

THE MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER



Volume 84

Issue 2

February 1, 2014

Pastor's Musings

by Rev. Allison Mark



In a grand Epiphany, we have started the Year of Our Lord 2014 with a calendar of exciting programs and events for Worship, Spiritual Discipleship, Missions and Outreach creating real connections and relationships with our community. January was a time of reconnecting and being refreshed in the waters of our Baptism and reminding each of us of our own call to transform the world. In that transformation, we are also in transition, as we continue our search for a new Director of Music Ministries who will lead both our Chancel Choir and Youth Choir in the future as well as offer staff support for our many areas of Music ministry, including our Children's choirs. I look forward to collaborating with our new director (who we hope to announce shortly) in finding ways to praise God through music and song.

As we roll into our second month of the year, although the shortest month, it is one full of opportunities for each of us to become involved in. As my ministerial portfolio covers many of the program ministries at First UMC, I would love to highlight ways for you to become involved in our many areas of service to each other and to our greater community during the month of FEBRUARY:

February 2 – Friends & Family Luncheon: IMAGINE NO MALARIA with guest presenter & preacher, Katie Kevorkian (Participate in the SOUPER Bowl of Caring & all proceeds go towards Imagine No Malaria work)

February 7 & 8 – YOUth Cabaret: DISNEY NIGHT (Support our youth ministries! A perfect family event!)

February 11-13 – Sticky Faith Youth Conference for Youth Workers

February 15 – PATH 1 Visit by Cal-Pac Conference

February 15-17 – Youth Alive and Spirit Quest – Cal-Pac Conference Winter Camp at Camp Idyllwild

continued on page 2



We are a Christian community seeking intentionally to welcome all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, and education, socio-economic or marital status.

We practice God's ministry of reconciliation through worship, devotion, compassion, and justice for all who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination.

Our greatest challenge and only hope is to receive and share God's all-encompassing love.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

500 E. COLORADO BOULEVARD, PASADENA, CA 91101 (626) 796-0157 FAX: (626) 568-1615

WWW.FUMCPASADENA.ORG | OFFICE@FUMCPASADENA.ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FUMCPASADENA

@FUMCPASADENA

About The Messenger

The Messenger is a publication of the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, California.

Material for The Messenger should be submitted to StevenV@fumcpasadena.org no less than two weeks before publication.

continued from page 1

February 20 – Friends in Deed Annual Meeting

February 20 – Mar 1 – LEVEL GROUND LGBTQ Film Festival (Be a part of the GALA EVENT on February 20!)

February 25 – “The Young Adult Missionary Experience” (A panel of our Cal-Pac Mission Intern & US2 Young Adult Missionaries will be sharing their stories)

And as always, we’re seeking volunteers and participants whether it be for our Tuesday Social Service Ministry, our 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month Union Station Dinner Teams, Quilting and Yarn Ministry, weekly Bible Studies, office and/or grounds and maintenance volunteers...let the new year be a new opportunity for you to plug into the life and work of the church!

Please read on for more details on our future events, or contact me on ways we can help connect you to be in ministry with others!

Peace & Blessings,

Allison

Meet a Missionary



Ever met a missionary? Here’s your opportunity to meet 4 Young Adult Missionaries! On Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00pm in the Aldersgate Room, join us for a panel of four United Methodist Young Adult Missionaries who are working with the General Board of Global Ministries as US2s and Mission Interns (our national and global missionary programs). Adam Shaw, Clifford Pauley, Joy Price, and Laura Wise are all currently serving in missionary positions both in their current context and abroad. For more information about our GBGM Mission opportunities for Young People, go to www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Young-People

Children’s Winter Camp

Saturday, February 22- Sunday, February 23 at Camp Sky Meadows

Camp Dean: Donna Youngstrom

Registration forms will be sent out through Children’s Ministries

We are currently looking for volunteer counselors!



Upcoming Concerts at FUMC



The Music Committee is organizing a series of 4 concerts on Saturdays at 4:00 at FUMC in the first half of the new year. We’ve already had one concert this year and it was a huge success. Be on the lookout for further details as we approach these dates.

