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UUMC Outlook

The Newsletter of University United Methodist Church in Irvine California

Nov 21, 2013

Advent Worship

December 1

Communion

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

Great Expectations

December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10.

Matthew 3:1-12

Brave New World

December 15

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55

The Diary of a Young Girl

December 22

Children's Christmas Musical

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Christmas Eve

6:00 Family Service

11:00 Candlelight Service

December 29

Isaiah 63:7-9

Matthew 2:13-23

Great Expectations

It's a joy to head into Advent and Christmas with you for the first time. I shared with one of you a revelation from early in my pastoral ministry. With too much to do at Christmas and with a great expectation of my own perfect performance in the midst of it, I just got grouchy. People started arriving for the family Christmas Eve service, and I was perturbed that some families had the audacity to be *early* and cut into my last-minute preparations. Can you imagine? The Holy Spirit poked me to say, "Hey Pastor Paige, your people are here to celebrate Christmas. Lighten up." Oh, right. Good point, Holy Spirit.

I only needed to be told once, and it has changed my whole approach to Advent and Christmas. I try to turn my great expectations outward toward what God is doing, and how God is at work in your lives. The scriptures of Advent begin with the end: the holy mountain toward which all humanity will stream, with swords beat into plowshares and predators become protectors. They then take us through the chaos of the darkness that threatens the emerging light. Heralded by mysterious prophecies and angelic appearances, Jesus enters the world in circumstances unlikely and peculiar for a hero. Advent gives you the opportunity to acknowledge brokenness and the power of hope, even as we enjoy together the celebration of Christmas. Great expectations – not of elegantly set tables and perfectly chosen gifts – but of God moving us ever closer to the end that is the beginning.

Speaking of transformations and chaos, the United Methodist Church is much in the news this week as the struggle around clergy officiating same-sex marriages continues. Our Bishop Carcaño left the Council of Bishops meeting to return to California and offer pastoral care to anyone who needs it. Her office has been full of clergy and laity needing to process with her. Of course, I am also available to process with you. Please call or email and we'll set aside a time to talk.

Grace and peace,

P.S. The UMC ReThink Church campaign has launched this Advent photo-a-day idea. They give you a theme word and you post a photo to whichever social media you usually use. It is a way of entering this season of Advent with intention and awareness, watching and waiting for that wonderful something God is sending our way not just at Christmas, but every single day. I'm going to give it a try. Join me? Here's the link: [Advent Photo-A-Day](#)





UUMC
Caroles Olde and Known
Christmas Choir Concert
University United Methodist Church

18422 Culver Drive, Irvine, CA 92612
December 8, 2013 7:00 pm
General Admission \$ 10
Preferred Admission \$ 20

Annual Christmas Concert

Join us for an entertaining evening as the Chancel Choir, ReJoySing, and Kingdom's Kids present *Caroles Olde and Known...* The concert will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are on sale after the service on the patio-\$10 for general admission and \$20 for preferred seating.

COOKIES NEEDED

FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR RECEPTION!

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

Please contact Pat Odell if you can provide 2 or 3 dozen cookies (949 551 6584 or [PLOdell@gmail.com](mailto:POdell@gmail.com))

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

11/24/13 - After Worship

PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE CONSECRATION SUNDAY WITH THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION AFTER WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 24TH. We have always had a wonderful turnout for this great celebration. YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP by clicking [here](#).

