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## Welcome New Members

by Rev. Debbie Gara



Karen Hanselman



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Cynthia Kurtz



Donna & Michael Locke



Heidi Neuroth & Andreas Koese

It is with joy that we welcome these new members to the life and fellowship of FUMC:

**Karen Hanselman** is a teacher at Westridge School. She transfers from Santa Barbara First UMC and enjoys sharing life with her partner of 10 years, Stephanie, and their two dogs. Karen also enjoys guitar, piano, hiking, athletics and animals. Karen is the daughter of member Don Hanselman.



Chuck & Lisa Saint



Peng Peng & Thomas Stanley

**David King** transfers his membership from Central United Protestant Church, Richland, Washington, and moved here to go to Fuller where he is working on his M. Div. He has always wanted to be a pastor. David enjoys reading, running, hiking, biking and museums. David is also on a quest to find the perfect fish taco.

**Cynthia Kurtz** grew up in Millerstown, Pennsylvania, and transfers her membership from that UMC. Her mother taught Sunday School there for 48 years. Cynthia is married to Jim McDermott, a native Californian from Glendale, and for their vacations they travel to places where they can see a total solar eclipse. They just returned from Russia where they saw a beautiful eclipse in Siberia. Next July, they hope to travel to China to see an eclipse there.

**Momo Larmena (not pictured)** joins as an associate member meaning that he retains his membership at North Sacramento UMC while committing to First Church for the time he is here. Momo is originally from FUMC in Liberia. He was a chemist there and moved to the United States in 2004 after rebels attacked his home. He switched to a humanitarian emphasis and lived in Sacramento where he operated computer learning facilities in public housing centers. He also became a foster parent to six teenage boys and has two of his own! Momo is currently a student at Fuller Seminary preparing for a career in military chaplaincy.

**Donna Locke** transfers from Portland Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. She is married to Michael and is a realtor.

**Michael Locke** transfers from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon. He is also a realtor. Michael and Donna have been married seven years and live in Los Angeles.

**Heidi Neuroth** is joining by affirmation of faith though she attended Hyde Park UMC in Ohio. She has an MBA and works in marketing. She is fluent in German, has an interest in International Relations, and enjoys flower arranging. Heidi is married to Andreas Koese.

**Chuck Saint** is married to Lisa and transfers from Church of the Angels Episcopal in Pasadena. He is a teacher, enjoys writing music, teaching, singing, and playing guitar and basketball.

**Lisa Saint** is married to Chuck and transfers from Church of the Angels Episcopal in Pasadena.

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## Saturday, September 27th, is the Big Celebration!

It's finally here! All those going to Camp Sky Meadows for our 60th Anniversary Celebration will be enjoying a great day of worship, fun, food and fellowship. Those who are going on the bus are asked to meet in our parking lot at 8:15 a.m. The buses will leave for camp promptly at 8:30 a.m.



### Registration Deadline Extended for Trip to Copper Canyon in 2009

We have a great group of people going on the Copper Canyon Cruise and Railway Trip next March! This combination of water and rail---with flight home included---provides a unique opportunity to see a beautiful part of Mexico. Registrations accepted until November 15th. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Church Office.



Thanks to everyone who came out to help with our Great Hall Clean-Up on Saturday, September 6th! More than 20 people worked really hard to take down stage extenders, haul wood and furniture, sweep the floors, put away carpets, take down lights, organize backstage and the basement; the list goes on and on. The space is now clean, looks great and is a far safer space. It has been restored to a gym so that numerous activities can again take place there including sports, art shows, lunches, meetings, various types of performances, etc. Thanks again everyone for your support!

*-Megan Goldstein*

## Special Invitation to Fall Work Camp at Sky Meadows

You are invited to be a part of an exciting and unique experience on October 10-12, 2008! Fall Work Camp is an important event in the ministry of Sky Meadows and FUMC. Room and board is provided at no cost to you for this camp. Come prepared to have a good time with your friends while preparing the camp for the winter. There is a job for everyone regardless of your skills. Contact the Church Office and sign up today!

### YOUTH NEWS

HEY YOUth!

Yes, YOUth! If you are in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, then we're the place for you! This 2008-2009 year will be full of fun events from Beach Worship to Camps, Mission Trips, Cal-Pac Conference gatherings, and exciting new programs!

