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## For All the Saints

by Dr. Frank Trotter

One of the glorious traditions in Christian faith each year is the celebration of All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday of November (November 4<sup>th</sup> this year). In particular, it is an occasion to give thanks for the lives of all of those Christians within our church family who have died within the last twelve months and to claim their presence not only in heaven but also with us as we continue our course in faith.



We will be listing the names of those who have died in faith and our records include the following (with date of death in parentheses chronologically):

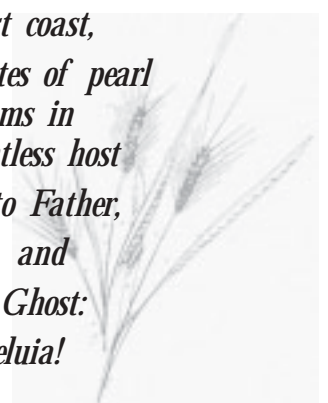
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- Sheryll Wacha ..... December 30, 2006
- Roy David Miller ..... January 28, 2007
- Mary Belle Sheppard ..... February 26, 2007
- Mary Elizabeth Bentz ..... March 5, 2007
- David B. Wittry ..... May 5, 2007
- R. William Greer ..... (no date)
- Franklin Klock, Jr. .... July 27, 2007
- Steve Ryan ..... September 3, 2007
- Norman Tallman ..... September 11, 2007
- Mary Louise Oates ..... September 25, 2007
- John Dillon Roubian .... September 27, 2007
- Louise Rogers ..... (no date)
- Howard Gorton ..... October 18, 2007

But now I need your help. First of all, are there other members or constituents of our church who've died since the first Sunday in November who are not included on this list? Second, do you have the name of a loved one that you would like us to include on our All Saints list on November 4? If so, we would appreciate having the full name, the date of birth, and the date of death – no later than Monday, October 29, 2007.

Finally, I would like your help in being with us in church that day and in contacting loved ones of those listed to make sure they will be with us, too. This is one of the special Sundays of the year when it is so important for the Body of Christ to be together and in full force!

The final verse of "For All the Saints," that great hymn of faith, tell us:

*From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's  
farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl  
streams in  
the countless host  
singing to Father,  
Son, and  
Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia!*



# Chancel Choir Performs Bach Cantata for Reformation Sunday

by Stephen Gothold

On Reformation Sunday, October 28, the Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra will present Bach's Cantata BWV 137 – Lobet den Herrn (Praise the Lord) in worship. The Reformation in northern Europe found its first theological voice in Martin Luther, and its ultimate musical voice in the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach. The legacy of this great musician still affects every serious student of music to this day. Even in our Methodist Hymnal, he is the most represented of all composers and arrangers, and is responsible for thirteen of the harmonizations found therein.

Also included in the service will be selections from Bach's Suite in D Major for Orchestra. The so-called French Overture which opens the suite will serve as Prelude to the service, the famous "Air on the G String" will serve as offertory, and the festive "Gigue" will close our worship.

In Bach's day, the cantata served the same function as our anthems today. In the normal four hour service in Bach's time, the cantata was usually sung between the two halves of the two hour sermon, and was always set to the lectionary text of the day.

Of the 200 or so extant cantatas of Bach, #137 is one of only a handful which uses the same chorale (or hymn) tune in all of the movements. The tune in this case is a very familiar one for us - #139 in our Hymnal -

"Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation." In the opening movement, Bach establishes a joyful fabric with the orchestra, over which the oboes and sopranos sing the tune in long notes.

The second stanza is scored for alto solo, violin solo, and continuo (bass and keyboard).

It is what the Germans call "Augenmusik" - music for the eye. This is the stanza which reminds us that God bears us on eagle's wings, and the notes of the violin solo on the page are wing-shaped throughout. As the violin flutters and soars, the alto sings the tune in a decorated fashion. The next

stanza is set for soprano and bass duet, accompanied by two oboes and continuo. The tune is recognizable, but here it is sung in a minor key, as the text deals with the trials and tribulations each of us faces. The fourth stanza is scored for tenor solo, cello solo and trumpet solo. The text tells of God's blessings, and the cello plays a bravura underpinning, the tenor has a florid and exciting (and very difficult) part, and finally it is the trumpet that plays the hymn tune over the joyful proceedings. The cantata closes with the chorus and orchestra singing "the hymnal" version of the chorale.

Please join us on Reformation Sunday for an exciting worship enhanced by the glorious music of Bach. Bring a friend!



