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Builders Fellowship

Our February 12 program, *Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Now and Then*, will be presented by Don Blose. Don's talk will include the two major vehicles being used in Iraq and Afghanistan, plus two HAVs he worked on in the 1950s.

The meeting will start at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be catered by McGrath's. Dinner is \$10.50 per person.

Please make reservations with Allean Blose (686-9981) or Lorene Haines (684-3059).

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Faith Works

By Pastor Brian Kent

Ash Wednesday is on February 17.

Then, starting the following week, we are gathering for our annual **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS.**

The theme this year will be:
Music that Touches the Soul

Beginning Wednesday, February 24 we will have some wonderful musical programs! Come to eat at 6:00 PM and programs will start around 6:30 PM. Here is our line-up, with the expected date for each musician or musical group:

February 24—Tustin Transfer. A singing group from the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Tustin (and old friends of mine, too). They sing all kinds of music and do it with soul.

March 3—Guitarist Jimmy Patton. You remember Jimmy who played in church in August. He played two guitars at once, and does a mighty fine job with just one guitar.

March 10—Music from Laurie Williams, Alice Wymer, and Mike Atienza.

March 17—Marc Longlois, will play piano.

March 24—We are waiting and planning on a singing group from another Riverside church.

With great food and *Music that Touches the Soul*, lets get together and be lifted up.

Pastor Brian



Already we are into writing for February 2010, I can't believe it!

Because I am writing before the Sister's Women's Retreat (which took place January 29-31), I will make this projection. We had a great time with 32 women present. Dr. Carolyn Bohler was a fine presenter/leader and we learned many ways to consider God's presence in our lives. The Aldersgate Retreat Center is such a magical place. We just love it there.

The months are going to fly because we are now preparing for Lent that begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Pastor Brian's column will tell you of the exciting Lenten Series we have planned for the Soup Suppers. I am very pleased and hope you will plan on being here for all of the programs. I can say our theme is *Music that Touches the Soul* and our presenters will do just that: make music that touches your soul.

I plan to make the hot cross buns with the children and we will have the butterfly release on Easter, April 4.

On February 21, the Faith and Fellowship Committee is planning the All American Potluck. More details coming later.

Pastor Sheila

Mission Moments from UMW

Plans are underway for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) in several villages and in the city of Strumica in Macedonia. It will have a sports motif and a main theme from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who gives me strength." About 200 children from all United Methodist congregations are expected to attend. VBS also gives neighborhood children who do not yet come to church an opportunity to hear the Gospel. *Carol Partridge, missionary based in Strumica, Macedonia. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

Lost Books

Please check your children's books to see if you have any of these books missing from the Club Ark Janet Nolan Library:

Snuggle Wuggle
Here Are My Hands
Summer of the Sea Serpent
Horse and Pony Books
Little Green
Beauty and the Beast
Whose Feet
Book of the Seasons

If you have any of these books, please return them to Barbara Jo Wilson.

Thank you!

Riverside District Summer Camps

Camp Extravaganza will be held May 2, 2:00-6:00 PM at Camp Wrightwood.

Anyone of any age interested in camp is invited to join in a celebration of upcoming summer camps. Enjoy a fun filled afternoon at beautiful Camp Wrightwood. Meet the camp deans and staff and learn all about camping programs offered. There will be music, raffles and a chance to explore the campground. Cost is \$5 and includes dinner and a raffle entry.

Mark your calendars:

Elementary Camp: July 11-17, Camp Wrightwood

Jr. & Sr. High Camp: July 18-24, Camp Wrightwood

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 Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Office Manager, Barbara Lee Bush; Receptionist, Laurie Williams; Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Jo Wilson; Preschool Director, Lee Ann Salmon.



February 25
The church office will
be closed.

In Our Prayers

In hospital, Eli Sturman.

In convalescent care, Leonard Shaw, Howard Nolan, Marion Holsteen, Natta Lea McCormack, Norma Montigel, Betty Byrnes, Eleanor Rayner, Adrianna Paine, Judy Ziegler.

For health and support, Eula Robison, O.L. Brawner, Elizabeth Cox, Nancy McCormick, Martha Devine, Myra Williams, Micheline Scoggins, Ruby Gregory, Lorraine Armata, Warren Garnett, Larry McCormick, Frances Longbotham, Debbie Boone, Susan Shuckett, Christopher Nauss, Nina Freeman, and Becky Konegen's father.

Faith & Fellowship

February Luncheon



February 21 is our Annual All-American Potluck. Faith & Fellowship will provide rolls, dessert and drinks. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk beginning February 7. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

Faith & Fellowship Cookbook

As a reminder, we are collecting recipes for our cookbook. We are looking for all types of recipes: baked goods, casseroles, salads, family favorites, meat dishes. For your convenience, there is a box in the narthex to collect your recipes. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale will be in June. We start collecting items the end of April. More details coming in the months ahead.

