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## IT'S TIME TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On October 1, World Communion Sunday, youth and adults will gather in Fellowship Hall after worship, along with friends from the Islamic Center of Southern California, for a light lunch and a Sunday Conversation about global hunger. Then at 12 noon, we'll move to Great Hall and be joined by our children to work in teams packing meals. Through coordinated effort, we'll pack 20,000 meals in 2 hours! The time will speed by, new friendships will be built and we'll make a significant impact on helping to feed hungry People. What better way to spend a World Communion Sunday than making sure there is 'bread' for all!

Call the church office if you haven't yet signed up or visit [www.fumcpasadena.org](http://www.fumcpasadena.org) and sign up on the special event page for this day.



### Worship Highlights

#### October 1, 2017

*A Poured-Out Life*

Rev. Sandra K Olewine, preaching

Philippians 2:1-13

Chancel Choir: *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* - Craig Courtney  
*Seek to Serve* -Lloyd Pfautsch

Resound Ringers: *Praise to the Lord Almighty*  
-arr. Kevin McChesney

#### October 8, 2017

*When Love Calls Us*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

Philippians 3:4b-14

Chancel and Youth Choirs: *Cornerstone* -Shawn Kirchner

Cantate Choir: *Bring You Praise* -Amanda Singer

#### October 15, 2017

*Aggressively Gentle*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

Philippians 4:1-9

Chancel Choir: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* -Paul Halley

Youth: *Bwana Asifiwe* -Swahili song, arr. Mark Burrows

#### October 22, 2017

*Living Abundantly*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

2 Corinthians 9:6-13 and John 10:7-14

Chancel Choir: *Behold the House of God* -Richard Proulx

Messiah's Harmonies: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* -arr. Bill Ingram

#### October 29, 2017

*Grace Upon Grace*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22 and John 1:1-5, 14-18

Chancel Choir: *Where True Charity and Love Dwell* -Kaye Saunders

#### November 5, 2017 • All Saints Sunday

*Saints in the Making*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

Matthew 23:1-12

Chancel Choir: *Introit and Kyrie* (from Requiem) -Gabriel Fauré

*In Paradisum* (from Requiem) -Gabriel Fauré

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley* -Moses Hogan

#### November 12, 2017

*Choose This Day*

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, preaching

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Chancel Choir: *Soon and Very Soon*

-Andraé Crouch, arr. John Helgen

#### November 19, 2017 • Thanksgiving Sunday

*To Those Who Have, More*

Rev. Olewine shares the pulpit with leaders from the Islamic Center of Southern California

Matthew 25:31-46

Combined Choirs: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* -arr. James Hopkins

Youth: *Jubilate Deo* -Jon Paige



In mid-October, First UMC launches the second fall focus, "Living Abundantly," in which we'll consider how abundant **grace** leads to abundant **giving** and sustains abundant **work**.

Consider for a moment your spiritual life. Is it slightly shriveled, derived from a theology of scarcity? Many live in fear of using up meager assets, whether spiritual or material, and project onto God a thoroughgoing case of general scarcity in all things. As one theologian wrote, "Abundance is not our primary way of viewing the world." But, in contrast, the biblical witness underscores that God's intention for us is full, abundant—even extravagant—life. With such an outlook, an attitude of abundance leads to full life, and with full life comes deep gratitude. With gratitude comes generosity in how we offer our time, talent and treasure. The focus ends on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, as we offer our 2018 commitments for the mission and ministry of First UMC and share in our Thanksgiving feast.

# Sunday CONVERSATION

## After Worship at 11:15 a.m. - Noon

**October 1** – *Rise Against Hunger* – Fellowship Hall Youth and Adults will gather for a light lunch and a brief program on hunger before joining in the intergenerational and fun 'Rise Against Hunger' meal packing in Great Hall.

**October 8** – *Bringing Biblical Humor to Life* - Bishop Beverly Shamana invites us to an interactive experience of finding the hidden humor in the Bible. Folks are invited to bring a small item of clothing from your closet.

**October 15** – *Baroque Showcase* – Greg Norton will provide an introduction to the music which will be presented at the first Third@First concert of this season on Saturday, October 21.

**October 22** – *Transgender: Precious in God's Sight* – on the 6th anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, we will welcome guests who will help us grow in awareness and welcome of transgender persons.

**October 29** - *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* occurs every October. This morning Yvonne LaRose will present a program and invite discussion on this important topic.

**November 5** - *Remembering the Saints* - Pastor Sandy will facilitate conversation about the people that have shaped our lives of faith. All are invited to bring photos of those who have touched their lives.

**November 12** - *Harvest Festival* - Learn how you can become engaged in life-changing work through FUMC as we support the annual Harvest Festival sale.

**November 19** - *Americans Together* – What does thanksgiving mean to a person of faith in the USA today? Members of the Islamic Center of Southern California will join us for an engaging conversation before the annual Thanksgiving Dinner that begin at noon.

## Youth Program this Fall

**Youth Sunday School**, 11:15 a.m., "Why do natural disasters happen?" "What is heaven like?" and "What about evolution?" This fall the youth are submitting questions about life and faith for discussion on Sunday mornings, led by Pastor Jen.

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**, Sundays, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. This year's youth theme is "ONE: One body, One Spirit, One hope," based on Ephesians 4:1-6. There are many opportunities for youth to serve this fall including the Art Week Craft Booth, Trunk or Treat, and Crop Walk. (See articles in this issue).

**Youth Music**: Sundays, Youth Bell Choir, 12:00 p.m., and Youth Choir, 5:30 p.m. - It's not too late to join in! Contact Megan Goldstein for Bell Choir, or Greg Norton for Youth Choir.

