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Important March 25 Events!

Lunch and the Theater Right Here after Church?

Lunch and the theater right here after church? Yes, on March 25, right after the Grades 5-6 Heifer sale (get your dessert there), join the Theater Arts Committee for a free lunch. Grab a plate and teens and adults can watch our short theater presentation while they eat in Fellowship

Hall. Children and families can pick up PB&J or salad in the kitchen and enjoy a readers' theater presentation. Bring a gently used stuffed animal to send to children in need. Cash donations will go to the church general fund.

All Church Meeting Regarding the Proposed Playgarden

Immediately following the lunch and drama on March 25, all members and interested persons are encouraged to come to a presentation of the proposed Playgarden for FUMC Children's Ministries, including our weekday preschool and FUMC Children's program. There will be a complete powerpoint presentation, our consultant and designer will be present, and we will be

prepared to address your questions and concerns about this proposed addition to our FUMC site. We have received permission from our District Superintendent to have an all church conference so that all members may have a vote on the decision to move forward with support of this significant project.

The Connection System at Work

One of the distinctive qualities of the United Methodist way of organizing for ministry is expressed through "connection." Though we most often hear of this networking for mission through the apportionment aspect of our connectional system, it is also present in appointments of a pastor to a local church.

Ordained clergy offer themselves for appointment by the bishop to any of the local churches of the annual conference.

The appointment system process is initiated: 1. by the pastor asking for a new assignment, 2. the local church (through the Staff-

Parish Relations Committee [SPRC]) requesting a new pastor, or 3. the bishop determining that the gifts and graces for ministry available from a particular clergy person could be better employed in a new setting. Consultation occurs as the SPRC and District Superintendent respond to a request from any of these three parties.

Along with other requests, the bishop, assisted by the superintendents, surveys all of the churches and their ministries as well as the many requests made. The bishop then deploys pastors

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to places where they will offer the best pastoral leadership and service. These appointments are “read” at annual conference, although news of appointments often circulates earlier through the conference newspaper and website as well as through local churches who receive announcements of changes in appointment.

The connection—this web of churches and people who care for and resource one another—provides greater strength and flexibility for ministry as circumstances and needs change and develop in local congregations. Out of this connection, Dr. Frank Trotter comes to join us in ministry on July 1, 2007.

Small Group Study Opportunities

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall following worship or through the church office.

Childcare available for all classes. Please indicate your need for childcare at the time of sign up.

The Gospel According to Harry Potter

Wednesdays, February 28 - March 28;

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

led by Bob Rhodes

Note: While this class is in its third week, Bob invites new people to join in this intriguing study and discussion at any time.

Companions in Christ --

Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ

Wednesdays, March 21 - April 25; 7:00-9:00 p.m.

led by Rev. Rich Garner & Rev. Debbie Gara

Whether you are taking part in the current Companions in Christ or considering participation in a spiritual growth study with others, please consider this new offering. “Feeding on the Word” invited you to explore the depths of scripture, learn to listen to God through it and allow your life to be shaped by the word.

Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners through March 28th!

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 donation as you are able. All invited! Communion is offered in the Chapel at 6:45 p.m.

Invitation to Genesis

A Short-Term (10 week) DISCIPLE Bible Study Thursdays, April 12- June 14; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

led by Rev. Rich Garner

The study approaches the Book of Genesis not simply as a story of the beginning but as a story of beginnings from start to finish. Through this study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Hebrew Bible and to understand more clearly God’s purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob and Esau.

The Heifer Project supporting Children’s Ministries Outreach

Heifer Project sales are here. Stop by the sale by Grades 1-2, supported by PreK-K. Shop for aprons for tots and adults, vases, plants, crosses, head scarves, spice blends and Easter

baskets, all made by Grades 1-2. Also, get a sweet treat at the baked goods sale and help the Sunday School send live animals to hungry people around the world.

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Sunday School Spotlight

By Eric Dyson

This year is my 7th year teaching Sunday school at FUMC. Each year I see the children whose diapers I occasionally changed get closer to being young adults. I feel with their growth in knowledge of Christ's teaching so does mine. Growing up I rarely attended church. The number of times I went to Sunday school I could easily count on one hand. When I was asked to become part of the Sunday school program I thought there couldn't be anyone less qualified than I.

I figured I would learn as the children learned. I have come to appreciate the "art" of seeing and learning through the eyes of children. Attempting to teach parts of the Bible to 4 and 5-year-olds can be a monumental task. Getting them to sit still long enough to hear the stories

can be an even bigger challenge. Through a combination of music, art and free play my students leave my class with a basic understanding of what it means to be part of God's world and how to treat and respect what is in it. I believe our children are truly the building blocks not only of our church, but any church they may be part of in the future. From church, these building blocks extend out into our world to make it a better place. Being part of that process is a wonderful feeling.

Eric Dyson shares: We are a family of 5. Darla and I have been married for 12 years. We have 3 kids. Ruby 9, Olivia 7 and Henry 4 1/2. We have been active members at FUMC since 1998. I am an assistant camera man. I work primarily in TV.

Enjoy Cole Porter's *Anything Goes!*

FUMC's 2007 Summer Youth Musical!

An invitation is extended to FUMC youth, their friends, and new friends from the entire Pasadena area: for one of the best months of your lives (!), be a part of the every-summer Youth Musical! All are welcome—and please spread the word. One does not have to be a member of the church.

The welcome invitation is out! For those who are going into 7th grade - and those finishing 12th grade (or even a year or two older) come join the fun at the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena. Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the Great Hall.

Since 1970, FUMC's drama/Theatre Arts committee has sponsored this wonderful program - an opportunity for youth to sing, act, grow in self-confidence and teamwork skills and make new friends, for an entire month. Due to

the generosity of many, including the Pasadena Methodist Foundation, Friends of Drama (actor's parents, friends and all supporters!), participation in the musical is tuition-free.

Denise Campbell offers her leadership once again as this year's artistic director.

Performance dates are Wednesday, August 1, nightly through Saturday, August 4, in the church's Great Hall. Rehearsals begin Monday, July 1. The required parent/youth kick-off meeting is also Monday, July 1 at 5:30 pm, with the first rehearsal immediately following.

A Reminder: Everyone — please attend the auditions on Saturday morning, May 19. However, only those actors desiring a solo or small group singing or lead role need prepare a brief song for auditions—and please bring your

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SKY MEADOWS WORK CAMP

Weekends of April 14th and April 21st. In return for your helping hands to prepare our camp for summer activities, the church will provide room and delicious meals. Please make your reservation by calling the Church Office at (626) 796-0157.



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**Senior Services
50+ Health
Connection
Program**

“Colon Cancer
Awareness”

Tuesday, March 27th
Jacob Korula, M.D.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Arcadia Community Ctr.
365 Campus Dr.,
Arcadia

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music with you; an accompanist will be provided. An audition is a MUST for those wanting a lead and/or singing role.

Questions? Please call Denise at 626-298-2545, Bob Rhodes at church, 626-796-0157,

or any Theatre Arts team committee person, including, Tom Bowman, Shan Halverson, Kendall In, Andrea Lussier, Pam Marx, Karen Miller, and Carol Tavis.

Preschool Press

The Preschool is having its annual Street Fair on Saturday, March 31st. There will be a bounce house, food, games, a yard sale, and live entertainment. Please come by and spend some time with your family as we reach out to the community to share the wonderful ministries offered by our church and school. The proceeds will go to improvements to the education wing of the church.



Fairy tales have been the theme of the early spring. We read fairy tales ate fairy tale food (Pigs in a Blanket and Humpty Dumpty’s eggs!), danced fancy fairy tale dances, and dressed as princes and princesses, knights and maidens. We talked about dragons and steeds and great brave deeds. The Fairy Tale Ball was a rousing success and we celebrated those old stories and their relevance (or not) in our world today. The children

have been to a production of Cinderella at the Nine O’clock Players in Los Angeles. I hope you enjoy the photos of the Ball as much as the children did participating in it.



