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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Memorial Garden Dedication & Groundbreaking is June 10th



Mark your calendars to attend the Memorial Garden dedication and groundbreaking ceremonies on Sunday, June 10th, at the Garden site, between the first and second worship service.

Thanks to generous contributions from advance givers, the hard work and dedication of the Memorial Garden Committee and the Wednesday Grounds Maintenance Crew, we will soon thereafter actually be moving earth, building walls, planting trees, and creating this beautiful addition to our church campus.

Plan to attend and witness the beginning of an important forward step in our church's loving care and comfort for all within our congregation.



A Glimpse of the Garden, No. 2



The Memorial Wall will occupy a prominent place in the Memorial Garden. The wall will be made of the same type of concrete block that is used for the walls throughout the church campus. It will be there for all in the church who want to memorialize their loved ones with a simple granite plaque placed on the wall, with the person's name, date of birth and date of death.



No matter where the deceased's remains are interred, the Memorial Wall gives families the opportunity to memorialize their loved ones in a beautiful peaceful environment and among church friends who share their memories.

"Magic of Summer" Luncheon Will Benefit North Valley Caring Services

Time is drawing near. Make your plans now. Ask someone to come with you to the United Methodist Luncheon at 11 AM on Saturday, June 30th.



This luncheon is a benefit for the North Valley Caring Services (NVCS) which offers a great many services to their community, including classes in English as a second language.

They provide a place for children to go after school where they are well supervised with many activities. This program helps keep children off the streets and away from the temptations of gangs, drugs and other terrible things.

Tickets are \$15 each to support this beneficial and worthwhile project.

Men are also invited to come and enjoy the lovely voices of the Sweet Adelines and the Pipes and Drums of the Granada Hills High School students.

Tickets are available between the 9 AM and 11 AM services on Sunday mornings. We will have good food and door prizes.

Della Brown
 Chairman

NUMC Family Camp is June 1st to 3rd

Family Camp at Wrightwood is a fun getaway for singles or families. All cabins are heated, with restrooms and showers. One low price includes meals and lodging. Adults and youth 13 years old and above are \$70. Children 4 to 12 years old are \$50. Children 3 and younger are \$5. For more information please call the church office.



Bringing the Message of Hope



It's no coincidence that the symbol of our technical ministries at the church is a Dove - for like Noah's bird, we also bring a message of hope to the world through our efforts.

Did you know that we video the service every Sunday and now offer DVDs in the library? Our sound volunteers make sure that everyone, including those needing hearing assistance, can enjoy worship.

The recent addition of projection is adding a new dimension to our worship services and our website reaches far beyond the boundaries of our campus to carry the message and mission of this church.

Unfortunately the group of caring people who support this ministry is small and shrinking. All the jobs we do are easy to learn and we are willing to teach.

So please, take a moment to consider if you would like to be a Dove and help spread the message. If you are ready, or just have questions, call Ric Wilson at 818 886-9376 or leave a message in the church office. We all need a little hope.

Calling All Jars! Calling All Jars!



We need your empty and clean jam, peanut butter, mayonnaise and any other kind of jars for a special project in June and July.

When you have finished with a jar at home, instead of putting it in the recycling bin, please put it in the dishwasher to get it nice and clean and then bring it into the church where we'll have a box for you to put them in.



And don't worry, when we're all done with them, they can still be recycled!

Thanks, Ric Wilson

Taizé

(Service of Chant and Meditation)

6:30 PM- Sanctuary



Our Taizé Service for June is being held on the fourth Sunday, June 24, 2007. Please join us for a service of silence, candlelight and simple repeated melodies from the Taizé community in France.

Experience a time to detach from the confusion, noise and busy activities of your everyday world and reflect on the living presence of Christ in your life.

Child care is available.



Prayers of healing for:

Bill Bowen; Sally Brunken; Joanne Buttrey; Bill Foster; Mike Gaba and family; Joan Gleerup; John Hergesheimer; Pat Johannesen; Lee Kavalovski; Steven May (USMC); Freddie Lu McGinnis; Margaret Rodie; Mary Jane Rotella (in hospital); Junior Spencer.

Congratulations: **Ronald Spoehel** (Jacquie O'Connor's brother) has been nominated, by the president, to be chief financial officer for NASA. Ron grew up here at NUMC.

Memorial Fund Established

A memorial fund has been established at the church for Linda Whitaker, past editor of The Methodist who passed away on April 24th.

Arson Rebuild Project for '07 Going to Ruth, Mississippi

This year the Arson Rebuild project will work to rebuild the Spring Beulah Christ Holiness Church in Ruth, Mississippi. The National Coalition for Burned Churches selects our site in consultation with Rev. Lloyd Saatjian, our project coordinator. As always, several teams will be traveling in successive weeks to work on the project. Our team, comprised of volunteers from throughout our conference, will be leaving August 11th and returning August 18th.

This will be the seventh time that this church has sent a team to help rebuild a church destroyed by fire and the first time that I will not be able to go myself. However, Pastor Paula has agreed to go in my place and we are looking for some good people to go with her.

