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## Ashes, Bread, and Wine

Living the Cruciform Life: Ash Wednesday – February 21st

The season of Lent begins with a Service of Repentance and Reconciliation to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. As we consider the life of Christ and its call to us to follow in his way, we remember that our humanity is one instrument through which God's will is revealed and God's love shared with all. We recall as well how God's

grace continues to be offered to us through bread and wine so that we would be guided and strengthened in this calling.

Music, scripture, and preaching will prepare us to receive ashes and rejoice in the bread and wine of communion. May these forty days of Lent provide transforming experiences that will prepare us to be resurrection people.

## Giving Through the Connection

The World Service Fund

Part of our fair share in the support of mission and ministry through the United Methodist Church is offered through the World Service Fund. Through our giving, we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts, stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment, encourage church growth and discipleship, and help God's children everywhere. With our giving, we offer the way of Christ through missionaries, community workers, evangelists, resource writers and editors, chaplains, clergy recruiters, educators, and other who spread God's word throughout the world.

A famous singer had just given an outstanding performance. Someone commented to her, "I see you have to give another performance tonight at eight." The singer replied, "I don't have to give it; I get to give it." United

Methodist churches don't have to give through World Service; we "get to give" to the many others whose lives are transformed by the gospel offered by many.

Every dollar we give supports a child beginning to question, an adult reaffirming his or her beliefs, a new Christian discovering the path. We are privileged to be able to offer our fair share for the year 2007; our congregational apportionment for World Service is \$70,181. As in the past, an equal portion of these mission funds are transmitted each month through the Annual Conference to the persons and programs receiving our gift and counting on our giving.

As a congregation, we are committed to full and timely support of missions throughout the world. Because we are blessed, we can be blessing.

# Friends and Family Lunch

The Friends and Family Lunch, the first Sunday of each month, has continued to grow. This casual means of encouraging fellowship and community has become such a success that we ran out of food on February 4th! We apologize for this. So as our commitment to you and to continue the celebration of this ministry, we are going to do two things: One, make more food! We will be making food for 160-180 people rather than 120-140 people as we were doing in

the past. And Two, add four more tables to the room, encouraging even more fellowship and community building.

But we need one thing from you. We need more volunteers in preparation and clean up. Please contact Donna Youngstrom at (626) 355-4252 or Andy Goebel at (626)793-4060, if you are interested in helping with the Friends and Family Lunch.

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## UMM to Honor Boy Scout Troop 27

Did you know that FUMC and United Methodist Men (UMM) has actively sponsored Boy Scouting since 1928? Boy Scout Troop 27 has been preparing young men for successful adult lives for over seventy years!

Come, be a part of this special fellowship on Tuesday, February 27th. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.; followed by a program from Troop 27, and Scoutmaster John Clairday. A Court of Honor will take place, to recognize Troop 27

scouts for all badges and rankings earned since September.

Troop 27 scouts, their parents and troop leaders are the guests of United Methodist Men. Enthusiastically invited to attend also are all friends of scouting, including FUMC members who are former Troop 27 scouts. Dinner cost is just \$7; please make your RSVP soon with the church office, at 626-796-0157.

## Pathfinders at Work

We're all pitching to beautify the Sanctuary. On Saturday, March 3rd, the Pathfinders and any other interested parties will be cleaning and waxing the sanctuary benches. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and work until about 3:00 p.m.

What to bring: lunch, clean rags and buckets. The Murphy's Oil soap will be provided.

Please RSVP to Marilynne Kennedy at [pasadenaflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:pasadenaflowers@yahoo.com) or (626) 796-9556

## Prayer Quilt "Thank You"

Thank you for the beautiful quilt. You saved my life. I had a terrible ordeal with bronchitis and mild heart failure. Thanks for all your prayers and love. I am now in good health.

My arteries are clear, I just need rest. I look forward to seeing you all in church.

