

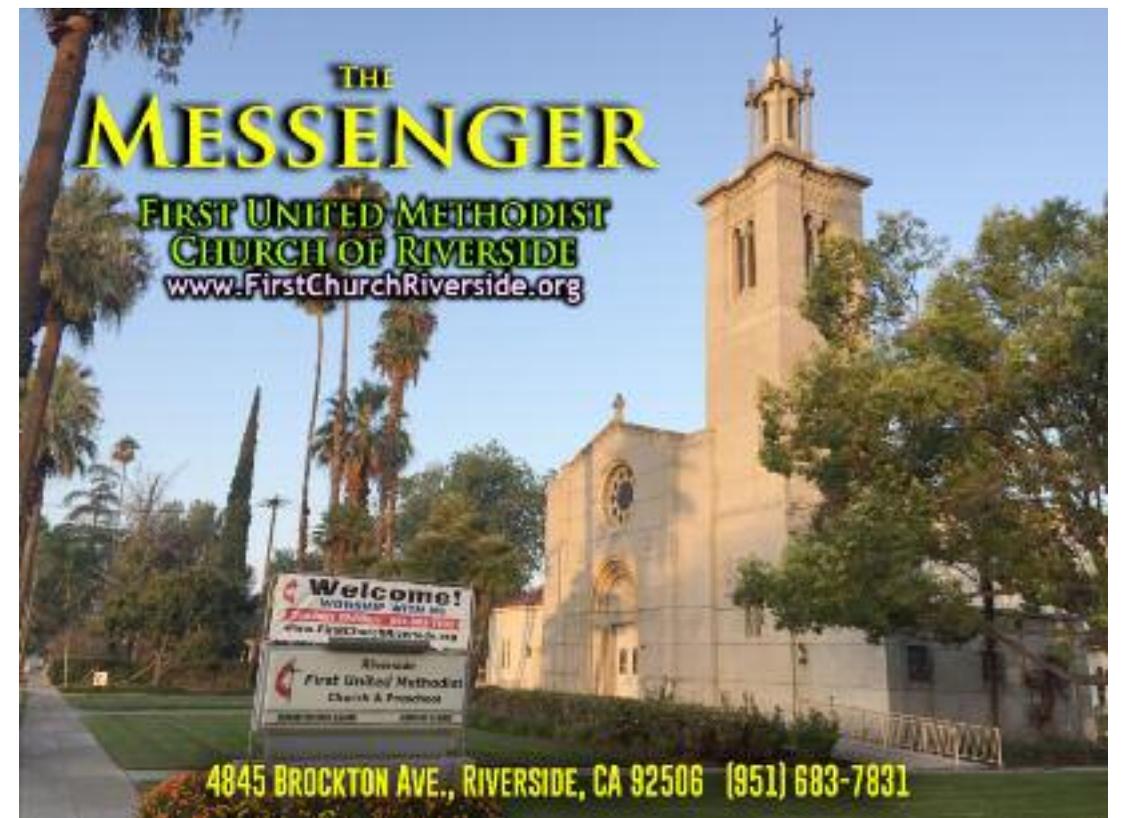


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Charlotte Stevenson, Ken Sutton Family, Connie & Jim Taylor,
Lisa Thomas, Tony Vasquez, Sherry Weide, Gerry Wright,
Robert and Barbara Zeeb

**“IT’S BACK-TO-SCHOOL
TIME FOR EVERYONE!”**

It’s September! It’s Back-To-School time—not only for the students but also for everyone! Let’s leave behind everything in the past, move forward into the new 2017–2018 year, and grow toward Christian maturity by committing ourselves to love one another—just as Jesus calls us to follow him by loving others.

Recently, after witnessing the evil of hatred, bigotry, and violence in Charlottesville, VA, the former

President Obama’s Twitter has become the world’s most liked message: **“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion...”** He quoted Nelson Mandela, from The Long Walk to Freedom: **“...People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”**

Learning, understanding, and embracing love has



**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

From Pastor Kim cont'd.

such power to transform our lives and our relationships with the people in our community and around the world. People must intentionally and constantly engage in the process of learning, and be actively unafraid to explore new things. Otherwise, we will remain stuck in our own limited experience and misunderstandings, and ignite more fear and hatred towards anyone and everyone different from us.

One of the best ways of learning is to read good books written by good authors. Even though times are changing faster than ever, regardless of how books are formatted, reading has been and will always be a precious treasure and means of growth for human beings. It is said that "Knowledge is power." That's why education is so important for people living in any society.

Michel Foucault was one of the greatest intellectuals of the 20th century. Just before he died of AIDS, he gave a lecture at the College de France. The response and discussion period that followed became quite animated, even heated. In exasperation, someone asked Foucault, "What is your intellectual authority for these assertions, these interpretations? What are you, anyway? Are

you a historian? A philosopher? Or something else? How can you legitimize your conclusions?"

Foucault responded with a simple and gracious modesty: "I am a reader."

Being a reader is a joyous experience of learning new things, widening your perspective, and opening your heart. Of course, there are several millions of books out there, and it can be challenging to find good books. Besides the Bible, there is one special book I highly recommend that you read: Victor Frankl's Man's Search for Meaning. I read this book in a Korean translation 30-some years ago, and more recently, I read it again in English. The book was originally written in German and translated into 24 languages.

This book is about the author's experience as an Auschwitz concentration camp inmate during the World War II. Here is an excerpt from the book: "... *A thought transfixed me: for the first time in my life I saw the truth as it is set into song by so many poets, proclaimed as the final wisdom by so many thinkers. The truth—that love is the ultimate and the highest goal to which man can aspire. Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and*

Save The Date

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 30, 2017

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We Have A Place For You!

Come have some fun, build a scarecrow, bob for donuts, carve a pumpkin, enjoy the music and have lunch on us!

Find Out All We Do In Our Community!

Ministries, Support Groups, Community Services and
Out-Reach Programs

We are so much more than just Sunday morning!

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD" Joshua 24:15

LOOKING FOR RINGERS

Do you enjoy music? Would you like the opportunity to play music in our church? If so, signing up for the bell choirs can be your opportunity to join a group of musicians dedicated to enhancing the worship experience.



From Pastor Kim cont'd.

belief have to impart: The salvation of man is through love and in love. I understood how a man who has nothing left in this world still may know bliss, be it only for a brief moment, in the contemplation of his beloved. In a position of utter desolation, when man cannot express himself in positive action, when his only achievement may consist in enduring his sufferings in the right way—an honorable way—in such a position man can, through loving contemplation of the image he carries of his beloved, achieve fulfillment. For the first time in my life I was able to understand the meaning of the words, 'The angels are lost in perpetual contemplation of an infinite glory....'

The meaning in life, as Frankl found, is to help others find theirs. Many people wonder, throughout their lifetime, "Why was I born? Why am I here?" Well, the questions should be reversed: "God has blessed me with my life. Now how do I live a meaningful and fruitful life?"

NO MUSICAL BACKGROUND REQUIRED!

All the bell choirs will be starting rehearsals for the 2017/2018 season soon and are looking for adults, youth and children to join us.

* Children's chime choir: Group meets most Sundays at 9:30 am for approximately 20 minutes. This group is for children in grades first through sixth.

* Youth Bells: Group meets on Sundays at 8:45 am for 30 minutes. This group is for kids in grades seventh through 12.

* Allegro Ringers: The adult bell choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour. This group is open to everyone 18 years of age and older. We have two openings.

Come see me on Sundays OR call the church office for schedule of rehearsals.

Gayla Lonsbery, Bell Director

You might find many other helpful and resourceful books that will enhance your fruitful and meaningful life. Always seek out and find nourishment in good books and the Bible! Live out the life of Jesus by loving others and by giving them hope. Be the hope. Jesus says, "... **I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me,**" (Matthew 25:40, CEB).

Have a wonderful and meaningful September! It's back-to-school time for me and for you!

Love and blessings,

Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor



September 2017

Handcrafters (Asbury) 9:30 AM
September 6, 13, 20, 27

- 4 **Labor Day**
- 11 Almond / Wesleyan Circle
Potluck (Mary's Kitchen)
12:00 Noon
- 13 Executive Committee
(Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM,
Nomination of Officers
Special Mission Recognition
Choices
- 23 District Annual Celebration at
FUMCOR, 9:30 am in
Fellowship Hall; Speaker
UMW Cal-Pac VP
Diane Gin, "Visibility &
Possibilities"
- 26 Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge)
7:00 PM, Leaders: Regan and
Barbara Pope

**EAST DISTRICT FALL
CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The UMW at FUMCOR will host

this event. You will find the registration form nearby in the Messenger. Please mail it off as soon as possible.

This event will replace our regular September Unit meeting. We are hoping that those who find it impossible to attend the Wednesday meetings will be able to spend Saturday, September 23, getting acquainted with the program of UMW and the women who participate.

METHODIST HOSPITAL PLEDGE

The UMW of the Cal/Pac Conference pledged \$120,000 to the new Rehabilitation Unit at Methodist Hospital. The unit is finished but the pledge needs some help from local UMW units. There is a fundraiser planned but it conflicts with a FUMCOR activity, so we are offering the opportunity to our membership to make out a check to **UMW with "Methodist Hospital" on the note line**. Send the check to Patti Gardenas, 6686 De Anza Ave., Riverside, 92506.

HANDCRAFTERS

Well, we have two full months until the BAZAAR on November 4. While



We are happy to announce our program on September 10, 2017. Our speaker will be **Deirdre Kirkwood**, who will be speaking about the Nursing Profession. The "celebration" will start at 7:00 am, with a welcome and prayer, followed by a delicious breakfast.

Deirdre plans to start with a brief history of nursing followed by some changes she has witnessed in her 22 years in the profession. She will also touch on the future of this field. The Kirkwood family is active in our church, and Methodist Men is delighted to have Deirdre speak on this important subject.

(Note: Our programs have been scheduled throughout most of the year, including a super musical activity for December.)

MISSION MOMENTS

from UMW

*Submitted by Peggy Ramsay
Mission Coordinator for Education*

Contributed by Innocent P. Afful,
General Board of Global Ministries
missionary, Kinshasa, DRC, - Congo.

One of the greatest privileges of me being a missionary is to serve God's people in the rural village / urban community and orphanage home. My daily activities include teaching English, writing and practical skills training courses in assorted liquid soap-making, beads, Batiks and dyeing, sewing, backyard gardening and choreography. Now the home can produce soap for itself and children use it every weekend during their washing time.

East District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration

“Visibility and Possibilities”

For with God nothing will be impossible Luke 1: 37



September 23, 2017
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration {Continental breakfast} 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Riverside First UMC 4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside CA 92506 -0134

Speaker
Diane Gin

Cal-Pac UMW Vice President & East District Co-Lay Leader

Registration fee \$12 postmarked after September 9, Registration fee is \$15
Make check(s) payable to East District UMW
Mail to: Carroll Martin, 1331 Brooktree Cir. West Covina CA 91792
Telephone: (626) 961-2704 recpmartin@elquarter.net

Please return this bottom portion with registration fee

Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____ email _____
UMW Local Unit _____
Child care _____ #of children _____

UMW Cont'd.

we all look forward to that wondrous day, there is much to be done before we get there. Handcrafters will be working every Wednesday of September and October at 9:30 am in the Asbury Room.

The embroiderers are stitching away on the stack of tea-towels but are always grateful to those, who have the skills, when they step in to check out a few towels.

Lots of unique items have already been donated to Grandma's Attic and many have already been priced. If you want a sneak peak at the treasures, come on Wednesday morning and help put prices on them.

BOOK REVIEW (Large Print)

EXTRAORDINARY GRACE

How the Unlikely Lineage of Jesus Reveals God's Amazing Love
by Gary Chapman and Chris Fabry

The authors search Scripture for examples of God's grace in the lives of those named in Jesus' lineage, but what they find are people with faults just like the rest of us. In this book you will hear the call of grace, and be overtaken by grace, and know the extraordinary grace that comes from loving Jesus.

OFF Group (Over Forty Fellowship) Cooking Class

If you attended this summer's IFTAR dinner, you tried an amazing salmon dish covered in vegetables. Now you can learn how to prepare this salmon dish. Chef Cherif Alkhoja will hold a cooking class in our church kitchen on Saturday, October 7, at 4:30 pm. He will teach us how to prepare the salmon as well as another dish, which he says is a surprise.

