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TWO ROOSTERS

(by Pastor J. T. Kim)

In Our Prayers

In convalescent care, Marlene Bardarson, Kirk Ferguson,
Bertha Harris, Rev. Bob Mayou, Peggy Ramsay, Marjorie Souder

For health and support, Carole Arnold, Cecily Ashworth,
Lynn Ashworth, Mary Boon, Scott Bunyar, Danielle Casem,
Phyllis Chandler, Shan Chernik, Tim Clark, Denetria,
Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin, Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth,
Family of JoAnne Horstmann, Josh, Barbara Kent, Greg Laird,
Judy Lamers, Shirley Littleton, Lonsbery Family, Laurel McDonald,
Don Nauss, Helen Nuchols, Kay Otto, Barbara Pope, Madison Salvador,
Shukla Sen, Bob Schiffer, Micheline Scoggins, Promilla Singh,
Randy Sosa, Mark Spangler, Charlotte Stevenson, Lisa Thomas, Ruth Walker,
Sherry Weide, Myra Williams, Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes

I love watching the FIFA World Cup Soccer Games, along with most people around the world. The month-long 2018 World Cup is finally over, and I don't have to get up at 4:00 a.m. or so any longer to watch a game.

Even though the United States team did not qualify for the 2018 World Cup, even though the South Korea team did not advance to Round of 16,



and even though England's Captain Harry Kane (The "Hurricane" — what an amazing name!) did not shine and his team

was defeated by Belgium, I enjoyed the 2018 FIFA World Cup Games very much!

It was delightful to witness a miracle for Croatia, a tiny country in Europe, to advance to the final. France, as the winner, played really well throughout all their games, and they deserved the World Cup! Congratulations to France and to all the teams around the world!

During the World Cup, have you ever noticed and wondered about Team



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France's national symbol ("Rooster") on the players' jerseys (see the picture on the left on Page 1)? It is called the "Gallic Rooster," and reveals a fascinating history. Of course "FFF" stands for "French Football Federation."

According to some, there are three origins: (1) In Latin, "Gallus" (rooster) and "Gallus" (Gaul – "France") were homonyms; (2) Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed on the following morning, so the rooster became a Christian symbol of watchfulness and readiness; (3) The rooster's crowing at the dawning of each new morning made it a symbol of the daily victory of light over darkness and the triumph of good over evil.

Interestingly, there is another popular "rooster" symbol (see the picture on the right on Page 1) within the Christian community. "Walk to Emmaus" (United Methodist), along with its partner spiritual movements, such as "Crusillo" (Roman Catholic), and "Tres Dias" (International and interdenominational), has an emblem of a multi-colored rooster that shows the rainbow.

The beautiful rainbow is an ultimate and significant symbol of God's inclusive love for everyone! I highly recommend you to experience God's amazing love through this wonderful spiritual retreat "Walk to Emmaus."

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held for three days during the weekend (August 3-5) with the theme of "Polar Blast Where Jesus' Love Is Cool." Its Bible Point is "Jesus Will Always Love You," and the Key Verse is Psalm 13:5, "**I trust in your un-failing love.**" Yes, we trust in God's un-failing love always. Please have your children enjoy this special weekend of God's love! I am grateful to God for this year's VBS Director Alice Musarra and all the teachers, assistants, helpers, and parents. It will be an awesome summer event for our children to experience God's love together!

I still remember the theme song of "Tres Dias" that I attended about 25 years ago: "De Colores." It's a Spanish song that was inspired by God's steadfast love for everyone through the multi-colored rooster and the rainbow. One phrase of the song "De Colores"

Interested in Playing Music? Join the Bell Choirs

If you are interested in playing music with a group of wonderful people, join a bell choir. This opportunity is for those that want to learn music and those that have been playing music for years. There are two groups for Youth (7th grade and above) and Adults. They are as follows:

BEGINNING BELLS: This group meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. We learn how to read music (all those dots and lines) and then apply it to a song. The selected song is appropriate to the level of learning the group is at during the year.

ALLEGRO RINGERS: This group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The players in this group have generally been reading music for a while and the songs selected for them reflect this ability. The group focuses on bell techniques and musicality of the song.

CHILDREN'S CHIMES: We also have a group for the children aged 6 through sixth grade. Children's Chimes meets on Sundays at 9:30 am. The children learn how to read music and how to play chimes. They start with rhythm exercises before they even look at a piece of music or handle a chime. The children are excited to be able to play a song for the congregation after their weeks of rehearsals.

Sign-ups begin NOW. Just e-mail the director at belldirector@firstchurchriverside.org or contact the office directly.

Gayla Lonsbery
Bell Director

From Pastor Kim cont'd.

goes like this: "Joyous, joyous! Let us bring to Christ a soul and thousand more."

Even though we are living in a world and a society of fear, hatred, and uncertainty, and even though we are overwhelmed by evil forces and destruction in various forms, let us not lose heart. Let us focus more on God's inclusive and unconditional love for the whole universe!

It's no wonder the FIFA World Cup's motto is "Say No to Racism." It's another way of saying "Dear World: Let us share God's love with one another!"

Stay cool and be safe.

Blessings,

Pastor J. T. Kim

Thank You Notes

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

Also, **Pat Beals** sends her regards:

Thank you so much to the wonderful group in our church called "Helping Hands." They have been such a help to me, and I appreciate each of them.

God Bless our church and the Helping Hands.

Sincerely,

Pat Beals



August 2018

Handcrafters (Asbury) 9:30 AM
August 1, 15, 22, 29

8th Executive Committee
(Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM

*No Unit Meeting, Almond/Wesleyan
Circle Potluck or Citrus Circle*

HANDCRAFTERS

We are halfway through our marathon of Wednesday mornings. We're having fun and feeling the excitement of the Bazaar drawing closer. It's not too late for you to join us on Wednesday's at 9:30 am, in the Asbury Room.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

There have been many donations of interesting items that we will get priced. If you are going to bring some items, please bring them as soon as you can as it takes time to price them—no later than the middle of October. So clean out those cupboards in the cool of the A/C and pack the glassware, silver, collectibles, linens, jewelry, etc. and bring them to a

Wednesday morning or leave them in the office marked for the UMW if you are busy on Wednesdays.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Because our dear president, Bertha Harris, has had this terrible stroke we will need to have a special meeting of the Executive Committee. It will be Wednesday, August 8, at 9:00 am in Mary's Kitchen.

SAVE THE DATES

September 22 - The East District will present Rev Melissa Mackinnon, our new East District Superintendent, "Celebrating Powerful Women in Action"

Oct. 27 - Cal/Pac Conference
46th annual celebration featuring Clara Ester, Vice-President UMW Board of Trustees with a topic of "Be Strong and of Good Courage".

Both of these events include lunch.

There will be more info in the September *Messenger*.



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, September 6, 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*



Elizabeth Davis	1
Michael Othon.....	1
Sonja Moore.....	3
Harold Jackson.....	6
Michael Musarra.....	6
Harmoni Green.....	7
Esther Rank	8
Carli Renteria	8
Bob Nelson.....	9
John Zeeb	10
Sarah Six.....	11
Peggy Ramsay.....	14
Michael McIver	17
Maryetta Ferre.....	21
Scott Kirkwood	21
Linda Kraft	22
Joyce Brown.....	23
Laurel McDonald.....	23
Gretel Noble	23
David Rajaratnam.....	24
Marie Madden.....	27



Youth and Young Adult Calendar

Sunday, August 5

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

Sunday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 19

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

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

Sunday, August 26

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

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

The United Methodist Men hope everyone is having a great summer off.

We will resume our lunch meetings on September 9 after worship in Fellowship Hall. We have invited Jaamal Zaheen from the Orange County Islamic Institute to be our guest speaker. We will have time for questions about the Islam Religion and discuss some of the differences and similarities with Christian beliefs.

David Fraser is planning a Middle Eastern-themed lunch to go along with the program.

The cost is \$6 per person or \$15 per family.

You are invited to Family Camp in Oak Glen!

Come spend quality time with your family and friends in a relaxed atmosphere, featuring great food and Christian community in the lower elevation of the San Bernardino Mountains, Oak Glen, CA, Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center.

Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center in the San Bernardino Mountains is run by our friends at Wesley United Methodist Church. Here is some information about it. The theme is Jesus—The Rock.

We have all seen the kids pack up for summer or winter camp. Have you ever thought about going to camp yourself? Well, now is the time. We welcome families of all sizes and descriptions. Family Camp program ministers to all ages, individuals, couples and families. The weekend includes multiple generations, parents, children, grandchildren, and singles coming together for a weekend of fellowship.

Family Camp provides tons of fun activities in the Great Outdoors. The camp structure is informal and flexible. The day begins with morning devotion and concludes with singing next to a campfire. Different activities throughout the day vary to whatever interests you; hiking, volleyball, arts & crafts, swimming, visiting, relaxation, just to name a few.

All meals are served buffet style in the Dining Hall. Campers are asked to help with table setting and clean up during the weekend. If any special dietary needs are necessary, please indicate that on your registration form.

Lodging is in cabins, dormitory style with bunk beds. Handicap accessible is available.