For questions please contact Kathy Hartman @ ktbhartman@gmail.com



Advent Calendar

Sunday, Dec 1

Getting Ready For Christmas Party

Fellowship Hall 2:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 8,

Carols Olde and Known

Choir Concert

Sanctuary, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 10

Women's Mini Retreat and Cookie Exchange

Marilee Johnson's Home, 7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 14

Child's World Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair

Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am

Sunday, Dec 15

Youth Christmas Party

Sciutto's home, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 22

Christmas Hang Ups

Children's Musical

Sanctuary, 9:30 Service

Tuesday, Dec 24

Family Service, 6:00 pm

Candlelight Service, 11:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 29

Hymn Sing, 9:30 Service

SISTERS

Sisters will end 2013 with a discussion of The Light Between Oceans by M.L Stedman. The story takes place in Australia after World War I. Author Maile Meloy writes, "The Light Between Two Oceans" is a beautiful novel about isolation and courage in the face of enormous loss. It gets into your heart stealthily, until you stop hoping the characters will make different choices and find you can only watch, transfixed, as every conceivable choice becomes an impossible one." **We will be meeting in the home of Carol Pukli on November 26th at 7:30 pm.** Julie Norris will bring us the devotion and Suzie Carpenter is providing dessert. We would love for you to join us. There will be no meeting in December.

We will start 2014 with a joint meeting of the brothers and the sisters! **Sisters invites the men of the church to join us on January 28th for a discussion of Inferno by Dan Brown.** These meetings always have a lively discussion, so stay tuned for an announcement of meeting place and join us in January.

UUMC Women's Holiday Cookie Exchange - Mini Retreat

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

34 Ascension (Marilee's home)

Irvine, CA 92612

RSVP - marileevj@aol.com - (949) 725-9517

Please bring 3 dozen Homemade Holiday Treats To Share
Christmas Carols, Refreshments & Wonderful Fellowship

POTLUCK

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

December 8, 2013

After Worship

Bring a "hearty" salad to share, then join us for the annual charge conference led by our District Superintendent, the Rev. John Farley. We'll discuss our vision for the future. All members have a vote on our Church leadership for 2014, our pastor's salary package, our budget, and our candidates for ministry. We will be looking to the future and discussing issues.



Joshua Tree Camping Trip

**Christmas Party
December 15
6:30 pm
At the Sciutto's
Bring White Elephant Gift (under \$10)**



BON FIRE THIS SATURDAY (11/23)

1 PM - 9 PM

SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH

BRING \$10 (DINNER WILL BE SERVED)

3RD ANNUAL UTAH WINTER TRIP

JANUARY 2-5

Youth

**THIS NEW YEAR BRINGS US...
A SKI-IN / SKI-OUT CABIN.
UNLIMITED SLEDDING
IN CABIN TABLE GAMES
SNOWY BBQ. WORSHIP.
THE INFAMOUS TALENT SHOW. THE BEST YOUTH
MOUNTAIN TOP
EXPERIENCE EVER.**

**WINTER CAMP \$200
LIFT TICKETS \$30
SKI/SNOWBOARD RENTALS \$30
(SKIING OPTIONAL)**

**PLEASE RSVP BY 11/17
MAKE PAYMENT TO UUMC
NO LATER THAN BY 12/15**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
ALVIA AT (949) 500-3588
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Want To Support Our Youth?

Help a youth attend the Winter Retreat. Give to the youth "campership" fund.



Rehearsal & Performance

Schedule

Sat. Nov. 23 10-12 am
Sun., Dec. 1 4-6 pm
Thur., Dec. 5 5-6:30 pm
Wed., Dec. 11 5-6:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 14 10-12 am

Sat, Dec 21 9-12 am (Dress rehearsal - Lunch)

Sunday, Dec.22 Performance at 9:30 Service

Children

Get Ready for Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1
2:30 pm

Preschool to 6th
Grade

Your child can join us for crafts, games, music and fun to begin the Advent season. Sign up with Sandra Scuitto on Sunday or contact her at sscuitto@cox.net

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A Chance to Teach Some Wonderful Kids

Let God speak through you to some wonderful kids. We need Sunday School teachers. Click [here](#) to view

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Families Forward supplies families with presents for Christmas. You can support our Adopt-A-Family program this holiday season by signing up in November after the service or contacting Carol Pukli (cpukli@cox.net).

UUMC Hosts UCI Students

Through the LA First United Methodist Church Kid City program, UUMC has become a home away from home for some UCI students who are experiencing college life for the first time.