Love,  
*Nancy Bumb*

# As a Preschool Parent

*By Kellie Dimacali, Mommy of Isabella and Tyler Dimacali*

What does FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten mean to me? Peace of mind...a positive, loving, nurturing environment...the most dedicated and passionate teachers I have ever met. How fortunate our family is to be a part of a church we call "home" and for our children to attend school. Both my husband, Eric and I work full time. There is nothing like the peace of mind you have when you step into the school and are welcomed warmly - you and your children - with open arms by the teachers. When I drop off Isabella and Tyler each morning, I know that they are getting the most balanced day possible. Even when I was a stay-at-home mother with them, no amount of playgroups, arts and crafts and day trips could give them the variety they get at FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten. I can call at any time of the day and get the same warm, assuring confidence from Miss Leslie that the kids are fine.

Our family has been through a lot these past few years: my mother's death and a relocation back to California from Boston. My main concern was for Isabella and Tyler to have consistency and stability. Thank God children are resilient and feed off how their parents and caregivers handle major issues. Miss Leslie assured Eric and I that the children would be fine and well cared for. Yes, I cried a lot! But when I heard my children talk about all the stories of how much fun they had with new friends and experiences, I knew we had found our "home" at last. Tyler is in Miss Cindy's-2-year-

olds room and Isabella is in Miss Jennie's Purple Dolphins Kindergarten class. I am a proud "room mommy" for Miss Jennie's class, PTA member and, most recently, Eric and I were honored to be asked to join the Prschool Board.

I cannot say enough how pleased Eric and I are with our children's growth - both academically and spiritually. I would not hesitate to recommend to any parent or caregiver FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten. Isabella will graduate this year and move on to 1st grade in Arcadia, well prepared thanks to Miss Jennie and her many years of experience. Miss Jennie is an angel here on earth. While it would be easier to enroll Tyler in Arcadia preschool, we would not dream of it as he adores his teachers and friends. Each night he talks about his teachers as he drifts off to sleep. What moved me the most was coming in to visit

the children during a lunch hour. I peeked in to Tyler's class and saw one teacher, stroking Tyler's hair as he drifted off to sleep. Another was giving one child a head massage. That was it for me. Love and appreciation to Miss Veronica, Miss Marsha, Miss Alba, Miss Elizabeth, Miss Jennie, Miss Cindy,



Mr. Anthony and Miss Leslie.

Words can't say enough - God Bless the teachers and staff of FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten. Our children are our lives I feel so blessed to have them get their academic and spiritual start at our "home away from home", First United Methodist Church of Pasadena.

# Heifer Project is Around the Corner

The Sunday School's annual Heifer Project mission effort is just beginning. Heifer Project is an organization that sends live animals



to people in need around the world so that they have a sustainable food supply. The family receiving chickens or pigs or sheep gives the first born to another family in need in its village or town. In this way, the gift keeps on giving. Families can even make income from extra cheese or honey and send their children to school, often for the first time.

How does it work here at FUMC? The Sunday School children pick their favorite animals to provide to families in need and then they make arts and crafts and baked goods to sell to the

congregation during coffee hour. With the money raised, live animals are sent to those in need. FUMC's generous congregation has filled several "arks" over the years, meaning that \$5,000 or more was raised. And the Sunday School has important helpers. Pasadena Methodist Foundation here at the church provides financial support each year, and the Questers give the Lenten effort a Palm Sunday finale with their annual plant and bake sale.

Sales will begin at coffee hour on March 11th. Watch for Mission Moments during the church service by different Sunday School classes as well. Sunday School sales will continue on March 18th and 25th with the final Palm Sunday sale by Questers culminating the effort. The Sunday School children look forward to your support.

## Something Different for Spring - *A Little Drama*

The FUMC Theater Arts Committee (TAC) plans something a little different this spring. On Sunday, March 25th, the TAC will offer a free lunch after church for families and friends and two special short drama offerings. For families, a short dramatic storytelling event will be offered for families with young children. For those a little older and alot older, a short Lenten-themed one-act play and monologues by our own Denise Campbell will be offered in the Chapel as thought-provoking fare for the Lenten season.

All those interested in participating in the productions, please contact Denise Campbell or Pam Marx to find out more about rehearsals and parts. Youth and adults alike are encouraged to

join in this intergenerational gift to the community. Rehearsals will be on one week night to be decided and after church on Sundays. You don't need to be able to make both times. We will begin mid-February and be done by the end of March. Sound like fun? Join us and see. Contact the church office for more information.

