected.*

A Christian Palestinian, Ms. Albina was born and raised in East Jerusalem. Displacement has plagued her family for centuries. Two of her grandparents were refugees from the Armenian genocide and another fled the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. Her fourth grandparent, her grandfather on her father's side, was born in Palestine where his family lived for generations.

Ms. Albina holds an MA in Philosophy from Birkbeck College in London, along with an MA in Middle Eastern Studies, a BA in International Relations and a BA in Political Science from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She attended a Catholic school for general education.

She is the recipient of the Chevening

Scholarship from the United Kingdom and the Rothenberg Family Scholarship from the Hebrew University. She was also a recipient of the Golda Meir fellowship for her MA in Middle Eastern Studies. This fellowship attracts outstanding graduates from all over the world. Her studies have included Palestinian nationalism and identity, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the emigration of Palestinian Christians from Palestine.

Ms. Albina worked with World Vision in Jerusalem and Sri Lanka before moving to the United States to work with the organization in California.

Ms. Albina is an expert on Palestinian youth and has presented at seminars throughout Europe and the United States.



## SUPER SATURDAY Coming on March 28th

**Who:** ALL church committees and social groups

**What:** To join with others in some project or activity to help others. Do you see someone in our church, something in our church, something or someone in our community that could use a little extra help, and that you are comfortable doing? If so, you have a project.

**When:** Saturday, March 28, 2009

**Why:** To practice Jesus' example of serving others.

Please call Elaine Enzminger at (626) 755-0801 and share your idea or bring it to the "Super Saturday" table during Coffee Hour.

Also, there will be projects you can sign up for at the "Super Saturday" table. Persons of all ages can participate. There will be sit down activities at the church but we also need to get out into the community.

**THANK YOU for REACHING OUT to OTHERS!**

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## Opportunities to Serve



### Sanctuary Light Board Crew

Making interesting use of sanctuary lighting capabilities is an Arts Committee priority. With bad lights replaced, we look toward the next step of developing lighting cues and training a group of people interested in working the light board. Contact Pam Marx at [pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net) or (323) 255-3853 if you are interested.

### Reception Committee



The church is seeking to form a Reception Committee in order that we might be able to offer gracious hospitality in a variety of settings. If this area of ministry interests you, please contact Diane in the Church Office.

### Craft/Art Teachers Needed



Do you have a hobby and want to teach a class? Do you do photography, jewelry-making, scrapbooking or some other arty pursuit? We need teachers for a 4-week series of art classes on Thursday evenings - April 23rd, April 30th, May 7th and May 14th - from 7 to 8 or 8:30 p.m. as appropriate. Contact Pam Marx at [pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net) or (323) 255-3853. These will be classes for high school and up.

### Calling All Singers!



We are happy to extend an invitation for interested singers to join the Chancel Choir as they prepare John Rutter's *Requiem* which will be sung with orchestra as part of the Holy Thursday Communion Service on April 9th in the Sanctuary.

For all you folks who cannot join us every Sunday, beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will devote the first hour or so (7:30 to 8:30 p.m.) to rehearsing the Rutter, then excuse those who will only sing that piece. Please join us! It is a wonderful work, and we could use your voices!

## “Boy Scout Troop 27 Night” at United Methodist Men

Come be a part of this special fellowship on Tuesday, February 24th. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a wonderful program put on by Troop 27, led by Scoutmaster Freddy Ortiz. A Court of Honor will take place recognizing Troop 27 Scouts for all badges and rankings earned over the past 12 months.

Troop 27 Scouts, their parents, and troop leaders are guests of United Methodist Men. Enthusiastically invited to attend also, are all friends of Scouting which includes former Troop 27 Scouts! Dinner cost is just \$8.

Did you know that FUMC, through



**Boy Scouts**

United Methodist Men, has actively sponsored Boy Scouting since 1928? FUMC Boy Scout Troop 27 has been preparing young men for successful adult lives for over 80 years!

See you on Tuesday, February 24th for Boy Scout Night!

## Cross Art Display Planned for March 29th

Do you have cross art or a cross, crucifix or cross necklace or jewelry that others might enjoy seeing? As a Lenten celebration, the Arts Committee is planning a



coffee hour display of cross/crucifix art for Sunday, March 29th. If you have something you would like to share, contact Pam at [pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net) or (323) 255-3853. Plan to provide a 3x5 card explaining the origin of the piece.

