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Welcome New Members

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Justin Leach



Melanie McCann



Michael Medina



Gerry Poulin & Meg Middleman



Jane Middleman



Kaz Mousavi



Iris Perez



Jennifer Pino



Tony Timmons

It is with great joy that we welcome these persons who pledged their vow of membership to the community of FUMC in worship October 21st and 28th. Thanks be to God!

Justin Leach joined by affirmation of faith. As a child and youth he attended and was confirmed in the Reformed Church of Bronxville, N.Y. Justin is a student at Whittier College and PCC. Justin's parents, Randy and Anne, are members of FUMC.

Melanie McCann transferred from Port Orchard UMC in Port Orchard, CA. She is a fashion designer for The Disney Store. She loves live theatre and music on and off the stage, and she loves Christmas!

Michael Medina joined by affirmation of faith and was a part of the Catholic church as a child. Michael is a paralegal office administrator and enjoys helping people that need legal services. He looks forward to being

present in this community after being absent from church for about 25 years.

Gerry Poulin and Meg Middleman live in Pasadena with daughter, Jane and son, David who is in 5th grade. Gerry is transferring from Calvary Bible Church in Burbank. He is a real estate investment manager and property photographer. He loves gardening, ballroom dancing with Meg, and recently, working at Camp Sky Meadows!

Meg is transferring from Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena. She has been a real estate agent in the area for 21 years. Family is her biggest love, and she loves to ballroom dance and play in the kitchen.

Jane Middleman transferred from Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena. She is a senior and active in the youth program here. She loves music and is involved in choirs

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at both church and school, she plays piano, loves the beach and listening to music.

Gerry, Meg and Jane all named the importance of belonging and deepening their faith in this FUMC community. They have already experienced this and look forward to growing together with us in this way.

Kaz Mousavi lives in Beverly Hills and transferred from First German UMC in Glendale. He is from Iran and lived in Germany before coming to the United States. Kaz loves basketball and swimming, is trained in mechanical engineering, and currently drives big trucks.

Iris Perez joined by affirmation of faith but was raised in the United Methodist Church and attended First UMC, San Diego. She has attended here for 8 years with her husband Marcel and 7 year old daughter, Zoe. Iris is a pediatric pulmonologist and enjoys reading and visiting museums.

Jennifer Pino transferred from the Church of The Good Shepherd UMC in Arcadia. She is

a sophomore and is active in the youth program here. She loves to swim and read. She has been in the church since 7th grade. Her family is dad, Ernie; brother, John (3rd grade); mom, Dawn; stepdad, Rick; and three stepbrothers, Stephen, Michael, and Ken.

Tony Timmons joined by affirmation of faith but has been involved in the United Methodist Church in the past, and most recently has attended All Saints Episcopal. Tony enjoys music, family time, and is a college football junkie. He works in Pasadena in financial sales and lives with his partner Gary Ledbetter in Burbank.

Inquirer's classes for those considering membership at FUMC are offered four times each year on the first two Sundays of the month after worship. Classes will be scheduled again in February, 2008. We invite any who are interested in membership to join the last Sunday of each month with participation in the next classes offered. If you are interested in pursuing membership, we invite you to notify the Church Office, or speak with Dr. Trotter or Rev. Gara.

More Library Titles

"By the shores of Gitche Gumee, by the shining big sea water, stood the wigwam of Nokomis, daughter of the moon Nokomis..."

