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GOD'S HESED

During vacation with my family in Seoul, Korea last April, we had a great, fun time together. Seoul is where both my wife and I were born and raised, yet we left Seoul about 35 years ago for the United States. I realized that everything in my memory about "home" was completely gone. Simply, everything changed.

Both of our daughters were born in the United States since then. While Deborah and her husband Justin live in Bloomington, Indiana, as their home, for me and my remaining family, Riverside, California, is our home now, even though nothing is ever permanent on this earth until we will be in our "Eternal Home" with God.

American writer Louis L'Amour (1908-1988) once said: "The only thing that never changes is that everything changes." I am sure many people would agree with him. Everything changes in time; there are always new events, inventions, and innovations. Time flies even before we can catch up. As soon as something "new" comes out, it's not "new" any longer.

However, there is another important thing that never changes in our lives besides "change" itself. It's God's **hesed. "Hesed"** is one of the most important Hebrew words that can be translated into many different English terms, such as **"loving-**

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kindness," "mercy," "grace," or **"goodness."** However, throughout the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), especially in Psalms, we can find this word, depending on various translations, translated as God's **"faithful love," "loyal love," "unfailing love,"** or **"steadfast love."**

Psalm 136 begins with **"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,"** (v. 1) and, throughout this whole Psalm 136 (26 verses total), this phrase **"for his steadfast love endures forever"** is repeated 26 times. The Psalmist confesses and proclaims that God's steadfast love is always upon us in all circumstances, not just in good times but also in bad times.

As we live in this ever-changing world, we are overwhelmingly surrounded by many challenges, unexpected disasters, violence and hatred of every kind, and constant problems and trials. People are repeating the awful and inhuman parts of history in many ways, against humanity's hope-full and love-full future. It is the time the world needs to experience God's **hesed** more than ever, especially in this time of hopelessness and uncertainty.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Just as Apostle Paul also urges us to follow God's will by giving **"thanks in all circumstances"** (1 Thessalonians 5:18), one of the best ways to give thanks — even in bad times — is to focus and witness how God's **hesed** is shown throughout our lives that are full of change.

June is a month of many changes and transitions. Congratulations to all the Graduating Class of 2018 for your accomplishments! We will honor and recognize our graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 10th. Two of our church families are joyfully and excitedly waiting for God's precious gifts of newborns also in June. May God's blessings be upon the Updegraff and the Williams families!

Moreover, it's that time again for our Annual Conference! From June 13th through 16th, the 2018 California-Pacific Annual Conference (Theme: "Thirst No More") will be held at the University of Redlands. Every time I get ready for an Annual Conference, I always feel like another year is almost gone, although more than half the year still remains. I'm sure that I am not the only one who feels that time seems to move faster and faster. May you experience God's **hesed** every moment, every day, and every year, always more than before, more than ever, for God's **"steadfast love (hesed) endures forever"!**

Thanks be to God!

Love and blessings,
Pastor J. T. Kim

School Supplies

Church & Society/Missions will be collecting school supplies for the Family Homeless Shelter and for the Salvation Army in Riverside. The School Supplies will be given to the children as they begin the new school year.

Needs List

Backpacks—plain with no themes or characters
Pack of colored pencils
24-count box of crayons
Glue sticks
Spiral notebooks, multiple subjects
Ruled notebook paper
#2 pencils
Pocket folders
1-inch binders

Collection boxes will be in the church office and Narthex in June and July (earlier this year due to the school schedule). Please call Lisa Laird for further information at 276-4490.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Scholarship Awards Luncheon June 10

The United Methodist Men will recognize its Scholarship Awardees at their monthly Luncheon after church in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, June 10. Scholarships are made possible through the congregation's participation in the UMM's annual Silent Auction project. Recognition is also planned at the meeting to honor the UMM Scholarship Founders and promoters Bob Fitch, Paul Roby and Berkley Kaufhold. The program will start around 11:30 am with lunch to follow. Past recipients of both FUMCOR and UMM scholarships are invited to attend to provide an update on their progress and future plans. Lunch donation is $6.00 with $15.00 max for a family. All Scholarship recipients will be our guests.

We want to thank Susan Straight for presenting our Program last month on "737 American Stories." Her research and planned documentary about the location of so many authors is a fascinating and interesting project. Many of our programs are an attempt to learn more about members of our own congregation and the things they are doing to brighten a corner of God's beautiful planet. Professor Straight is a fine example we are proud to count at FUMCOR. We would also like to thank David Fraser for his efforts in preparing our delicious luncheons.

United Methodist Women
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June 2018

Handcrafters (Asbury) 9:30 AM
June 6, 27

11 Almond / Wesleyan Circle Potluck, 12:00 Noon (Mary's Kitchen)
13 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM
13 Annual Conference (through June 16), Redlands Univ.
16 UMW Luncheon at Redlands University (Annual Conf.) 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
17 Father's Day
20 **Unit Meeting** (Koinonia / Asbury) 10:00 AM
Program: **Prayer and Self-Denial/Lunch**
26 Citrus Circle Dinner at Monark in Canyon Crest Town Center. Meet there at 6:00 pm.
29 Mission u, Biola University, La Mirada

ENDING THE YEAR

June will end the UMW program year —July and August will be dark— EXCEPT FOR HANDCRAFTERS which will meet EVERY Wednesday of July and August at 9:30 am in the Asbury Room. Plan to be a part of this friendly group as we put together our inventory of gifts to be sold at the Bazaar on the first Saturday of November.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 12, at 9:00 am will be the last meeting of the Executive Committee until September.

SUMMER READING

Margaret Berger, our Secretary of Program Resources, has made some recommendations for light reading:

Leadership Development
- I Am Malala
- Outcast United

Nurturing for Community
- Wonder
- Miss Brenda and the Loveladies

Spiritual Growth
- No Longer Silent
- Finding God in a Bag of Groceries

Social Action
- Invisible Thread
- One Simple Act

Education for Mission
- Awake
- The Underground Girls of Kabul

The book cart is in the library with more books on the nearby shelf.

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN RIVERSIDE

The speaker at the recent Women's Tea was Cheryl-Marie Hansberger from the

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gigi Johnson-Handen.....1
Dan Lonsbery 4
Val Othon 5
Debbie Hofmann.....6
Adrienne Austin-Knight.....7
Delphine Sims 9
Lee Bayer.....9
Judy Bello.....9
Alina Girke 10
Grace Taylor.....12
Paulette Bruggeman 15
David Fraser 15
Esther Kim 15
Michael Thompson.....15
Charlotte Kidder 17
Dena Kirkwood.....17
David Lines.....17
Donna Woodard.....17
Mele Tupou.....18
Kaley Weakly.....18
Elizabeth Updegraff 23
Linda Rydzik 24
Margaret Waite.....26
India Lovekin 27
Ruth Walker.....27
Brian Tomlinson.....28
Patricia Beals.....31
Anita Kramer.....31

Weekend Fun—Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will be Friday, August 3 (9:00 am to Noon) through Sunday, August 5 (10:00 am to Noon). The ages are 4 (by July 2018) to those entering 5th grade. Cost is only $15 one child, $20 two children, $30 three or more children.

Registration begins July 2 through July 20, online. This three-day program is only for 2018. We will resume the 5-day program in 2019.

Summer Schedule for Children's Church

Children's Church and their teachers will be on a break during the summer, July 1 through August 5. The children will remain in the Worship Service. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

MISSION MOMENTS
from UMW
Submitted by Peggy Ramsay
Mission Coordinator for Education

Contributed by Contributed by Roberta Bragan, Deaconess-Home Missioner, New England Conference, Lawrence, Mass. One of my most impactful encounters was participating in an outreach program to a village about an hour outside of Managua. Most of the children were dressed in their best clothing, but two little girls were totally bedraggled. One little boy was severely disabled. The children didn't mind the differences. The interesting aspect was that the children had formed the community that their parents had not been able to form. It gave me new insight into the phrase "the little children shall lead them."

Chick Flick

June 21, 2018
5:30 pm

A light dinner will be served.

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Mayor's office who gave us an overview of Riverside's efforts to end homelessness. The housing of veterans has been accomplished. Now the task of creating homes for families remains, under the title "Love Your Neighbor." At this point money is needed to get the project moving. As the project moves along there will be a place for volunteers.