# New Assisted Listening System Coming March 1st

The Audio-Video Committee will be installing a new assisted listening system in the Sanctuary to replace our current system. The current system will remain active through the last Sunday in February, and the new system will be active beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are currently using one of our listening devices, please contact one of the ushers on any Sunday prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> to indicate your need for a replacement receiver. We would appreciate it if you would request your receiver as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have enough receivers available for those who need them when we change the system over. The



existing receivers are NOT compatible with the new updated equipment so you will need to have a new receiver for the March 1<sup>st</sup> service.

There will be a limited number of additional receivers available from the ushers on March 1<sup>st</sup> for those of you who are unable to indicate your need

beforehand.

For any parishioners who have not previously used one but would like to start using them, please contact one of the ushers on Sunday morning or call Mike Underwood at (818) 846-1050 so that we can make arrangements to have one available for you.

## Wonderful News about Dave Kennedy

Dear Friends,

On Friday, February 6th, two doctors confirmed that the combination of radiation and Temodar treatment has been effective in treating my brain tumor. From the beginning, the definition of success was either shrinkage or no change.

\*The initial MRI was done December 9th.

\*Radiation/Temodar chemotherapy treatment began January 7th and ended February 3rd.

\*Follow-up MRI on February 4th indicates that the tumor is "relatively stable with no major change" according to both Dr. Fineman (neurosurgeon) and Dr. Mak (radiologist).

I choose to believe that the tumor was probably growing between December 9th and January 7th when treatment began—and then probably reduced somewhat once treatment began, which in my book, is even better than "stable." Please remember I'm not a doctor—

but that's what I think.

WHAT WE DO KNOW WITH CERTAINTY IS THAT THE TUMOR HAS REMAINED STABLE! PRAISE THE LORD!

As you might guess, if the treatment has been effective, then treatment will resume with a daily Monday-Friday "boost" of focused radiation on the left side and at the same time the daily Temodar pill medication—and both will resume this coming Monday, February 9th.

Our three children, Pam Shavey from Seattle, Ted Kennedy from Flagstaff, and Sean Kennedy and his family from Chino Hills have been visiting us which has been great! Our plans for our trip to our Seattle are in the process of being rescheduled.

We wanted to share this wonderful news.

Thanks for all of your love and prayers. It means a lot to all of us.

*Dave and Marilynne Kennedy*

...for Madeline and Vance Schneider: c/o Rev. Stephen Schneider  
2427 NE 17th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97212



for  
Eileen Walker

Sunday, March 1,  
2009, at 11:30  
a.m. in the  
Chapel at  
FUMC  
Alhambra, 9 N.  
Almanson Street,  
Alhambra, CA  
91801, (626)  
289-4258, to be  
followed by a  
reception in  
Aldersgate Hall  
with light  
refreshments.  
For more  
information,  
please contact  
Marcia Walker  
LaCour at (951)  
776-9121 or  
[mlacour@att](mailto:mlacour@att)

## Aldersgate Fellowship



Aldersgate Fellowship will meet Friday, March 13th, for a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

## The Belrose Duo Recital

2009 marks the bicentennial of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn. FUMC will celebrate Mendelssohn's music on March 1st at 12:00 noon when the "First Sundays" concert features FUMC members Junko and David Garrett, The Belrose Duo, performing Mendelssohn's works for cello and piano.

Mendelssohn was a child prodigy as both a pianist and composer. He grew up in a successful family that emphasized and excelled not only in music but also in arts, letters, and business. Mendelssohn was compared to Mozart for his youthful brilliance and composed major, lasting works at an early age. Two of his most famous works, the Octet for strings and the Overture to a Midsummer's Night Dream, were written when Mendelssohn was a teenager. Mendelssohn did not share the modernist qualities of his contemporaries Liszt and Berlioz. He was

greatly influenced by the music of Bach, Handel, and Beethoven and throughout his career he maintained conservative and classical qualities in his music. Besides being a virtuoso pianist, Mendelssohn was also a good violinist and violist and his brother was a cellist, so his chamber music naturally suits the idiom of the string instruments. Mendelssohn's two Sonatas for cello and piano are among his mature works and perfectly feature the singing quality of the cello and the virtuosic brilliance of the piano.

David and Junko Ueno Garrett are members of FUMC. Junko teaches at Occidental College and David plays in the Los Angeles Philharmonic. They, along with the FUMC Music Committee, invite you to enjoy this recital and to support the music program at FUMC. The concert is open to all; admission is free. Donations will be taken to support the FUMC music program.

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## DISNEY DAZZLE



### Youth Cabaret 2009 March 6-7, 2009

Appetizers – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Show – 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Tickets sold at Coffee Hour on February 22nd and March 1st

Look for "sneak peeks" during worship those same Sundays.

Come enjoy!

An evening of fabulous food served by our friendly youth.

Great entertainment featuring the songs from Disney movies, old and new, by the Sounds of the Risen Son the Youth Bell Choir and our Dynamite Band.

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## Pathfinders Update

· A HUGE THANK YOU to ALL Pathfinders who helped with the Coffee Hour during the month of January. We all know how important that post holiday coffee or tea is on Sunday morning.

· MARCH 21, 2009 - POTLUCK and ONE CITY/ONE BOOK discussion to be held at the home of Ed Sales, 191 S. Daisy Avenue, Pasadena. Always a lively evening with great discussion. The book is *Lying Awake* by Mark Salzman. Phone in your RSVP and the dish you are bringing to Pat Zeider at (626) 794-1750. Look for further details by email.

# Invitation to Membership at FUMC Pasadena

*New Member Inquirer's Class: Sunday, March 1 at 11:30 am following worship.*

We will gather at designated tables for our class at the Friends and Family lunch in the Fellowship Hall and continue together in our Church Lounge until 2:30 p.m. This session is an opportunity to become better acquainted with the United Methodist Church and is not necessarily a commitment to join. You will have opportunity to learn and discuss the meaning of membership and the history of

our church and denomination as well as the many opportunities to worship, connect and serve at FUMC. The pastors and leaders from various areas in the life of FUMC will be present. Child care will be provided; please let us know of your needs. Sign up during Coffee Hour beginning February 15th or through the Church Office. Contact Rev. Debbie Gara for more information.

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## What's New This Year in the Library

by Ruth MacPherson

Our library has been blessed with some very nice book and tape gifts that we are processing for circulation. Here are a few special titles our children and youth need to see:

- *STORY KEEPERS*: a set of 12 DVDs about early Christians and their adventures in Rome 64 AD after Jesus' resurrection (gift of Kris Perez)
- Several animal and dinosaur books; and a classic, *Rikki, Tikki, Tavi* by Stevenson/Pinkney
- *Abraham Lincoln : A Prairie Life* is a new large print biography given us by the author, our own Elizabeth VanSteenwyk.

These are some "must see or must read" books/tapes for adults:

- *Amazing Grace*, a sweeping epic film based upon the life of William Wilberforce and his quest to end the British slave trade during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Two very practical books for personal survival: *The Art of Friendship* by Roger and Sally Horchow; and *Rising to the Occasion* by Edith Hazard & Wallace Pinfold
- Sue Clairday recommends *The House at Sugar Beach* by Helene Cooper who is a descendant of two Liberian dynasties. In a 1980 coup d'etat, after years of privilege, her mother, sister and she flee from Sugar Beach in Liberia, to the USA.
- *Tapestry of Life*, a huge lovely book of photographs by Howard G. Buffett, is a gift to our church from World Vision through our Jane Evans.
- For a bibliophile, *The Book of Lost Books* by Stuart Kelly, is a gift from Dr. Frank Trotter.

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## A Special Valentine's Day

by Woody Hain

Several members of United Methodist Men invited their wives to celebrate Valentine's Day with them this year by serving dinner at the Bad Weather Shelter



operated by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches (ECPAC). Together with one Scout and several parents from Boy Scout Troop 27, they served 165 homeless people at Pasadena Covenant Church. The star

of the effort was Chitra Perera who spent a day and a half shopping and cooking for the event. Mrs. Perera is a professional nutritionist and the mother of Boy Scout Rashita Perera. The guests at the shelter expressed their appreciation with applause and cheers. The wives agreed that it was a memorable and rewarding Valentine's Day.