This is an amazing experience of faith in action. The opportunity to turn your life off for a week and give it to God is something every Christian should experience. No construction experience is needed, just a willingness to work and to be open to the experience.

If you would like to be a part of the team or support their efforts, please contact Ric Wilson at 818-886-9376 or call the church office and we'll help you get involved. Thank you.

Ric Wilson

June 10th Spotlights Christian Education

Longtime members Katie Soukup and Ileene Parker will be stepping down from their positions as Children's Ministry and Youth directors on June 10th. This will also be Christian Education Sunday and many children's workers will be honored. Please join us at the 11 AM service as we honor their many contributions to our church. We will have cake in their honor during coffee hour.

Choirs Plan "Beautiful River" Concert

The Chancel and Youth Choir will present "The Beautiful River," a concert of songs of Refuge, Love, Healing and Devotion at 3 PM on Sunday, June 10th, in the Sanctuary. The concert will include "Beautiful River" arr. William Hawley, four Shaker songs and more songs about rivers and the beautiful earth.

The offertory is "Wana Baraka," a Kenyan folk song, arranged by Shawn Kirchner. And that's just the first half! After intermission there are even more lovely songs. For a complete program list, pick up a flyer in the church office or between services.

And, don't forget to visit the Pre-School's "Summer Sizzle" festivities after the concert. A great place for supper after the concert.

"Summer Sizzle" Festival Set

The Pre-School will hold their Annual "Summer Sizzle" from 4 to 7 PM on Sunday, June 10. Come join in the fun, play a game and, of course, eat good food. All proceeds benefit the NUMC Pre-School.

Night at Hollywood Bowl Planned

Have you bought your tickets for the Annual Family Night at the Hollywood Bowl on Saturday, July 28th? We encourage those who have not attended in the past to come this year. It is more than a concert... it is fellowship with the church family and a relaxing change of pace.

This year's concert is "Viva Las Vegas: An Evening with Gladys Knight with Fireworks." The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and special guest Wayne Brady will open the show singing the songs of Sammy Davis Jr.

Bring your picnic (or purchase one there) and join the fun. Tickets are \$30 per person and include the 6:05 PM park-and-ride bus from the Chatsworth train station on Devonshire. For reservations, contact Nancy Easterly or the church office. Final payment is due June 11th.

Movie Night Feature is "Blue Vinyl"



The Church and Society Movie Night will be on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 PM in the Kendall Building. The feature will be "Blue Vinyl," a documentary that seeks to find the truth about the toxic manufacture and corporate corruption behind a seemingly innocuous plastic product.

From vinyl-sided homes in suburban Long Island to hushed cancer outbreaks in Louisiana and Venice, Italy, this exposé tracks vinyl's shocking history with willful irony and a healthy dose of humor.



June Meeting Scheduled

Join us on Monday, June 25th, when we discuss "Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt. Dorine Collins will host the meeting at 7 PM in her home. You may call her if you would like to attend.

Imagination Vacation Returns to NUMC Summer Day Camp

Northridge United Methodist Summer Day Camp is planning another **Imagination Vacation** for children entering grades 1 through 6.

This summer, our Imagination Vacation will explore and appreciate the peoples and cultures of the world through the stories and legends they tell. "Storytelling" will be our theme as we use dance, songs, pantomime, improvisation, puppetry, and scriptwriting to act out myths, legends, folktales, fairytales—and Bible stories, naturally. Through it all, we'll look for the common themes that unite us all in God's family. Two to three field trips will be scheduled.

NUMC Summer Day Camp is the right choice if you're looking for a safe, supportive, and relaxed environment where your child can play with other children, enjoy some outdoor fun, stretch his or her imagination, and come away with a deeper appreciation for God's wonderful, diverse family.

NUMC Imagination Vacation meets for five weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, **July 3 through August 2**, 9 AM to 3 PM. The cost is \$20 per day, half price for siblings. You may sign up to attend all five weeks or individual days or weeks to fit your schedule. Bring a sack lunch.

For more information, phone Denise Woerner or the church office.

Open Doors

June 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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

Schedule of Events

- 5 Caring Ministries at 4 PM in Library
Church & Society Movie Night at 7 PM in Kendall Bldg.
SPPR at 7:30 PM in Library
- 6 Soul Food at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 9 Dinner Bridge at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 10 Memorial Garden Dedication at 10:15 AM
Missions Team Meeting at 12:15 PM in Kendall Building
"The Beautiful River" Choir Concert at 3 PM in Sanctuary
Reception following concert in Fellowship Hall
Pre-School Summer Sizzle from 4 to 7 PM
- 15 "The Breakfast Club" (new name)
at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall
All Church Work Day following breakfast.
- 17 Church Council Meeting at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 18 Church & Society Meeting at 7 PM in Library
- 19 Caring Ministries at 4 PM in Library
Trustees Meeting at 7:30 PM in Kendall Building
Finance Meeting at 7:30 PM in Library
- 20 Membership Team Meeting at 9 AM in Library
Leadership Development (Nom.) at 7:30 PM in Library
- 30 UMW Luncheon at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall

Articles Due For Next Newsletter

Articles for the June 11th issue of the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 4:30 PM, **Thursday, May 31st.**



Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Tuesdays:

Cracker Barrel 10:00 AM Library
Sr. Exercise Class 11:30 AM Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays:

Maintenance Volunteers 8:30 AM Church Office
WORMS 9:30 AM Kendall Bldg.

