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Bishop Jack Tuell to Preach on March 22

by Debbie Gara
Associate Pastor

We will welcome Bishop Jack Tuell and his wife, Marji, to FUMC on March 22. Bishop Tuell will preach in our morning worship service and continue after worship as the presenter in a special Sunday session of our Lenten series “Exploring Reconciliation,” sharing his personal story of transformation.

Bishop Tuell served in World War II and was a practicing attorney before he was called into Christian ministry in 1950. He was elected and served as Bishop from 1972-1992 and served as the California-Pacific Conference Bishop from 1980-1992. During some of that time, his office was located here at FUMC while the Conference Office headquarters were in

transition. Bishop Tuell retired in 1992 and enjoys life with Marji, his wife of 63 years, in their native Des Moines, Washington.



Bishop Tuell has written an autobiography, *From Law to Grace* and limited copies are available at the Lenten series and through the Church Office. Reviewed as “a fascinating testimony of how a servant leader took the journey, literally, *from law to grace*,” this book is also an interesting view of the UMC in the 20th century, as well as Bishop Tuell’s own story.

All are invited to continue to hear the word with Bishop Tuell by attending the Lenten session in the Fellowship Hall after worship on March 22. Sign up through the Church Office for lunch reservations.

Join Us for SUPER SATURDAY, March 28

by Pam Burns

Join us on March 28, 2009, for Super Saturday. This is an opportunity for FUMC members to work together to serve others, both here at the church and out in the community. We will gather at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for breakfast before beginning our day of service.

If 100 or more people are in the Fellowship Hall by 8:32 a.m. on Super Saturday, Allison will cut off ten inches of her hair to donate to “Locks of Love.” Let’s meet her challenge!

If anyone else would like to join the challenge and donate a minimum of 10 inches of your hair, please sign up at the Missions, Peace and Justice table during Coffee Hour.

You may also sign up at the MPJ table for the various service opportunities. If you don’t have a chance to sign up before Super Saturday, come anyway and be ready to work.

See page 2 for service opportunities

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Super Saturday Service Opportunities

- **Sack Lunch Preparation:** The Lamplighters and Aldersgate Fellowship groups will prepare sack lunches for the homeless living in the park. We need volunteers to deliver the lunches once they are prepared.
- **Children's Choir Performance:** Chrissa Hayes and the Children's Choir will entertain residents at the Mar Linda Convalescent Home.
- **Litter Detail at Henniger Flats:** Pick up litter on our local trails while hiking and enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Jackson Elementary School Cleanup:** Join us in cleaning both the school building and the playground by sweeping sand back into sand lots, washing tables and picking up trash.
- **Children's Book Drive:** Donate children's books for pregnant teens and teen mothers attending Learning Works to read with their children. Also needed are books on parenting for the teen mothers to read. New and used novels, classics and non-classics would also be appreciated. Drop books off at the Missions' table each Sunday before Super Saturday or bring them to the breakfast on March 28. Donations will be delivered to Learning Works that morning.
- **Clerical Support at Learning Works:** Help file papers and mail report cards.
- **Job Prep Day:** Prepare students at Learning Works for job hunting. Share your experiences in writing resumes, completing job applications or conducting job interviews.
- **Yard Clean Up:** H and Joan Reid need a few volunteers to clean off a sloped area of their yard that they are unable to take care of themselves. The work would involve pulling weeds, raking, and trimming ivy and rosemary.
- **Boy Scout Car Wash:** Boy Scouts will wash cars from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The cost is whatever you want to give. Money will help support ECPAC projects like the Friends in Deed Food Pantry, the Women's Room and the Bad Weather Shelter.
- **Table Crafts:** Craft activities are available for adults and young children who cannot join in activities outside the church. Help cut fleece blankets for Project Linus (please bring your own scissors) or create table centerpieces to brighten tables for meals served to the homeless at St. Barnabas in Eagle Rock. Anyone who would like to is asked to bring pony packs of spring flowers for a planting activity in front of the church (bring your own gardening tools).
- **Spring Cleaning in the Sanctuary:** This on-site activity will prepare the sanctuary not only for members to enjoy on Sunday but also for visitors attending a concert on Saturday evening.

United Methodist Men and Troop 27 Fundraiser by Sue Clairday

The United Methodist Men recently hosted a dinner, Court of Honor and fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 27. The meal was provided and catered by the Porter family of Troop 27.

Many of the troop's scouts were recognized for the merit badges and advancements they had earned. Two scouts, Danny Hain and Laksh Mital, received Eagle palms for badges earned beyond the rank of Eagle Scout.

First Church and the United Methodist

Men have been supporting Troop 27 since 1928. Scoutmaster Freddy Ortiz showed slides of current troop activities and historical slides dating back to 1928. Many FUMC members have been involved in Troop 27 over the years.

A huge thank you to all who made the evening a success. The United Methodist Men donated \$300 to fund a campership for a Scout this summer, with an additional \$600 raised for the troop that evening.

Celebrate Spring with an Art Adventure

by Pam Marx
Arts Committee Chair

This spring, the Arts Committee is offering “Eats and Arts – Food for the Body and Soul,” a series of arts and craft classes. Adult classes will be on Thursdays (April 23, April 30, May 7 and May 14), with a time of light dinner and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and classes at 7:00 p.m.. The classes are:

Stampin’: Paper and Card Arts – Jami Carrera
Blessing Beads – Wendy Kendall
Flower Arranging – Carol Schmidt
Dancercise – Megan Goldstein

In addition, Lisa Saint will lead a three-week children’s art class for grades 1-6 on Sundays (April 19, April 26 and May 3) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children will learn watercolor, charcoal, pencil and ink techniques. The classes will culminate in an art show on May 17.

More complete class descriptions and modest materials cost information will be available during Coffee Hour in late March. Come join us and invite your friends!

Palm Sunday Palm Fronds

by Irmgard Frey
Worship Committee Chair

Did you know that more than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for the United States alone – most of them for Palm Sunday or church related events? Families in Guatemala and Mexico rely heavily on the palm harvest for their livelihood. But if they are not engaged in a fair trade exchange, they earn very little.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is partnering with the University of Minnesota to build support for

the Eco-Palm Project, which helps to sustain forestry, protect local jobs and ensure fair wages to small-scale farmers.

FUMC is proud to support this project this year by ordering our palm fronds from this organization. So on Palm Sunday, the palm frond you wave will help you reflect on two things: the meaning that Christ’s entry into Jerusalem has in your own life, and the effect our actions have on the lives of others.

Camp Sky Meadows Has a New Manager

by Barbara Gorton
Camp Committee Chair

The Camp Committee and SPRC have chosen a new camp manager, David Greenley, who brings years of experience and enthusiasm to the job. His wife, Martha, a substitute teacher, also has a long resume and is eager to cook for our camps. We had many fine applicants, but these two were a perfect match.

The committee would like to express thanks to Boy Scout Troop 27, Scoutmaster Freddy Ortiz, and the parent volunteers who journeyed up to Camp Sky Meadows for the weekend of March 14 and 15. The troop cleaned the bone yard, mopped Case Lodge, cleaned Manzanita, split wood, and dismantled



a shed. A special thank you to Gerry Poulin, Howard Underwood and Dick Overton, who have been driving up to oversee the camp and fix things that need attention.



Sunday School
**Big Red
Barrel**

Donations
for
April

CHAPSTICK
and
MOISTURIZING
CREAM

Sharing Our Gifts: Family Opportunities at FUMC by Pam Marx

Questers

Look forward to an afternoon at the Glendale Centre Theatre's production of "Here Lies Jeremy Troy," a comedy, Sunday, April 19.

Time: 2:15 p.m. (show time 3:00 p.m.; no reserved seats)

Cost: \$16.50 per person

Reservations by check to Jim Abbott, ASAP, to take advantage of the group rate.

For further information, you may call Dick and Donna Overton at (626) 793-2646.

