

Annual Charge Conference  
Monday, November 23  
7:00 PM

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Mark your calendars and  
plan to attend!

## Prayer List

*Please hold in prayer: in hospital:* Judy Ziegler, Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon), Edel Lonsbery. *In convalescent care:* Adrianna Paine, Marion Holsteen, Norma Montigel, Betty Byrnes, Natta Lea McCormack, Eleanor Rayner, Howard Nolan. *In need of prayer for health and support:* Dorothy Barnekow, Nancy McCormick, Ruby Gregory, Jean Taylor, Claude & Micheline Scoggins, Jean Mooney, Myra Williams, Martha Devine, Susan Shuckett, David Sturman, Lynn Roberts, Debbie Boone, Lorraine Armata, Warren Garnett, Joleen Roman, Joy Schuh, Sr., Leonard & Emily Shaw, Forrest Duarte, Larry McCormick.



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# The Messenger



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## FAITH WORKS

Dear friends in Christ,

There are times in life when we have a hard time doing all we want to do, and all we need to do. A 15% unemployment rate in Riverside means that 15% of those who are still looking for jobs can't find them. Home values are down. Credit is maxed out. H1N1 flu gets people down for weeks at a time.

In the middle of these tough times, it is easy to condemn ourselves for coming up short. It is one thing to experience hardship, but quite another to load the blame on our own shoulders.

Jesus takes our guilt (including both the real guilt and the false guilt), shows us the truth about ourselves and the world around us, and says "I love you."

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit both to comfort us in trouble and to guide us in a "Kingdom of Heaven" quality of life on earth.

To the extent that your finances, your health, your troubles are your fault, tell

the truth, ask Jesus for help, and keep on walking. To the extent that the world is loading troubles upon you, tell the truth, ask Jesus for help and keep on walking.

You are beloved by God and you have a beloved fellowship in the church.

Tell the truth.

Ask Jesus for help.

Turn around,  
Keep on walking.

Have mercy on yourself. God already has mercy on you.

*Pastor Brian*

***Have mercy on yourselves.  
God already does.***

**Pledge Sunday  
November 8**



Pledge cards were mailed the last week of October. If you did not receive yours, please call the church office.



Sorry I missed last month; my vacation did not end until after the deadline, and now November is here and I'm not ready!

The *Sisters* Reunion

Supper will be held at the home of Kris Lovekin, Sunday, November 8 at 6:00 PM. Kris lives at 689 Taca Court in Riverside. This is an open supper and any woman interested in the *Sisters* Retreat is invited to attend. Contact Kris for directions.

The *Sisters* Women's Retreat is scheduled for January 29-31 and the brochure will be out soon. Our retreat leader is Dr. Carolyn Bohler, lead pastor at First United Methodist Church in Redlands. The theme for the retreat is the title of her latest book, *God the What? What Our Metaphors For God Reveal About Our Beliefs in God*. The retreat is open to all women of the church. Cost is \$200 for two nights and five meals. Interested women should talk to Pastor Sheila. Last year 32 women enjoyed lots of fun and learning.

We now have two new acolytes, Leslie Tomlinson and Skylar McDonald. They join our cadre of acolytes who assist us in worship, bringing the light of Christ into worship.

Mark your calendars now: I will have a Christmas Open House, Sunday, December 13. More details coming.

*Pastor Sheila*

The ministers of this church are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, District Superintendent Bau Dang, and the church staff: Sr Pastor, Brian C. Kent; Assoc. Pastor, Sheila M. Kane; Youth Director, Val Weise; Aldersgate Director, Alice Wymer; Organist, Marc Longlois; Bell Choir Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Secretary/ Receptionist, Laurie Williams; Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Jo Wilson; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.

## November Mexico Mission Project —November 21-24

Our work in Mexico isn't finished, it has just begun. The Joint Commission for Church Extension will be sending a work team to Jaramillo in November to do construction on homes in the area. People of all ages are welcome to join this work team. Cost is \$95 and includes meals and lodging. Camperships are available for youth and young adults. This is a great mission opportunity and you'll be home for Thanksgiving. If you are interested or would like more information, contact David or Val Weise.

## HUNGER MINISTRY

Thank you to the following for service in August and September:

Team 2 for shelter dinners: Marcia, Samantha & Jonathan Bales, Richard Hughes, Jean Taylor.

Team 5 for lunch bags: Richard Austin, Greg & Lisa Laird, Barbara Spencer.

Thank you to the following for service in October and November:

Team 3 for shelter dinners: Kirk, Kelly, Kyle & Kelsey Weakly.

Team 6 for lunch bags: Bill & Shaila Chamberlain, Sigmar Hofmann, Doug & Rebecca Slaughter.