All donations from the event will go to church general benevolence. We hope you will invite friends and families from the community to attend this free event and learn more about our church. On March 25th, we will be collecting gently-used stuffed animals for a children's hospital. After a day of service at Big Saturday on March 24th, take it easy and enjoy yourself

# Chamber Choir to Perform Sunday March 4

Cantori Sine Nomine, an adult chamber choir conducted by Stephen Gothold, will present a concert in the Chapel on Sunday, March 4th at 1 p.m. following Friends and Family Luncheon. The group was founded in Whittier in 1980 at Whittier College to sing the choral works of Ned Rorem, who was composer-in-residence at the College during the fall semester of that year.

Since then, the group has presented many concerts of choral music, specializing in music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods as well as offering music of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

This program will feature music from the time of Queen Elizabeth I, the golden age of British choral music, and will focus on the sacred music of William Byrd, a Roman Catholic in Protestant England, but a composer who nonetheless found favor with Elizabeth, enjoying

a successful career as singer, organist, enjoyed a successful career as singer, organist composer and music publisher. The program will include pieces in Latin written for the then underground English Catholics. The keystone of the afternoon is Byrd's sublime *Mass for Four Voices*, a paragon of 16<sup>th</sup> century polyphonic music.

To conclude, the singers will perform several "madrigalesque" pieces, sacred and secular, by Thomas Weelkes, Thomas Morley, and John Wilbye.

Vickie Brown, Liz Huttner and Steven Andrews, all members of the Chancel Choir, were in Europe with Steven Gothold last summer and performed some of this music with the Classical Music Festival Chamber Choir at various sites in Austria.

Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken.

## Girl Scout Sunday

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Girl Scouts nationwide will begin a week of service and celebration commemorating the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of Girl Scouting in America.

Our church sponsors Girl Scout Troop 529, a multi-level troop with 12 members at the Brownie and Junior levels. We meet two Sunday afternoons a month and for special activities. This

February marks our troop's one year anniversary.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> we hope all Girl Scouts in the congregation will join us in observing Girl Scout Sunday by wearing their uniforms to church. In addition, we invite any interested girls to join us in serving as greeters before the service. We will meet in the Cloister at 9:40 a.m.

## Friends In Deed

FUMC's Boy Scout Troop 27 held a food drive at one of the Von's stores in Pasadena on Saturday, February 3rd. As the customers entered the store, the scouts asked them if they would be interested in donating food to Friends in Deed. The customers were given a list of items

in food.; the food was boxed by the scouts and trucked over to Friends in Deed.

Friends in Deed is a program supported by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches. First United Methodist Church is one of the leading members of the Ecumenical Council.

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June 20-24, 2007  
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# The Cruciform Life

During these forty days of Lent, we are challenged to form our days around that of



Christ and his cross—to take up the cruciform life.

Sacrificial love and reconciling grace characterize this sort of life that is carried out because

of the hope and peace provided by the Spirit of God.

As they have over the ages of the Christian faith, spiritual disciplines provide

opportunities to develop perspectives and commitments that will transform our words and acts. Those seeking spiritual growth are urged to partake of any and all of these activities.

The symbol used during this season is the Jerusalem cross formed on the Greek version with its four arms of equal length meeting at right angles. Added to this central figure are four other similar crosses, each placed in a quadrant created by two adjacent arms and reflecting the global expression of gospel.

## *Lent Services and Activities*

During Lent, we are invited to join in worship on specially designated days and on Sunday where

the sermon series will reflect the responses of Christ to issues of living.

### **Each Wednesday in Lent**

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Lenten Dinners

Suggested donation: \$5.00

### **Maundy Thursday, April 5th**

Footwashing 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

*Requiem* by Durufle Communion, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Ash Wednesday, February 21st**

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

A Service of Repentance and Reconciliation

### **Good Friday, April 6th**

7:00 p.m. in The Chapel

*“A Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows Remembering the Crucifixion of Christ”*

### **Palm Sunday, April 1st**

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*“Waving Palms, Shouting Stones”*

### **Easter Sunday, April 8th**

10:00 a.m. in The Sanctuary

*“From Terror to Amazement”*

### **Monday of Holy Week, April 2nd**

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

*“A Service of Prayer and Healing”*

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3rd**

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

*“A Taize Service of Prayer and Light”*

**Communion** will be offered each Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel and on Sunday morning in The Chapel, following worship (except March 4th and April 1st)

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4th**

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

A Sedar celebrating Passover, families encouraged

**Alleluias** will be silent until the great “alleluia” of Easter

# Caltech Professor to speak at UMM

The Tuesday, March 27th the UMM dinner meeting will feature Mark Davis, Caltech Professor of Chemical Engineering and cancer research leader.

