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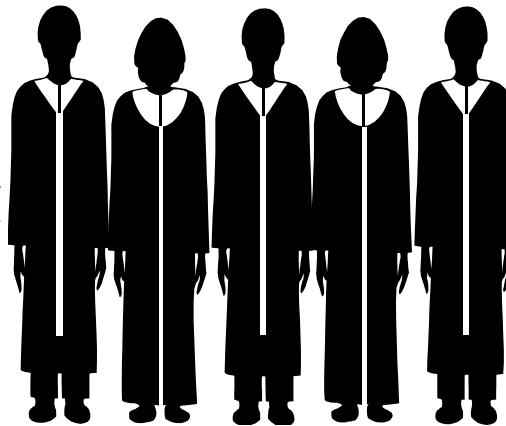
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Chancel Choir Includes Couples & Families

Mark your calendars for the October 8th Choir Concert at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The multi-faceted talents of our Chancel Choir will be offered for your entertainment and pleasure.

Did you know? Our Chancel Choir has a (3-generation) four member family (Father-Son-Daughter-Granddaughter): Larry Jarvis, Greg Jarvis, Paula Plummer and Lauren Plummer. We also have six couples: Freeman and Ramona Crutchfield, Frank and Freddie Lu McGinnis, Wes and Barbara Nathanson, Everto and Martha Ruiz, Greg and Nancy Taylor, and Richard and Beth Summers singing. Five members of the Celebration Ringers are also members of the choir: Sally Taylor, Judy Atkins, Fran Ulrich, Peggy Walters and Ted Barricklow. Ages in the choir range from 14 to 83!

You are invited to sing in the choir if you are able to read music, enjoy singing, and are committed to one



two-hour rehearsal on Thursday evenings and another at 9 AM on Sunday for one hour. Simply contact the Choir Director, Larry Jarvis. Preceding concerts, there are additional rehearsals. These usually include one on Saturday morning prior to the concert.

Judy Atkins has been the "music maid" since December of 1999. This time-consuming volunteer choir service involves distributing and recovering countless pieces of music. In order to be reused, a systematic wall-filing system must be maintained with follow-up on non-returned music. If you would like to volunteer to assist Judy, your help would be greatly welcomed.

If you aren't interested in singing but would like to be involved by taking photographs, keeping historical records or handling publicity, your involvement will help keep our Chancel Choir operating smoothly.

OktoberFest & Ministry Faire Opportunities Abound

This year's OktoberFest and Ministry Faire is an all church event with many exciting opportunities for involvement.

On Friday, October 20th, we will need volunteers to help decorate the Fellowship Hall for the all church Dance and Dessert Extravaganza on Saturday night.

On Saturday, following a breakfast provided by the Men's Club at 8 AM, we will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 AM for an All Church Mission Trip Day at North Valley Caring Services to undertake much needed repairs and cleaning of facilities. There is a job for every

talent and physical ability.

We need willing hands to paint, fix, tidy, sort and clean. Can't work? Be a sponsor, we have expenses to cover. Write a check!

That evening we will have an OktoberFest Dance and Dessert Extravaganza. We will have dance instructors present from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, followed by dancing for all ages. Later in the evening it will be dancing, especially for our youth group. The dance needs volunteers to set up, clean up and especially to bake and donate

See "OktoberFest" on Page 4

Open Hearts

Congratulations

Congratulations to our former minister Mark Ulrickson and his wife Trish on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, **Noa Auden Polzin**, born in Germany. His proud parents are Sommer and Alexander.

Congratulations to Pete and Joyce Scanlin on the birth of their grandson **Tyler Krueger**. His proud parents are Theresa and Rob.

Congratulations to **Leigh Thomas and Ethan Jewell** who were joined in marriage at NUMC on September 9th.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Condolences to Charlotte Buckles and family on the death of her husband **Kevin Downey**.



Condolences to John and Jodi Martinez (friends of Catherine Phillips') on the death of their son, **Mark**.

Prayers of healing for: **Sally Arnold; Michael Early; Anne Early; Berta Erdos** (friend of Mary Ellen McComb); **Ruby Freeark; Terry and Joyce Hadley; James Kennard; Ruth McGinnis** (Frank and Freddie Lu McGinnis' daughter); **Becky Phillips; Dana Phillips; Margaret Phillips; Ed Spochel** (Jacquie O'Connor's father); **Carol Turner; and Elizabeth Walters**.

