



***"And just as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life."
(John 3:14-15)***

March 11, 2018

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

UMCOR Sunday

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

PRELUDE:

Aria from "Suite Rococo" David Lines, Organist
by Jean Pasquet

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

MOMENTS OF WELCOME:

Loretta Cudney

Greeting

Guests

Registration

Announcements

* TRINITY BELLS (Stand as you are able)

* CHORAL INTROIT

"Seek the Lord"
by Hal H. Hopson

Aldersgate Chorale
directed by
Yvonne Flagg

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Angel, Liturgist

(Adapted from Psalm 107)

(Leader) Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

(People) God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Leader) Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

(People) God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Leader) When we cried out to God in our distress,

(People) God saved us in our hour of need.

(Leader) Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

(All) God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen!

* OPENING HYMN #361 *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

All

CHILDREN'S CHIMES

"We Will Glorify"

Gayla Lonsbery,

by Twila Paris, arr. by Peggy Bettcher

Director

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God"* Aldersgate Chorale
by Hal H. Hopson

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lyn Knowles

(Church School is available for Pre-K through Grade 4. Parents visiting for the first time, please follow your children to the exit door to register.)

SCRIPTURE READING: **Numbers 21:4-9**

Andrew Angel, Liturgist

[The Bronze Serpent]

(The **Old** Testament, page 134 NRSV)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God. Amen!

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"
from "The Crucifixion"
by Sir John Stainer

Aldersgate Chorale
Directed by
Yvonne Flagg

* GOSPEL READING: **John 3:14-21** Andrew Angel, Liturgist

[Just As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent]

(The **New** Testament, page 88 NRSV)

Liturgist: This is the word of Christ!

All: Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON

"HEALING IS A CHOICE"

Rev. J. T. Kim

* HYMN OF DEDICATION: #365

All

(Verses 1, 2, & 4) *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Pleading Savior"
set by Charles Callahan

David Lines, Organist

* DOXOLOGY

All

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. J. T. Kim

* SENDING HYMN #98
(Verses 1 & 3 Only)

"To God Be the Glory"

All

* BENEDICTION

Rev. J. T. Kim

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Aldersgate Chorale

"The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ Be With You"

by Hal H. Hopson

GOING FORTH

David Lines, Organist

* DENOTES STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

*The flowers on the Altar
are in Memory of F. Miriam Harris-Johnson
(mother of Angela Johnson and Dani Johnson-Cork)
who joined the heavenly angels on March 12, 2008.*

In Our Prayers:

In convalescent care, Marlene Bardarson, Kirk Ferguson,
Howard Kauffman, Rev. Bob Mayou, Sarah Six,
Marjorie Souder, Stewart Thompson

For health and support, Hugo Aguirre, Carole Arnold, Cecily Ashworth,
Lynn Ashworth, Pat Beals, Mary Boon, Doug Bowen, Scott Bunyar,
Danielle Casem, Alfredo Cesar, Phyllis Chandler, Shan & Mike Chernik,
Tim Clark, Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin, Carolyn German,
Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth, Gorder Family,
Tom Herrmann, Pat Jeffries, Josh, Berkley Kaufhold Family,
Barbara Kent, Greg Laird, Judy Lamers, Shirley Littleton,
Laurel McDonald, Laurel Morgan, Don Nauss, Bill Nuchols,
Kay Otto, Phil & Christine, Barbara Pope, Ida Rines,
Chandra Roberts, Madison Salvador, Esther Kaye Sanders, Shukla Sen,
Bob Schiffer, Micheline Scoggins, Promilla Singh, Randy Sosa,
Mark Spangler, Barbara Spencer, Charlotte Stevenson, Ken Sutton Family,
Lisa Thomas, Sherry Weide, Laurie Williams Family,
Melissa Beals Williams, Myra Williams,
Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes



UMCOR SUNDAY

(Formerly One Great Hour Of Sharing!)

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." -Galatians 6:2, NIV

Today we will take a special collection for UMCOR Sunday.

When you give for the UMCOR Sunday special collection, you support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), enabling it to assist churches and communities in times of disaster and critical needs. Your contribution ensures that UMCOR can continue to respond in times of crisis.

Check donations should be made payable to FUMCOR, with 'UMCOR Sunday' indicated on the memo line. Pew envelopes can be used for cash donations, with 'UMCOR Sunday' indicated on the envelope.