Danielle Garcia .....	1	Gary Hubbard .....	21
Cynthia Garcia .....	2	Shirley Littleton .....	22
Adriana Paine .....	3	Connie Taylor .....	23
Trinity Traphagen .....	4	Cecilia Van Os .....	25
Mary Ellen Burch .....	8	Zane Wynne .....	27
Bertha Harris .....	8	James Collins .....	31
Nancy Lasater .....	8	Jacquelyn Cook .....	31
Camille Arguelles .....	9		
Ralph Hughes .....	9		
Angela Johnson .....	10		
Launa Leivas .....	10		
Sara Peck .....	10		
Crisanjali Rajaratnam .....	11		
William Wolter .....	11		
Cameron Cardenas .....	12		
Margie Elliott .....	12		
O.L. Brawner .....	13		
Dan Ott .....	13		
Myra Halsey .....	14		
Natta Lea McCormack .....	14		
Charles McFallThompson .....	14		
Kirk Weakly .....	15		
Brian Wynne .....	15		
Lorene Haines .....	17		
Arlene Tillman .....	17		
Dellaurs Hocking .....	17		
Larry Topham .....	17		
Lorraine Cantwell .....	18		
Brandon Knight .....	18		
Bonnie Mottershaw .....	19		

## International Cookbook a Faith & Fellowship Project

Based upon the wonderful success of our 2nd Annual International Potluck, Faith & Fellowship would like to begin collecting your recipes to put together in a cookbook. If you have a special recipe that you shared with us at the potluck, please write it down!

As you are preparing your upcoming holiday plans, you may have a favorite dish, cookie or dessert that would be a good addition to our cookbook.

There will be a "Recipe Box" located in the narthex for collecting the recipes.

*Helpful Hints:* Please write clearly, or type the recipe. Include your name and phone number (for questions). Feel free to contact any member of the Faith & Fellowship Committee if you have any questions.

# Youth News

UMYF Study Hall—Need help with homework or a quiet place to study? UMYF Study Hall meets in the Youth Center Study Room every Sunday before UMYF (5:00-6:00 PM). Homework is a must; don't come empty handed. After Study Hall, we join UMYF.

Sunday School—Youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Center each Sunday, 8:45-9:45 AM. Late arrivals are welcome. Join Risa for study and discussion on living your faith.

## Mother-Daughter Retreat Shine Your Light

Cal-Pac Camps is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Retreat December 4-6 at Aldersgate Retreat & Culture Center in Pacific Palisades. The weekend is open to girls in the fourth to eighth grades and their mothers, grandmothers and aunts. The weekend will focus on spirituality, intimacy and practicality. Program fees are \$280 for mother and one daughter, and includes program materials, two nights lodging and five meals. Camperships are available. Contact Val Weise for more information. Brochures are on the kiosk.

## United Methodist Women

Wednesday, November 4: Handcrafters, Asbury, 9:30 AM

Thursday-Friday, November 5-6: Set up for Bazaar in Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 6: Church Women United, Allen Chapel AME, 4009 Locust St., Riverside. Program on the environment, coffee and registration 9:30 AM.

Saturday, November 7: Holidays Bazaar

Monday, November 9: Almond / Wesleyan Branch Potluck, Mary's Kitchen, 12:00 PM

Wednesday, November 11: (*may be rescheduled*) Executive Committee, Mary's Kitchen, 9:30 AM, 2010 Budget Planning

Tuesday, November 24: Citrus Branch, Adult Lounge, 7:00 PM.

**No Unit Meeting November or December**

## Mission Moments from UMW

The United Methodist Church for All People and Community Development for All People on the South Side of Columbus provide free clothing, meals, nurses and social workers. Nothing has caused me to stop and think so much as the words of a little man I'd only heard referred to as "Mouse." One Tuesday morning in our worship he stood up and said, "I'm Roger and I may be homeless but I'm not churchless; I thank God for my church here." I thank God that I am so fortunate as to be in Mr. Roger's neighborhood! *Margaret Madison, church and community worker, Columbus, Ohio. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

## Young Adults

### Young Adult Bible Study

A new bible study has been formed by young adults in the Riverside District. They will meet Thursdays at 7:00 PM. See Risa for more details and location.

### CPAC Conference Young Adult Retreat

October 16-18 (Fri-Sun), *Lazy W Ranch*-San Juan Capistrano. Join other young adults in a chance to **Re-Connect**. The retreat includes a deep pit BBQ and Christian Music Festival. Price is \$42. Registration forms available on the kiosk and in the office.

### Conference Mexico Mission Trip - Nov. 25-29

Conference young adults will be joining students from Azusa Pacific University for a mission trip to Mexicali, Mexico. Price is \$179 + transportation. More information is available on Facebook, "Cal-Pac Young People."

For more information on young adult activities contact Risa Vargas ([risayv@yahoo.com](mailto:risayv@yahoo.com)) or Val Weise ([vweise@fumcor.com](mailto:vweise@fumcor.com)).

Articles for the next *Messenger* (issue date December 6, 2009) must be in the church office no later than **Mon., November 23**. Thank you!

## Stewardship Campaign



During September and October Pastor Brian's adult Sunday school class read and discussed Adam Hamilton's book "Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity." The message is just as the title states; by consuming less and simplifying our lives we can experience true contentment. The importance of being generous is the defining idea and is well explained. God created us with the desire to give.

We at First United Methodist Church of Riverside are truly blessed with outstanding leadership, worship, music, ministries and teaching. We also have, importantly, a place of fellowship and caring.

Each year with our stewardship campaign, we address the very real financial aspects of keeping our church campus and programs operating. Each member, through their pledge, contributes to ensure financial wellbeing.

As the time approaches to make our pledges, it can sometimes be difficult to decide the amount. In making that decision, it would be well to consider all that our church is in our lives and most importantly what God has created us to be—"Defined by Generosity."

*Greg Laird, Stewardship Co-chair*

Sanctuary Care Volunteers Needed  
December or January or February  
Contact Manette Tomlinson, 683-2177

## Free Flu Shots (2009)

Riverside County Department of Public Health

\$5 donation  
suggested

Date	Location
November 2 9am-11am	Murrieta Sr Ctr 41717 Juniper St/Murrieta
November 3 10am-12pm	Cathedral City Sr Ctr 37-171 W Buddy Rogers Ave/Cathedral City
November 5 9am-11am	Norco Sr Ctr 2690 Clark Ave/Norco
November 9 9am-11am	Kay Cenicerros Sr Ctr 29995 Evans Rd/Sun City
November 9 9am-11am	Shadowen Sr Ctr 1540 7th St/Coachella
November 10 9am-11am	Indio Fashion Mall 82-227 Hwy 111, Ste A-2/Indio
November 12 9am-12 pm	Simpson Sr Ctr 305 E Devonshire/Hemet
November 16 9am-11am	Riverside Regional Med Ctr 26520 Cactus Ave, Rm D18/Moreno Valley
November 16 9am-11am	Villegas Community Ctr 7240 Marguerita Ave/Riverside
November 18 10am-12pm	Bordwell Park 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd/Riverside
November 18 9am-11am	Mead Valley Community Ctr 21021 Rider St/Perris

### *Children's Christmas Program*

This is a cast call for all children interested in participating in the Children's Christmas Program, December 20 during the worship service.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

Sundays, 11:00 AM -12:00 PM—Sanctuary: November 15, 29, December 6, 13  
Saturday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM—Sanctuary: December 19

If your child is interested in participating, call Nan Mooring (h) 780-2351 or email her at nanmooring@yahoo.com. If your child would like to have a speaking part, or special role, notify Nan before November 15. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



# Holidays Bazaar

First United Methodist Church  
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Saturday, November 7, 2009  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Handcrafted holiday ornaments,  
decorations and gifts, quilts, aprons,  
Christmas stockings, rag rugs, embroidered  
tea towels, child's Teddy Bear rocking  
chair, homemade goodies, jams, and  
collectibles from Grandma's Attic.

**Complimentary beverages**

**Lunch available**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Proceeds support mission projects  
Local — National — International



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>All Saints Day</i> <b>1</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship &amp; Communion—S  5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—Adult Lounge  6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Worship Committee—Adult Lounge  7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia  11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR  7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm SPRC—CR</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop—Asbury  6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters—Mary's Kitchen  6:00 pm <i>Sisters</i> Bible Study—Adult Lounge</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen  8:00 am UMW Bazaar Set-up Fellowship Hall  7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00 am UMW Bazaar Set-up Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Holidays Bazaar  9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Complimentary beverages  Lunch available 11:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> 
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00 am UMM—FH  8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship—S  11:15 am Evangelism/Discipleship—AL  5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL  6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen  6:00 pm Faith &amp; Fellowship—Pastor Sheila's</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia  11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR  7:00 pm Bells—Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p>The Church Office will be closed.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Builders—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship—S  11:15 am Church&amp;Soc/Missions—AL  11:15 am Children's Pageant Rehearsal Sanctuary  5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL  6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Christian Education—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia  11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR  5:00 pm Finance—CR  7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship—S  11:15 am Magazine Swap—Patio  11:00 am Chili Luncheon  <b>Hanging of the Greens</b>  5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL  6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00 pm <b>Charge Conference</b>—AL  <i>All church members are encouraged to attend</i></p> <p><i>Messenger Articles Due Today</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia  11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR  7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm UMW Citrus Branch—Adult Lounge</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Hunger Ministry</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Family Worship—S  11:15 am Children's Pageant Rehearsal—Sanctuary  5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Group—AL  6:00 pm UMYF—YC</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers—Mary's Kitchen  10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia  11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR  7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm SPRC—CR</p> <p>December</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters—Mary's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 am Men's Prayer Bkfast—Mary's Kitchen  7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>		

**Happy Thanksgiving**



November 1