Come and join us. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share as you enjoy the best salmon you've ever tasted. Donations of \$10 per couple will help purchase the ingredients. Any remaining funds will be donated to Glocally Connected.

Please RSVP to Lyn Knowles, 951-737-3541.

THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

You have all noticed from time to time, the importance our Church Endowment Funds play in our Ministries here at FUMCOR. Both the annual Operating Expenses, and periodic Building Improvements are consistently supported by the generosity of some of our former members. Recent inquiries from members of our Finance Committee reminded us of the importance to periodically publish how one would go about making a legacy gift to the FUMCOR Endowment funds and to restate the general guidelines the Trustees typically use in considering a proposal. The Estate Planning Committee / Capital Committee is made up of Bill Ashworth, Bob Nelson, Senior Pastor and Lay Leader. The Trustees have approved the following General FUMCOR Bequest Guidelines. We would like for each of you to read it and consider doing something with your own Wills or Trusts that would help our church for years to come. HOW ABOUT PUTTING IT IN YOUR STACK OF THINGS TO DO this Fall! Thanks for your loving consideration. Keep in mind these are only guidelines and if you have questions about a proposal please talk to us about it.

General FUMCOR Bequest Guidelines

Bequests to FUMCOR in member's Living Trusts or Wills are eagerly encouraged to enhance the long term ministry of the church. They are an important element to both the capital and operating elements of our ministry. These Guidelines are general in nature to help focus potential bequests to the church.

1. Unrestricted cash, stock or bonds is the preferred bequest to both simplify the transaction and reduce administrative costs and management issues.
2. The Trustees administer all bequests.
3. If a specific ministry is an intended focus of the bequest, we suggest a conversation with the Senior Pastor and/or the Chairman of the Trustees and Lay Leader be conducted to explore its feasibility as well as other options that might be considered.
4. The donor's intent will always be faithfully honored so far as it is reasonably possible to do so.
5. We recommend working with your own attorney or legal advisor in drafting your bequest.
6. If a property is proposed to be conveyed as a part of a bequest, it must be free and clear of detrimental encumbrances including appropriate clearances



Church & Society Says "Thank You!"

Church & Society / Missions thanks everyone for their generous donations of school supplies and backpacks (see picture above). The items have been given to the homeless shelter and the Salvation Army in Riverside to be distributed to the children as they return to school.

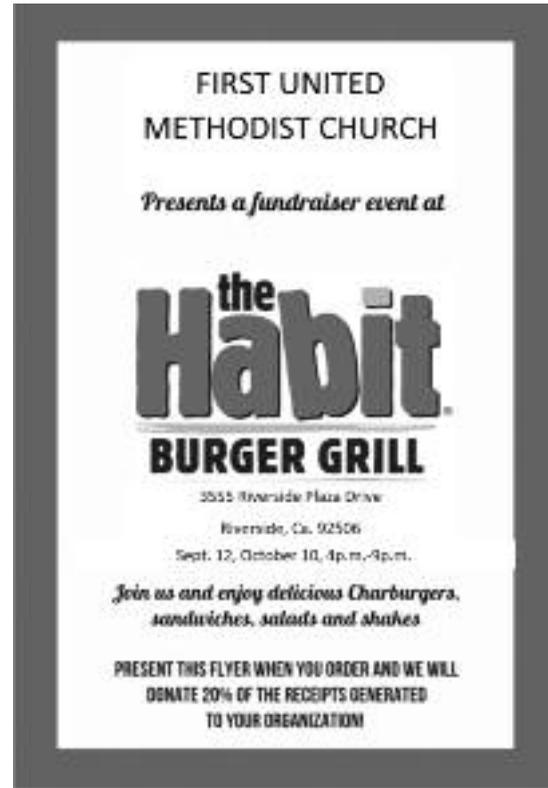


SING WITH THE ALDRSGATE CHORALE!

Has God blessed you with musical talent? Perhaps you should sing with the Aldersgate Chorale. Our purpose is to serve our Lord and minister to our congregation with sacred song. We sing a variety of styles of sacred music, and welcome singers of all ages. Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the choir room. Come and join us!

Please contact me or a choir member if you have any questions.

—Yvonne Flagg, Choir Director



Bequests Cont'd.

of hazardous materials. Trustees will typically not accept real property until all ramifications of taxes, repair obligations, etc. are fully revealed and accepted. We suggest, in lieu thereof, that the property be sold by the Executor of your estate with the proceeds to be defined as the bequest.

7. We discourage:
 - a. Any requirement for matching funds as a condition of bequest fund usage
 - b. Any conditions that require holding a property for a specified occupancy or charitable use
 - c. Any restriction on the timing for sale of stock included in the bequest
 - d. The inclusion of personal property such as jewelry or clothing in a bequest
8. Although FUMCOR is a 501 c-3 charitable organization, it makes no representation on how a bequest to the church affects Estate taxes.

Join us for
Family Movie Night
"RIO"



Saturday, September 9
5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Light Dinner
(Bring a lawn chair or blanket.)

'CHICK FLICK' & DINNER
LADIES' NIGHT OUT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
5:30 pm in Adult Lounge



International Potluck



International Potluck

Faith and Fellowship is hosting a potluck where you can bring your favorite specialty from another country. Join us on September 17 after Worship in Fellowship Hall. Drinks and desserts will be provided.



Happy October Birthdays!

Gary Bruggeman.....	1
Mary Lou Kerrick	1
Lillian Popko	1
Shirley Parks.....	2
Micheline Scoggins	2
Melva Cooke.....	3
Matthew Musarra	3
Norma Nelson.....	3
Kim Earhart	4
Shirley Byron.....	6
Matt Gorder	8
John McDonald	8
Steve Walker	9
Bev DeFrance.....	11
Barbara Spencer.....	11
Kate Hunter	12
Susan Straight.....	19
Susan Tomlinson.....	21
Doris Washburn	21



(From left: Stephen Leader *Marie Madden*, Stephen Ministers, *Greg Laird*, *Do Lee*, *Allison George*, *Lynn Ashworth*, and Stephen Leader & Stephen Ministry Coordinator *David Fraser*)

“Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him,” (Matthew 4:19-20). On Stephen Ministry Sunday, August 13, 2017, we celebrated the commissioning of six caring members of our congregation who have heard the call of the Lord and left their nets to follow him. They have the spiritual gifts to be Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and they have participated in many hours of training learning how to carry out this ministry for the Lord. Now they stand poised, as the apostles were on Pentecost, ready to begin this caring ministry in our midst. As they are starting a new journey to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their response to God’s call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry that they bring to our community.



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
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8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 10:00 am Worship/Communion Liturgical Dance 11:00 am Ch&Society /Missions —Adult Lounge	4 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal—Mary’s Kitchen	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit ‘N Sew Quilters Mary’s Kitchen	6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal —Music Room	8	5:30 pm Family Movie Night —Fellowship Hall	9						
7:00 am UMM Breakfast Program—FH 8:45 am Youth Bells/Percussion Players—Mary’s Kitchen 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 9:30 am Children’s Chimes —Youth Center 10:00 am Worship/Back to School 11:15 am Website Eval. Mtg.—MK 11:15 am Evangelism /Disc.—AL 6:00 pm Youth Meeting—YC	10	12:00 pm Almond /Wesleyan Potluck—Mary’s Kitchen 3:00 pm District Training Event —FH 7:00 pm District Training Event —FH 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary’s Kitchen	11	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary’s Kitchen 4:00 pm “The Habit” Fundraiser —Off Campus 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal—Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship—AL 7:00 pm SPRC—Conf. Room	12	9:00 am UMW Executive Comm. —Mary’s Kitchen 9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury	13	6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room	14	9:30 am Stephen Ministry —Mary’s Kitchen	15	11:00 am Paul Noble Celebration of Life—Sanctuary 12:00 pm Paul Noble Reception —Fellowship Hall	16
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8:45 am Youth Bells/Percussion Players—Mary’s Kitchen 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 9:30 am Children’s Chimes —Youth Center 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Meeting—YC All Day Marie Callender’s Fundraiser —Off Campus	24	7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	25	9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary’s Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal—Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Cr.—AL	26	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury	27	6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Mary’s Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal —Music Room	28	9:30 am Stephen Ministry —Mary’s Kitchen	29	11:00 am Fall Festival— -1:00 pm Fellowship Hall and Patio, Sanctuary 	30