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## Special Thanks to World Communion Readers

We offer a special and resounding "Thank You!" to the lay liturgists who read in so many vibrant languages during World Communion Sunday on October 7<sup>th</sup>. They include **Kevin Lussier (English)**, **Manick Samuel (Kannada)**, **Ann Higginbotham (French)**, **George Goesele (German)**, **Rebecca So (Chinese)** and **Livingstone Zan (Burmese)**. We are truly a diverse body of Christ in this world. Thanks be to God!



# Light from the Catacombs

by Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

## Has Singing Always Been An Important Part of Methodism? Judge For Yourself...



▲ **Tabernacle Quartet, 1895-1900**; the tenor and bass are also the town banker and dentist.



(Above right) Senior Minister, Dr. Frank Trotter, accompanies the United Methodist Men singing, September 7, 2007



(right) Our Preschool sings joyfully, September 30, 2007

Here are John Wesley's directions for singing, from *Select Hymns*, published in 1761. These directions can be found in the current United Methodist Hymnal (page vii.)

### DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING

- I. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
- IV. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distract from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- V. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim in pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

## "Perfect Weather for a Murder,"

November  
1, 2 & 3  
@ 7:30 pm

Come to FUMC's stage reading of the musical play, "Perfect Weather for a Murder," on November 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 pm in Great Hall.

A special matinee on Saturday, November 1 at 1 pm allows for a nice Harvest Festival shopping outing, lunch and the theater, all within our church space.

Bring a can of tuna or jar of peanut butter for the Social Service Ministry. Please join us in our staged reading of this suspenseful one-act mystery.

Fun for the whole family.

## Looking for Lost Sheep



Some of our members have their names in our computer, but no address. We want to keep in touch with all of our members, so we're enlisting your help. Do you know where they are living now?

Would you call the Church Office & give us their address?

Please help us by reading through the following list and bringing us up to date on our lost sheep.

Melinda DeLeon

Josie Espinoza

Junghyun Lee

James Phillips  
and wife

Mark Prescott

Elizabeth Smith

Vickie & Brett  
Stracener

A. Laird Stump

Sarah & Darcy  
Wennes

Thank you for  
helping us out.

Wanda Gae  
Stefansson,

Membership Secretary

# Pasadena Methodist Foundation

## Supporting Education & Training of FUMC Young People

by Pam Marx

As the school year begins again, many grateful new and returning college students who have been active members of the church program receive support for their college expenses from the Pasadena Methodist Foundation.

Bequests from generous donors have been earmarked specifically for education scholarships. As a result, both graduate

students and undergraduates who have active church involvement may be the beneficiaries of such scholarship support.

Foundation trust income derives from both designated and undesignated trust gifts. Grants are made consistent with these limitations. Undesignated bequests provide the Foundation with flexibility in meeting church and community needs as they arise.

## Confirmation Class Announced

Those youth in eighth grade or older who have not yet been confirmed in membership into this body of the Church are invited with their parents or guardians to an introductory meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Junior High Lounge. We will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons roughly twice per month leading up to Confirmation Sunday on May 4, 2008. The class will be led by Dr. Frank Trotter and Bob Rhodes.

According to the 2004 Book of Resolutions, "When persons who were baptized as infants are ready to profess their Christian faith, they participate in the service which United Methodism now calls Confirmation. This occasion is not an entrance into church membership, for this was accomplished through baptism. It is the first public affirmation of the grace of God in one's

**Confirmation Class**, *continued on page 7*

### Sunday School

# Harvest Party

**Sunday, October 28**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Fellowship Hall  
Theme: The Story of Moses



Party for  
ages 2 through  
grade 6.  
Parents need  
to attend with  
children age 4  
and under



- **Pizza Lunch**
- **Games**
- **Crafts**
- **Mission**
- **Treats**

**Wear Bible story costume • Bring a friend!**

# Special Library Gifts This Year

by Ruth MacPherson

It's a privilege for us to be blessed with a pastor who honors this church library with his interest in our collection and in how the serve our congregation. In the short time that Dr. Frank Trotter has served, he has used several of our books, recommended several others, and has donated some wonderful new titles for you to read.

Next time you're at church, come by our library, Room 106 (south of the Cloister) and check out one or two of these worthy books

Here is a partial list of donors and titles currently available. We will continue to feature titles and donors throughout the year.