There are two financial receivers:
1) Path of Life Ministries
   - online donations at http://www.thepathoflife.com/giving-catalog/
   - our donate by mail to P.O.BOX 1445, RIVERSIDE, CA 92502
2) Riverside Ending Homelessness Fund
   - online donations to http://www.endhomeless.info/home.asp#donate
   - or donate by mail to 2880 Hulen Pl., Riverside, CA 92507

These websites offer more information on how to help.
LET'S KEEP IT MOVING

UMW LUNCHEON AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference at Redlands University will be the weekend of June 15-17. The UMW luncheon will be on Saturday the 16th, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, at the Orton Center. Tickets must be purchased at www.calpacumc.org

If you are not a voting member to Annual Conference, register as a Visitor/Guest. Go to special meals and mark UMW lunch. Cost is $13.50 with meal card and $25 without one. The speaker's theme is "Bold and Courageous Women" Questions? Contact youngmaekim@gmail.com.

Faith and Fellowship Honoring Fathers

On June 17, Father's Day, please join us on the patio after Worship for a light snack. We wish all our fathers a very blessed and happy Father's Day!

Youth and Young Adult Calendar

Sunday, June 3

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

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, June 10

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

5:00 pm—Bell Concert in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 17

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

No Youth/Young Adult meeting this evening (Father's Day).

Sunday, June 24

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

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

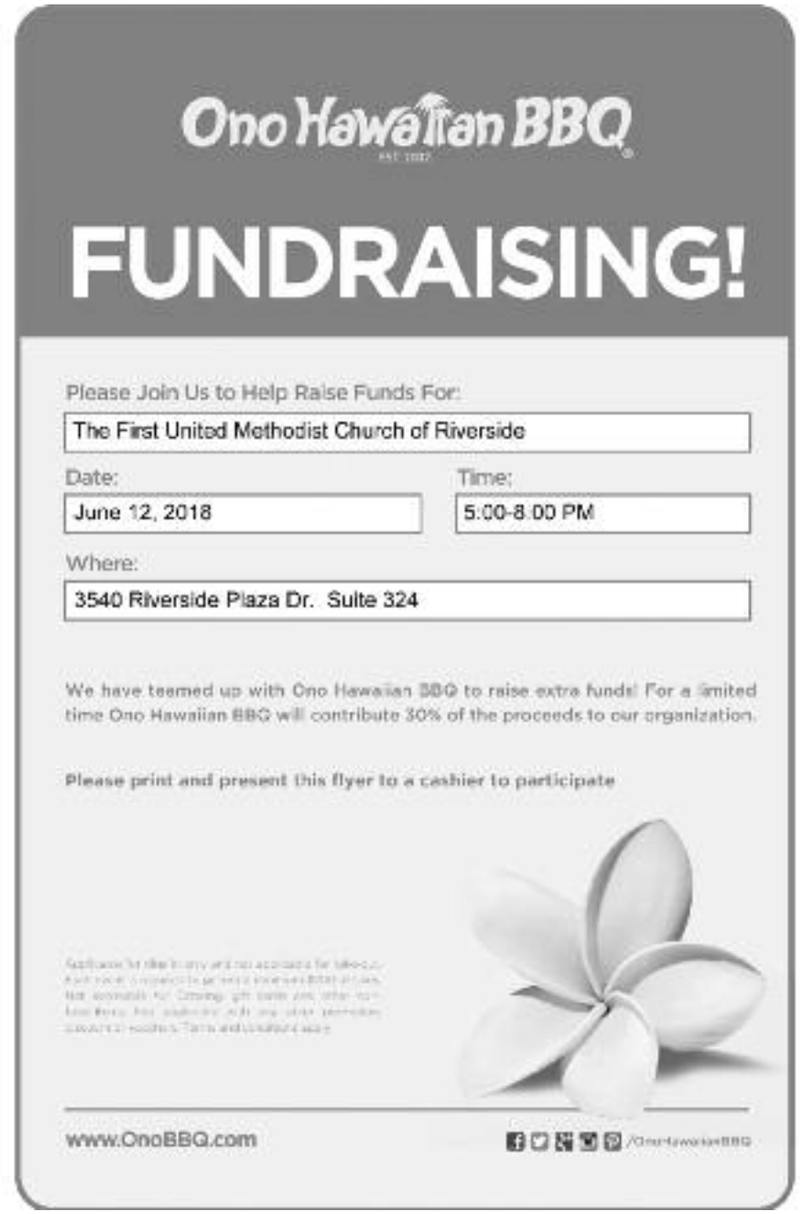
Graduating?