Prayers of protection for Bob King's grandson, **Major Nathan Bruner** deployed to the Middle East for the sixth time; and Katie Soukup's cousin **Nick**, deployed to Iraq.

Group Offers Support & Healing

If you have experienced a deep loss, you are welcome to the Grief Healing Support Group meeting every Sunday, from noon to 1 PM, in the Library.

Grief comes in many forms, whether a loved one has died, you or a loved one has a serious illness, divorce, or any other trauma, you are welcome at any time.

Call the church office for more information.

MISSION Voices

As church activities get started again for the fall, the Missions Team is planning and preparing for another year of service to our local and world community.

In our planning and preparing, we are also thanking God for the two work teams from NUMC this past summer. Mike & Nancy Easterly and Greg & Nancy Taylor, were the team who participated in a Give Ye Them To Eat project at a United Methodist Mission southeast of Mexico City. Another team, consisting of Michael Garcia and Ric Wilson, participated in the rebuilding of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Summerville, South Carolina, bringing new hope and new life to a church that was destroyed by arson. NUMC is blessed by these people and their service.

During the coming months, your Missions Team is going to be leading and/or involved with several fulfilling opportunities for service. A significant upcoming event will be a "work day" at North Valley Caring Services (NVCS) on Saturday October 21. There are a number of maintenance and repair projects that will be very helpful to the good work they do there. Both labor and financial help are needed. In other words, we need your time and donations. This is a church-wide opportunity for service. Please sign up at the Missions Table after both church services.

The Missions Team and Church and Society Team will join forces for work with the annual "Christmas Mart" at Sepulveda UMC in December. While the Church and Society Team coordinates this event, the Missions Team is an active participant.

The Missions Team will again offer the "Gift To The World" program this holiday season. This year it will be coordinated by Karen King. We want to thank her for taking on this responsibility. Also, we want to say a big THANK YOU to Warren and Peggy Howard who coordinated and put in hours of hard work on the "Gift To The World" program for so many years in the past!!

Please read the "Mission Voices" section of each edition of The Methodist to stay informed about the projects your Missions Team is involved with. Also, please listen for the "Moment For Missions" in both Sunday morning services each month.

If you have any ideas or questions, or if you would like to become involved in our ongoing work, please contact Missions Team Leader Gordon Short.

In Christ's Service,
*Steve Wheatley &
Your Missions Team*

NUMC Hosts Board of Laity Empowerment Convocation

The Board of Laity will present the 2006 Lay Empowerment Convocation on October 14 from 8 AM to 3 PM at NUMC.

Dr. Jerry Campbell, President of Claremont School of Theology will be the keynote speaker at this event that serves as a resource to strengthen the partnership between laity and clergy in our conference and local churches.

The theme this year is "Partners in Ministry." Workshops will be held on such topics as dealing with difficult people, revitalizing a dying church, relation evangelism for United Methodist Men, what is important to youth, sharing of church facilities, Christian education and lay leadership. A Bible study will be offered by Rev. Soomee Kim.

Registration information is available on the Cal-Pac Web site at www.cal-pac.org in the yellow box on the homepage. Click on "Lay Empowerment Convocation." Please register by October 9. Contact Carol Mayer at 626-568-7354, email her at cmayer@cal-pac.org for more information or, pick up a brochure in the church office.

NUMC Will Host 2006 CROP Walk for Hunger

The CROP Walk for 2006 will be held on Sunday, November 5, at noon. This is a special year because NUMC will be hosting the walk for the first time in at least 20 years.

We will need volunteers to register walkers, sell raffle tickets, and a host of other necessary tasks. New this year is a way to create a personalized web page for seeking donations from friends and family. Just go to: www.cropwalk.org for information.

We want to have many walkers from our congregation so, put the date on your calendar.

If you are unable to walk, please consider volunteering to help with registration and hosting duties. For more information, contact Barbara Shields.

Your Church and Society Team

2007 Entertainment Books On Sale Now

The 2007 Entertainment Books are here! They will be offered for sale after church services on Sunday mornings. Help support our Youth Group and start saving on your entertainment costs today!