## CHILDREN'S TITLES

### Most of these are series/chapterbooks

Donor – The Carpenter Family  
*Police Pup: The Pup Squad* by Dale  
*Police Pup: Paw and Order* by Dale  
*Mrs. Pigglewiggie* by MacDonald  
*Magic School Bus: Butterfly Battle* by Cole  
*Cam Jensen: Cam Jensen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery* by Adle  
*Take Me Out of the Bathtub: and Other Silly Songs* by Katz  
*The Usborne First Encyclopedia of Our World* (J 080 / Bro.)  
*The Story of Ruby Bridges*, by Coles (Civil Rights/ African-American History Month)  
*Ghost and Pete* by Dodds  
*The Lighthouse Family: The Eagle* by McDaniels  
*The Lighthouse Family: The Storm* by McDaniels  
*My First Book of How Things Are Made – Crayons, Jeans, Peanut Butter, Guitars, etc.* by Jones (J670)

Donors – The Dickerson Children  
*White Bird* by Bulla  
*The Happy Hocky Family Moves to the Country* by Smith  
*Football Nightmare* by Matt Christopher  
*Danger! Volcanos* by Simon  
*Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear* by Namioka

## ADULT NON-FICTION TITLES

Donor – The Carpenter Family  
*Life : Our Century in Pictures*, ed. Stolley (909)  
*Pasadena: Heritage to High Tech* by Lowery (979.4)

Donor – Willa Dalrymple  
*On the Anvil: Stories on Being Shaped into God's Image* by Lucado (UMW Books 242)  
*Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear* by Lucado (UMW Books – 242)  
*Why? Trusting God When You Don't Understand* by Lotz (UMW Books 231.04)

Donor – Jim Doyel  
*Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by Green (940.5)  
*Three Gospels: Good News According to An Honest Account of a Memorable Life* by Price (transl.) (226.3)  
*The Origins of Christian Morality: The First Two Centuries* by Meeks (241.01)  
*Whose Bible Is It? A History of the Scriptures through the Ages* by Pelikan  
*The Screwtape Letters & Screwtape Proposes a Toast* by Lewis  
*Discernment: The Art of Choosing Well* by Wolff (248.4)  
*The Photographic History of the Civil War: Vol. 7, Prisons & Hospitals* (973)

## FOOD DRIVE at VONS



Troop 27 will hold a Food Drive at Vons, 1390 N. Allen Ave., Pasadena from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 10. All the food collected will be donated to Friends in Deed in Pasadena. Should you have questions or are interested in donating food items to this worthwhile cause, please contact Woody Hain at (626) 794-5611.

Young Faces  
from October 7  
Friends & Family  
Luncheon

Photos by H Reid



# Children's Ministry Notes

by Rev. Debbie Gara



## Third grade Bibles

It has long been the tradition of the United Methodist Church to present Bibles to third grade children each year. On Sunday, October 14, these children received their own Bible from FUMC:

James Dickerson	Jack Dimmock
Polly Dimmock	Olivia Dyson
Jesse Elrod	Josiah Mokelu
John Pino	Carl Rasmussen
Anyssa Pederson	Zoe Perez

Special thanks to the sponsors who chose to purchase these Bibles and had the covers inscribed with each child's name as part of their gift to the ministry of the church this

year. Thank you! The inscriptions added such a special touch that we will continue this in future years.

## An Opportunity

Recent Messenger articles have noted the importance of child care for our youngest. We are so pleased to have a growing number of children present on Sunday mornings. As we continue to insure that infants and preschool children have thorough care and supervision, we are also seeking to hire an additional paid staff person to work in these areas on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. If you know of an older, responsible youth, or adult who would be interested in applying, please contact Rev. Debbie Gara.

# Thank You!

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

To All the Members of the First United Methodist Church,

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. I very much appreciated all the work and prayers that went into the prayer quilt I received. That quilt is an awesome thing and very powerful. My aunt, Lura Brown, is a great lady and I know she surrounds herself with people of like interests and beliefs. You guys are much appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

**Donnie Dean**

Dear Prayer Quilt Ministry,

I'm very, very sorry I've been so long answering. I'm absolutely late thanking you for my very beautiful prayer quilt. It meant so much to me. It's going to be hung by my bed.

I had a bad three months in hospitals (3), a couple of times the doctors didn't think I would make it. But God didn't think it was time for me to go yet. I just really miss my husband so much.

I'm now in my assisted living home and I have good and bad days, but mostly good. They seem to keep us busy all day.

I'm using a walker and probably will the rest of my life.

I love the quilt very, very much and will treasure it the rest of my life.

"Hi" to everyone we know, and many thanks to all.