Professor Davis' work in the synthesis of zeolites and molecular sieves, and gene therapy, all in the name of cancer research, is cutting edge. At Caltech, Mark holds the Warren and Katharine Schlinger Chair in Chemical

Engineering. He has appeared as a distinguished lecturer at numerous universities, including Yale, MIT, Texas, Purdue, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Please join us Tuesday, March 27th, to hear Mark's most important message, and to enjoy dinner and fellowship! Please notify the church office with your RSVP!

## Aldersgate Forum

By H. Reid

February's Aldersgate luncheon featured, as guest speaker, a distinguished member of our congregation, namely William A. Lewis, or "Bill" as he prefers to be addressed.

Bill has served multiple terms on the church's Board of Trustees and chairs the Staff Parish Relations Committee. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Methodist Hospital of Southern



California in Arcadia. He also serves on the Governance Planning and Steering Committess.

Bill's informative and wide-ranging talk encompassed the many components of the ongoing hospital re-development including architechiral, structural and design elements of the project.

This class's justly-celebrated potluck luncheon, lovingly prepared by the members, and readily consumed by all, provided the perfect accompaniment to the event.

## Junior High Convention 2007

Spirit Quest 2007: The Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church Junior High Event presents: JAIL BREAK! *Galatians 5:1*. What obstacles come between you

and God? Break free from the insecurities, doubts, and influences that interfere with your relationship with Christ!

Rev. Erika Gara will be the featured speaker and

Eidolon will be the worship band. 2007 Confirmands will receive recognition.

Where: Camp Colby in Palmdale.  
When: April 21-22, 2007  
Who: Youth 6-8th Grade  
Cost: \$100 per person, includes meals  
Deadline: March 15, 2007

For more information please contact Bob Rhodes [brhodes@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:brhodes@fumcpasadena.org).



## Our Morning Worship Service

You can now view our  
Worship Service on  
Charter Cable in  
Pasadena every Sunday  
evening at 6:00 p.m.  
on channel 3.

You can also listen to  
our worship service as  
a podcast by visiting  
our website at  
[www.fumcpasadena.org](http://www.fumcpasadena.org).

# Preschool Press

*By Leslie Garriott*

We are very grateful to the Dimacali Family for their article and hope you all enjoyed it. The Dimacali's, as well as many others attended



our special persons luncheon on Valentines Day. The children sang songs and looked very adoringly at their special guests.

We had grand parents

all the way from France and India in attendance. The children spent time playing and visiting with our guests. We had lunch together consisting of tea sandwiches, deviled eggs, fruit and vegetables with lovely cinnamon spice cupcakes for desert. We had a wonderful time of fellowship.



The Preschool Board wishes to extend to you an invitation to a special meeting in the Church Lounge on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be presenting to the Sunday School and Preschool parents, board members and other interested church members our proposal for the Children's Play Garden. Finished plans are placed around church in an effort



to share them with you. We would enjoy your company, questions and conversation to prepare us for the larger presentation to Church Council on March 25<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be provided as will childcare so please call the preschool office to let us know that you are planning to attend. 626.568.9502

## A Second Worship Service

An announcement was offered at the most recent Worship Committee meeting: planning for a second Worship Gathering has begun! God calls us to ministry and to making disciples, and with this call in mind a July start date is anticipated.

There's certainly a great deal of work to be done, and a few have already been invited to join in the planning. A part of our efforts will include visiting other local churches so that we might learn and incorporate ideas into something that will work in this place.

Of course, we recognize that we are

developing a worship experience that may not speak to those who are already being fed through our current offerings, and that we are trying something new and different that we hope might speak to those who are not yet in our midst.

We are blessed to be able to work toward this new offering. We will continue to report our progress, and are faithful that we will find fish where we cast our nets.

If you feel moved to join in this effort, please contact Bob in the church office or by email at [brhodes@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:brhodes@fumcpasadena.org).