When Sharon and Paul Porner moved to Oregon several months ago, they gifted the library with these titles. Sharon, a retired educator, had some fine children's books from her classroom which are very appropriate for our children's collection. One of my favorites is *Hiawatha* by Longfellow - a beautifully illustrated copy - *By the shores of Gitche Gumee, by the shining big sea water, stood the wigwam of Nokomis, daughter of the moon Nokomis ...*

Donor - The Porner Family

Favorite Bible Stories and Verses by Jones

Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What Is an Adjective?

by Cleary (J428.2)

The following titles are all nice hardback editions:

Curious George by H.A. Rey

Curious George Flies a Kite by M. Rey

Curious George Rides a Bike by H.A. Rey

Animal Riddles by Bennett Cerf (E)

A Home in the Rain Forest by Willow

Bambi Gets Lost by Miller (E)

Bats by Bland (J599.4)

Beetles by Julivert (J595.76)

The Big Book of Bones: Introduction to

Skeletons, Peter Geissler (illus) (J611.71)

Bugs by Parker (illus) (J595.7)

Eye Openers: Insects & Crawly Creatures

by Royston (J595.7)



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Light from the Catacombs

by Pat Mann, FUMC Archivist

Veteran's Day, November 11

Reflections on Our Church and the Great War

In 1918, Rev. Dr. Smith of Pasadena First Methodist Church and his friend, Rev. Dr. Freeman of Pasadena Presbyterian Church, surprised their congregations by announcing they were going to war! Indeed they did go to the war zone in Belgium and Italy, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). They did the work of the USO in World War II by planning entertainment and procuring many of the most famous entertainers of the day to perform for the troops on the front. Dr. Smith also squeezed large quantities of lemons and made huge containers of lemonade for the boys as they came from the battlefield on hot days in Italy, and



▲ (top) Our church sanctuary in 1918; (left) Max Benshoff off to WWII with parents. Claudine and Will Benshoff, looking on, sister Hazel (not pictured) was a member of FUMC for many years. (right) Rev. Dr. Merle Smith in his YMCA uniform.

conducted canteens to give the soldiers a needed respite from the fighting.

Reverends Smith and Freeman were gone several months and their congregations and families were concerned for their safety in the battle zones. By the grace of God, they returned home safely but left a legacy of delivering a special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to the military.

The YMCA was organized at a meeting held at First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pasadena on September 27, 1886. At that meeting, 96 charter members were enrolled. The first president of the YMCA was Professor C.M. Parker, one of the beloved and honored members of our church.

Youth Painters Finish a Big Job

The Theater Arts Committee wants to thank and acknowledge an industrious team of youth painters, coordinated by Denise Campbell, director and painter extraordinaire, who cleaned, sanded, primed and painted the theater space in Great Hall so that it is a black stage area for FUMC's continuing theater and music productions.

In recent memory, the stage has been used for the summer musicals, fall intergenerational plays and musicals and

band concerts.

The youth organizer of the painting was Sean Altice and his team of dedicated painters and helpers included Anthony Capp, Andreas Montes, Laura Lussier, Megan Calantas, Emily Verniere, Lia Lohr and Hajime Miyasaka. A helping hand was also given on set and background painting by young adults, Chrissa Hayes, Joy Harding and Megan Goldstein. Thanks to Denise, Sean and all their workers for a great job.



An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday -- a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veteran's Day
November 11



Bible Query

Many churches celebrate one Sunday a year as Christ the King/Reign Of Christ Sunday. That day will be November 25th this year. A text in the New Testament speaks of Jesus the Christ as being "Lord of lords and King of kings." Which one of the following New Testament books has that accolade? Mark your choice below.

- A. Revelation
- B. Acts
- C. Colossians

Answer:
A (Revelation 17:14)

Pasadena Methodist Foundation Stewardship of Donors' Gifts

by Pam Marx



Since its inception in 1939, the Pasadena Methodist Foundation has received donations from interested members of the church and community by both donation and bequest. The Foundation operates under the guidance of a 25-member board. Three committees comprised mostly of board members take primary responsibility for different aspects of Foundation business; of these are the investments committee, the disbursements committee and the real property committee. It has been general Foundation policy, unless specifically instructed by the terms of a trust, to refrain from spending its capital, generally limiting grants in any given year to those that can be funded by trust income.

