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MORE LOVE

While Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) is one of my all-time Christmas favorite movies, during this Christmas, I enjoyed re-watching the Christmas romantic comedy *Love Actually* (2003) on Netflix. This movie could have been considered as one of the best Christmas family movies without its R-rated content. As the opening screen shows, its title *Love Actually* is short for "**Love Actually Is All Around.**" Through the colorful lives of several different families, the movie shows that Christmas, regardless of any differences, connects them all together with love.

People use the word "**love**" at all times in all circumstances and contexts. Even though we try to differentiate all kinds of



"love" with Greek words (mainly, *Agape, Philia,* and *Eros*), I believe God's

steadfast, everlasting, and amazing love encompasses all love in our lives. Because of God's love, we can worship God and dwell in the Words of Christ. Because of God's love, we can love one another in our meaningful family relationships. Because of God's love, we can be strong, courageous, and more loving.



Rob Bell concludes his book, *Love Wins*, with the following phrase: "**Love is what God is / Love is why Jesus came / And love is why he continues to come / Year after year to person after person.**" God has blessed us with another New Year, 2019, and this could be a wonderful new opportunity for us to **love more** in our relationships with God and with one another.

Last month, our **Faith & Fellowship** members joyfully visited our "shut-in" members at their homes cont'd. on Page 2

In Our Prayers

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

For health and support, Carole Arnold, Lynn Ashworth,

Mary Boon, Scott Bunyar, Danielle Casem, Phyllis Chandler, Noriekim Chavez, Cheryl, Tim Clark, Elizabeth Davis, Denetria, Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin, Walt Einhorn, Emerson, Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth, Rhonda Irving, Josh, Barbara Kent, Judy Lamers, Laurel McDonald, Don Nauss, Jessica Oaks, Kay Otto, Ashish Peters, Barbara Pope, Peggy Ramsay, Jason Pritchard, Melissa Qualtieri, Chandra Roberts, Laura Robinson, Madison Salvador, Shukla Sen, Bob Schiffer/Lisa Thomas, Micheline Scoggins, Mark Spangler, Claudia Velazquez, Paul Ward, Sherry Weide, Velma Wellborn, Lynette Williams, Myra Williams, Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes

From Pastor Kim cont'd.

and assisted living facilities with gifts, cheers, and love. They truly represented Christ! That was just one example of sharing God's love with our members and our community. I am so proud of you who always strive to care for one another in many different ways. I express my heartfelt thanks to you all for sharing God's love "**year after year to person after person**" not just during Christmas season but also all year around.

The United Methodist Hymnal #453 "**More Love to Thee, O Christ**" is a perfect hymn for us as we transition from Christmas into the New Year. Even though we have had numerous "New Years" in the past, I hope and pray that, the New Year 2019 will never be the same, if we intentionally and gratefully express **more love** to God and to everyone.

May God strengthen our hearts so that we can show **more love** to God and to our family, friends, neighbors, and everyone around the world! When we do that, I guarantee you that it is going to be an extra wonderful New Year for you!

My wife KwangJin and I warmly wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

With More Love,
Pastor J. T. Kim

Faith & Fellowship Chili Cookoff

Mark your calendar and open your cookbooks to make the best chili!

Faith & Fellowship is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, January 20, 2019, after worship. Please bring some type of chili to share.

Cornbread, chili fixings, brownies, and drinks will be provided. A fun time for all!

Thank You!

Church & Society / Missions thanks everyone for their generous donations of food items collected during the months of November and December. The Salvation Army was very appreciative. Our donated food will help to support food programs providing assistance to those in need here in Riverside; including serving hot meals to the homeless, sack lunches to the family homeless shelter, and monthly food boxes to families in need.



United Methodist Men meet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 13, after worship for a luncheon and program. A great meal prepared by cook David Fraser will be served at a nominal cost of \$6 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. Everyone is welcome!!

Our speaker will be our own Ann Pfeifle. Ann is a distinguished history professor in the RCC System who is consistently rated as top notch by her students and peers. Her talk is titled “Exploring Family—Where Does History Take Us,” and deals with the increased public interest in family history, genealogy, and genetic testing.

