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Chuck Kidder passed away on October 16, and Marjorie Souder on October 20.

In Our Prayers

In convalescent care, Kirk Ferguson, Bertha Harris,
Rev. Bob Mayou

For health and support, Carole Arnold, Cecily Ashworth,

Lynn Ashworth, Bello Family, Mary Boon, Scott Bunyar, Danielle Casem,
Phyllis Chandler, Cheryl, Tim Clark, Denetria, Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin,
Deborah Gallardo, Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth, Kidder Family,
Josh, Barbara Kent, Judy Lamers, Luna, Gerry Marr, Laurel McDonald,
Don Nauss, Jessica Oaks, Kay Otto, Ashish Peters, Barbara Pope, Peggy Ramsay,
Jason Pritchard, Chandra Roberts, Madison Salvador, Shukla Sen, Bob Schiffer,
Micheline Scoggins, Randy Sosa, Mark Spangler, Lisa Thomas,
Claudia Velazquez, Sherry Weide, Velma Wellborn, Lynette Williams,
Myra Williams, Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes

LIVING FAITHFULLY (By Pastor J. T. Kim)

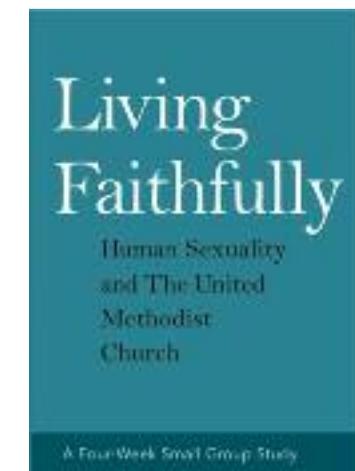
Our United Methodist Church is at a crossroads. One of the most pressing challenges for The United Methodist Church to move forward is whether we choose to live faithfully and fruitfully by welcoming everyone with God's inclusive love and grace. As a matter of fact, we are called to fulfill our mission: **"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

Even though we are trying to follow Christ as His faithful disciples, we must acknowledge that this issue of inclusion for every walk of life, especially welcoming the LGBTQ community, has been one of the hottest issues for many years. Now it has become the focal point of the 2019 General Conference Special Session,

through the Commission on the Way Forward.

Recently, our Bishop Grant Hagiya presented on the Commission on the Way Forward at each district gathering. You may watch the Bishop's presentation video on calpacumc.org. Our Bishop explained all three options that are to be determined at the General Conference: **(1) One Church Plan; (2) Connectional Conference Plan; (3) Traditional Plan.** Moreover,

our Bishop encouraged local congregations to have open and honest conversation opportunities. It is true that, depending on the outcomes of the Session,



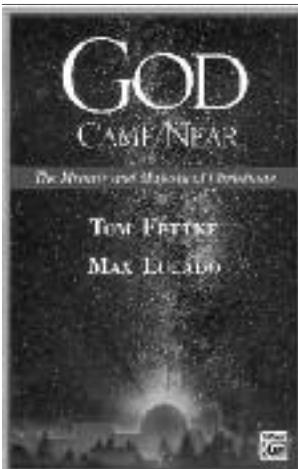
From Pastor Kim cont'd.

prayerfully made by the General Conference Delegates, local congregations will have to face an uncertain and unexpected future. However, in order to faithfully accomplish our common mission together, we need to engage in sincere attempts of listening, learning, and understanding through spiritual reflections and holy conversations with one another.

Starting on November 6th, I will be leading a short-term special Bible Study with the book entitled **Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church**, published by Abingdon Press, every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in Mary's Kitchen,

and you are invited! Please sign up for this class by calling the Church Office (951-683-7831) or emailing me (pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org). This class will not advocate any one position, but simply initiate a first step to promote a sound, informative, and healthy conversation for unity of the Church. Please join us with your open heart and open mind so that we can truly experience an open and safe space for our growth toward spiritual transformation.

Love and Blessings,
Pastor J. T. Kim



On **December 9** during Sunday morning Worship, the Aldersgate Chorale will sing a new cantata. In the cantata "**God Came Near**," you will travel back in time when Christ, the Son of God, became man. Based on Christmas writings by author Max Lucado, this new cantata from arranger/composer Tom Fettke features a blend of new songs, classic texts, and beloved carols. The result is a magnificent and unforgettable celebration of the Incarnation. It all happened in a moment—a most remarkable moment—when "God Came Near."