**Sunday, September 28th, Parent Potluck, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** - Parents are invited to enjoy a meal with their youth (bring their favorite dish to share) and join the evening UMYF program to hear more about our plans for 2008-2009!

**Sunday, October 5th, BEACH Worship, after church until 5:30 p.m.** - Fall in California is still sunny out so what better time to go to the beach. Bring your swimsuits and towels and be ready to feel the Holy Spirit breezing by at Will Rogers State Beach!

**Youth Confirmation Classes** will begin this October with Dr. Frank Trotter and Rev. Allison. If you are thinking about becoming a member of FUMC, this is the class for you! **ADULT MENTORS WANTED.** See Allison for details.

### Congratulations!

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Andy Goebel and Charles Rios** who were married on September 6, 2008; and to **Joe Henry and Stanley Gordon** who were married on September 7, 2008.

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# What is a Reconciling Church?

by Andy Goebel

What is a Reconciling Church? It is a church which actively describes and presents itself as one that is open and welcoming to all individuals with no restrictions as to race, color, economic status, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, country of origin, native language, habitation or other distinguishing feature.

Whew! That is a lot!

What is a Reconciling Church?

It is a church that has a core value of Inviting Community.

Open Hearts. Open Mind. Open Doors.

Open to all. A church that is intentional in showing to all that everyone is of sacred worth.

Earlier this year, the Church Council approved the formation of a committee to look into what it means to be a Reconciling Church and what it would take for First United Methodist Church to join over 230 other United Methodist congregations who declare a reconciling welcome.

If you are of like mind and would like to see First United Methodist Church of Pasadena join the growing number of churches who declare their authentic welcome and full inclusion for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people in the United Methodist Church, please join us on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Additionally, several members of the church will be attending a workshop for Reconciling Churches hosted by Hollywood UMC on Saturday, October 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in going, please contact the Church Office. We will be carpooling and if you are interested in this option, please let the Church Office know.

Finally, if you are unable to attend, but are interested in this process, I encourage you to check out the Reconciling Ministries Network website at [www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org)

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## Getting All Our Literature VITAMINS

by Ruth MacPherson

This last summer the library received a gift along with a note of concern from a member. I pass along her comment. "I so want to do whatever I can to encourage reading. I urge people, young adults especially to RUN to your libraries, and read, read, & READ." She was concerned that persons limiting their reading to only textbooks, miss the truth and teaching that come out of other forms of literature. Strangely, we usually worry the other way around that we read too much fiction and not enough informational books.

To develop her idea further, to become well-read, we need inspiring biographies to vicariously experience others' lives of now and of the past; poetry and prose for ideas and humor; or novels, short stories, and drama to see life from other points of view. Is it

possible to become "malnourished" in a literary way if we limit the kind of books we read? Could there be needed "vitamins" in those books we avoid?

This isn't as far-fetched as one may think. In a Children's Literature library course, my instructor referred to Mazlow's Hierarchy of Need. (Please refer to the "pyramid" diagram\* below.) It is believed that if a person truly reaches the top, he/she must have satisfied all or most needs from each of the lower levels.

The class instructor felt strongly that many children and youth have HOLES in their "pyramids" as some of their needs hadn't yet been met. She felt that reading provides a medium to understand this lack, vicariously through the stories and experiences of others who've had the same needs, thus bringing

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## Aldersgate Fellowship

The Aldersgate Fellowship will meet Friday, October 10th, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Betty and Eldon Osborn for the monthly Forum. It will be a planned potluck luncheon and members will be called.

The Aldersgate Cabinet will meet Tuesday, September 30th, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Ed Sales, chairman.



*Aldersgate Street*

## Grand Night for Theatre

Mark your calendars for "Grand Night for Singing" on November 7th, 8th and 9th. Rehearsals are underway at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.



## Honoring Eldon and Betty Osborn

by Dr. Frank Trotter

Eldon is the son of Chesley and Kathleen Osborn who were married in Turlock, California. He was born on August 13, 1919, in Turlock and the Osborn Family moved to Pasadena when he was three years old. There were six Osborn children – Jack (deceased), Eldon, Dick (deceased), Sue, Kathleen (deceased) and Stanley.

Chesley and Kathleen and their children joined First United Methodist Church around 1924, the year this building was erected on Colorado Boulevard. A story that is popular in the family tells of Chesley taking his children into the structure of the church before the floor was put in. Eldon clearly remembers his father carrying him as they walked on planks to go up and see the pipe organ.

Eldon told me that his father was very generous to First Church from the beginning. As the owner of a paving business, Chesley once donated the repairing of the parking lot as a gift to the congregation. And Chesley and Bob Dawson were among the early members of the Pasadena Methodist Foundation with Bob serving as the first President and Chesley as the first Vice President. As Eldon grew up, he adopted his parent's love of this church and has cherished this church and all that it represents ever since.

Eldon met a young woman by the name of Betty Nairn when they were in high school. She was a member at Holliston Methodist and was a year younger than Eldon. When I asked them if they recalled the exact meeting place, they said that it was at a retreat for young adults active in the Methodist Church. In those days, the organization was called the Alliance. Betty thinks it was at Lake Arrowhead at a camp owned by First Church Glendale.

When they fell in love and decided to get married, they surprised everyone by eloping. They drove down to Yuma and were married

in a Methodist Church on December 21, 1939.

Betty and Eldon are the parents of Kathleen Elizabeth ("Kitty") and her husband, Ed Smith; Eldon Edward ("Ted") and his wife Cindy; and of Janet Marie. They are the grandparents of four: Robert Lindsey, Kelly Lindsey, Beth Hayne, and Deanna Osborn. And they are the great-grandparents of three: Alissa Hayne, Holdon Lindsey, and Kaitlin Hayne.

As a couple, Betty and Eldon have been involved at First Church their whole married life. They were among the first members of the Aldersgate Fellowship from the days it was established as a young married group. They served as counselors for the youth fellowship and taught Sunday School. One of their favorite memories was in leading a young adult mission trip to Hawaii. They were among the first families to be very involved with Camp Sky Meadows when the Pasadena Methodist Foundation bought it in



FAITH  
IN ACTION

1948.

Eldon has served on the Trustees, the Finance Committee, the Camp Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Administrative Board where he served as Chairperson, and also the Pasadena Methodist Foundation where he currently serves as Chairperson. Eldon has also served in the California-Pacific Conference as a member of the property committee for the Pasadena District.

Betty has served on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee as Chairperson, the Women's Society (United Methodist Women), and Aldersgate as Chairperson.

One of the on-going projects that Eldon has been involved with over the past twenty years is the retrofitting of the church following a series of earthquakes that began in the 1980's.

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The only phase he was not involved with was the restoration of the Chapel.

One of his memories is of the time when the stone gable on the church roof facing Green Street was dislodged following a quake. Eldon called a tractor and a truck to clean up the street before the morning traffic and then went to the Structural Engineer to get a plan for rebuilding the gable.

On another occasion, the Music Department told him that water was getting in the organ pipes in the Chapel. So Eldon climbed up to the attic over the Chapel and found that the north gable had broken loose at the base and was leaning out six inches away from the roof and over the sidewalk on Colorado. The problem was that this occurred in early December and the City of Pasadena did not want to approve any construction on the Rose Parade route. However, when Eldon showed them the damage and harm an unstable stone façade might do to those who came to the parade, they began to change their minds. He showed them the plan that had been used for the Green Street gable and they said that we could proceed but finish before

the parade. So he recruited a masonry crew consisting of a father and three sons for a clean-up and repair. They took down each piece of imitation sandstone and numbered them. Then they poured a reinforced concrete beam and built a concrete block wall up to connect to the roof. They then replaced the stone the way it was originally.

Another project that Eldon and Betty were involved with was the renovation of the Church Lounge which at one time had two posts in the middle of what is now our most well-used meeting room. He got permission from the Trustees to remove the posts and the Osborn Family provided the concrete for the new foundation for the Lounge. Most recently, the estate for Eldon's sister, Kathleen, donated the new elevator next to the Fellowship Hall in loving memory of Chesley and Kathleen Osborn.

We are all deeply grateful to the Osborn Family for all that they have done for First United Methodist Church. And for all these reasons, we are delighted to declare that Sunday, August 31, 2008, is "Eldon and Betty Osborn Day."