As part of our Children's Ministry program, we want to support our families' desire to become involved in mission, community and church service with children of all ages. As we did in November for the holiday season, we will try to periodically provide ideas for family service projects.

Service Opportunities in the Community

You don't have to be part of an organized community effort to serve, especially when you have small children. Informal service efforts that you create can be just as rewarding and can be incorporated into the fabric of your daily routine.

- Take time together to pick up litter at a local park. You can give children plastic gloves and a trash bag and pick up loose paper and trash to help clean up.
- Check with your child's school. Is there some yard work that needs to be done? Are there some weeds that need to be pulled? Is there litter to pick up, library books to shelve or a teacher's room that needs cleaning?
- Make napkin rings (with napkins) for a local convalescent hospital. Make sure you know how many the hospital needs.
- Make decorative holiday door hangers for a convalescent hospital.
- Make a meal together for an elderly neighbor or relative and deliver it.

Community Opportunities

- Friends in Deed – located at 444 E Washington in Pasadena. Take cans of food to this local food pantry run by ECPAC (Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches). Call (626) 797-6072 for food drop-off hours.
- **Easter Baskets** - Friends in Deed usually collects Easter baskets for low-income children. Check at the number immediately above for this year's due dates. Make a basket with your children to give to a child in need.

Service Opportunities at Church

- Sunday Snacks: Sign-up to bring

breakfast snacks and juice for the morning welcome cart. Since this is a way our families can help out at church, let your child help you choose what you purchase and help you set out the items.

- **Choir Help:** When the children's choirs are singing in church, ask the choir teacher how you can help. Does the teacher need help with robing or snacks?
- **Bake Sale Support:** Heifer Project sales begin in March. Check with your child's Sunday School teacher to find out which Sunday his or her class is selling. Offer to bring baked goods, and make the baked goods a family effort. Ask if the teacher needs help at the sales table.
- **Big Red Barrel:** Bring items for the monthly Big Red Barrel collection, which is a Sunday School mission project that supports our own Social Service Ministry. Each month a different item is collected and notices are placed on Sunday School bulletin boards, in Sunday bulletin messages and in The Messenger. March is razors. The red barrel is located each Sunday by the Sunday School Office, and a red box sits in the north alcove outside of Fellowship Hall.
- **Social Services Needs:** Peanut butter, pop-top tuna and canned meat are always welcome in the Big Red Barrel to help feed the hungry in our community.
- **Trash Pick Up:** Whether in our parking lot or in the church buildings, do you ever see trash or litter and not stop to pick it up? With our lean facilities staff, we all need to do our part. When you see trash, encourage your child to help out by putting the item in the trash.

New Members at First Church

Kimberly (Kim) Petersen – Joining as an Affiliate Member for the time that she is here in Pasadena with her job, Kimberly is a chemist who just received her Ph.D. and moved here from Maryland for her new job at Caltech, but she is a Wisconsin native. Her home church is University UMC in College Park, Maryland. Kim loves to knit and has a cat named Walnuts. Her husband is staying with his job in Maryland, and they plan to make the best of this transitional period in their lives with jobs across the country.

Kacey Brenner – Joining by affirmation of faith and baptized in the Church of England, Kacey is a freelance photographer and domestic goddess who loves art, literature, and vintage household items and teaches hula hoop fitness classes.

Steven Brenner – Transferring from First Baptist Church in Bell, California. Steve is an art gallery manager. He enjoys music, surfing, art, reading, tae kwon do and boxing. He calls himself a nature boy, family man.

David Beach – Transferring from Toluca Lake UMC. David is an actor, jogger, ventriloquist and magician. He hosts a podcast

on short statured people and can be seen late at night praising the time/life rock CD collection.

Philip Mautino – Transferring from Hillcrest Congregational Church in La Habra Heights, California, Philip is a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles, with skills and interests in jury reform and juvenile court.

Barbara Mautino – Transferring from Hillcrest Congregational Church in La Habra Heights, Barbara enjoys knitting and works on the election board.