Let us know you are graduating, either from high school, college, or trade school. June 10 is Graduation Sunday, and graduates will be honored during Worship. Please contact our Youth Director, Steve Grimes:

Youthdirector@firstchurchriverside.org

Ono Hawaiian BBQ

Mark your calendar and take this flyer with you. Thirty percent (30%!) of your meal will be donated to the missions of the church.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FUNDRAISING!

Please Join Us to Help Raise Funds For:

The First United Methodist Church of Riverside

Date: June 12, 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM

Where: 3540 Riverside Plaza Dr. Suite 324

We have teamed up with Ono Hawaiian BBQ to raise extra funds! For a limited time Ono Hawaiian BBQ will contribute 30% of the proceeds to our organization.

Please print and present this flyer to a cashier to participate

www.OnoBBQ.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: BELL CONCERT JUNE 10th

Mark your calendar for this year's annual Bell Concert. It is a free event on Sunday, June 10th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Children's Chimes, Beginning Bells and Allegro Ringers will be bringing you music from throughout the year. In addition, The Response will add their talent to our musical event. See you there.

FALL FESTIVAL IS FAST-APPROACHING

The date for **FALL FESTIVAL** has been set by Church Council: **Saturday, September 29**

Pastor Kim would love if everyone participates, and I would love all the help and suggestions you have to make this year an even bigger and better event for our church and our community!

Thank you,
Lee Ann Salmon, (951) 906-6452

Congratulations Updegraff and Williams Families!

Silvie Updegraff
Born May 24, 2018
Family: Derek, Elizabeth,
Miletta, and Itsel

Joycelyn May Williams
Born May 27, 2018
7 lbs., 10 oz., 19"
Family: Jonathon and Melissa,
Grandma Pat Beals, Cousin Kristin Beals

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	**2**
3 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 Chimes—YC **10:00 am Worship/Communion** 11:15 am Church & Society—AL 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	**4** 7:00 pm Trustees —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	**5** 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen	**6** 9:30 am Handcarfters—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal —Sanctuary	**7** 6:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Dinner—Off Campus	**8**	**9**
10 8:45 am Bells—Sanctuary 8:45 am Adult Sunday School-AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School-YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—Sanctuary **10:00 am Worship/Bells/Graduation Sunday** 11:00 am UMM/Scholarship Lunch —FH 3:00 pm Bell Concert Rehearsal—FH 5:00 pm Bell Concert—FH	**11** 12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck —Mary's Kitchen	**12** 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Adult Lounge 7:00 pm SPRC—Conf. Room	**13** 9:00 am UMW Executive Committee—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Adult Lounge	**14**	**15**	**16** 5:30 pm Game Night —Fellowship Hall
17 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC **10:00 am Worship/Father's Day** 11:00 am Father's Day Celebration —Patio 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio	**18** 5:30 pm Finance Committee —Conference Room 6:45 pm Christian Education —Mary's Kitchen	**19** 9:00 am Staff Meeting —Conf. Room 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen	**20** 10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting —Koinonia 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Adult Lounge	**21** 5:30 pm "Chick Flick" and Dinner—Adult Lounge	**22**	**23** **Hunger Ministry**
24 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC **10:00 am Worship/Music Recognition** 11:15 am Evang./Discipleship—AL 11:15 am Website Meeting—Conf. Rm. 5:00 pm Youth and Young Adults—YC	**25** 7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	**26** 9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 6:00 pm UMW Citrus Circle Dinner —Monark at Canyon Crest Town Center	**27** 9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Adult Loung	**28**	**29** 8:30 am UMW Mission u —Off Campus	**30** 8:30 am UMW Mission u —Off Campus