

## Prayer List

*Please hold in prayer: in hospital:* Eli Sturman (nephew of Duffy & Susan Exon).  
*In convalescent care:* Maxine Corridan, Adrianna Paine, Marion Holsteen, Norma Montigel, Betty Byrnes, Natta Lea McCormack, Eleanor Rayner, Howard Nolan, Judy Ziegler. *In need of prayer for health and support:* Kay Otto, Nancy McCormick, Don Blose, Melissa Beals, Lorraine Armata, Lisa Thomas, Martha Devine, Micheline Scoggins, Myra Williams, Ruby Gregory, Warren Garnett, Larry McCormick, Forrest Duarte, Susan Shuckett, Christopher Nauss (Susan Exon's nephew), Barbara Spencer, Nina Freeman (Cathy Mooney's mother), Becky Konegen's father.

# The Messenger



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## FAITH WORKS

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (*Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV*)

“For I know the thoughts that I have towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace (Shalom) and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (*Jeremiah 29:11 BNT\**)[1]

**2010.** Wow. We are here and it is a new decade. It is good to know that the Lord's thoughts toward us are thoughts of peace; thoughts of Shalom.

Shalom is a big and beautiful Hebrew word. It means deep peace; peace that is not the calm before a storm, but the ability to ride out any storm. It is the health of life and relationships that happens when the deepest issues are brought into the light of God.

Shalom is full wholeness and health and salvation, when your path to heaven

is secure in Christ, and you are experiencing the taste of heaven on earth.

Shalom is what God plans when God thinks of you and of us together. We will make it through this next decade experiencing the power and presence of God no matter what comes. Set your thoughts and your plans on trusting Jesus through everything.

When we pray to a God with great thought and great plans for us, we also trust that God's answer to prayers may reframe the questions...

So ask God for anything, and about everything.

Trust God to answer. Search the Bible as you listen.

Act the way Jesus has commanded—in full love for God, others, and yourself.

And then wait on the Lord. Watch for answers that are different than the question.

You may ask for a boyfriend or girlfriend or spouse. The answer may begin with your own growth in love and Faith



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**Happy New Year 2010!**

Many thanks to all who visited my Open House on December 13. I had such a good time and hope you did too. At one point, there were so many people that the sound of the voices talking just resonated through the house. It was wonderful. Thank you to the Faith & Fellowship Committee for preparing the delicious food. As you know, I do love to have people enjoying the house I live in, so maybe we will have to have one more big party before I leave in June.

As for my leaving in June: I will move to the San Diego area, El Cajon to be exact, to live at my son Kevin's home. I am looking forward with excitement to the move. I am not looking forward to the work of preparing to move. More on all of this at a later time.

I must say Thank You to the children for their very special program on December 20, and especially to Nan Mooring for sharing her gift of leading the children each year. Nan, this program was so special. Thank you.

Actually, this whole month of December was filled with meaningful activity, thanks to all who helped to lead us to the Christmas experience.

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.

Open Invitation to all women of the church. Sunday, January 10, 6:00 PM the Sisters Retreat Group invites interested women to come to dinner and learn about the retreat. The Sisters Women's Retreat takes place January 29-31 at the Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. At dinner, many of the woman who have attended the previous retreats will welcome you and there will be a time of sharing what happens at the retreat. This is also a time to become acquainted with other women of the church. The dinner is free. Interested women are invited to contact Pastor Sheila, Barbara Jo Wilson, Loretta Cudney or Sharen Topham for more information. Brochures are available in the church office.

God has blessed me with all of you this past year and I look forward with joy to the coming year.

*Pastor Sheila*

**Children's Chimes**

The children's chime choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 3 at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Gayla Lonsbery at 951-735-5935, or email her at [Gaylalons@aol.com](mailto:Gaylalons@aol.com).



Donna Kidder .....3  
 Daniel Noble .....3  
 David Saenz .....4  
 Eula Robison .....5  
 Margaret Berger .....7  
 Heather Cardenas .....7  
 Samantha Bales .....8  
 Helen Kirkwood .....8  
 Marjorie Souder .....8  
 Matthew Speir .....8  
 Alex Othon .....9  
 Bob Taylor .....10  
 Elaine Vergeront .....10

Linda Hice .....11  
 Betty Byrnes .....14  
 Buck DeFrance .....14  
 Carol Stalder .....14  
 William Waite, Jr. ....15  
 Manette Tomlinson .....16  
 Pauline Fader .....17  
 Tina Rajaratnam .....18  
 Steve Wilson .....20  
 Ruth Halpenny .....25  
 Kathleen Thompson .....25  
 Jennifer Walker .....26  
 Michelle Arguelles .....28

**Methodist Men**

Our meeting for January 10 will center around education. Scholarship recipient Kyle Weakly will speak and field questions on his experiences at Vanguard University in Orange County.