When is Family Camp? What is the cost? Labor Day Weekend is the weekend of Family Camp. The dates are August 31—September 3, 2018. Check-in is Friday at 3 p.m.; check-out is Monday at 10 a.m. If you want to come up just for a day, that is also available. The cost for age 12 and over is \$175. For ages 6 to 11 is \$125. Under 6 years old is free. Check with the church office about some campership funds.

For more information, please contact your Lay Leader Loretta Cudney at 951.288.2992 or atterol@me.com or Bonnie Perez, from Wesley United Methodist Church, at BonPerez@msn.com or 951.515.6638.



Saturday, August 18, 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' "Chick Flick"

Thursday, August 23, 5:30 pm
in the Adult Lounge

A light dinner to be followed by a fun movie
(Title to be announced)



The Walk to Emmaus is a 3 day retreat designed for active church members and their leaders who want to rekindle their faith or renew their vision.

Do you go to church but need to be reignited?
Does your leadership need to be strengthened?
Does your relationship with God need to grow spiritually?
Do you want to connect with other Christians and serve as disciples?

The Walk to Emmaus is a leadership development organization serving all Christian churches. We are a lay-led movement focused on preparing strong Christian leaders to go back into their churches and communities and serve.

This program calls forth and renews Christian Discipleship. Like its predecessor, Cursillo de Cristiandad (Spanish for "short course in Christianity"), The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and through them, their families, congregations and the world, will be equipped with new levels of grace filled service and leadership. The Walk to Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy serving together toward the renewal of the church.

The Walk to Emmaus is open to members of all Christian denominations. El Shaddai Community of The Walk to Emmaus is represented by a variety of different churches throughout the Inland Empire, High and Low Deserts, and Orange County and would like to personally invite you to attend a presentation. Come and join us on **Saturday, August 11, 2018, 2:00pm**. Please RSVP.

Wesley United Methodist Church, 5770 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504
Fellowship Hall

Cheleamar Hoskins, Community Lay Director (760) 953-2534

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FUMCOR volunteers at Meals on Wheels when it first started.

FUMCOR is a Hub of Activity Every Day

by Kris Lovekin, Chair of Church & Society/Missions)

Have you ever thought about how FUMCOR is supported and connected to so many partners in the community? The church is a hub of activity, from the trolleys running jurors back and forth to the courthouse, to the groups like PEO, AA and Thrive renting our rooms during the week.

A Meals on Wheels operation has quietly served homebound and elderly residents from our church since 1972, when it was founded by FUMCOR church members. It remains a strong non-profit today serving all of Riverside. A Scout House has been home to Boy Scout troops for decades. The Path of Life Ministry uses our church on a Sunday morning to hold services for people who have been homeless and provide a focal point for ongoing homeless ministries. Our own members use our kitchen facilities for scheduled homeless sack lunches, and hot meal preparation for the shelters.

Some generous restaurants in the community let us "Dine for Dollars" on certain days with some of that money coming back for the missions work of the church, including Marie Callender's, California Pizza Kitchen, and The Habit. Now we have added Amazon Smile as a way to support the church.

Some of our other global Missions work is funded through our connectional ties with many other Methodist Churches making missionary work and disaster relief just "part of who we are."

But to keep all these ministries and services alive, we must maintain a strong viability as a church. Make sure you, as a member of the family, are supporting the church with regular gifts and offerings. That is the largest and most important partnership keeping your church humming along. There is no substitute for YOU.


AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 1 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen	2	9:00 am Vacation Bible School 3 —Fellowship Hall	9:00 am Vacation Bible School 4 —Fellowship Hall
8:45 am Adult Sunday School 5 —AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Communion/ Vacation Bible School Celebration	6	7	9:00 am UMW Executive Committee 8 —Mary's Kitchen	9	10	11
12 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Bells/David Tinoco	13	14	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 15	16	9:30 am Stephen Ministry 17 —Mary's Kitchen	5:30 pm Family Night 18 —Fellowship Hall
Pastor Kim on Study Leave—Attending School of Congregational Development (August 13-August 19)						
8:45 am Adult Sunday School 19 —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School —YC 10:00 am Worship/Kate Hunter Preaching 11:00 am Faith & Fellowship Salad Potluck—Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults	—Youth Center 20	21	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 22	5:30 pm Women's 'Chick Flick' & Dinner 23 —Adult Lounge	24	Hunger Ministry 25
8:45 am Adult Sunday School 26 —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship with The Response All Day Marie Callendar's Fundraiser—Off Campus 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults —Youth Center	7:00 pm Church Council 27 —Adult Lounge	9:00 am Staff Meeting 28 —Conference Room 9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal —Mary's Kitchen	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 29	30	31	