Your gift ensures that 100% of specifically designated gifts made through UMCOR's worldwide relief agency (such as UMCOR CA Fires), go directly to the project of the giver's choice. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generous donation. —*Finance Committee*

Women's Retreat Sign-Up

Please visit the patio next Sunday, March 18, to sign up for our Women's Retreat at the UCR Botanical Garden. It will take place Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost will be \$25 for the day. More details to follow.

**Riverside CROP Hunger Walk
TODAY at 1:00 p.m.
(registration at 12:30 pm)
Temple Beth El,
2675 Central Avenue**

The CROP Hunger Walk is today! Please visit the table on the patio today to sponsor any of our walkers. You may also donate online at crophungerwalk.org/riversideca/FUMCOR. Thank you for all your support.



Candy for Easter Sunday

We are beginning to collect donations of Easter candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. A box will be in the Narthex and also on the patio on Sundays after worship. Small candies are best, to fit in the eggs. Also, please no nuts (allergies) or chocolate (it will melt).

We will collect through March 18. Thank you for your generosity.

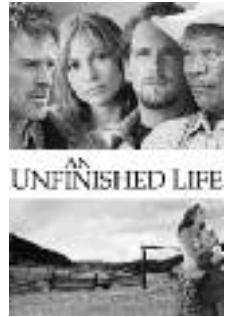


Send Easter Greetings to People on Our Prayer List

Please let the people on our prayer list know that we think of them and continue to pray for them by sending them a card at Easter. The Sunday School children have prepared the cards. Just stop by the table after church on March 18th or March 25th (Palm Sunday) to get the name and address of a prayer list recipient and to choose your card.

Dates for March—Women's and Family Events

March 15 at 5:30 pm in Adult Lounge: Chick Flick and Dinner
"An Unfinished Life"



March 17 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall: **Family Night**
Please sign up on the Kiosk today after Worship.

Something New for FAMILY NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 17
5:30 PM

FUMCOR'S Fellowship Hall

PLEASE RSVP—CALL CHURCH OFFICE
BY MARCH 14TH

Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks

All Ages are Welcome

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
4845 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, 92506
951-683-7831



March 2018

Handcrafters (Asbury) 9:30 am
March 28

- 12 Almond / Wesleyan Circle
Potluck (Mary's Kitchen) 12:00 Noon
14 Executive Committee (Mary's
Kitchen) 9:00 am
21 **Unit Meeting** (Koinonia)
10:00 am
24 East District Social Action,
Banning UMC
27 Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge)
7:00 pm

LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

In 2018 we are continuing to celebrate 150 years of the UMW by endowing the future of the organization. Last year many of us donated to the fund on March 23 and we can again continue to send our support to this great idea. March 23 is the designated day but your gift will be celebrated whenever it comes!

Give:

- Online at;
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone : 800-278-7771

(8.am -6 pm EST, Monday -Friday)
- By check to:
United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

Help support the continuation of UMW service and advocacy for women, children and youth from this generation to the next.

EAST DISTRICT EVENT

"Uncovering the Silent Cries" will be the topic of the speaker at the East District Social Action event on March 24 starting at 9:30 am with registration and a continental breakfast. This event will be hosted by the Banning UMC at 235 N. 2nd St., Banning CA 92220. Registration is \$12 before March 10 and \$15 thereafter. We are asked to bring travel size toiletries and hygiene products. If you are interested in going, contact Bertha Harris(689-3610) with your questions or to receive a registration form.

ALMOND /WESLEYAN CIRCLE

Bring a dish to share and join in the potluck lunch served tomorrow, March 12, at noon, in Mary's Kitchen. Small groups are a good way to get better acquainted!

UMW Cont'd.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 14, at 9:00AM
we will meet in Mary's Kitchen to discuss and plan for the future of our unit. Everyone's ideas are important, so please try to be on time.

CAL/PAC CONFERENCE

"One God - One UMW

Many Languages"

is the theme of the next conference event. It will take place on Saturday, April 14, 10AM - 3PM, at the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC in Arcadia.

Come celebrate who we are! This free event will feature dance, music and food from the Spanish, Filipino, Korean and Tongan communities.

Though the event is free, the deadline to register is March 31. To get a registration form call Bertha Harris (689-3610).

LOOKING AHEAD

April 21 - Spring Boutique

Something new!

