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“REBUILDING OUR FAITH; TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES”

(by Pastor J. T. Kim)

Happy September, First United Methodist Church of Riverside Family and Friends!

I hope and pray that, during the summer break, you and your family have had a great time together through fun vacation trips, gatherings with family and friends, and other relaxing activities to nurture your body and soul. Now the summer is already (or finally) over (depending on how much fun you have enjoyed), and we are going back to another new cycle of the school year and regular life patterns.

Last month, I was privileged to take a one-week Study Leave. It was a wonderful time for me to pray, contemplate, and prepare not only for my

third year with you at FUMC of Riverside and beyond but also for the future of our Church and expectations to fruitfully fulfill our missions.

Since I came to FUMC of Riverside in July 2016, I have been gradually sharing and emphasizing the three elements of becoming a vital and transforming congregation: **“Discipleship, Evangelism, and Stewardship.”** These three balanced elements must move forward constantly with the core foundation of our faith in God

In Our Prayers

In convalescent care, 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, Elizabeth Davis, Denetria, Helen Dennington,
Terry Edlin, Deborah Gallardo, Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth, Josh,
Barbara Kent, Judy Lamers, Shirley Littleton, Luna, Laurel McDonald,
Don Nauss, Kay Otto, Ashish Peters, Barbara Pope, Madison Salvador,
Shukla Sen, Bob Schiffer, Micheline Scoggins, Randy Sosa, Mark Spangler,
Charlotte Stevenson, Lisa Thomas, Sherry Weide, Christine Whitehead,
Lynette Williams, Myra Williams, Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes



From Pastor Kim cont'd.

through Jesus Christ through **“Worship.”**

During my Study Leave, I was blessed to attend the 2018 School of Congregational Development held in San Diego, sponsored by the California-Pacific Conference, Discipleship Ministries, and Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Its main topic was **“Momentum”** with the focus on **“Discipleship.”** Participating in the event greatly helped me to formulate my new sermon series of **“Rebuilding Our Faith; Transforming Our Lives,”** which will invite us to go back to the basics in our faith journey.

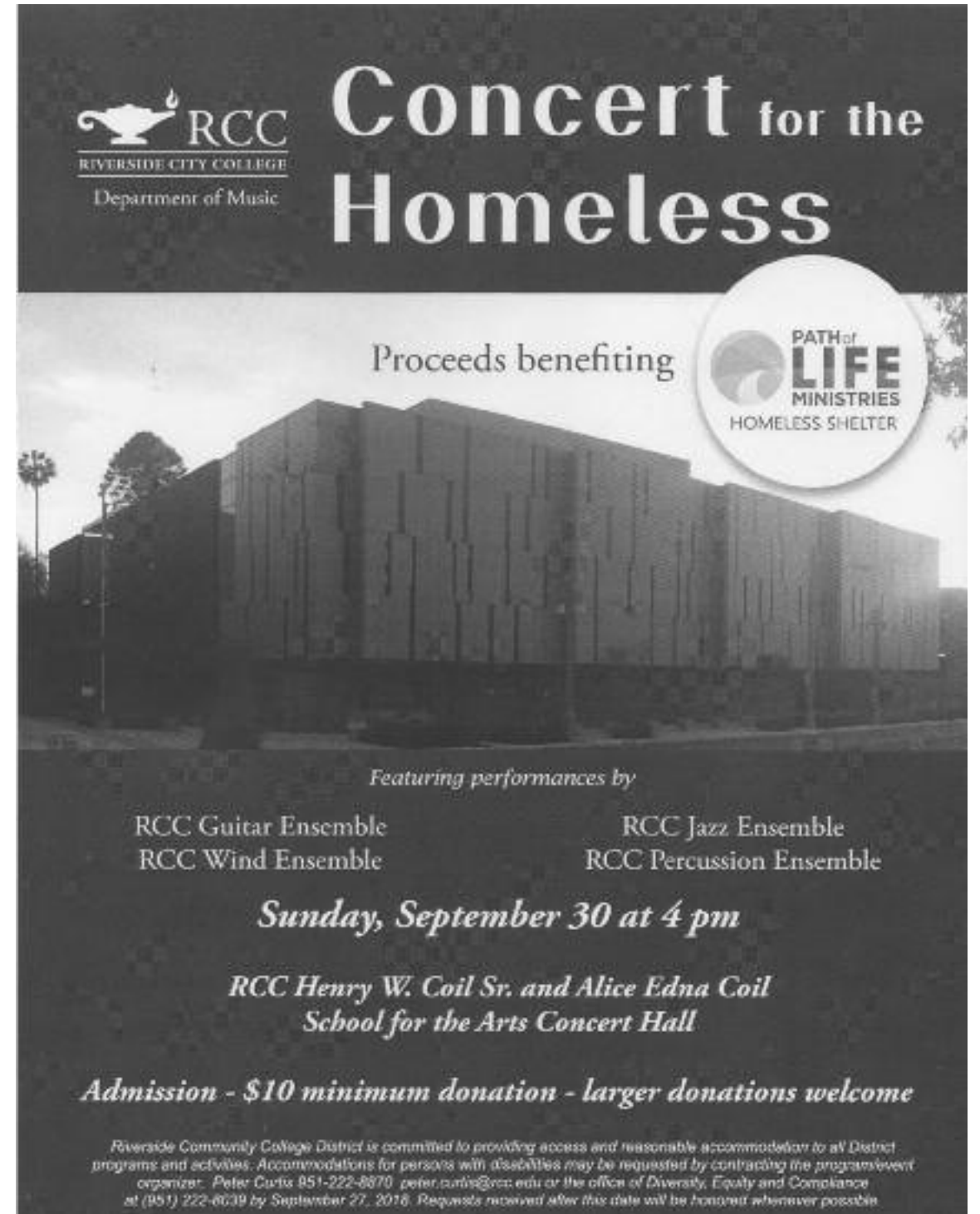
While many of you grew up in our Methodist Church, some of you are still new to Methodism and its traditions and practices. Moreover, we have a significant challenge of overcoming differences in many ways, such as generation gaps, gender issues, social concerns, and many other areas throughout our lives. I have realized that as your pastor I cannot just assume that you all know what you are expected to know or practice through our common ministries and missions together.

So, I believe that it is the time for me to share a special journey with you all through my new 8-week sermon series starting from **Sunday, September 9th**, with the title **“What Are You Looking For?”** through **Sunday, November 25th**, **“Who Do We Choose To Be?”** These sermons will help us not only in re-shaping our faith journey but also in discovering the power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to discern the most important things in our lives.

With my joyful and loving heart, I sincerely invite you – everyone in the congregation – to this special sermon series. Please do not miss any of these messages if you love God, desire to be faithful to God through your presence and ministries, and would love to build up our church together with wonderful fellow sisters and brothers. All you have to do is to be present in worship, listen with your open heart, and respond to God in whatever ways God will lead you. Then, I pray and believe that God will do the rest in rebuilding your faith and transforming your life.

Some of you who have been inactive or not able to join us in worship for various reasons.

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The poster features a black and white photograph of a large, modern building with a grid-like facade, likely the concert hall. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left is the RCC logo (a lamp) and the text 'RCC RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE Department of Music'. The main title 'Concert for the Homeless' is in large white font. Below it, 'Proceeds benefiting' is followed by the 'PATH of LIFE MINISTRIES HOMELESS SHELTER' logo. The performers are listed as 'RCC Guitar Ensemble', 'RCC Wind Ensemble', 'RCC Jazz Ensemble', and 'RCC Percussion Ensemble'. The date and time are 'Sunday, September 30 at 4 pm'. The venue is 'RCC Henry W. Coil Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts Concert Hall'. The admission is '\$10 minimum donation - larger donations welcome'. At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer about accessibility.

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EAST DISTRICT FALL EVENT SEPT. 22, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
West Covina UMC
718 S. Azusa Ave.
West Covina 91791

Register by September 13 for \$12
Payment at the door is \$15
Continental Breakfast 8:15 am - 9:00 am
Lunch is included.

Mail check and this form to:
Carroll Martin
1331 Brooktree Circle
West Covina, 91792
(626) 961-2704
recep martin@charter.net

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
YOUR LOCAL UMW UNIT _____
SPECIAL NEEDS _____
CHILD CARE yes ____ . no ____

From Pastor Kim cont'd.

We miss you. Yet, if you are able, please come and reconnect with us through worship and fellowship. If you are not able, due to your medical and physical limitations, please do know that we love you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. You may catch up on my sermons by listening via our Web Home: **FirstChurchRiverside.org** (Thanks to our Media Ministry Team!) or if you wish, upon your request, I am willing to send you a copy of my sermon manuscripts.

As your Pastor, I still have been getting to know everyone, and would love to meet you in person always. Remember – *“YOU are the Church; I am the Church; WE are the Church together!”* You - each and every one of you - are a very important part of the Church! Let us be faithful, fruitful, and joyful!

Love and blessings,
Pastor J. T. Kim



Thank You Note

Thank you for your prayers, cards and support during this difficult time for us. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Greg and Lisa Laird

Italian Potluck

On September 16, Faith & Fellowship will host a potluck in Fellowship Hall, right after Worship. Be thinking of your favorite Italian dish and bring enough to share.

Drinks and desserts will be provided.



SING WITH THE ALDERSGATE 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



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
Jules Ream	13
Jonathon Williams	18
Susan Straight	19
Sue Tomlinson.....	21
Doris Washburn.....	21
Sabrina Gilbert	24
Allysen Angel.....	26
Aris Stepe.....	28

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UNIT MEETING

Be sure to notice that the Unit Meeting for September is not on a Wednesday! It is to be Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Fellowship Hall after the Faith and Fellowship Luncheon. All are invited.