Sunday School  
**Big Red  
Barrel  
Donations  
for  
October**

**BODY  
LOTION**  
(especially travel  
size bottles)

## Getting All of Our Literature VITAMINS *continued from page 3*

satisfaction to that part of their lives.

To be sure, understanding textual and technical writing is important but reading other great literature is just as vital. Actually, the first level of need can be filled only in a biological and physiological way which is the work of families, social service, church and state. Then social needs on the next levels above can be met by new experiences. If not, a "vitamin" to nourish people by filling in "holes" of this hierarchy of needs could be met by reading from our libraries.

Transcendence Needs – helping others to achieve self actualization

Self- Actualization – self fulfillment

Aesthetic Needs – appreciation of beauty, balance, form

Cognitive Needs – knowledge, meaning

Esteem Needs– self-esteem, achievement, mastery, independence, status

Belongingness and Love Needs – work group, family, affection, relationships

Safety Needs – protection, security, order, law, limits, stability

Biological and Physiological Needs – air, food, drink, shelter, sex, sleep etc.

\*From the 1990's adapted hierarchy of needs model including transcendence needs.



# Light from the Catacombs

by Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

## Missing!

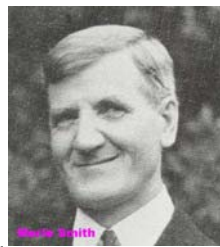
We have discovered that a silverplated tea service belonging to the United Methodist Women is missing from its storage place in our vault. We hope that it has been borrowed or that you may know of its whereabouts. If you have any information to help us out, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

## The Tragic Train Disaster of 1916 and How It Affected Us



Dr. Matt S. Hughes had been our pastor for eight years when he left for conference in Saratoga, New York, and returned an elected Bishop. Due to the prestige and size of our church, we were allowed to search for his replacement in and out of our annual conference. Dr. Merle Smith at First Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, greatly impressed our representatives.

Dr. Smith, his wife and two young daughters boarded the train and had reached the California desert when they



approached a curve known to be dangerous. It was a brutal derailment! The passenger cars were on their sides as Dr. Smith



climbed up and out of the window in order to rescue those in peril. He was a large powerful man. The kitchen crew had been scalded by vats of hot water, coffee and soup. Many people had died or been gravely injured.

Isobel and Esther Merle's dog was one of the casualties. Hearing the news, several of our laymen drove to the heartbreaking site and returned to Pasadena with our new parsonage family and their rescued belongings.



Isobel Smith

How would I know such detail? The girls were in this church and fascinated us with their recollections. George called them the "Smith Brats." In the narthex, is a plaque and on it you can read a tribute to Dr. Merle Smith. He was our shepherd for twenty-one years.



Esther Merle



First Methodist Episcopal Church

## Welcome New Members *continued from page 1*

Lisa teaches writing, illustration painting and drawing for three elementary schools in South Pasadena. She is an artist and is finishing the illustration of a book and preparing for an art show. She loves spending time with family. Chuck and Lisa have two daughters, Nicole and Lauren, and adjusting to having them both out of the house after 17 years!

**Peng Peng Stanley** is married to Stanley and transfers from FUMC Alhambra. She works at home and loves hanging out with her best friend and husband, Thomas.

**Thomas Stanley** is married to Peng Peng and transfers from FUMC Alhambra. He is retired from Lockheed after a long career as an aerospace engineer. He enjoys golf and travel. Thomas and Peng Peng live in San Gabriel and also have a home in Shanghai, China where they live part-time.

Membership at FUMC Pasadena: Persons wishing to join in membership are welcome to do this each second Sunday of the month. Please express your desire to one of the pastors so that we may receive the necessary information. New member classes will be offered several times a year after our monthly Friends and Family Luncheon. The next class will be October 5th. Childcare is available. Sign up on Sunday morning or through the Church Office.

## Remembering 9/11

*This prayer was offered in worship on September 14th in remembrance of September 11, 2001.*  
New York, September 11, 2008 — National Council of Churches' General Secretary Michael Kinnamon offered this prayer of remembrance on the anniversary of a day of horror and tears:

Gracious God of all creation:

On this day, we remember our neighbors, of different nations and backgrounds, who died in the attacks we simply call 9/11.