Sunday School  
**Big Red  
Barrel  
Donations  
for  
March  
RAZORS**



# Light from the Catacombs

by Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

## Questers

Questers will meet on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for its regular potluck dinner. Dr. Veranda will speak on "Presidents and Their Wives." If anyone, single or married (and we have missed contacting you), would like to join us, please contact Donna or Dick Overton at (626) 793-2646 for more information. We would be happy to welcome you into the fellowship of Questers.



It was July 1, 1961. Dr. K. Morgan Edwards had just left after ten years as our pastor. He would now be the Professor of Preaching at our southern California School of Theology at Claremont. He was an outstanding preacher and had great interest in teaching our ministerial students skills and appreciation for this aspect of their ministry. He certainly inspired Rev. George Mann.

Aloha! Dr. Frank Butterworth came to us directly from Honolulu where he had been the pastor of First Methodist Church for six years. Hawaii was not yet a state and was considered a mission district under our Conference. He and his wife, Irene, were enthusiastic and into youth work. Frank activated the thought, "Christ walked the streets," became deeply involved in civic affairs and interested in young people. He told Rev. George Mann, when assigned here, that he had kept his office door open hoping that someone would walk down the hall that he could invite into his office. His sermons are remembered for their imagery.



Two years later in 1963, Frank and Irene would be recalled to Hawaii where they would spend forty-four years of their ministry.

In 1939, they married and chose exotic Hawaii for their honeymoon. Here they dedicated their lives to the church, Hawaii Pacific University, Y.M.C.A. and prominent community leaders. Having no children of their own, they became "hanai" adoptive parents without legal status to thirteen boys.



Irene died in 2005 after 66 years of marriage. At age 97, Frank walks with a cane but has a strong voice and preaches when asked. He is still involved in the Y.M.C.A. and as

a trustee of Hawaii Pacific University. Three of his beloved "grandsons" are Samoan and Tongan. He recently took one of them on a transcontinental train trip. Until recently, he swam in the ocean each morning. What a life!

Rev. George Mann became a District Superintendent in 1967; Frank was the first D.S. to say, "Welcome aboard!"

## Thank You!



### Sunday School "Nets"

The children thank the congregation for the tremendous outpouring during the February 8th "Cupcakes for Nets" bake sale. Over \$270 was raised. This money will be donated for the purchase of sleep nets to protect children in Africa from becoming infected with malaria. In these hard times, such a showing of love for children in need is a demonstration of God at work in the world.

### Holiday Donations

Dear FUMC:

I want to thank the entire congregation for their generous donations to our foster children during the holiday season. All of the children were very grateful for the kindness shown to them by FUMC.

The holidays are extremely difficult for our children placed in foster care and the gifts they received during the holidays helped ease some of the heartache. *Deirdre Evans, M.A.*

# Gifts Redefining Stewardship

by J.P. Harris  
Stewardship Committee Co-Chair

Stewardship can be defined in many ways. The most common, the giving of money during an annual church campaign, is probably the one that most frequently comes to mind by most modern church-goers. And although financial giving is a significant part of the definition, it is by no means the exclusive definition, nor should it be. To so narrowly define stewardship is a grave disservice to this expansive concept. You see, virtually everything we set out to accomplish in the life of the church has a stewardship nexus. After all, no less of an authority than the Book of Discipline states, "God has granted us stewardship of creation." That just about covers everything in my book!

As I mentioned in my last Messenger article, the best way to fully define stewardship is to put God at the center of the definition. In our rush to make the budget, pay the bills and keep the doors open, we sometimes lose sight of what God truly wants us to do; to make disciples for Jesus Christ by transforming the world into the kingdom of God. This primary task can be accomplished by reaching out and receiving people into our fellowships; relate people to God through the gospel and the community of faith; strengthen and nurture people in their relationship to God and the Christian community; and send people out into the world to live as transformed and transforming believers in Christ who invite others to join the fellowship. Our church's core values of inviting community, dynamic worship, spiritual discipleship and witness & service

mirror these processes nicely.

Now the challenge is to determine what spiritual gifts we each possess to accomplish our individual stewardship mission. The congregation then needs to identify what gifts we, as a church, most strongly possess. Through this process, individually and collectively, we can become true stewards and disciples of the Lord.