## ArtNight

On Friday, October 13 at 7:15 p.m. join the Drama Committee at a performance of the original new work, *Captain of the Bible Quiz Team*, by Tom Jacobson. This play is the story of a midwestern congregation struggling to come to terms with a conference that has embraced reconciling theologies before many were ready. Immediately following, join us for a traditional midwestern jello salad buffet on the Colorado patio.

Then, at 8:50 p.m., venture into the Sanctuary to hear the seasonal sounds of Aaron Shows on First UMC's magnificent pipe organ.



## ArtWalk

**Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. Creepy, Crawlies, Healthy Habits and Halloween Fun:** everyone is invited to a special performance by our drama camp kids. They will present favorite stories, including Jack Prelutsky poems and one about a very hungry caterpillar who eats healthy garden vegetables. A short play by our intergenerational troupe will close the story time. We'll close by tasting some healthy greens.

**Craft Booth, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.:** Youth will run a craft booth on Green Street between El Molino and Oakland. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends to come do a craft!

## Five Marks of a Methodist

Five Marks of a Methodist is meeting on Sundays from October 8 - November 5 in Room 206 from 11:15 am - 12 noon. This course is a great introduction to those who are new to First UMC and a wonderful refresher course for those who want to brush up on what it means to be a Methodist-shaped Christian. A small book and study guide are available in the church office and in the classroom for \$10 donation. Contact JP Harris, jpthenvgtr@gmail.com.



## Children's Program this Fall

**Children's Sunday School**, 10:15 a.m. - This Fall our children will be learning foundational faith stories from Genesis and Exodus. We begin each class together with a time of sharing and learning, and then the children have an opportunity to engage through interactive reflection stations: Art, Journaling, Gazing, Reading, and World.



**Children's Music**: Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - We have a wonderful music program that offers children an opportunity to sing, play instruments, and develop a love for music! Our children's choirs will be singing in worship on October 8, 29, and November 19.

## Book Group

Turn-a-Page Book Group will meet Sunday, October 15 at 11:15 a.m., to discuss Charlotte Brontë's novel *Jane Eyre*. This 19th Century book has relevance today. Some read it in high school, and it's time to revisit this compelling semi-biographical story of a young woman searching of acceptance and equality. Save the date and plan for a stimulating discussion. Newcomers are always welcome. A light lunch will be served. We gather after worship in the church lounge. If you have questions, phone Ellen Peterson 626-797-4726.

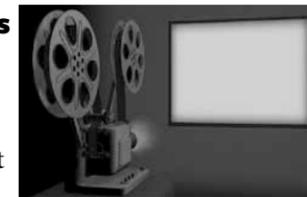


## Baroque Showcase

On Saturday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m. the 2017/2018 season of the Third@First concert series begins with Baroque Showcase, a concert of concertos. This performance features David Garrett on cello, Junko Ueno Garrett on piano, and Lisa Eden singing soprano accompanied by the Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra. As always, this concert is free.

## Upcoming Movie Nights

Come to the church lounge on Sunday nights, October 29 and November 26 for a light supper at 5:30 p.m. The movie begins at 6:15 p.m. with a brief discussion of faith topics raised in the movie.



In October, the movie will be *Romero*, a 1989 American biopic depicting the story of Archbishop Óscar Romero who organized peaceful protests against a violent military regime, eventually at the cost of his own life. Stars: Raúl Juliá, Richard Jordan, Ana Alicia and Harold Gould.

In November, the feature will be *Life of Pi*, a 2012 American survival drama based on Yann Martel's 2001 novel of the same name. Directed by Ang Lee, the film's storyline revolves around an Indian man named "Pi" Patel, who at 16 survived a shipwreck, and was set adrift in the Pacific Ocean on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger.

## Trunk or Treat

Everyone is invited to the church parking lot on Saturday, October 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to join in the Trunk-or-Treat festivities. Come in costume, decorate your car, play games and enjoy safe trick-or-treating. Bring a side dish for the potluck dinner (we'll have hotdogs and hamburgers!) Treat donations may be brought to the church office.



## Crop Walk

Crop Walk will be Sunday, November 5 at 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to help end hunger in our community and in the world! FUMC Youth participate in this event each year as walkers/fundraisers.

You can participate by joining the youth in walking the 5k, or by sponsoring a walker. Crop Walk participants will walk a 5k loop from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church to Friends in Deed food pantry and Women's Room, Pasadena, with a one mile loop available for those who need it. Local recipients of CROP Walk funds: Friends in Deed, Bad Weather Shelter, ACTS Food Pantry, Holy Family Giving Bank, Foothill Unity Center and St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Elizabeth.



## Lift a hammer, Raise a Paint Brush

First UMC's men are looking for 10 people (all are welcome over the age of 16) to join them for a work day at the Desiderio Habitat for Humanity worksite in Pasadena on November 10. Folks will meet there at 8:00 a.m. and work until 11:30 a.m. To sign up, contact JP Harris, jpthenvgtr@gmail.com or (626) 664-3116.



## Harvest Festival

Sunday, November 12, is Harvest Festival, First UMC's annual celebration of fall decor, crafts and baked goods with proceeds to go our own social services office. To help us prepare, consider if you can donate any holiday decor or items, gently used jewelry, decorations or quality specialty items or planters to this sale. Baked goods will also be appreciated and can be dropped off either Saturday, November 11, or Sunday morning. Please price your items for sale. For more information, email pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net.



## Charge Conference

The Charge Conference for all the churches in the Pasadena Mission Area will be at Scott UMC located at 444 N Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14.

## The Grand Organ

On Saturday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m. the Third@First concert series continues as Organist Aaron Shows presents The Grand Organ. In the past, the organ was heard in many places in addition to church. In this program, First UMC's organist will display the many ways "The King of Instruments" has been used - from church to concert hall to accompanying silent films.