Hear our prayers for their loved ones. May they know the comfort that comes from knowledge and love of you.

May they be surrounded by communities that care for them, even as you continue to care for this fragile and suffering world.

God, we confess that we cannot make sense of the violence inflicted by your children on one another. But even more than understanding, we ask for the strength to be peacemakers, servants of your will for reconciliation.

It has been seven years since the senseless attacks, but we are still in pain. Give us the courage, God, to work for the day when hatred and violence will cease.

Help us to be those who break cycles of retribution even as we advocate for justice with bold persistence.

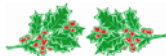
Help us to work for that time, envisioned by the prophet, when no infant dies needlessly, when no one labors in vain or bears children for calamity, when even wolf and lamb feed together and no one hurts or destroys your holy creation.

God, be our strength, and may we feel your loving touch today and always.

Amen.

### Advent Workshop

...less than three months away!



It's still hot and summery, but before you know it, the cool months approaching Christmas will be upon us and with those changes comes Advent Workshop 2008! Sunday, December 7th, will be the date and we're planning a festive afternoon of United Methodist fellowship as we prepare decorations to celebrate the season. **If you, as an individual or with a group, would like to host a craft table or help in some other way, please contact co-coordinators, Leslie Carpenter, [4sdcarp@earthlink.net](mailto:4sdcarp@earthlink.net) or (818) 957-3781, or Anne Johnston, [atjohnston@altrionet.com](mailto:atjohnston@altrionet.com) or (626) 303-4036.**

### Preaching Schedule

October 5	Frank Trotter (World Communion Sunday)
October 12	Allison Mark
October 19	Frank Trotter
October 26	Frank Trotter
November 2	Debbie Gara (All Saints Sunday)
November 9	Mayor Bill Bogaard (U.N. Declaration on Human Rights)
November 16	Frank Trotter
November 23	Bishop Grant Hagiya (Stewardship Sunday)
November 30	Frank Trotter
December 7	Allison Mark
December 14	Frank Trotter (Cantata)
December 21	Debbie Gara (Children's Pageant)
December 24	Frank Trotter
December 28	Allison Mark

## Harvest Festival is Around the Corner!

On Sunday, October 19, 2008 make plans to stop by the Harvest Festival for fall arts and crafts, and treats. There will also be a luncheon sponsored by the youth.

If you are feeling crafty, anyone can make items to sell. Baked goods can be brought to the church kitchen on the morning of October 19th. Crafts can be dropped off at the Church Office or in the third floor Harvest Festival room. Proceeds will go to the church budget.





# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS

26	3:00pm	Shadow Program	Youth Lounge
27		60th Anniversary Celebration	Camp Sky Meadows
28	11:45am	Church Council Meeting	Church Lounge
29	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
30	7:00pm	New Visitor Dinner	Dr. Trotter's home
10/01		Pasadena Homeless Prevention	Great Hall
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Home Group/Elaine Enzlinger	Off-site
02	7:00pm	Simply Christian Adult Study	Church Lounge
	7:15pm	Home Group/John Evans	Off-site
05	11:30am	New Member Class	Church Lounge
06	7:00pm	Christan Believer	Adult Lounge
	7:00pm	Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
07	5:00pm	Committee on Lay Leadership	Conference Room
	7:00pm	Adult Ministry	Church Lounge
08	7:00pm	IT Committee	Conference Room
09	7:00pm	Simply Christian Adult Study	Church Lounge
10	12:30pm	Aldersgate Fellowship	Off-site
10-12		Work Camp	Camp Sky Meadows

### 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...*

Wayne Brubaker	Cane Mallory
Stephen Bumb	Bronnie McNabb
José and Setta Casillas	Trish Martin
Flo Chase	Rev. Manick Samuel
Patrice Daniels	Norm Schmidt
Jessica Katz	Mike Starkweather
Nakia Lassiter	Dan Strange
Marion Lee	Kathy Summers
Katie Longawa	Howard Underwood
Phil Lussier	Elizabeth Witty

*for comfort:* the family of Peggy Hendricks, Tim Sun

*for strength and wisdom:* Terri Chisley, E'Rae and Darin Robledo

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



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