—Yvonne Flagg, Aldersgate Chorale Director

UMW Cruise

Join the United Methodist Women for four days of fun, food, and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women are organizing a cruise to Catalina and Ensenada on October 6-10, 2019. If you would like to join us, don't wait to reserve your cabin, as we have gotten some excellent prices by scheduling early. Ladies, if you want to bring your husband, he will be welcome, although he will be seriously outnumbered. Our group number is 4XXK33. You can call Jocelyn at 1-800-764-7419, ext. 83267 to make a deposit and reserve your room. The non-refundable deposit is \$150.00 per person. The remainder of the purchase price will be due by August. Even if you do not plan to get off the ship in Ensenada, you still must have a passport.

Once you book, you are price protected. That means if the price ever drops, you get the lower price. There may be ladies who would like to participate in this cruise who need a little financial help to make it happen. If you would like to pitch in \$20 for a cruise "scholarship" please make your

check payable to United Methodist Women and write "cruise scholarship" on the memo line. You can drop the check into the offering plate at church or hand it to Mary Hermann. If you would like a scholarship to defray some of the cost of the cruise, please call Lyn Knowles at (951) 737-3541. Whatever scholarship funds we receive will be divided between those who request a scholarship.

If you are a past guest of Carnival Cruise line and they have sent you any special offers, mention that to Jocelyn when you book, as some of those offers can be applied to this cruise.

We hope you can join us!
—Lyn Knowles





Date	Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart	Info
12/02/18	MON	Los Angeles (Long Beach), CA		6:00 PM	
12/03/18	TUE	Carmel, CA	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	
12/04/18	WED	San Francisco, CA	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	
12/05/18	THU	Los Angeles (Long Beach), CA	7:00 AM		

Call Jocelyn Smith to book!

Phone 1800-819-3902
ext 83267
Jsmith4@carnival.com

UMW Group Cruise!

Cruise information

Leave Sunday, Oct. 6, 2018, return Thursday morning, Oct. 10. Below fares include taxes and fees, all meals, on board entertainment, and rooms cleaned daily.

Pricing Ocean view, double occupancy, \$382.52 per person
Interior, double occupancy, \$350.52 per person
Interior, 3 to a room, \$270.04 per person

We got a great price for reserving early. These prices will be valid until Jan. 15, 2018 or until our group space is filled.

Gratuities \$55.80 per cruiser (\$51.80 if reservation made prior to December 1, 2018)

Travel insurance

Highly recommended. It pays for use of sick bay on board, helicopter evacuation to nearest hospital in case of emergency, cancellation for health or loss of job, and much more.

You must have a passport.

Please find your roommate before calling Jocelyn to make your reservation. If you have questions, call Lynn Knowles (951) 937-9544

Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is coming up on **Sunday, December 2** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Get ready for music, a soup lunch, and the best holiday shopping around. We will have olive oil from Palestine, scarves and clothes from Afghani designers, bees and goats and chickens from Heifer International, hand made gifts from the United Methodist Women, baskets and ornaments from 10,000 Villages, the best gifts from the Assistance League of Riverside, plus jams and honey and soaps from the Riverside Food Co-op. The fair is organized by the Church and Society / Missions Committee. Each year it gets bigger and better.

Come join us and bring a friend to the fair!

Thank you,

Kris Lovekin

Refill the Pantry Food Drive

Church & Society / Missions will be collecting non-perishable food items during the months of November and December for the Riverside Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army collects more than household items and clothing. They also support the homeless by serving hot meals, providing sack lunches for homeless shelters and giving families in need of food boxes monthly.

After the rush of getting food to families over the holidays, our goal is to help them stock up for the New Year by providing non-perishable food items: peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, beef stew, soup, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, etc.

Collection boxes will be in the church office and Narthex during the months of November and December. Call Lisa Laird for further information, 951-276-4490.

Community Movie Event

**FUMCOR, Wesley UMC
Grace UMC and Moreno Valley
UMC
in Fellowship Hall**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm, movie
starts at 7:00 pm

“WONDER”

The movie is 2 hours long, rated PG.
It may not be suitable for young
children. Please no outside food or
drinks. Popcorn & water available.



Happy December Birthdays!