Over the years, the Foundation has attracted gifts from persons interested both in supporting particular causes as well as those who leave the specific spending decision to the Foundation board. A disbursement committee comprised of members of the Foundation board reviews requests and makes decisions on annual grant awards which are then put to the vote of the full board. In the first twenty-five years of its existence, the Foundation supported Camp Sky Meadows, church youth programs (including post-secondary assistance to students), the church music program (including maintenance of the organ, adult and children's choir robes), church facility care and maintenance (including loans for major projects and grants for repairs, painting, carpeting, acoustical improvements, seat

cushions, and choir loft lighting), a community mental health program, the Claremont School of Theology, Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, and other churches and missions.

In recent years, the church has faced several serious financial challenges related to reinforcement of its physical plant to ensure its safety in the event of an earthquake. Responding to those needs, the Foundation provided more than \$1.4 million for reinforcement of church buildings including the sanctuary, education facilities, and Fellowship Hall. Much of this funding came from principal. In March of 2003, the Foundation made a major non-cash grant to FUMC by canceling FUMC's indebtedness to the Foundation carried on the books at approximately \$1,450,000.

In addition to this important work of the Foundation in the last decade, each year it provides a multitude of individual grants to organizations and individuals, from both designated and undesignated trust sources totaling about \$500,000, depending upon interest income. Specifically supporting the church and its facilities, the Foundation's grants include those to FUMC's annual operating budget and Camp Sky Meadows for maintenance and upgrades. With respect to the larger community, this year grants made under designated trusts for African and urban ministries included grants supporting the Pasadena District Kenya Project, Habitat for Humanity (Kenwood Project) and the FUMC Young Adult Skid Row Lunch Project. Trusts designated to provide college scholarships resulted in over 30 active church members receiving college and graduate school support.



Baptism Celebrated

We welcome Grant Edwin Pearson, son of Ann and Dale Pearson, to this family of God. He was baptized by Dr. Trotter on Sunday, October 28, 2007. We pray that God will guide the Pearson family as they raise Grant in the Christian faith.

Altar Flowers for 2008

The Church Office is now receiving requests for altar flowers that will adorn our Sanctuary on Sundays throughout 2008. Your request may be in honor, in celebration or in memory of a person(s) or occasion of your choosing.

The cost of an arrangement is \$70.00 and may be paid at the time the request is made. Just come by the office or give the office a call to place your request.



Advent Workshop December 2nd



Come enjoy the many crafts sponsored by fellowship groups and individuals from our congregation. The cost is \$4.00 per adult, and \$12.00 per family at the door.

Refreshments will be served, and we welcome your donations of cookies to share. These can be labeled "Workshop" and dropped off in the kitchen on the morning of December 2nd.

If you have fresh cut holly, juniper, or other seasonal greens suitable for wreath making, please bring them to the Cloister. If you already have a wire ring for wreath making, please bring it along as it helps extend our supply for those who don't already have one.

We're looking forward to an afternoon filled with the spirit of Advent, and blessed with the fellowship of our local and extended church family. We hope to see you there! Contact Leslie Carpenter (818) 957-3781/4sdcarp@earthlink.net or Anne Johnston (626) 303-4036/atjohnston@altrionet.com with questions.

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- Eyewitness Books: Elephant* (J599.61)
- Hey, Al!* by Yorinks (E)
- Hiawatha* by Longfellow (J811)
- Indian Talk: Hand Signals of the American Indians* by Iron Eyes Cody
- The Marshmallow Caper* by Miklowitz (E)
- Merle: The High Flying Squirrel* by Peet (E)
- 175 Easy-to-Do Everyday Crafts* by Cary
- The Perfectly Orderly House* by McKenzie (E)
- The Rain Forest* by Gallinard (E)
- A Walk in the Rainforest* by Pratt (J574.5)
- Rain Forest Secrets* by Dorros (J574.5)
- Rainforest Animals* by Hess (E591)
- Santa, Are You for Real?* by Myra (J232.921) (Holiday books)
- Storybook Dictionary: Dictionary for Beginners* by Scarry
- When Jesus Was a Lad* by Oetting
- The Wizard of Oz* by Baum (FIC)

Next time you're at church, visit the library. We'll continue to feature titles and donors throughout the year in the Messenger.