★ **October Sermons Explore Book of Revelation** ★
★ Throughout the month of October our pastors sermons will explore the Book of Revelation. "Why You Won't be 'Left Behind': What would Jesus say to us today about the book of Revelation?" ★
★ Spend October with us in this exciting book. ★



Book Club Schedules Discussion

Join us on October 23rd when we discuss *The City of Falling Angels* by John Borendt. Dorine Collins will host the meeting at 7:30 PM in her home. Call her if you would like to attend.

The book for November will be *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

Mental Health Awareness Week Set

Now is the time to prepare for Mental Health Awareness Week, October 1-7. The National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Awareness Recovery and Understanding will be on Tuesday, October 3.

National Depression Screening Day (NDS) will be held on October 5. There will be screening sites across the nation. Sites have materials to reach out to community members in distress due to depression and anxiety.

For more information or to find out screening sites in your area, visit www.MentalHealthScreening.org

Del Air Rockhounds

GEMboree Coming to NUMC

Bring the family to the San Fernando Valley GEMboree on Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, in Fellowship Hall. Admission is free and the show will be from 3 PM to 9:30 PM on Friday and from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday.

There will be demonstrations, exhibits, games, food and a Silent Auction. The show also presents an opportunity to learn about gems, stones, beads and fossils. If you are looking for unique holiday gifts be sure to mark your calendars for this event.

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

OktoberFest Plans Abound

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cookies, pastries and other snacks which will be sold at the dance, all proceeds going to our Mission funds. We'll also need folks to tend the refreshment tables.

The OktoberFest Worship on Sunday will be a single, combined worship service, at 10 AM, followed by food, fun, games for young and old and entertaining entertainment. We'll have some of our local artists and hobbyists on display. The Ministry Faire will give our community a chance to see all the ways we are in ministry and will give our members a chance to get involved in a wide variety of ministries in our church, in our neighborhood and in the world.

Mark your calendar now for this dynamite church event.



Dinner Bridge
Sat., Oct. 14th – 5:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

For reservations, please call one of our co-hosts, Jean Thompson, Betty Erlandson or Jean Johnson by Tuesday, October 10th.

Annual District UMW Meeting Set

The Annual Meeting of the Santa Barbara District United Methodist Women will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. The meeting will be held at the Ventura First United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Pat Small.

Bowling League Season in Progress

Come join us at 9 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at the Matador Bowl and enjoy a group committed to fun and companionship... with a little bowling thrown in for good measure. Even if you have never bowled before, this is the group for you. We are a non-sanctioned league. (This means we make up our own rules.)

We bowl three games and are through about 11:30 a.m. Our league began September 13 and ends the middle of May, 2007. We do not bowl the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are interested, please call Joann DeSantis.

Cal-Pac UMW Events Planned


District United Methodist Women Officer Training will be held on Friday, October 27, with the Annual UMW meeting celebration on Saturday, October 28.

Both events will be held at Wilshire United Methodist Church, Los Angeles. The meeting's theme will be *Bringing in the Peace*, with the keynote speaker, the Rev. Sandra Olewine. The registrar is Helen McVey and registration is available on the Cal-Pac UMW Web site: www.calpacumw.org.

Attendees are asked to wear black or dark shoes to show solidarity with those whose footsteps are working for peace.

Single Adults Ministry Plans Fall Activities

Are you an active single looking for some fun and company on a weekend afternoon or evening? Join the gang here at NUMC for one of our events.

 On Saturday, September 23rd, we will meet in the Kendall Building for Game Night. A rousing evening of Yatzee, Monopoly or Scrabble with friends. Join us from 7 to 10 PM and bring a snack to share. Margie Douglas will host.

On Sunday, October 8th, we will meet for a shared dinner in the Kendall Building at 5 PM and end the evening enjoying the many talents of our choir at the Annual Chancel Choir Concert in the Sanctuary.



On Sunday, October 29th, we will meet at 1 PM in the Parking Lot to go out for lunch and a movie.

You are always welcome to bring a friend to these exciting events!