Brandon Labrador	5
Barry Arnold	6
Mary Ellen Burch.....	8
Bertha Harris	8
Camille Arguelles	9
Cindy Allen	10
Angela Johnson.....	10
Sara Peck.....	10
Crisanjali Rajaratnam	11
Bill Wolter	11
Julia Zeeb	12
Helen Nuchols	13
Charles McFallThompson	14
Kristin Beals.....	15
Elisabeth Girke.....	15
Kirk Weakly	15
Bill Lufkin	17
Rachel Roland	17
Rose Musarra	18
Connie Taylor	23
William George	29
Jackie Cook	31

UMW Cont'd.

UNIT MEETING

On Nov. 14 we will gather at 10:00 am in Koinonia to enjoy coffee and conversation. We will be voting on the 2019 Budget and officer, and End-of-Year Giving.

There will be information on the work of the organizations to which we give donations. Come be a part of these decisions.

Citrus Circle will meet in the Adult Lounge on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm. Lisa Laird is the leader. While this circle meets in the evening for those who work, it is open to all who might find evening more convenient.

ALMOND/WESLEYAN CIRCLE

Our potluck lunch will be on Tuesday Nov. 13 at noon. The day has been changed to Tuesday because the office will be closed on Monday, which is Veterans' Day. Bring your dish to share to Mary's kitchen at noon.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 2 Mini-Bazaar as part of
Alternative Gift Fair.

MISSION MOMENTS

from UMW

**Submitted by Peggy Ramsay
Coordinator for Education**

Contributed by Dave Kobersmith,
missionary, Birchwood Camp in
Chugiak, Alaska, Alaska Missionary
Conference.

"Can you hear God? It isn't always easy. Cell phones, i-Pods cars, music playing in stores--there seems to be no shortage of auditory stimuli. So often it is difficult to find time and quiet enough to listen to the joys, cares and concerns of our families. How much more discipline we must show to make space in our lives to listen to God."



November 2018
No Handcrafters

- 1 & 2 Bazaar Set Up
- 2 **CWU World Community Day**, Wesley UMC, 5770 Arlington Ave., Riverside, 92504, 9:30 AM
- 3 **Bazaar** Riverside First UMC, (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 AM
- 7 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM
2019 Budget Planning, End-of-Year Giving
- 12 Veterans' Day (office closed)
- 13 Almond/Wesleyan Circle (Mary's Kitchen), Noon
- 14 **Unit Meeting**, (Koinonia) 10:00 am, Coffee,
Program: Organization info to which UMW donates
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge) 7:00 PM, Leader: Lisa Laird

BAZAAR!

Well, You either got this just before the big day, Nov. 3, or just after. If before, grab your list, baked goods and cash and come on over. If after, the following article is more appropriate.

A GRAND THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in putting the Bazaar together! The list is too long to print, but all who made items, brought food items, helped set up and put away, worked at the booths and in the kitchen, helped advertise, who bought items and helped count the money, who supervised the children's play area—to each of you, THANK YOU!

HANDCRAFTERS

Time for a break from the crafting. We will not meet again until the last Wednesday of January, Idea Day. In the meantime be on the lookout for clever crafts that we might make for next year.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

CWU will celebrate World Community Day Nov. 2 at Wesley UMC starting at 9:30 am.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The meeting is on Nov. 7 starting 9:00 am in Mary's Kitchen. We will be discussing the 2019 Budget and End of Year Giving.



The United Methodist Men would like to thank Kevin Simpson for sharing his behind-the-scenes look at the classic animation work that went on at the Walt Disney Studios along with a look at Walt Disney's personal office and business office. It was a real treat. And speaking of treats, David Fraser cooked up another wonderful lunch for us all.

We will host the next luncheon after Worship on Sunday November 11. Our Program speaker will be **Regan Pope**, one of our own. You are probably familiar with Regan as a member of our church choir and her mother Barbara in the congregation but, you may not know they were the focus of a recent episode of the "Do It Yourself" television show. Come and hear more about that and once again lunch will be prepared by Chef David Fraser. The cost is \$6.00 each or \$15.00 max for a family. We'd love to have you join us, share a meal, and learn a little more about each other.



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am Youth Sunday School—Youth Center

Sunday Evenings

5:00 pm Youth and Young Adult Meeting—Youth Center



AGAPE:
A new social
ministry be-
gins!

Good news!

The church has started a new social ministry called AGAPE. This group's activities is targeted to those with young children and/or young couples/singles.

The group will be meeting every other month on the second Saturday at 6:00 pm. The schedule is as follows:

November 3rd: Black and White Potluck @ church

January 12th: "Apples to Apples" night @ church

March 9th: Progressive Dinner

May 11th: Movie Night

July 13th: Concert Night

September 14th: Movie Meal

Potluck & Meeting @ church

To join and get added to the email distribution list, please contact the church office.