ALMOND/WESLEYAN CIRCLE

We will join in a potluck luncheon in Mary's Kitchen at noon on Sept. 10. Newcomers are especially welcome at this first gathering of the year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We will need everyone to help with ideas for dealing with the inability of Bertha to continue as our president . Wednesday, Sept 12, 9:00AM in Mary's Kitchen. Please pray for Bertha's improvement!

CITRUS CIRCLE

Regan and Barbara Pope will be the leaders of the Sept. 25 meeting of the Citrus Circle. Tuesday, 7:00 PM , in the Adult Lounge. New members are always welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

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



September 2018

Handcrafters (Asbury) 9:30 AM
September 5, 19, 26

- 3 **Labor Day**
- 10 Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck (Mary's Kitchen) 12:00 Noon
- 12 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM,
Nomination of Officers
Candle of Commitment
Special Mission Recognition Choices
- 16 **Unit Meeting**, (Koinonia) 11:00 AM, Coffee,
Program: **Cell Phone Boot Camp**
- 22 District Annual Celebration, Topic: "Celebrating Powerful Women in Action"
- 25 Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge) 7:00 PM, Leaders: Regan and Barbara Pope

BACK INTO THE SWING

September finds us back into the swing of our usual meetings EXCEPT our first Unit Meeting will be on a Sunday after church. Committees and Circles will meet as usual. Put your UMW dates on your calendar. We look forward to greeting old friends and welcoming new ones.

HANDCRAFTERS

Just two months left before the Nov. 3 BAZAAR! We have much left to do and not much time left to do it in! We will meet on Sept. 5, 19 and 26 at 9:30 AM in the Asbury Room. Bring your willing hands and we will be ready!

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

A beautiful vase that you never use, a decorative little table clock, a crystal pitcher, a pair of china salt and pepper shakers - have you discovered some treasures for Grandma's Attic? Deliver them on a Wednesday morning or to the office marked for the UMW. They will be priced right away to avoid the rush of activity just before the BAZAAR.

COME MEET THE NEW EAST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon will be speaking on "Celebrating Powerful Women in Action" on Saturday, September 22, at the West Covina UMC. Registration information is nearby.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Leaders David Fraser and Marie Madden announced they are recruiting

church members to join Stephen Ministry's next training program. If you are interested in sharing God's love and healing power with members of our church who are hurting, distressed, anguished or grieving, please talk to David after church or call him at 951-205-6504.

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one supportive listening and care to those in need. Please consider joining this important ministry.



YOUTH CALENDAR

Every Sunday in September

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center (6th - 12th Grades).

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adults (18 and over) in the Youth Center.

PARENTS' MORNING OUT
 First United Methodist Church offers childcare on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon.

Enjoy some time to yourself for errands, appointments, or time at the spa!

Ages 18 months to 4 years.
 Call the church office no later than Tuesday at Noon.



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951-683-7831
 Cost is \$10 per child, payable by cash or check. (Sorry, we cannot accept walk-ins.)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' "Chick Flick"

Thursday, September 20, 5:30 pm
 in the Adult Lounge

Come by for a night of laughter as we watch Anita Renfroe's *"And I Mean That in the Best Possible Way."*

A light dinner will be served.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

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.




Cell Phone Boot Camp

Your smart phone has more computing power than the Apollo 11 launch center. It is an amazing piece of technology that most of us don't know how to access. How do you turn on your flashlight? How do you take a picture and post it on Facebook, or send it to a friend? How can you keep a print copy of an important text? We will help you learn these actions and more.

Join our church youth group and United Methodist Women after church on **September 16** as they co-host a "CELL PHONE BOOT CAMP." Lunch will be hosted by Faith and Fellowship. Following our meal, fellowship will continue as we divide into groups based on our type of cell phone, learn some procedures from the youth, and perhaps share with each other any tricks and tips we may already know.

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:45 am Adult Sunday School —AL 2 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:15 am Church & Society / Missions —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults —Youth Center	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed	7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 4	9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 5 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 6	7	8
8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 9 8:45 am Beginning Bells —Mary's Kitchen 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Welcome Back 11:15 am UMM Lunch Program —Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Baptism—Chapel 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Potluck—Mary's Kitchen 10 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 11	9:00 am UMW Executive Committee —Mary's Kitchen 12	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 13	14	5:30 pm Mission Area Movie Night—Fellowship Hall 15 6:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Welcome Dinner—Off Campus
Pastor Kim Attending Bishop's Convocation September 11-13						
8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 16 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School-YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—MK 10:00 am Worship/The Response 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio 11:00 am Italian Potluck/ Cell Phone Workshop (UMW Unit Mtg.)—FH 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	5:30 pm Finance Committee —Conference Room 17 6:45 pm Christian Education —Mary's Kitchen	9:00 am Staff Meeting —Conference Room 18 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm SPRC—Conference Rm.	7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room 19	5:30 pm Chick Flick & Dinner —Adult Lounge 20 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room	21	Hunger Ministry 22 8:30 am UMW East District Fall Event —West Covina UMC
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