Ministry Funding Report

January-August 2006

Income			
Giving	\$343,855		
Facility Use	47,815		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,232</u>		
Total Income:			\$392,902
Expenses			
Apportionments	\$ 61,503		
Ministerial	108,798		
Administration	79,786		
Facility	103,543		
Choirs/Music	54,602		
Hospitality	2,173		
Youth	14,229		
Miscellaneous	<u>143</u>		
Total Expenses:			\$429,379
Difference:			<\$ 36,477>

Northridge United Methodist Church

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays:

Arts & Crafts 9 AM Kendall Bldg

Tuesdays:

Cracker Barrel 10 AM Library
Sr. Exercise Class 11:30 AM Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays:

Weekday Maintenance Volunteers 8:30 AM
Meet in Office
Matador Bowling 9:15 AM Begins Sept. 13

Fridays:

Cracker Barrel 10 AM Library

Sundays:

Book Study 8 AM Library
Sunday School & Nursery 9 & 10:30 AM
Young Adults 7 PM Room 4

On-Going Support Groups

Sundays: Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM
in Fireside Room

Mondays: AA (Women) at 6 PM in Fireside Room
Alanon at 8 PM in Room 5/6

Tuesdays: Alanon at 10 AM in Fireside Room

Wednesdays: TOPS at 6 PM in Fireside Room

Thursdays: AA at 7 PM in Fireside Room

Fridays: Alanon at 12:30 PM in Fireside Room

Boy Scouts - Troop 911—

Tuesdays 7 PM—Fellowship Hall
Call John Orlick at 818-886-6229

Cub Scouts - Call Kathy Solymar at 818-832-1036

Girl Scouts - Call Nancy Leverage at 818-368-4844

Schedule of Events

- 3 Caring Ministries at 4 PM in Library
Church & Society "Movie Night" at 7 PM in Kendall Bldg
SPPR at 7:30 PM in Library
- 4 Soul Food at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 5 Preschool Open House at 6 PM in
Pine Grove and Fellowship Hall
- 8 All Children's Music Directors Lunch at Noon in Kendall Bldg
Singles Ministry at 5 PM in Kendall Bldg
Choir Concert at 7PM in Sanctuary
- 9 Missions Team at 7:30 PM in Kendall Bldg
- 10 Vision Team at 7:30 PM in Library
- 14 Cal-Pac Board of Laity at 9AM
Dinner Bridge at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 16 Church & Society Team at 7 PM in Kendall Bldg
- 17 Caring Ministries at 4 PM in Library
Finance Meeting at 7:30 PM in Library
Trustees Meeting at 7:30 PM in Kendall Bldg
- 20 OktoberFest Decorating Team at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 21 Men's Club Breakfast at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall
OktoberFest All Church Mission at 9:30 AM in Parking Lot
OktoberFest Dance & Dessert Extravaganza at 7 PM
in Fellowship Hall
- 22 OktoberFest & Ministry Faire & Lunch at Noon
in Fellowship Hall
Taizé Service at 6:30 PM in Sanctuary
- 23 Methodist Money Makers at 7 PM in Library
Celebration Quarterly Meeting at 7:30 PM in Kendall Bldg
- 24 Team Leader Huddle at 7:30 PM in Kendall Bldg
- 27 Del Air Rockhounds, Inc. 3 PM to 9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 28 Del Air Rockhounds, Inc. 10 AM to 5 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 29 Singles Ministry meets to go out for lunch and a movie
at 1 PM in Parking Lot

Articles Due For Next Newsletter

Articles for the October 9th issue of the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 4:30 PM, **Thursday, September 28th.**





Noon Fellowship Luncheon	
Tuesday October 17 11:30 AM	Kendall Building
Speaker: Sharon Elkins, Retired Federal Agent	
Bring a friend.	Lunch, as usual, is a freewill donation.