Ann has been a member of FUMCOR for several years and has served on the FUMPS Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. This will be an interesting program that you do not want to miss.

A big thanks to Barbara and Regan Pope who told us about the renovation of their historic Riverside home at our last meeting in November.



*Happy
February
Birthdays!*

Nancy Neumann	1
Itsel Updegraff	2
Donna Kidder	3
Margaret Berger	7
Helen Kirkwood	8
Jeff Ashworth	11
Linda Hice	11
Andrew Angel	12
Dan Cork	15
Ron Bayer	16
KwangJin Kim	18
Tina Rajaratnam	18
Charlotte Stevenson	20
Lee Ann Barrett	22
Myles Pfeifle	22
Mary Herrmann	25
Jennifer Walker	26
Michelle Arguelles	28

OFF Group

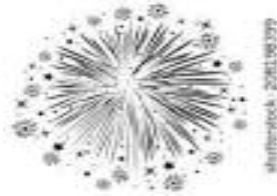
Saturday, January 19th — 5 PM

Bob & Norma Nelson's Home

Co-Hosted by Bill & Lynn Ashworth

5281 Candlewick Court, Riverside

Break In the New Year—2019



Mostly a Standup Affair —
Hearty Appetizers & Desserts
Beverages provided by Hosts

RSVP with what you choose to bring

951-683-3496 or bobnelson01@icloud.com

By Monday January 14

Everyone Welcome!

MISSION MOMENTS

from UMW

Submitted by Peggy Ramsay

Coordinator for Education

The following information is extracted from "The Prayer Calendar - 2009" *Contributed by Diane J. Allen missionary, China*. The work of the church in Henan Province is nothing short of life-giving. The government's almost singular focus on China's industrial boom over the past two decades, which it now recognizes as unbalanced, has left segments of rural populations desperate to supplement their income of less than \$1 per day.

In the 1990's poor farmers, especially in Henan Province, were enticed by unscrupulous 'blood collectors' to sell their blood for plasma. These blood collections extracted plasma with unsterilized needles and re-injected the blood back into donors. The results have been catastrophic with the rate of HIV/AIDS in Henan Province being one of the highest in China. The Henan Christian Council and the Amity Foundation, a social service organization initiated by Christians in China, were two of the first nongovernmental groups to begin working in HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs with Henan Christians, despite severe local prejudice.



"Apples to Apples" Night

On Saturday, January 12, at 6:30 pm, the AGAPE group will be meeting in the Adult Lounge for a game of "Apples to Apples." Please bring a snack (appetizer or dessert) to share with the group.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this group, please contact the church office.

January 2019

No Handcrafters



- 9 Executive Committee
(Mary's Kitchen) 10:00 AM
- 14 Almond / Wesleyan Circle
Potluck, Mary's Kitchen
12:00 Noon
- 16 **Unit Meeting**, (Koinonia)
10:00 AM, Coffee,
Program: **Pledge and
Remembrance Service**
- 19 East District Officers
Training, Redlands First UMC
- 22 Citrus Circle
(Adult Lounge) 7:00 PM,
- 30 Handcrafters Bazaar
Idea Day
(Asbury) 10:00 AM

Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:30 am to 1:30 pm

East District Local Leadership Training

“Creating Connections”
Build Bridges Together

Redlands First UMC
1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373
Registration fee \$15.

Registration deadline is January 14th.
\$20 if postmarked after registration
deadline.

See previous page for Registration form.
For more information contact
Lisa Laird 951-276-4490



Handcrafters Bazaar Idea Day!
January 30, 2019 at 10:00 am
in the Asbury Room

If you have ideas or suggestions for items the Handcrafters can make for the 2019 Bazaar, please bring them along with instructions and, if possible, an already-made item for us to see.

You need not be a Handcrafter or a member of the UMW to take part in Idea Day.

Handcrafters will not meet in January (Idea Day only).



YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.
5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, January 13

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.
5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, January 20

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.
5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, January 27

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.
5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.



Beginning on January 6 and lasting until Ash Wednesday, Christians celebrate Epiphany. It is a time to remember how God is made manifest among us and with us here in every moment of our lives. For those who are suffering in some way – from a debilitating illness, a great loss that brings inconsolable grief, or any major event that turns a life upside down – God may seem far away and hidden from view.

Stephen Ministers are there to help those who are suffering to experience God at work in their lives. Stephen Ministers manifest God in their faithfulness, in their compassionate listening and in their caring. This Epiphany won't you consider becoming a messenger of God's grace and witness to those who are in need? We are spreading the message of Epiphany that God is with us and for us and he is manifest in our lives.

Our team of Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders is actively seeking new Stephen Ministers and always open to taking referrals from FUMCOR members of those who need care. To learn more about Stephen Ministry visit stephenministries.org. To find out how you can become a Stephen Minister at FUMCOR, contact Stephen Leader David Fraser by email (frasoo@msn.com) or phone (951-205-6504).

EAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Local Leadership Training

"Creating Connections – Build Bridges Together"



Guest Speaker

Rev. Krista Givens

Pastor of Walnut UMC

Saturday, January 19, 2019

8:30 am – 1:30 pm (8:30-9:00 am)

REDLANDS FIRST UMC

1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373

Registration fee: \$15 Registration deadline: January 14, 2019
 (\$20 if postmarked after registration deadline)
 Make checks payable to: East District UMW
 Send to Registrar: Liz Roark, 695 Sequoia St., San Bernardino, CA 92407
 Questions call: 909-227-6919, e-mail: lizumc94@gmail.com

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Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Local Church Name _____ Position _____

Class Attending _____

Childcare needed? Y___ N___

Parents are responsible for bringing sack lunch for each child. YES___ How many children? _____

Accessibility: Do you need assistance? Parking___ Stairs___ Other_____

Dietary needs: YES___ Type _____

Gluten-free? _____



“Our Town” at Poly High School

Please mark your calendars to see our **Ian George** in the following performances of “Our Town” at Poly High School:

Thursday, January 10, 7:00 pm
Friday, January 11 at 3:30 pm
Friday January 11 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm
Saturday, January 12 at 7:00 pm

Ian will be in all performances.



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JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		New Years Day Church Campus Closed 1	6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 2	9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 3	4	1:00 pm Jerry Eagan Celebration of Life—Sanctuary 5
8:45 am Adult Sunday School —AL 8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—MK 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:15 am Church & Society / Missions —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth / Young Adults —Youth Center 6	7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge 7	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 4:00 pm The Habit Fundraiser —Off Campus 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Faith & Fellowship —Adult Lounge 7:00 pm SPRC—Conference Room 8	10:00 am UMW Executive Committee —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room 9	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room / Sanctuary 10	11	6:00 pm Agape Couples Group —Adult Lounge 12
8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—MK 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am UMM Lunch Program—FH 5:00 pm Youth / Young Adults —Youth Center 13	12:00 pm Almond Wesleyan Circle Potluck —Mary's Kitchen 14	9:00 am Staff Meeting —Conference Room 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 15	10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting —Koinonia 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room 16	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 17	18	5:00 pm OFF Group Fellowship —Nelson Home 19
8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 8:45 am Beginning Bells—MK 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes—YC 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Music Committee—MK 11:15 am Faith & Fellowship Chili Cookoff—Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults —Youth Center 20	Martin Luther King Birthday Campus Closed 21 6:45 pm Christian Education —Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 5:30 pm Finance Committee —Conference Room 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Circle —Adult Lounge 22	7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room 23	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 24	25	Hunger Ministry 26
8:45 am Beginning Bell —Mary's Kitchen 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 11:15 am Evangelism / Welcoming—AL 27	7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge 28	9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bells—Mary's Kitchen 29	10:00 am Handcrafters' Idea Day Asbury 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room 30	7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale —Music Room 31		