Some 13 students have enjoyed weekend dinners hosted by Steve and Gina Wong and Kelly and Dan Babcock. Menus have ranged from Chinese to Hawaiian to Brazilian food, the latter prepared by Mauro Tarakdian and Reneta Mallmann, who were involved with the Rooted service. Money is always tight for college students so a good nutritious meal gives them the energy they need to do well in their studies. The fellowship following dinner is popular with the students as well.

One of the students, Silvia Coto, stayed with Kelly and Dan for almost a week before she found a home at the International House on campus. Kelly and Dan have helped Silvia, whose family is from El Salvador, acquire new glasses. Marybeth Waniek found her a bike so she can get around campus more easily. Several UUMC members attended her Wind Ensemble concert at UCI on Tuesday. Silvia, who plays the flute, was delighted to see so many familiar faces in attendance.

The support group is hoping to have a gift exchange for the students at a holiday dinner in mid December. If you want to help, Kelly Babcock is collecting \$5 to \$10 gift cards from places like In N Out, Trader Joes's, Albertsons or other businesses that are walking distance from UCI. If you plan to donate, please let Kelly know at (949) 552-4441. She'd like the gift cards by December 7.

At the National Guard Armory

Homeless Outreach November - April

Used - Warm clothing New - Socks and Undies

Knit / Crochet - Gloves, Scarves, or Hats

Volunteer - Serve Coffee and Meals

Click [here](#) or contact Doris Ringbloom (djringbloom@gmail.com)



Fingerless Mitts for the Homeless

Knitting or Crocheting Workshop

Beginners and Advanced

December 15 - 11:00am, Education Building

Last year we made over 150 fingerless mitts to give away at the Cold Weather Shelter Program at the Armory. The folks genuinely appreciated the love and care that went into these handwarmers made expressly for them. These mitts are extremely simple to make, use up odd bits of leftover yarn, and make great gifts as well.

Beginners - learn how to knit or crochet a basic 8" square, fold in half and whipstitch together.

Advanced knitters and crocheters - learn and share:

Learn: patterns, invisible seams, drawstrings, cuffs, and more.

Share: your patterns, techniques, ideas. Help beginners learn.

Everyone: enjoy fun and fellowship while making love-filled items (including hats and scarves) for God's people.

Bring: Knitting needles - size 8 to 12 (whatever you have), Yarn (leftover half skeins will do), Small scissors, , Crochet hook (G - J).



UMCOR

Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines. Ahead of the storm, the United Methodist Committee on Relief had teams there laying the groundwork for a quick response. UMCOR is now coordinating a long-term plan. Leaders at UMCOR say prayers and dollars must keep coming.

Our congregation has donated over \$2,200 dollars to the relief effort in the Philippines. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Child's World Preschool

Christmas Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast

Child's World Preschool wants to invite the families of UUMC to join them in the annual Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast on December 14. at 9 am. Tickets are available starting December 2.



Give a Heifer Gift for Christmas

Gift Cards available after service December 1, 8, & 15. Stop by the table for more information or contact Joyce Stenberg at stenberg2@cox.net

SAVE THE DATES!

El Nino Trip

As you start planning for 2014, mark your calendar for the annual DAY TRIP to EL NINO, Mexico for PHOTO DAY Saturday, MARCH 8th! We hope to have a full group from UUMC traveling together to serve the sponsored children of El Nino! All are invited; you do not need to be a current sponsor. Watch for more details in the new year.

Japan Mission Program and Japanese Dinner

Come enjoy a wonderful Japanese dinner prepared by our Nozomi Congregation as you learn more about Japan and our church's mission there, on the evening of Sunday, January 19, 2014 . More information to follow.

OPERATIONS

Sanctuary Roof Complete

In less than three months, on time and under budget, the sanctuary roof has been replaced. The Trustees are grateful to Jack Lucas for his many hours of excellent work in facilitating the most extensive project since the Education Building was constructed 7 years ago. Total cost of the project: \$100,794, well below the budgeted cost of \$125,000.