Hilltoppers Review Scenes of Israel



We are excited to have Wanda Gae Stefansson and Ann Zeiss at 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!



Sunday School Big Red Barrel Donations

November

November has 8 letters.

We will collect something this month that has half as many letters as November, smells good and comes in bars or gels.

We will collect soap (and washcloths).

Still 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

53rd Annual HOLIDAY HOMES Tour

The Auxiliary of Methodist Hospital of Southern California invites you to the 53rd Annual Homes Tour and Tea House, December 7 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Homes tour features a lovely home in Arcadia and three homes in Sierra Madre, celebrating Sierra Madre's Centennial and national recognition as the 2007 winner of the coveted All-America Cities Award.

The Tea House returns to Santa Anita Park at Club Plaza. Complimentary pastries, coffee, and tea will be served as you browse with friends and neighbors through the vendor and craft displays.

The tour kicks off with Premier Night on December 6 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the

Club Plaza at Santa Anita Park. There you can enjoy a complimentary variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, soft drinks, and coffee provided by local restaurants. Guests will be escorted via coach for a premier viewing of the Holiday Homes. Premiere Night requires separate pricing and reservations. For information or reservations to Premier Night, call the hotline at (626) 821-2353.

Methodist Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital serving the communities of the East San Gabriel Valley. The Auxiliary of Methodist Hospital is committed to supporting the humanitarian and financial goals of Methodist Hospital of Southern California and all proceeds from the 2007 Holiday Homes Tour will support the Next Generation of Care Campaign toward a new patient tower, expanded emergency department and additional ICU beds.

Tickets for the Home tour are \$30 by November 23rd and \$35 after. Order forms are available in the Church Office. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.HolidayHomesTour.org.

Confirmation Class

On October 28th, twelve young persons gathered together with parents and staff to begin the journey of Confirmation. When we are baptized, even as children, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and the body of the Church. Confirmation is the opportunity for these persons to confirm and profess their Christian faith. It is the first public affirmation of the grace of God in one's baptism and the acknowledgment of one's acceptance of that grace by faith.

The class is led by Dr. Frank Trotter and Bob Rhodes, and our current confirmands are Michael Bernal, Jack Birkenbeuel, Sean Ehrlich, Sam Gerber, Danny Hain, Bryan In, Lia Lohr, Laura Lussier, Nicole Lussier, Hajime Miyasaka, Gianna Pilato, and Iris Sharp. Parents support these young persons both in and out of class sessions.

It is not too late to join the class. All youth who are in grade 8 and higher are invited to join these sessions. Please contact Frank or Bob if this is your wish.

The class meets on Sunday afternoons on a rough schedule of every two weeks, and uses the framework of the Christian year to guide participants through this detailed process. At the end of the class, each of these persons will have the opportunity to choose for themselves whether or not they are ready to commit to church membership. Confirmation Sunday will be on May 4, 2008.

Participants in Confirmation are embarking on an exciting and challenging journey. We are grateful for their ministry here at First United Methodist Church, and affirm their commitment to take this journey together.

Youth and Young Adult Travel Opportunities to France and Scotland

Rev. Mark Ulrickson, District Superintendent of Santa Ana, is inviting youth and young adults (age 15-29 as of August 2008) from across Southern California on a pilgrimage to the community of Taizé in France, and the community of Iona in Scotland during the summer of 2008.

The hope, in sharing the journey together, is to experience and be in conversation about the path of the Spirit among us.