Mrs. Jamie Dutton – Baptized as a child and joining by affirmation of faith, Jamie is a graduate student pursuing a doctorate in forensic psychology. She is a devoted animal lover with a 3-year-old Pomeranian dog, a hiker, crocheter, and she would like to learn to quilt.

Mr. Jamie Dutton – Transferring from Calvary Church in Arlington, Texas, Jamie is a maintenance supervisor. He was baptized on Super Bowl Sunday two years ago, and is interested in the ministry. He also loves sports and any type of maintenance. Jamie and Jamie are married, having been reunited after 15 years, and have recently moved here from Texas.



*Top row: Kim Petersen, Kacey and Steven Brenner, and David Beach
Bottom row: Philip and Barbara Mautino, Jamie and Jamie Dutton*

Heifer Project is Here!

Heifer Project is a Sunday School mission to raise money to send live animals like chickens, pigs and water buffaloes to people in need around the world so that a life-sustaining source of food and resources is shared. Please support our upcoming events:

March 22
Grades 3-4
Bake and Craft Sale

March 29
Grades 5-6
Bake and Craft Sale

April 5
Questers' Plant and Bake Sale



Light from the Catacombs

by Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

Union Station Homeless Services' 35th Anniversary

On May 9, 2009, Union Station Homeless Services, in whose founding First Church was instrumental, will be marking its 35th anniversary with a celebration at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles, hosted by Adam Arkin and Jane Kaczmarek. Save the date!



It was 1900, a new century, when we razed our frame church and tabernacle on Colorado at Marengo. That same year, on December 6, Bishop John W. Hamilton arrived to lay the cornerstone for our new stone church. During construction, we held our services in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall across the street. The roof leaked so badly that the official board, at their October, 1901 meeting, ordered the sexton to buy a lantern, six large tin pans and a ladder so that he could get up into the attic and be ready when the rains came. This was better than raising umbrellas during the worship service. Our Sunday school classes met in the former YMCA building.

Our new church was built of stone quarried in Santa Paula. It was considered one of the most beautiful churches in the area. On December 15, 1901, it was dedicated by Bishop Cranston. The cost was \$80,000 and, on this day, \$50,000 had to be raised and

\$30,000 more had to be secured. The bishop was at his best, and he preached an appropriate sermon. In a little over an hour after the service began, the entire amount had been pledged to complete the task. This was the same year that the first car drove through Pasadena. Parking? If only we hadn't sold the two lots from our acre.

In November, 1902, Rev. A.W. Lamport became our new pastor. At his first official board meeting, it was voted to borrow \$1,000 to make up for the deficiency in the offerings. This prompted the beginning of a new plan. E.P. Murphy was hired as collector of pledges from

members, at a monthly salary of \$20. The plan worked. Four months later, they announced that for the first time in several years "all the bills were paid."

Suze Orman, financial advisor, said that the first money taken from our check should be our charity giving.



The Spiritual Gift of Compassion

by J.P. Harris
Stewardship Committee Co-Chair

With this article, I will continue defining the twenty spiritual gifts the apostle Paul identifies in his various epistles to the churches in Corinth, Rome and Ephesus. In the book, *Cracking Your Congregation's Code: Mapping Your Spiritual DNA to Create Your Future*, Richard Southern and Robert Norton write, "[Paul] went beyond metaphor by using the human body as an analogy." Paul writes, "Our bodies don't have just one part. They have many parts." Our spiritual gifts are those "body parts," and none is more important than another. Unless all are working in unison, our efforts will fall short of transforming the world into the Kingdom of God.

Previously, I have defined the spiritual gifts of administration and apostleship. This article will explore compassion. Once again I draw upon the definition provided in Dan R. Dick's book, *Revolutionizing Stewardship in the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus*. He defines compassion as "exceptional empathy with those in need that moves us to action." "More than just concern," he writes, "compassion demands that we share the suffering of others in order to connect the gospel truth with other realities of life. Compassion moves us beyond our comfort zones to offer practical, tangible aid to all God's children, regardless of (what we view as) the worthiness of the recipients or the response we receive for our service."

Our church offers many opportunities to demonstrate compassion, such as the quilting

ministry. The beautiful quilts they provide to persons in times of trial show our compassion by wrapping them in the warmth of our congregation's love and support. Many other opportunities are available to demonstrate compassion for others. The AIDS Service Center, Friends in Deed, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project, Pasadena Homeless Prevention Program, Pasadena Hunger Walk, AIDS Posada Walk, Social Services provided by FUMC, Union Station Foundation and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provide opportunities to utilize your spiritual gift of compassion.

The key is action, not just concern or caring. I am sure that all Christians care about those in need, but moving out of our comfort zone to do tangible work is the true hallmark of compassion. And the action does not need to be "world class." As the saying goes, "think globally, act locally." The mere act of visiting a congregant unable to attend worship or convalescing is an act of compassion and demonstrates your willingness to live your faith.

For someone with the spiritual gift of compassion, there are myriad opportunities to live your stewardship. Often we feel uncomfortable reaching out to others, fearing that our overture will be unwelcomed or rejected. The reality is that those in need crave the compassionate touch of another, even a total stranger. If the idea of helping others in need resonates with you, than I suspect your spiritual gift is compassion. Act upon your impulses and get involved!

Costco Lends a Helping Hand

by Sharon Stacey
Social Services Coordinator

For those of you among us who are regular Costco shoppers, you have an additional reason to smile when you shop these days! Social Services' Food Closet was recently the recipient of a generous cash card from Costco. We can all appreciate the great value when shopping Costco, but it is especially nice to know that we are supporting a company who shares our values of giving to those less fortunate. We thank Bruce Greenwood, Executive Vice President of Operations, and extend our deepest appreciation to Mr. James Sinegal, CEO and founder of Costco, for the honorable and compassionate way he has chosen to lead his company.

Preaching Schedule

March 22
Bishop Jack Tuell

March 29
Dr. Frank Trotter

April 5
(Palm Sunday)
Dr. Frank Trotter

April 12
(Easter Sunday)
Dr. Frank Trotter

April 19
Rev. Allison Mark

April 26
Dr. Frank Trotter



March - April

FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS

20	3:00pm	Shadow Program	Youth Lounge
21	9:30am	Prayer Quilt Ministry	Church Lounge
	10:00am	Senior High College Workshop #3	Off-site
22	11:30am	Exploring Reconciliation with Bishop Tuell	Fellowship Hall
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	7:00pm	Missions, Peace & Justice	Church Lounge
26	9:30am	Yarn Ministry	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Pastor's Party	Off-site
27	3:00pm	Shadow Program	Youth Lounge
28	8:00am	Super Saturday	Fellowship Hall
29	11:15am	Cross Art Show	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	Church Council	Church Lounge
	11:45am	Girl Scout Troop 5291	Rooms 200 & 300
30	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
31	7:00pm	Camp Committee	Fellowship Hall
April 1	3:00pm	Disbursement Committee	Church Lounge
	4:00pm	Foundation Trustees	Church Lounge
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees	Church Lounge
2	5:00pm	Youth Confirmation	Jr. High Lounge
	7:15pm	Home Group	Off-site
3	3:00pm	Shadow Program	Youth Lounge

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	Lorene Ozsvath
Alyce Creager	Kate Oyler
Patrice Daniels	David Peterson
David Doty	Laura Reister
Lawrence Hansen	Al Rodriguez
Bob Hardaway	Rev. Manick Samuel
Julia Ibarra	Norm Schmidt
Valerie Kallik	Bonnie Shannon
Dave Kennedy	Frances Smith
Stan Kieffer	Kathy Summers
Julie-Ann Kosakowski	Jordan Tkocz
Steve Long	Jan Wentz
Phil Lussier	Elizabeth Wittry
Evelyn MacDougall	

for comfort: Jose Casillas, Casey Gonzales, Denise Jezak, the family of Ruth MacPherson

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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