UMW Needs

Knitters for slippers for UMW Bazaar—we provide pattern and yarn.

Caps off liter soda bottles

Flower pots: any sort of decorative 4"-6" flower pots.

Please call Gretel Noble.

UMM February 14

Surviving Caregiver Woes. Jerry Corrales, one of our own FUMCOR members, will be our speaker on Sunday morning, February 14th. Jerry will talk about issues related to health care delivery, health care providers, housing alternatives, quality of life choices, and available community resources. The talk is for people from all walks of life to learn about issues that directly affect them, especially at a time when they are most vulnerable. Mr. Corrales is an advocate of senior issues and serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the Riverside County Office on Aging.

Everyone is invited to come out and join us for a delicious 7:00 AM breakfast (\$6.00), time of fellowship and an interesting program.

Our thanks to Kyle Weakly, a UMM scholarship recipient, who spoke to us at our last meeting on his experiences in college. We are pleased to be a small part of his life, and others who we have been able to help using our annual May Silent Auction proceeds.

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United Methodist Women

Feb. 3, 10, 24: Handcrafters Workshop, 9:30 AM, Asbury.

Feb. 8: Almond/ Wesleyan Potluck, 12:00 PM, Mary's Kitchen.

Feb. 10: UMW Executive Committee, 9:30 AM, Mary's Kitchen.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Bake Sale.

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday UMW Unit Meeting, 10:00 AM, Koinonia. Coffee. Program on Second Harvest. Bring canned goods for CWU Pantry.

Feb. 20: Mid-Winter Conference, Wilshire LA UMC.

Mar. 5: Church Women United World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army Chapel

To My Church Family

Thank you for your cards and your kind words of sympathy concerning the loss of my sister, Bette Hosdon. They are greatly appreciated.

Ernestine Blake

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Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 7, 140 million Americans will tune in to Super Bowl. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join our youth group and young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*.

Next Sunday the youth will collect donations to help our neighbors in the Inland Empire and Haiti. The youth decided this year to split the donations between the Frazee Community Center and UMCOR. There are two ways to participate. Either drop a donation in the soup pots when you leave worship next Sunday or leave a donation after enjoying a warm bowl of soup in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a delicious bowl of soup after worship. Thank you for supporting the efforts of our youth.



Hunger Ministry

Thank you to the hard-working members of the Faith & Fellowship Committee for the brunch in January recognizing the work of the Hunger Ministry at FUMCOR.

Thank you also to those who attended and enjoyed the good food and fellowship, and hopefully learned more about this ministry. Because of your generous support and the dedication of the Hunger Ministry team members we can continue to help those who are less fortunate.

Thank you to the following for service in December and January

For shelter dinners: Scott & Deirdre Kirkwood & family, Bob & Norma Nelson, Richard & Tina Rajaratnam, Sione Tupou

For lunch bags: Bill & Lynn Ashworth, Duffy Exon, Becky Konegen, Laurie Williams, Tom & Christine Cahraman & Bill, Daryl & Lee Ann Salmon

Greg Laird

FUMCOR Fellowship Hall will be swinging

Poly High School and Central Middle School band boosters are throwing a benefit Swing Dance from 7 to 10 PM Saturday, February 13 in our own Fellowship Hall.

Take this opportunity to dress up and dance to big band era tunes played by the talented jazz musicians at each school, and show them all how to jitterbug. Or just come and watch.

Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. And the money goes to help support music in the schools.

Memorial

There will be a memorial service for
Jean Taylor
on Friday, February 12
at 11:00 AM.
in the Sanctuary,
followed by a reception
in Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

As we move into the Lenten Season, we remind you that Lenten Soup Suppers will be each Wednesday of Lent.

We are blessed that the fellowship groups in our church provide soups for the suppers. Here is the schedule of the suppers (with the person in charge) beginning the week after the Ash Wednesday (February 17) service.

Feel free to contact any one of these groups to say that you would like to bring a soup for the supper on that night.

- February 24**—Agape Group (Sheryl Plumley)
- March 3**—OFF Group (Pat Williams)
- March 10**—Builders (Alice Wymer)
- March 17**—UMW (Lynn Ashworth)
- March 24**—UMM (Bill McInroe)





SUNDAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 pm Disciple Bible Study —Koinonia</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees—Mary’s Kitchen</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am <i>Messenger</i> Volunteers</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia</p> <p>11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR</p> <p>7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary’s Kitchen</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Handcrafters Workshop —Asbury</p> <p>6:00 pm Sit n Sew Quilters —Mary’s Kitchen</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
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