3/1 - Colburn Brass Quintet - American Music

3/29 - Jazz program anchored by Mark Goldstein and Rob Hayes

5/10 - David and Junko Ueno Garrett (aka The Belrose Duo) - “A Night at the Opera”

7/19 - Junko Ueno Garrett - “Summer Piano Concert: Chopin to Gershwin”

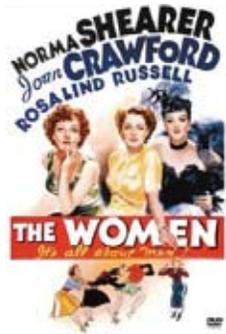


Pancake Breakfast Success

Between 4:30am and 4:45am on New Year's Day, fifty-three stalwart souls reported to Great Hall to serve pancakes and sausages to visitors of the Rose Parade. It was the fourth annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Preparation for the event started on January 2 last year and ended the last days of December with the buying of supplies and the setting up of dining halls in Great Hall and Fellowship Hall. About 750 persons bought tickets, either at the door or in advance and another 122 bought coffee to go at a new coffee service we set up next to the sidewalk on Oakland Avenue. Final figures are not yet available, but it appears profits will exceed the \$3000 made last year which will go to the church's general fund.



We would like to especially thank those who served in the effort included members of the congregation, their friends and families, and both adult and youth members of Boy Scout Troop 27, which is sponsored by FUMC.



Clare Boothe Luce's *The Women*

On Thursday and Friday evenings, March 6-7, 7:30pm FUMC's Drama Committee presents a free staged reading of *The Women*. A freewill offering will be taken. *The Women* is a famed Broadway production with an all-female cast first produced in the 1930s and memorialized in the classic 1939 film starring Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, Joan Fontaine and many more stars of the era. It was remade in recent years starring Meg Ryan. Come for a fun-filled night that depicts the issues and mores of the time, but still resonates today. Things have changed in the last 70 years!

Before the Thursday night performance on March 6, at 6:30pm a free dinner will be provided (first come, first served) with a presentation by representatives of Friends In Deed's The Women's Room. Come and enjoy a fiesta feast and learn more about at-risk women in our community, how Friends In Deed helps and how you can get involved. Donations for Friends In Deed will be gratefully accepted.



District Visioning Events for Clergy and Laity

On Sunday, January 5, FUMC Pasadena joined with the other churches in the Cal-Pac Conference and took some time to reflect and pray for God's guidance for the new year. In addition church members were asked to answer a few questions about Jesus, the church, and their hope for the future.

In an effort to continue to seek God's vision for the United Methodist Church, the North District of the Cal-Pac Conference will be holding two visioning events for lay members and clergy. Bishop Carcaño will lead us at these events as we gather for Bible study, prayer, follow-up on our earlier work, and table conversations on where God is leading us. The Visioning events will be Sunday, March 2, 3:00pm-6:00pm at Lancaster UMC, and Sunday, March 9, 3:00pm-6:00pm at Santa Barbara FUMC.

Church Staff

Rev. N. Adiel A. DePano
lead pastor

Rev. Allison Mark
associate pastor

Rev. George Mann
pastor emeritus

Ae-Kyong Kim
organist

Timothy Sun
business manager

Maggie Audley
office manager

Steven Vredenburg
*Communication
Coordinator*

Ruth MacPherson
librarian

Livingstone Zan
*minister of welcome &
sexton*

Marcus Chone
maintenance staff

Ely Ramirez
camp manager



Level Ground Film Festival



In the midst of social, political, and religious divisions surrounding LGBT people, Level Ground works to foster a different kind of conversation. Using art to create safe space for dialogue about faith, gender, and sexuality, they cultivate a better way of speaking with one another across

our differences and disagreements. Level Ground works with artists and communities, curating art that tells stories and fosters reconciliation and host the world's first faith-based LGBT film and arts festival in Southern California each spring. For more information visit onlevelground.org.

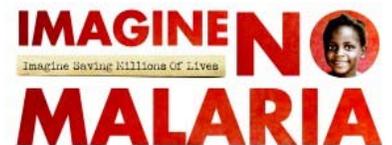
This year FUMC Pasadena's own Mission, Peace & Justice and Reconciling Committee are excited to sponsor Level Ground's Film Festival as one of its venues. Full length and short films featured in the festival will be screened at the Laemmle Playhouse and businesses within walking distance of Old Town Pasadena. These events will include screenings with intimate conversations with filmmakers as well as LGBT and faith leaders. The Opening Gala for the film festival will be held at FUMC in the sanctuary on February 20 at 7:00pm and the Closing Awards Ceremony will be held in the Chapel on March 1 at 11:00am.

In addition, the Legacy movie series will be held at FUMC in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of Legacy series is to show existing films that have been important to contributing to faith, gender and sexuality. The movies will be free with a donation basket. Below are the dates with a TENTATIVE movie schedule. Movies will begin each night at 7:30pm.