Taizé Community in France July 24-August 5, 2008 Youth and Young Adults

The Taizé community is an experience in living in a world wide spiritual body for one week (July 27 through August 3). "Every week from early spring to late autumn, young adults from different continents arrive on the hill of Taizé. They are searching for meaning in their lives, in communion with many others. By going to the wellsprings of trust in God, they set out on an inner pilgrimage that encourages them to build relationships of trust among human beings. Some weeks in the summer months, more than 5000 young people from 75 different countries thus take part in a common adventure." (<http://www.taize.fr>)

The cost for the journey to Taizé is approximately \$2,000. Includes round

trip flight, stay at Taizé (including meals), other hotel lodging and ground transportation. Meals outside of Taizé will be extra as well as personal purchases. An initial deposit amount to be determined will reserve your place.

Iona Island Village in Scotland August 5-August 16, 2008 Young Adults

The Iona Island village is an experience in living in intentional Christian community for one week (August 9 through 15). The Center "...offers a unique opportunity to live with people from all over the world and all walks of life." Guests and staff of the community share all aspects of life - meals, daily worship, program activities, chores and social events in a place which allows them to feel safe in exploring issues that challenge or concern them and to have space to reflect on their lives." <http://www.iona.org.uk/> The week is focused on young adults.

The cost for the journey to Iona is approximately \$2,200 and includes the round trip flight, our stay at Iona (including meals), other hotel lodging and ground transportation. Meals and personal purchases outside of Iona will be extra. An initial deposit will be required to reserve your place (determined when flights are established).

For deposit information, to reserve your space and obtain general information, please call Rev. Dr. Mark Ulrickson, 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840, (714) 539-1039, or meupju@aol.com. For registration form, contact Rev. Debbie Gara.



Thank You, Garas and Quans for the great Pathfinders' Harvest Bash!

Can you identify Elvis and Priscilla,
the Good Witch, the Worker &
the Colander Heads?



Consecration Luncheon Sunday, November 18th

As part of Consecration Sunday, we encourage you to come to church and stay for lunch.
Menu:
Turkey
Mashed potatoes
Stuffing
Creamed corn
Lunch is a part of our Consecration Celebration and is free to everyone. You are welcomed, but not required, to join the individuals who enjoy bringing side dishes from home such as salad, a vegetable dish, or dessert to round out our meal. We will happily accept these contributions in the kitchen before church on November 18th.



FUMC CALENDAR of EVENTS:

11	9:07am	SpiritSeekers Adult Sun Sch	Adult Lounge
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Sun Sch Teachers Meeting	Church Lounge
		Worship Comm Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Consecration Sunday Prep	Church Lounge
12	All Day	Veteran's Day observed (Church Office Closed)	
	7:00pm	Christian Believer Class	Adult Lounge
		Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
		Comm on Lay Leadership	Library
13	9:30am	Yarn Ministry (Crocheters)	Church Lounge
	7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Oxford
17	9:30am	Prayer Quilt Ministry	
18	10:00m	Worship/Consecration Sunday	Sanctuary
	11:30pm	Missions, Peace & Justice Meet	Adult Lounge
	4:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class	Jr. Hi. Lounge
	6:30pm	Questers	Church Lounge
19	1:30pm	UMW Hilltoppers	Church Lounge
	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Adult Lounge
		Jesus in the Gospels	Church Lounge
20	7:00pm	Stewardship Comm Meeting	Church Lounge
22	All Day	Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)	
23	All Day	Day after Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)	

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
6:45pm	UMYF Dinner & Program Fellowship Hall
TUESDAYS	
10:00am	Social Services Great Hall
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Scout Room
7:30pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal Bell Room
7:30pm	AA Meetings Adult Lounge
WEDNESDAYS	
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:

- Peter Beam
- Gabe Brown
- Wayne Brubaker
- Everett Dodge
- Curt Elrod



- George Griffith
- Peggy Hendricks
- Kyong Hong
- Holly Dale Howard
- Al Rodriguez
- Manick Samuel
- Doris Schatra
- Norm Schmidt
- Argie Taylor

for strength & comfort:

- Wendy Stiver
- Barbara Gorton
- Lorene Ozsvath



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