—Gayla Lonsbery, Facilitator

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR!

**You're Invited
To
Dine In for Dollars**

The more you eat, the more we'll raise!
Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 28 through
Sunday, November 25, 2018

Every Fourth Sunday • 3505 Merrill Ave. Riverside CA 92506 • 951-682-2504

Present this flyer to your server and Marie Callender's will
DONATE 20% of each receipt. Excludes alcoholic beverages.



Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair

Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

HANDCRAFTED holiday gifts, ornaments (including wooden), decorations, baby items, soft knit animals, knit/crocheted wearables, unique silk scarves, aprons, handwoven items, potholders, scrubbies, dishcloths, hand embroidered tea towels, gourmet food items, treasures and collectibles from Grandma's Attic, and MUCH MORE!

Lunch available for purchase 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM for adults and kids.
Complimentary beverages.

NEW THIS YEAR - KID ZONE

FOR FAMILY FUN OUTSIDE WHILE YOU SHOP

Climbing Wall * Bounce House * Obstacle Course * Fishing Booth
Face Painting * Milk Bottle Throw * Bike Rides * Velcro Wall & More

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Read with Grandma

Our church is blessed to share the campus with an award-winning preschool. We see the children during drop off and pick up in the church parking lot. We know several of the teachers, but we often do not know the families who bring their children to us.

If you love children and would like to be part of preschool storytime and read to the children, this invitation is for you. United Methodist Women and First United Methodist Preschool are going to start a program called "Read with Grandma." Four or more "grandmas" will visit the preschool and read to the children in their classrooms. We will be scheduled to read once a month.

You do not need to be safe sanctuaried or fingerprinted as you will never be left alone with the children. The teacher will be in the classroom with you. All volunteers must have a copy of their shot record showing MMR, DPT and flu shot, or that they have declined the flu shot for personal reasons.

If you have a book that you know three and four year olds would love, please bring that book with you. Karen, the preschool administrator, will also provide age level appropriate books for the reading grandmas.

Reading will start at 11:00 and finish about 11:45. The program will start in January and end in May. If you are not active in United Methodist Women, please do not let that deter you from volunteering. We would love to have you join us. To sign up for one month, or every month, please contact Lyn Knowles at (951) 737-3541.

Mail a Thanksgiving and Christmas Card

Would you like to encourage someone on the FUMC prayer list and let them know that the congregation continues to lift them in prayer? Would you be willing to commit to sending a Thanksgiving card and a Christmas card to someone on the list?

We have Sunday School made cards as well as commercially prepared cards for you to send to your prayer list person. You may choose one of those cards or use any card you already have at your home. Let's see if we can share God's love with everyone on the list. You can obtain your cards as well as the name and address of someone on the prayer list at the table on the patio after church on November 11 and November 18.

The Bayers, Knowles and Salmons

"Kick Off the Holidays"

with the

"Off Group"

Saturday, November 17, 2018

From 3 to 6 in the afternoon

Hors d'oeuvres Only

**6697 Mission Grove Pkwy. N.
Riverside 92506**

Please bring your favorite appetizer & the recipe

RSVP by November 14th to Lee (909)856-6862 or Lee Ann (951)906-6452

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				8:00 am UMW Bazaar Setup —Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room	8:00 am UMW Bazaar Setup —Fellowship Hall	9:00 am Bazaar & Kid Zone —Fellowship Hall / Front Lawn 6:00 pm Agape Couples Group —Adult Lounge
8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 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/All Saints/ Communion w/Remembrance 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults —Youth Center	7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen	6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room		8:00 am Faith in Action —Fellowship Hall
8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 8:45 am Allegro Ringers—Sanctuary 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—YC 10:00 am Worship/Bells 11:00 am UMM Lunch Program—FH 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	12 Veterans' Day Observed Church Campus Closed	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 12:00 pm Almond Wesleyan Circle Potluck —Mary's Kitchen 5:30 pm Finance Committee —Conference Room 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship—AL 7:00 pm SPRC—Conference Room	9:00 am UMW Executive Committee—Mary's Kitchen 5:30 pm Nominations Committee —Conference Room 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room	10:00 am Marjorie Souder Celebration of Life Service —Sanctuary	3:00 pm OFF Group Fellowship —Bayer Home 6:30 pm "Wonder" Community Movie Event—Fellowship Hall
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