Monday, February 24: *Reconciliation*
Tuesday, February 25: *Born Again*
Wednesday, February 26: *We Were Here*
Thursday, February 27: *Fried Green Tomatoes*
Friday, February 28: *TransAmerica*

A program for the entire festival will be available soon and available during coffee hour. This is a huge opportunity to bring the community into our church. We hope you can all participate. If you have any questions, call Mikala Rahn at (626) 688-7961.

Imagine No Malaria Friends & Family Luncheon



Following worship on February 2, join us for our Friends & Family luncheon and special guest speaker, Katie Kevorkian, Conference Staff person for Cal-Pac's Imagine No Malaria Campaign. As we learn about what our congregation can do to be a part of eradicating malaria through safe drinking water, mosquito nets, and through conference-wide support.

This event is sponsored by Missions, Peace & Justice, Hilltoppers (UMW), Youth Ministries, and Evangelism & Hospitality.

Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent

Share Your Heart...
Share Your Home



The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services is seeking caring individuals or families to become foster or adoptive parents to children who cannot live safely with their own families due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

If you have room in your home and your heart for a deserving child, please contact Diane Harris at 626.665.6786 / dmharris150625@gmail.com or the Department of Children and Family Services directly at HeartGalleryLA.org and via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShareYourHeartLA, or call 888 811-1121.

News from Girl Scouts Troop 5291



Ninth and Tenth grade Girl Scouts from Troop 5291 (sponsored by FUMC Pasadena) are pursuing completion of the Senior level Safety Award and recently welcomed retired Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputies Diane and JP Harris to their meeting. Deputies Harris spoke with the Scouts on topics ranging from alcohol and drug awareness to distracted driving, their own backgrounds in law enforcement, and personal safe behavior in a variety of circumstances (parking lots, school, when alone, cyber safety, and more).

The troop is planning to camp in Idyllwild State Park April 25-27 where they will participate in an Earth Day service project and pursue completion of the Adventurer badge along with having another fun experience together.

The troop has been together for over 8 years and the girls are preparing to pursue Gold Projects serving the community. If you would like to offer an idea or contact for consideration by our Scouts, please speak with one of the leaders: Leslie Carpenter, Nadine Wittry, or Anne Johnston.

The Legacy People

At FUMC we have been and continue to be wonderfully blessed. We have been given a legacy from the past. With high commitment, members of the congregation created the Pasadena Methodist Foundation, independent from our church, yet focused on its mission and support. The Trustees of the church have also built over many years an account of funds to assure its ongoing health. Both of these resources support the budget and special requests.



WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE LEGACY PEOPLE

FUMC is bearing a burden of debt. We have retrofitted and refurbished the Main Sanctuary and the Chapel, and, despite intense fund-raising efforts at the time, there remains an ongoing debt. This debt weighs heavily as we hope and plan for our future.

Sanctuary debt: \$941,555 loans from two banks
Chapel debt: \$832,037 loaned by Trustees and Foundation

On the Main Sanctuary debt we are paying down both interest and principle on a regular basis. For the Chapel debt, however, our regular payments cover only the interest. It is all we can afford. The way to reduce the principle is by making special gifts to the Chapel, which are applied totally toward the principle.

WE NEED TO BECOME LEGACY PEOPLE

FUMC's future rests in our hands. We are being called to reach beyond the pledge in our giving to relieve this burden of debt. We worship God in this place; we reach out in mission to the community and the world from this place; we represent the love of Jesus Christ in and from this place.

Through gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones, we reduce the Chapel debt. Commemorative gifts can be given toward a window or a pew in the Chapel. All undesignated memorial gifts are applied to the Chapel Fund for this purpose. To those of you who give regularly to the Chapel we, the church, extend our deepest gratitude. You are reducing the principle on the debt. It is our turn now to create a legacy at FUMC for the next generations of disciples of Jesus Christ, who will call it home and the base of mission and ministry to Pasadena and beyond.

- Your Memorial Committee

Pardon Me, But Do I Know You?



Being an occasional greeter on Sunday mornings, I am constantly amazed at how many people I do not know in my own congregation! Oh, don't get me wrong, I recognize most of you. But there are a few, quite frankly, I would have a hard time introducing to a new person. Yep, sad but true.

Now I could just blow this off to old age, but frankly, I have never been good with names. I have always admired folks that could meet someone once and seemingly remember their name months later. That's just not me.