Although the actual roof replacement went quickly, the entire process, from beginning to end, was a long one: First the condition of the old roof was assessed, then the right contractor had to be found to do the work. In consultation with the Trustees, Jack received and evaluated the bids and negotiated a contract. Finance committee chair Kyle Vaught and Endowment committee members Jerome Carrasco, Sandra Sciutto, Steve Dodge and Lee Holmes contributed their expertise as well, and found the funds in the Endowment Fund to pay for the project.

As project manager, Jack supervised all this and more, spending hours on site each day to make sure the job was done right and coordinating the project with church and preschool activities so there would be little or no interference. He even climbed up into the rafters himself to secure sagging exterior stucco panels on the roof overhang.

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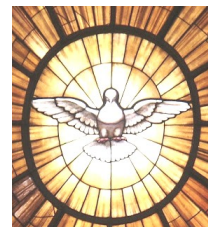
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*Please keep the following
people in your prayers . . .*



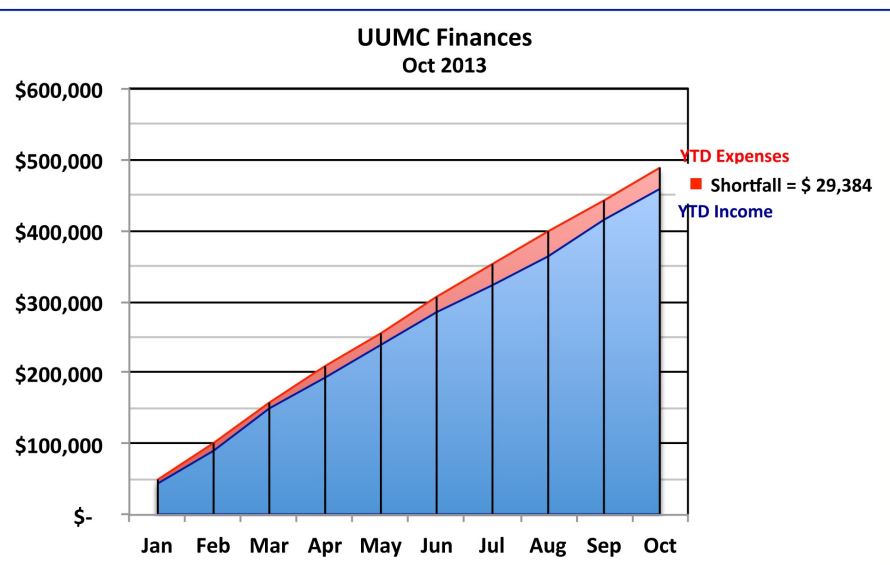
We Pray for Our Homebound

Carol Moore. Charles Pitts. Lois McKissick
Anne Ramsay. Alice Sakai. Janice Clark. Betty Quilligan

We Pray for Those Who Are Ill or Having Surgery

John Service . John Demaree . Leon Smith . Isabella Tobin

If you are in need of prayer for yourself, a member of your family or a friend, you are invited to contact the church office at 949.786.8354 or Diane Masenten, Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 949.854.2357. To respect the privacy of those in need, we publish only the names of those who have given us direct permission to do so.



In the Community

Alternative Gift Fair

Sunday, Dec. 1

On Sunday, December 1, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Universalist Unitarian Church and the First United Methodist Church of Riverside are again co-hosting an annual interfaith project designed to bring many faith groups together, offering unique gift suggestions to the Riverside community. They have an outstanding selection of groups participating from **10,000 Villages** to **Heifer International** and **School of Hope** to **Circula de Amigas** and **African Team Ministries**, to name just a few of the 15+ vendors. A large offering of Fair Trade merchandise and the work of several invited local artisans are important features at the Fair, thereby bringing you a wide and wonderful spread of gift possibilities.

For further details contact us at 951-682-1040 or find us on [facebook.com/alternativegiftfair](https://www.facebook.com/alternativegiftfair) and invite your friends!!