Visitors and wives are welcome. We also invite any members of the Education Council to join us.

We want to thank Bill McInroe for accepting the positron of 2010 President; and our appreciation to Bill Ashworth for the effective job he did as President for the last two years, and as he continues as co-program chair and co-treasurer.

We thank Pastor Brian for giving the musical program in December.

**Committee Meetings**

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted (check bulletin or calendar for locations):

Board of Trustees	January 4
Worship Committee	January 4
Evangelism	January 10
meets after worship	
Faith & Fellowship	January 11
SPRC	January 12
Church & Society	January 17
meets after worship	
Christian Education	January 18
Finance Committee	January 19
meets at 5:00 PM	
Church Council	January 25

# Youth News

## Winter Camp & Youth Alive

Winter Camp registration forms (\$135 registration fee) and Youth Alive (\$215 registration fee) have arrived. They are available in the Youth Center, on the kiosk, in the office and on the hall bulletin board.

Winter Camp registration deadline is January 2 (\$40 late fee after January 2).

Youth Alive registration deadline is January 4 (\$50 late fee after January 4).

Camperships are available from FUMCOR; camperships will not pay any late registration fees, so please mail as soon as possible.

See Val for all the details.

## Young Adults

### Young Adult Bible Study

A new bible study has been formed by young adults in the Riverside District. They meet Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

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)).

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

## Women's Retreat

The 2010 Women's Retreat, hosted by the *Sisters* Bible Study Group, is scheduled for January 29-31 at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades.

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jane Bohler will lead the group using her book *GOD the what? What our metaphors for God reveal about our beliefs in God*.

The registration fee is \$200, per person, which includes two nights and five meals. A 50% deposit (\$100) is required to register. Total registration fee is due January 15, 2010.

Please contact Pastor Sheila for registration information.

Articles for the next *Messenger*  
(issue date February 7, 2010)  
must be in the church office no later  
than **January 27**. Thank you!



The church office will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## *Mission Moments* from UMW

Living and working abroad has its rewards and challenges. The rewards include the joy of meeting and working with so many wonderful Asian Christians. On the other hand, differences in culture can be challenging. A school recently hosted a seminar on third-culture kids—about effects on children from living abroad. Such children may go through multiple cultural transitions. The challenge is to make each transition positive. *The Revs. George R Martzen and Dr. Chin Cheak Yu, missionaries, Singapore. Submitted by Peggy Ramsay, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.*

## FAITH WORKS (continued from front)

integrity and discipleship, so that you will be more ready for a boyfriend or girlfriend or spouse.

You may ask for financial help, and part of the answer may come in learning how to be generous with what you already have, gaining new training, and learning how to hold on without hating yourself until the economy improves and jobs are available.

Ask God.  
Trust God.  
Act faithfully.  
And Watch!

Shalom to you in the New Year,  
*Pastor Brian*

## Builders Fellowship

Mark your calendars for Friday night, January 8 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship and an interesting program by RC Lasater, a long-time FUMCOR member. RC will share some of his interesting experiences from the Korean War. He started as a Stevedore in the Transportation Corps directing the loading and unloading of ships in Japan. When the Korean War broke out in June 1950, he was quickly reassigned as a Rifleman and Company Runner as a "replacement" to the 7th Cavalry Regiment in various locations throughout Korea. He participated in several missions and was twice wounded during his 10-month duty. Some 48 million South Koreans now live in freedom, in part by the help of one of our own members.

Dinner price is \$10.50.

## Riverside Folk Song Society

The Riverside Folk Song Society will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary at our church in January. Present and past members, their friends and their guests are invited.

Included in the program will be "lots of jamming (bring instruments), tributes to the founders, testimonials and stories from members reflecting on 50 years of making music, and more!

Contact Kris Lovekin for more information. RSVPs required. Attendees are asked to bring potluck-style side dishes.



**SUNDAY**

	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
					<i>Happy New Year!</i> 2010	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
8:45 am Sunday School/All Ages 10:00 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Grp—AL 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	6:30 pm Discipleship Class—Koinonia 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee—AL	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary’s Kitchen	6:00 pm Sit N Sew Quilters— Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Brian’s Book Study—AL	6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR	6:30 pm Builders—Fellowship Hall	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
7:00 am UMM—Fellowship Hall 8:45 am Sunday School/All Ages 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> 11:15 am Evangelism—Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Covenant Discipleship Grp—AL 6:00 pm Sisters Reunion Dinner —Pastor Sheila’s 6:00 pm UMYF—YC	12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Branch Potluck—Mary’s Kitchen 6:30 pm Discipleship Class—Koinonia 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Pastor Sheila’s	10:00 am Bible Study—Koinonia 11:00 am Office Staff Meeting—CR 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm SPRC—CR	9:30 am UMW Executive Meeting —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Brian’s Book Study—AL	6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Choir—MR		UMW Bridge Marathon Adult Lounge
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