I hope to see you at the Church Conference on March 25th. It will be an exciting day with a drama presentation during lunch and the presentation of the Children’s Playgarden with a vote of all members present. I hope we will see everyone there in support of the efforts of the Theater Arts Committee and the opportunity presented to the members of our church to enhance our Children’s Ministry with the Children’s Playgarden. It will be important for all to be present to express their thoughts and cast their votes concerning this important opportunity for our church.

Is Your Name on the Mailing List for Friendship Days?

We have another exciting adventure coming up on Thursday, April 12th! We will be exploring treasures in Los Angeles with our own Professional Guide on board. Lunch is included. Mark your calendar - Save April 12th. Watch the

the next *Messenger* for details! To put your name on the mailing list, sign up with Joyce Dorn in the Coffee Hour after church or contact Brandy Nasi in the church office at (626) 796-0157.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday Spring Egg Hunt & Picnic

Sunday, April 1st at 12:00 p.m. at Tournament Park in Pasadena

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Labyrinth Walk

Available all of Holy Week (except Wednesday & Thursday mornings)
at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

A Service of Prayer & Healing

Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

A Taize Service of Prayer & Light

Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

A Seder Meal - A Passover Celebration

Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Resurrection Party

Thursday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Annual party by FUMC Preschool

Maundy Thursday

Footwashing

Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Communion Service & Concert

Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

"Requiem" by Maurice Durufle

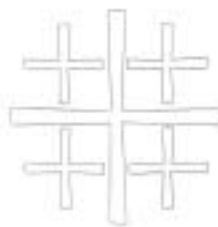
Chancel Choir, Ae Kyong Kim organist, freewill offering

Good Friday Tenebrae - A Service of Shadows

Friday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



UMW Evening Circle

The UMW Evening Circle will meet on April 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. After a delicious dinner prepared by The Methodist Men, the program will be given by Julie Sansom and Willa Dalrymple sharing their experiences at the School of Missions last July on the general subject of India-Pakistan and Peace. Julie is a member of Alhambra UMC and

she and her husband are retired missionaries to South Korea for 35 years. At the meeting, we will determine which India-Pakistan project we wish for our offering. For reservations, please contact the church office at (626) 796-0157 or Marilynne Kennedy at (626) 796-9556 or pasadenaflores@yahoo.com Hope to see you there.

UMW Hilltoppers

will meet April 16th in the church lounge at 1:30 p.m. We will take a stroll through "The Butchart Gardens" Please come and join us.

Moouooooo.....ving Time Again!

Each year a small herd of cows crosses the Pasadena area. Coinciding with our annual Heifer Project opportunities, Bossy and Bessie make their way, onto the lawns of our generous members.

Bossy and Bessie are two cows constructed and transported by our youth in an effort to provide additional support to the Heifer Project. Keep your eyes peeled! They may be headed to your house next.

If you find Bossy or Bessie grazing in your lawn or perhaps just humming a lively tune (Bessie is a little more musical than her brother,) you can call to have them removed for a small

fee of \$10. If you feel especially generous and wish to donate \$20, not only will your "bovine boarder" depart, but will mosey to the house of your choice for added enjoyment! In any of these cases, instructions are lovingly stapled to our cows in case (for some strange reason) you don't keep this copy of *The Messenger* with you at all times.

If you would prefer not to receive these visitors, a donation of \$10 is an excellent cow repellent! Our Chief "Cowboy" is Anthony Capp, who can be reached at (626) 644-5445. Remember that all our cowpeople go to school, so they'll ride off into the sunset rather than the sunrise.

Youth Choir Invited Tour Angels

For over 35 years, youth from First United Methodist Church have toured our nation (and even Canada) offering the Grace of God through music as well as sharing their energetic spirit and loving smiles. Just as much as our youth offer the fruit of their labors to those who would receive this musical offering, our youth are fed literally by faith communities and spiritually as we stay with various families along our routes.

As we might imagine, costs for choir tour continue to rise even as many families struggle with the increase in basic living costs. Although we work diligently to minimize costs, some are

unable to participate.

We recognize this tour as ministry and affirm these youth as they serve through our prayers and our gifts. We would offer an opportunity to those who are called and feel able to support this ministry more fully. Partial donations or even full scholarships(?) are welcome. Checks may be made out to FUMC and marked "Choir Tour Angels" in the memo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Bob. We are grateful for your continued support!

Pathfinders

The Pathfinders will be getting together at Pat Zeider's father's house in Pasadena on Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner and book discussion of Bo Caldwell's novel *The Distant Land of My Father*. The book is set in pre-

World War II Shanghai and locally in South Pasadena. It is Pasadena's choice for their current One City/One Story program. For more information or to RSVP for our April event, please call the Zeiders at (626) 794-1750.



Palm Sunday Egg Hunt!

On April 1st at noon, Children and Families are invited to the Annual Youth-sponsored Egg Hunt! This year it's at Tournament Park at Caltech. Bring your lunch (lemonade & water provided) and enjoy a lovely family afternoon at the park!

Calendar of Events

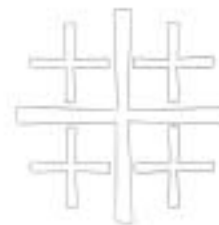
Sunday, 03.25	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Sunday, 04.01	Passion/Palm Sunday
8:30 am & 11:00 am	Adult and Jr. Libraries open	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Adult and Jr. Libraries open
8:50 am	Pastor's Forum- Dr. Luis Montes speaking	8:50 am	Pastor's Forum - Sandy Bane speaking
9:00 am	Children's, Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's, Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary		Heifer Project & Coffee
11:15 am	Coffee Hour/Drama Lunch Communion during Lent	10:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 am	Youth Handbell Choir	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
12:00 pm	Spring Drama & Lunch	11:30 am	Friends & Family Lunch Youth Handbell Choir
12:30 pm	Church Conference Meeting	5:15 pm	Youth Choir
5:15 pm	Youth Choir	6:45 pm	Youth Dinner & Program
6:45 pm	Youth Dinner and Program	Monday, 04.02	
Monday, 03.26		7:00 pm	<i>Christian Believer</i> A Service of Prayer & Healing
7:00 pm	<i>Christian Believer</i>	Tuesday, 04.03	
Tuesday, 03.27		7:00 pm	Worship Committee Boy Scout Troop 27 Meeting Stewardship Committee Meeting
10:00 am	Social Service Office Open		Adult Handbell Choir AA Meeting
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 27 Meeting	Wednesday, 04.04	
7:30 pm	Adult Handbell Choir AA Meeting	7:30 pm	Homeless Prevention Program Board of Trustees Meeting A Seder Celebrating Passover SPRC Meeting Young People's AA Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 03.28		Thursday, 04.05	
9:00 am	Homeless Prevention Program	11:00 am	Preschool Resurrection Party
6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner	7:00 pm	Footwashing (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Library Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Requiem by Durufle (Sanctuary) & Communion
6:45 pm	Communion during Lent		
7:00 pm	<i>Companions in Christ</i> <i>Jesus-Parables of Life</i> <i>The Gospel According to H. Potter</i> Young People's AA Meeting	Friday, 04.06	
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	A Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows Remembering the Passion of Christ
Thursday, 03.29			
7:00 pm	<i>Jesus in the Gospels</i>		
Saturday, 03.31			
10:00 am	Preschool Family Street Fair		
2:00 pm	Art Class		

The Congregation in Worship

Sunday, 03.25.07



Text: John 12:1-8
Sermon: Living the Cruciform Life: Sacrifice
Richard C. Garner, preaching



The altar flowers are given in loving memory of the 1 year anniversary of the passing of James Lemp, given by wife, Marilyn Lemp and sister, Lorene Ozsvath.

Sunday, 04.1.07



Text: Luke 19:28-40
Sermon: Waiving Palms, Shouting Stones
Richard C. Garner, preaching



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