May 12 - Ladies' Tea

2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

May 18-20 - National UMW Assembly

Columbus Ohio

June 29 - July 1 - Mission u



Everyone is invited to today's UMM luncheon after service in Fellowship Hall. Steve Grimes will be speaking about the Boy Scout troop that meets at the scout house at the rear of our property. We hope you can stay and enjoy a wonderful lunch prepared by the men. The cost is \$6 a person or \$15 per family.

A great big thanks to chief cook David Fraser for a terrific lunch.

Youth and Young Adult Calendar

Sunday, March 11

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School
in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young
Adults in the Youth Center.

Sunday, March 18

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School
in the Youth Center.

12:00 pm—Potato Bar in
Fellowship Hall.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young
Adults in the Youth Center.

Food Bags for Homeless— No Cost to You

Please pick up a bag or two
from the Narthex to have in your
car in the event you see a person
in need. For now, we are asking
you take one or two at no cost.
We want to use the food before the
dates expire.

Thank you for your support.

The ministers of First United Methodist Church of Riverside are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Grant J. Hagiya; District Superintendent Jan Wiley, and the church staff: Sr. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Kim; Rev. Roy Riggs, Retired Minister; Office Manager, Becky Ruiz; Secretary, Stephanie Chandler; Director of Children's & Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Yvonne Flag; Organist, David Lines; Bell Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Youth/Young Adult Director, Steve Grimes; Lay Leader, Loretta Cudney; Preschool Director, Karen Wilson.

This Week at FUMCOR

Sunday, March 11

- 8:45 am Beginning Bells
—Mary's Kitchen
- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL
- 9:15 am Youth Sunday School
—YC
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
—Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Worship / Children's Chimes
- 11:00 am UMM Luncheon Program
—Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Communications Committee
—Mary's Kitchen
- 1:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk (Temple Beth El)
- 5:00 pm Youth and Young Adults
—Youth Center

Monday, March 12

- 12:00 pm Almond / Wesleyan Circle
Potluck—Mary's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee
—Adult Lounge
- 5:00 pm Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
to 9:00 pm —Off Campus

Tuesday, March 13

- 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen
- 5:00 pm Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
to 9:00 pm —Off Campus
- 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal
—Mary's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship
—Adult Lounge
- 7:00 pm Living Last Supper
Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:00 am UMW Executive Committee
—Mary's Kitchen
- 5:00 pm Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
to 9:00 pm —Off Campus
- 6:00 pm Lenten Study #4 and Soup
Supper—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 15

- 5:00 pm Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
to 9:00 pm —Off Campus
- 5:30 pm "Chick Flick" & Dinner
—Adult Lounge
- 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale
—Music Room

Friday, March 16

Deadline for Ordering Easter Lilies

Saturday, March 17

- 5:30 pm Family Night—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 18

- 8:45 am Beginning Bells
—Sanctuary
- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL
- 9:15 am Youth Sunday School
—YC
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
—Youth Center
- 10:00 am Worship / Beginning Bells
- 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio
- 11:00 am Faith & Fellowship Potato Bar
—Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth and Young Adults
—Youth Center

Got a Busy Schedule?

If you want to participate in Dining for Dollars, but all your scheduling concerns make it hard, this fundraiser is for you. Our church will participate in Dining for Dollars with Blaze Pizza **tomorrow Monday, March 12—Thursday, March 15 from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm**. That's right...if you can't make it Monday, you can try again on Tuesday, or on Wednesday or Thursday. If you're a big pizza fan, you might want to participate more than once! **Blaze will be donating 20% of the dining cost back to the church, and those funds will be used on Missions.** (You must present the flyer from the bulletin.)



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: First United Methodist Church

Date: Monday March 12 - Thursday March 15, 2018

Time: 5pm-8pm

Store: 3540 Riverside Plaza Drive, Ste. 328, Riverside, CA

Guest MUST present this flyer to the cashier before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



FAST-FIRE'D.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases, valid for dine-in, take-out and online orders. Alcohol beverages excluded. Event proceeds will be distributed to or paid for the recipient. Manager please attach this flyer to the guest check.

EASTER LILIES

Dedications are being taken now for the lilies to grace our sanctuary this Easter. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by Friday, March 16.

Cost of a potted lily is \$10.00. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church (FUMCOR), and marked "Lilies".

Donors may pick up their plants after the Easter worship service.

Dedicated by:

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:
