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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

## Caring Ministries Team Offers Loving Opportunities

As Pastor Paula explained in her sermon recently, our relationship with God, with Jesus and with one another, is a relationship of LOVE. One way we nurture these loving relationships is through our caring for each other.

The Caring Ministries Team is a ministry of love and care for those of our members and friends who are going through difficult times.

We all know how much it means to get a card when we're ill, to receive a phone call when we're troubled. This is your opportunity to join with other caring souls in our church who are involved in this loving outreach!

The "team" meets every first and third Tuesday (except on holidays) at 4 PM, in the Library to review the needs made known to us. If this ministry calls to your heart, please stop in on August 1st or 15th! Regular attendance is not necessary. The faces around the table ebb and flow as schedules permit.

Also, if you know of a member of our church who needs a call, a card, a prayer or a visit, please let the church office know right away.



**FROM THE**



**PASTOR**

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make

me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the

years go by.

I dare not ask for grace - enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

### MISSION Voices

A principal aspect of the mission effort worldwide is to extend the hospitality of Christ. Put in simpler terms getting more people to adopt Christianity as a way of life.

As a practical matter this involves marketing, or at least it seems that way to this writer. Wouldn't it be nice if we could implement a guarantee program to help in a marketing effort. Even though statements about results are absolutely true, we would probably wind up in court. Having made that disclaimer, join me in a little imaginary journey into our new advertisement project:

We absolutely guarantee you a happier, healthier life if you become a Christian and live in accordance with Christian principles.

Try our 20 year trial program. Be a United Methodist member, be active, give as you can and live in accordance with the principles of the church and after 20 years, if you are not leading a happier, more satisfying, more prosperous life than you would have otherwise, we will refund everything!

I leave it to you to figure out what "everything" includes.

Blessings,

*Gordon Short*

### *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*



Condolences to Kevin Burkholder and family on the death of his sister-in-law, **Julie Burkholder**, on July 17th.



Condolences to Lin Squires and family on the death of her mother, **Ruth Wieser**, on July 22nd.

Prayers of healing for: **Maury Abrams; Ashley Anderson; Jay Christianson; Delia Curiel; Marie Davis; Kevin Downey** (Charlotte Buckles' husband); **Ruby Freemark; Paula Landon; Ann Marsh; Rick Parker; Rebecca Phillips; Nancy Rohlf; Nancy Savacol; Marvin Shapel;** and **Naomi Soto** (Karen Soto-White's mother).

Prayers of strength and patience for: **Philip Soto** and **Karen Soto-White**.

Prayers of protection for Katie Soukup's cousin, **Nick**, deployed in Iraq.

### *In Gratitude*

Dear NUMC,

We are deeply grateful for the bounty of God's blessings as we celebrate: Jeremy & Jenica's marriage on June 17; Greg's graduation from the LAPD Academy on July 21 and; Kimi & Mike's marriage on July 22. We give our heart-felt thanks for all the love, support and co-parenting that our wonderful faith community has gifted to our entire family for over the past 16 years. Our lives have been immeasurably blessed by NUMC.

Thank You!

*Louie & Dorrel Atteberry*



Dear NUMC,

Our son, Chas, married Sandra Abarca on June 24th. We celebrated their union with a reception in Fellowship Hall.

The event was wonderful! We decorated, danced and dined. New friends met and maybe introductions will bloom into something more.

The day's successes were due in great part to the thoughtful assistance of Joan Coston, Bill Margadant, Jay Rosenthal, Matt Brown, Tracie and Maryanne Thompson and Chuck Grant. Thank You!

The reception in the hall was possible because of all of you! Let me explain: The church campus is well kept. There is new

asphalt in the parking lot, new storage space, and new equipment in the kitchen and hall. All of you helped make the reception a success with your prayers, presence, service and gifts.

Thank You!

*Chuck and Maria Mortensen*



Thanks to Milt Paris! Milt has made the life of the office staff so much easier, more efficient and... at a reduced cost! How? He spent many hours researching the contract on our copy machine, as well as that of other companies. Milt found we could save a great deal of money and get many new features available with newer technology. He negotiated the best deal, met with the various sales reps, scheduled the installation and training and, with the assistance of Mike Shields, actually got the internet wiring installed so our computers can use the new multi-tasked machine as a network printer. Even though the new machine is very useful, the use will still be monitored as we do have a monthly usage limit and a tight budget to consider. Thank you Milt for your expert and dedicated response to our need. You are a real Pro!  
*The Office Staff*

# Northridge United Methodist Church

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

On-Going Activities  
 NA - 7:00 PM—Sundays—Fireside Room  
 AA - 10:00 AM—Tuesdays—Fireside Room  
 12:30 PM Fridays—Fireside Room  
 6:00 PM—Mondays (Women) - Fireside Room  
 7:00 PM—Tuesdays & Thursdays—Fireside Rm  
 8:00 PM—Mondays in Room 5/6  
 TOPS - 6:00 PM Wednesdays—Fireside Room  
 Boy Scouts - Troop 911—Tuesdays 7:00 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

# August 2006



Mondays: Arts & Crafts 9 AM Kendall Bldg  
 Tuesdays: Cracker Barrel 10 AM Library  
 Sr. Exercise Class 11 AM Fellowship Hall  
 Wednesdays: Weekday Maintenance Volunteers-  
 8:30 AM Meet in Office  
 Fridays: Cracker Barrel 10 AM Library  
 Sundays: Sunday School & Nursery 9 & 10:30AM  
 Book Study 8 AM Library  
 Summer Choir Rehearsal 9 AM

| Sun                                      | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri       | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|---|-----------|---|
|  |  | <b>1</b><br>Summer Camp 9 AM to 3 PM<br>Caring Ministries 4 PM Library<br>SPPR - 7:30 p.m - Library | <b>2</b><br>Soul Food Café 6 PM - Fellowship Hall<br>Meet The Pastors 6:45 PM - Library | <b>3</b><br>Summer Camp 9 AM—3 PM (Last Day)  |           | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b>                                 | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>Church Council - 7:30 PM - Library  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>Dinner Bridge - 5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall                          |
|  |  | <b>13</b><br>Summertime Cabaret - 7 PM With Dessert Reception Under the Stars                       | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b><br>Caring Ministries 4 PM - Library<br>Finance Mtg 7:30 PM - Library<br>Church & Society - 7:30 PM - Room 4 | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>20</b>                                | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Team Leader Huddle - 7:30 PM - Kendall Building  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>Mexican Mission Trip Shareholders Dinner - 6 PM - Kendall Building |
| <b>27</b><br>Taizé - 6:30 PM - Sanctuary | <b>28</b><br>Methodist Money Makers - 7 PM - Library | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>   |           |   |



You are needed: your help, your ideas.  
Come join in the making of articles for the  
November 4th Fall Boutique  
ARTS & CRAFTS: Monday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Kendall Building

# August 2006

| Sun | Mon   | Tue                               | Wed | Thu | Fri  | Sat   |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|--|---|
|     |  | 1<br>10:00am<br>MAGPIES BRIDGE    | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br>9:30 am<br>ARTS & CRAFTS<br>Kendall Bldg                                     | 8                                 | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>9:30 am<br>ARTS & CRAFTS<br>Kendall Bldg                                    | 15                                | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>9:30 am<br>ARTS & CRAFTS<br>Kendall Bldg                                    | 22<br>10:00 am<br>BLUEJAYS BRIDGE | 23  | 24  | 25<br>1:30 pm<br>FRIDAY<br>LUNCH BUNCH<br>Local Restaurant | 26  |
| 27  | 28<br>9:30 am<br>ARTS & CRAFTS<br>Kendall Bldg                                    | 29                                | 30  |     |  |  |

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    |

|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| CONTACT PERSON: | Pat Small                            |
| PRAYER CHAIN:   | Ruth Sanders                         |
| NEW YOU         | Barbara Hamilton<br>& Joann DeSantis |

FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH &  
UMW CALENDAR Win Wheatley



## Open Minds



# Sunday School News



Who is our neighbor? How do we show respect, love and kindness to people we don't like? How do we live out the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40) in today's world? These are some of the questions our elementary children are being asked (and asking) during the summer Sunday School program "Building a Culture of PEACE Begins With Children."

Each week we will explore one tenet of the "Pledge of Nonviolence." They are: To respect self and others; To communicate better; To Listen; To forgive; To respect Nature; To play creatively; and, To be courageous. We pray, by the end of summer, the children will have internalized some of the "things that make for peace." Why don't you take the "pledge" too?

Before we know it we will be turning our attention to

the fall and the new school year. We would like things to be in place for the first Workshop Rotation for the year. Please think about leading a workshop sometime in the fall? Imagine teaching children about Noah's Ark through a cooking experience? What DID they eat on the ark? Or, YOU can be Noah and the children can be the animals? I know there are actors in our congregation! Of course, Noah is just one story for one rotation. Cooking and storytelling (drama) are just two types of workshops.

Perhaps you are a scientist, a musician or an artist? The children would love to learn from you. Please consider being part of this ministry and say "YES" when called! If you have any questions please call me!

Blessings,  
Katie Soukup

## Reseda UMC Offers VBS

Reseda 1st United Methodist Church, 18120 Satcoy Street, invites our members to attend their Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is: "The Adventure of the Treasure Seekers."

The Adventure begins Monday, August 21, and runs from 9 AM to Noon through Friday, August 25. Admission is \$10 (\$15 for two students) and is offered to students from pre-school to older elementary ages. For registration or additional information, call (818) 344-7135.



## Book Club Meets August 28th

Join us on August 28th when we discuss *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Jean Thompson will host the meeting at 7:30 PM in her home. Call her if you would like to attend. The book for September will be *The River at the Center of the World* by Simon Winchester.

## Ministry Funding Report

January-June 2006

|                        |           |                   |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>          |           |                   |
| Giving                 | \$250,603 |                   |
| Facility Use           | 35,460    |                   |
| Miscellaneous          | 1,170     |                   |
| <b>Total Income:</b>   |           | <b>\$287,276</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>        |           |                   |
| Apportionments         | \$ 47,242 |                   |
| Ministerial            | 81,969    |                   |
| Administration         | 62,312    |                   |
| Facility               | 79,768    |                   |
| Choirs/Music           | 42,440    |                   |
| Hospitality            | 1,802     |                   |
| Youth                  | 10,676    |                   |
| Miscellaneous          | 136       |                   |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b> |           | <b>\$326,346</b>  |
| <b>Difference:</b>     |           | <b>-\$ 39,070</b> |

## Open Doors

*For fellowship & fine dining.*

**Wed, August 2nd**

6:00 PM

**Fellowship Hall**

*Free-will Offering*

Sign up after Church

or call the office @ 886-1555

The Soul Food Café is open for business  
the 1st Wednesday of every month

**Come to the  
Soul Food Café**



**Meet The Pastors @ 6:45 PM in the Library**



**Dinner Bridge**

**Sat, August 12th – 5:30 PM  
in Fellowship Hall**

For reservations, please call one of our co-hosts, Lorrie & Jim Cobb, Sally Brunken or Ted Knox by Tuesday, August 8th.