Twenty spiritual gifts were defined by the apostle Paul in his letters to the churches at Corinth. The one to be explored in this article is administration and the definition is provided from the book, *Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus* by Dan R. Dick. This spiritual gift is defined as the gift of organizing human and material resources for the work of Christ including the ability to plan and work with people to delegate responsibilities, track progress, and evaluate the effectiveness of procedures. Administrators attend to details, communicate effectively, and take as much pleasure in working behind the scenes as they do in standing in the spotlight. If this sounds like you, this may be your gift to First Church. Utilizing all of the gifts available to us, not just our monetary gifts, our congregation can work synergistically toward the goal of transforming the world into the kingdom of God.

Giving is an act of worship, no matter what form the giving takes. Thank God for the ability to give whether through your time, talents, gifts, presence or witness.



We rejoice at the news that **Allison Mark** has been recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry for commissioning as a Provisional Member of the California-Pacific Conference. The Commissioning will take

place on June 20, 2009, at Annual Conference in Redlands. Commissioning is a step along the elder track towards ordination as a member in Full Connection of the United Methodist Church. Congratulations, Allison and Andy! We are all delighted for you.

## Preaching Schedule

February 22  
Rev. George Mann

March 1  
Rev. Debbie Gara

March 8  
Dr. Frank Trotter

March 15  
Dr. Frank Trotter

March 22  
Bishop Jack Tuell

March 29  
Dr. Frank Trotter



Preaching  
Schedule



# February-March

## FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS

20	3:00pm	Youth Shadow Program	Youth Lounge
21	9:30am	Prayer Quilt Ministry	Church Lounge
	10:00am	Sr. High College Workshop	Off-site
	7:00pm	Pathfinders	The Coffee Gallery
22	8:45am	Mission Breakfast	Church Lounge
	11:15am	Valentines to the Library	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	Church Council	Church Lounge
	3:00pm	Welcome Home Reception for Bishop Beverly Shamana	Fellowship Hall
	4:30pm	Youth Council	Youth Lounge
23	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
24	6:30pm	United Methodist Men	Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Exploring Reconciliation	Church Lounge
25	11:00am	Invitation to the New Testament	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Chapel
26	9:30am	Yarn Ministry	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Pastor's Party	Off-site
	7:00pm	Missions, Peace & Justice Comm.	Church Lounge
27	3:00pm	Shadow Program	Youth Lounge
28	10:00am	Covenant for Vital Ministry	Church Lounge
3/01	11:30am	Friends and Family Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	Art Show	Great Hall
	11:30am	New Member Class	Church Lounge
	12:30pm	The Belrose Duo Recital	Sanctuary
02	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
03	7:00pm	Exploring Reconciliation	Church Lounge
04	11:00am	Invitation to the New Testament	Church Lounge
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees	Church Lounge
06-07	6:30pm	Cabaret	Fellowship Hall

## Weekly & Ongoing FUMC Events

### SUNDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

10:00am	Social Services Great Hall
7:00pm	Boy Scout Tr. 27 Scout Room
7:30pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal Bell Room
7:30pm	AA Meeting Adult Lounge

### WEDNESDAYS

10:00am	Foundation Office open 'til 6:00pm
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...*

Dan Bane	Bronnie McNabb
Juliet Borys	Sylvia Moreno
Pat Bruce	Judge Jim Nelson
Patrice Daniels	Kate Oyler
David Doty	David Peterson
Loretta Hajinga	Laura Reister
Lawrence Hansen	Al Rodriguez
Bob Hardaway	Rev. Manick Samuel
Julia Ibarra	Norm Schmidt
Valerie Kallik	Madeline Schneider
Dave Kennedy	Frances Smith
Julie-Ann Kosakowski	Kathy Summers
Steve Long	Jan Wentz
Phil Lussier	Adam Westfield
Evelyn MacDougall	Elizabeth Wittry
Niko Macias	

*for comfort:* Laura Britvec and Family, Jose Casillas, Helen Creed, Joe Langenderfer

*for the just resolution of conflict:* for the people of Afghanistan, Congo, Darfur, Georgia, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, Sudan, Tibet, Zimbabwe, Israel and Gaza



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