I realize that many of you have been coming to First Church for far more decades than me and believe everyone knows your name. Well, for some of us, it just ain't so! And depending on where you sit in the sanctuary Sunday morning, some in the congregation may not bump into you, but rarely, at best!!

Radical Hospitality starts with wearing your name tag to church. Part of our Radical Hospitality outreach is to introduce the newcomers in our midst to others in our community. Our greeters ask those we recognize as newcomers to wear a paper name tag and virtually all have consented. Few wish to remain anonymous to us. Let's return the favor and not be anonymous to our newcomers or each other.

Please join in showing our newcomers the face, and name, of Radical Hospitality by wearing your church name tag every Sunday. If you have misplaced yours, go to the Welcome/Information table inside Fellowship Hall on Sunday and put your name on the list requesting a replacement name badge.

-J.P. Harris

Youth Confirmation Class 2014

Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. During confirmation class, confirmands learn about the meaning of Christian faith; the history and teachings and The United Methodist Church; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing. This year, FUMC is opening up our Confirmation Class to **all** Youth grades 7-12 that have not yet been confirmed or Baptized. On June 8, we will be confirming all of our youth grades 8-12.



We will begin Confirmation classes just a few weeks before the season of LENT (starting with a Confirmation Kick-Off Luncheon on February 9th) and will continue until PENTECOST (June 8th). We will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons, from 2:00-3:30pm, at First UMC. Occasional field trips, Service Projects, and 2 Confirmation Retreats will also be a part of the Confirmation class. Classes will be facilitated by Rev. Allison Mark with guest teachers, and other church, & community members. If you would like to be a part of this year's Confirmation Class, please sign-up with Rev. Mark at amark@fumcpasadena.org

Update Your Contact Info



Have you moved? Did you get a new cell phone number? Update your information with the Church Office today! This will ensure that you are kept up to date on all that is going on in the church. New information can be sent to office@fumcpasadena.org or call 626.796.0157.



CABARET

TWO NIGHTS ONLY!

February 7&8

6:00pm - Appetizers & Silent Auction

7:00pm - Dinner & Show

\$20 Youth and Adult

\$10 Children (under 11)

\$10 Show Only (no meal)

Join the YOUTH for a night of good food and great entertainment. This year's Cabaret features music from your favorite Disney movies. This is a fundraiser for the youth summer tour.

Program ads and silent auction donations gladly accepted.

On the Horizon

March 1

Colburn Brass Quintet

March 4

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 6-7

The Women

March 16

Opera A La Carte

March 22

Angeles Chorale

Weekly Events

SUNDAYS

8:55 AM Sunday School for
children and youth

8:55 AM SpiritSeekers
Church Lounge
Family worship/
Breakfast and bible stories
Chapel

10:00 AM **Sunday Worship**

MONDAYS

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
Great Hall

TUESDAYS

10:00 AM Social Ser vices
Great Hall

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 27
Scout Room

FUMC Prayer List

for healing:

Margaret Bartlett, Virginia Beach, Cathy Boon, Juliet Borys, Juanita Bryant, Jerry Bullard, Nancy Bumb, Terry Burke, Rev. Adiel DePano, Cathleen Diminio, Pat Fisher, Joe Garrett, Daryl Gerwin, Joan Gibleone, Gabriela Godoy, Richard Green, Kristen Guzman, Thomas Harding, Diane Harris, Linda Harrison, Virginia Holmes, Jon & Rebecca Hundley and family, Eric Dean Hunter, Sandra Hutchens, Dave Jones, Bill Larson, Pamela Loar, Jun Chao Lu, Ruth MacPherson, Carolyn Martin, Gene Martin, Hajime Miyasaka, Suzee Moran, Robyn Morse, Margie Myrne, Dylan Newsom, Steve Nott, Hannah Oh, Sharon Oliver, Catharine Phillips, Ann Penn, Joseph Peron, Sue Prior, Mary Lou Rasmussen, Alexis Rivas, Margarita Rivas, Rafael Rivas, Sherri Robinson, Margo Rocconi, Christine Rodriguez, Byron Salmon, Milner Sosa, Wendy Stiver, Chet Tanaka, Frances Willard

For Safety:

Eric Danziger, Javier Godoy

in loving memory:

Doug Watt

for employment:

Mary Mallory, Alexis Rivas, Carla Rivas, Rick Schlee, Bruce White, Kris Youngstrom

for the community:

prayers for the poor, homeless, incarcerated, suffering from mental illness and addiction



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

500 East Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91101