## Calendar of Events

|                         |   |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, 02.25</b>    | <b>First Sunday in Lent</b>                 | <b>Sunday, 03.04</b>    | <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>                |
| 8:30 am & 11:00 am      | Adult and Jr. Libraries open                | 8:30 am & 11:00 am      | Adult and Jr. Libraries open                |
| 8:50 am                 | Pastor's Forum                              | 8:50 am                 | Pastor's Forum                              |
| 9:00 am                 | Children's, Jr. & Sr. High<br>Sunday School | 9:00 am                 | Children's, Jr. & Sr. High<br>Sunday School |
| 10:00 am                | Worship in the Sanctuary                    | 10:00 am                | Worship in the Sanctuary                    |
| 11:15 am                | Coffee Hour                                 | 11:15 am                | Coffee Hour                                 |
| 11:30 am                | Youth Handbell Choir                        | 11:30 am                | Friends and Family Lunch                    |
| 11:45 am                | Girl Scout Troop 529 Meeting                |                         | Youth Handbell Choir                        |
| 5:15 pm                 | Youth Choir                                 | 11:45 am                | Girl Scout Troop 529                        |
| 6:45 pm                 | Youth Dinner and Program                    | 12:00 pm                | Choral Concert : <i>Cantore Sine Nomine</i> |
| <b>Monday, 02.26</b>    |   | 5:15 pm                 | Youth Choir                                 |
| 7:00 pm                 | Christian Believer                          | 6:45 pm                 | Youth Dinner & Program                      |
| <b>Tuesday, 02.27</b>   |   | <b>Monday, 03.05</b>    |   |
| 6:30 pm                 | United Methodist Men                        | 7:00 pm                 | Christian Believer                          |
|                         | Boy Scout Troop 27 Meeting                  | <b>Tuesday, 03.06</b>   |   |
| 7:00 pm                 | Adult Handbell Choir                        | 7:00 pm                 | Adult Handbell Choir                        |
| <b>Wednesday, 02.28</b> |   |                         | Boy Scout Troop 27 Meeting                  |
| 10:00 am                | Foundation Office Open                      | <b>Wednesday, 03.07</b> | Worship Committee Meeting                   |
| 6:00 pm                 | Lenten Dinner                               | 9:00 am                 | Mission, Peace & Justice                    |
| 6:30 pm                 | Library Cimmittee Meeting                   | 10:00 am                | Foundation Office Open                      |
| 6:45 pm                 | Communion in the Chapel                     | 4:30 pm                 | Board of Trustees                           |
| 7:00 pm                 | Companions in Christ                        | 6:00 pm                 | Lenten Dinner                               |
|                         | Jesus-Parables of Life                      |                         | SPRC  |
|                         | The Gospel According to<br>Harry Potter     | 6:45 pm                 | Communion in the Chapel                     |
|                         | Young People's AA Meeting                   | 7:00 pm                 | Campanions in Christ                        |
| 7:30 pm                 | Adult Choir Rehearsal                       |                         | Jesus-Parables of Life                      |
| <b>Thursday, 03.01</b>  |   |                         | The Gospel Accoring to<br>Harry Potter      |
| 6:30 pm                 | FUMC Preschool PTA/Board                    |                         | Young People's AA Meeting                   |
| 7:00 pm                 | Jesus in the Gospels                        | 7:30 pm                 | Adult Choir Rehearsal                       |
| <b>Friday, 03.02</b>    | No scheduled activites                      | <b>Thursday, 03.08</b>  |   |
| <b>Saturday, 03.03</b>  |   | 7:00 pm                 | Jesus in the Gospels                        |
| 2:00 pm                 | Art Class                                   | <b>Friday, 03.09</b>    |   |
|                         |   | 12:30 pm                | Aldersgate Forum                            |
|                         |   | <b>Saturday, 03.10</b>  |   |
|                         |   | 2:00 pm                 | Art Class                                   |

# The Congregation in Worship

Sunday, 02.25.07

Text: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: Living the Cruciform Life: Temptation  
The Rev. Richard C. Garner, preaching

Sunday, 03.4.07

Text: Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon: Living the Cruciform Life: Grief  
The Rev. Richard C. Garner, preaching



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