Thursday:

Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Sanctuary

Fridays:

Cracker Barrel 10:00 AM Library

Sundays:

Adult Study 8:00 AM Library
Sunday School & Nursery 9 & 11 AM Ed. Bldg.
Grief Healing Support Group 10:30 AM Library

United Methodist Women

UMW
Prayer Chain
Hearts & Hands

Contact Person
Pat Small
Ruth Sanders
Betty Kinzy

June 2007 ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY:

Mondays 9 AM Arts & Crafts in Kendall Bldg Phyllis Nelson
Wednesdays Bowlers — See You In September Joann DeSantis

MONTHLY:

4 Monday at 7:30 PM New You Barbara Hamilton
5 Tuesday at 10 AM Magpies Bridge Jean Thompson
11 Monday at 12 PM Ex. Board Meeting in Kendall Bldg.
19 Tuesday No Noon Fellowship Luncheon — See June 30
22 Friday at 1:30 PM Friday Lunch Bunch Win Wheatley
26 Tuesday at 10 AM Bluejays Bridge Pearl Adams
30 Saturday at 11 AM "Magic of Summer" Della Brown
Luncheon In Fellowship Hall with GHHS Pipes & Drums &
Sweet Adelines — Proceeds to North Valley Caring Services

Ongoing 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 in Fellowship Hall
Call John Orlick at 818-886-6229

Cub Scouts - Call Scott Anthony at 818-268-4762

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

Contagious Congregations

How did you happen to be Methodist? Have you thought about your affiliation with the Northridge United Methodist Church? Are you in that category of “I have been a Methodist all my life,” or “I was born and raised a Methodist just as my parents were,” or “My spouse was a Methodist, so I thought I should be a Methodist also,” or “My child enrolled in the Methodist pre-school and it made sense to attend this church,” or “A friend, neighbor, or relative invited me,” or “I visited one Sunday, on my own, and liked the setting and the friendliness”? Are you in one of the listed categories? If not, just fill in the blank with your own reason for attending our church. _____

Unless you have Methodist blood in your veins, most likely someone, a friend, a neighbor, a family member, or a visitor from the church to your home, invited you to attend church on Sunday. That person looked after you, introduced you to other church members, took you to church events, and, in effect, became your shepherd until you felt comfortable in church activities on your own. You are well aware that an effort was made to help you along this spiritual path, whether from family, friend, or neighbor.

Let us look at the meanings for this wonderful adjective “contagious.” 1. *Transmissible by contact*, 2. *Carrying or capable of carrying disease*, 3. *Spreading or tending to spread one to another: Catching*. Definitions 1 and 3 certainly describe how many became Methodists. If, for the moment, Methodism is a disease (some fervent folks might say as much) then definition 2 fits as well. Some non-church goers even say they have been inoculated against the disease.

However, and to the point, we carriers of Methodism, as a friend, a neighbor, or a family member, need to transmit our beliefs by contact with others in order for our church to grow. Certainly we can spread the Methodist word and find out who we can infect.

Gaining a new member is not easy; it takes time, commitment, energy and frequently long-term care. As individual members in our congregation, let us, each one, invite someone to attend our church. Make them feel welcome, introduce them, and get them involved. Before long we will share in a Soul Food Café. What a great time to introduce someone to our church.

Since we church members are all carriers, let us be contagious and in almost the words of one president, “Tear down that wall of indifference,” inoculation and inaction.

Charles Mortensen



Dinner Bridge
Sat., June 9th – 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

For reservations, please call one of our co-hosts, Bill & Roz Conroy, Ruth Sanders or Bob King by Tuesday, June 5th.



Best Breakfast in Town

Join us for breakfast and hear our guest speakers share their wisdom. Following breakfast is an All Church Work Day.

Elementary Summer Camps 2007

Santa Barbara District Programs

“Let’s Hop, Skip & Jump with Jesus”

Younger Elementary

At Camp Colby Ranch

For 1st to 3rd graders in the fall of 2007

June 24th-27th Cost: \$200

“Visiting Nazareth”

Older Elementary

At Colby Ranch

For 4th to 6th graders in the fall of 2007

June 24th-30th Cost: \$280

“On The Way”

Younger & Older Elementary combined

At Camp Arroyo Grande

For 1st to 6th graders in the fall of 2007

Sunday, July 15th—Tuesday, July 17th

Cost: \$140

District Summer Camp

Registration Forms

are available

in the church office.