God Bless you and love you most.

**Jean Clary**

# Consecration Sunday Coming November 18th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective



do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Pasadena FUMC's Stewardship Committee, with the wholehearted concurrence of the Church Council, has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of viewing people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we view people as followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly, as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

## Confirmation Class, *continued from page 4*

baptism and the acknowledgment of one's acceptance of that grace by faith... In confirmation the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is invoked to provide the one being

During the morning worship service on Consecration Sunday, November 18, 2007, we are asking you to make your financial commitments to our church's missions, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Everyone who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

The Church Council is very enthusiastic about Consecration Sunday and how it will demonstrate the commitment of our congregation to continue being a beacon, within Pasadena, of our United Methodist values of open hearts, open minds, open doors. Our goal is to inform, inspire, and obtain your commitment to attend worship with us on Consecration Sunday, November 18.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in this vital ministry in our congregational life.

Diane and J.P. Harris, Co-Chairpersons  
Stewardship Committee  
Frank Trotter, Senior Minister  
Debbie Gara, Associate Minister

confirmed with the power to live in the faith that he or she has professed."

All youth in eighth grade or higher along with parents or guardians are invited. We look forward to growing together in faith!

## Hilltoppers to Share Scenes of Israel

We are excited to have Wanda Gae Stefansson & Ann Zeiss for our next meeting. They will be telling us about their inspiring trip to Israel this past year. Our meeting will be November 19th at 1:30 pm in the Church Lounge. All women are invited and welcome.

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Weekly  
Worship  
Service  
Available  
on CD, DVD  
& VHS

Order DVDs, VHS tapes and CDs in the Church Office or at the fellowship hour following worship. Video and audio podcasts are also available on the church website [www.fumcpasadena.org](http://www.fumcpasadena.org). Just click the "Sermons" resource link. Our weekly broadcasts continue on Pasadena Charter Media Channel 3 at 6:00pm on Sundays.



Saturday, November 3rd • (9:00am-1:30pm) & Sunday, November 4th • (8:30am-12:30pm)

FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS:

October 

- |    |         |                             |                 |
|----|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 28 | 11:30am | Sunday School Harvest Party | Fellowship Hall |
|    | 11:45am | Church Council Meeting      | Church Lounge   |
| 29 | 7:00pm  | Committee on Lay Leadership | Library         |

November

- |     |         |                              |                 |
|-----|---------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1   | 7:00pm  | Back to Church 101           | Adult Lounge    |
|     | 7:00pm  | Gospel According to Simpsons | Youth Lounge    |
|     | 7:00pm  | Vision Committee Meeting     | Church Lounge   |
| 1-3 | 7:30pm  | Perfect Weather for a Murder | Great Hall      |
| 3   | 9:00am  | Harvest Festival             | Fellowship Hall |
| 4   | 8:30am  | Harvest Festival             | Fellowship Hall |
|     | 4:00pm  | Confirmation Class           | Jr. High Lounge |
|     | 11:30am | Library Committee Meeting    | Library         |
|     | 11:45am | Shepherds Meeting            | Church Lounge   |
| 6   | 7:00pm  | Worship Committee Meeting    | Church Lounge   |
| 7   | 4:30pm  | Board of Trustees            | Church Lounge   |
|     | 6:30pm  | Staff-Parish Relations Comm. | Church Lounge   |
| 8   | 7:00pm  | Back to Church 101           | Adult Lounge    |
|     | 7:00pm  | Gospel According to Simpsons | Youth Lounge    |
| 9   | 12:30pm | Aldersgate Class             | Church Lounge   |

Weekly & Ongoing FUMC Events

SUNDAYS

- |         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 9:00am  | Sunday School for all ages |
| 10:00am | Sunday Morning Worship     |
| 11:30am | Youth Handbell Choir       |
| 5:15pm  | Youth Choir Choir Room     |

TUESDAYS

- |         |                                    |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| 10:00am | Social Services Great Hall         |
| 7:00pm  | Boy Scout Troop Scout Room         |
| 7:30pm  | Adult Handbell Rehearsal Bell Room |

WEDNESDAYS

- |        |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| 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:*

Peter Beam

Wayne Brubaker

Everett Dodge

George Griffith

Peggy Hendricks

Holly Dale Howard

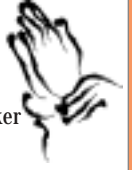
Dorothy Lewis

Norm Schmidt

*for strength & comfort:*

Wendy Stiver

Barbara Gorton



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