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:30 am ARTS & CRAFTS Kendall Bldg 7:30 pm NEW YOU	3 10:00am MAGPIES BRIDGE	4 9:15 AM BOWLING @ Matador Bowl	5	6	7
8	9 9:30 am ARTS & CRAFTS Kendall Bldg Noon BOARD MTG Kendall Bldg	10	11 9:15 AM BOWLING @ Matador Bowl	12	13	14
15	16 9:30 am ARTS & CRAFTS Kendall Bldg	17 11:30 am NOON FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Kendall Building	18 9:15 AM BOWLING @ Matador Bowl	19	20	21 OKTOBERFEST
22 OKTOBERFEST	23 9:30 am ARTS & CRAFTS Kendall Bldg	24 10:00 am BLUEJAYS BRIDGE	25 9:15 AM BOWLING @ Matador Bowl	26	27 1:30 pm FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH Local Restaurant	28
29 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	30 9:30 am ARTS & CRAFTS Kendall Bldg	31 HALLOWEEN	COMING: FALL BOUTIQUE SATURDAY, November 4 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL			

Meetings are open to all church women.
 Membership is not required.
 Childcare available upon advance request.

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| ARTS & CRAFTS | Phyllis Nelson |
| BLUE JAY BRIDGE | Pearl Adams |
| BOWLING | Joann DeSantis |
| HEARTS & HANDS | Betty Kinzy |
| MAGPIES BRIDGE | Jean Thompson |

CONTACT PERSON: Pat Small
 PRAYER CHAIN: Ruth Sanders
 NEW YOU: Barbara Hamilton
 & Joann DeSantis

FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH &
 UMW CALENDAR Win Wheatley



Young Adults Plan October Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Young Adult Fall Retreat sponsored by the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries.

The theme is "Behind the Mask" and will be held the weekend of October 27-29.

The retreat will be held at the Huddle Hut at Camp Wrightwood, so spaces are limited. The Rev. Lui Tran will be the keynote speaker.

Please don't miss this opportunity to worship and fellowship with young adults from all over the conference. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

The cost is only \$40. Registration forms have been mailed to churches. If you have any questions, please contact Candie O'Dell at wwjd998@hotmail.com or Susan Faber at seaf416@aol.com.

If you haven't received a brochure you can also download one at www.Cal-Pac.org and click on the young adult link. See you there.

Bishop's eNewsletter Available Now

There has been some confusion surrounding the release of Bishop Mary Ann Swenson's new e-Newsletter, e360, containing her thoughts and reflections. If you are signed up for Cal-Pac Update, you are signed up for Bishop Swenson's newsletter and special announcements.

If you would like to respond to something that she has written, send an e-mail to calpac-bishop@earthlink.net.

Bishop Swenson's blog will be set up in the very near future.



UMW Fall Boutique Set for November 4

Come to the Fall Boutique from 9 AM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, November 4th.

There will be a luncheon of anti-pasta and meatball sandwiches, a bakery booth, holiday and home decorations, gifts, toys, baby items and even some recycled treasures.

Conference Calls for Camp and Retreat Advocates

United Methodist Churches across our Annual Conference are being asked to submit the name of a Camp and Retreat Advocate from their congregation.

Advocates will receive e-mail updates of program opportunities, announcements for church publications and resources for developing a camping and retreat ministry in their congregation.

Advocates will have opportunities to visit campsites, attend training events and participate in regional fall and spring gatherings.

Let your pastor know if you would be willing to serve as a Camp and Retreat Advocate. Contact Paul Cogger for a brochure: pcogger@cal-pac.org.

Camping Changes Lives Kick Starts Conference

A Saturday morning breakfast event, *Camping Changes Lives*, schedule for **Saturday, September 30**, will be held at LaTiera United Methodist Church, 7400 Osage Avenue in Los Angeles. Friends of camping and retreat ministry are invited to attend and hear how camping changes lives through some of the most amazing stories of lives that have been dramatically and spiritually transformed by some of the camps in our conference this past year. *Camping Changes Lives* will be held from 9 am to 10:30 am and features a free breakfast provided by some of our best camp cooks. Come and share in the stories, the music, the fellowship and the celebration of life changing experiences through camping and retreat ministry. Information is available from the Rev. Samuel S. Yun, BCORM program associate, at 562-761-4043, or e-mail RevSYUN@msn.com. You can support this life changing ministry through Conference Advance Special giving. Please contact Sam for a brochure.

Usher Team Needs Help

Volunteers are needed to usher on one of our usher teams, once a month, for either the 9 or 10:30 AM service. This is a great way to get acquainted. Anyone interested in helping please contact Ken or Joanne Buttrey.

Flower Dates Available

The Flower Calendar has some October and November dates available. The calendar is in the workroom of the church office or, call the church to sign up.