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THE MESSENGER

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Hello Church Family!

My name is John Zeeb, and as most of you know, I am the co-chair of the Stewardship Committee, along with my wife Katrina Zeeb. If you have been attending church regularly, and I know that you probably have been, you have certainly noticed that our theme this year is "Put God First," a reference to an offering of faith provided in the Bible, which demonstrates our commitment to the Lord in the form of tithing. As it says in Proverbs 3: 9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

As a Christian, sometimes it is difficult to figure out exactly how to determine how we will tithe. For the campaign this year, we would like members of the congregation to share their personal techniques of how they tithe. Do not worry, we are not talking actual numbers here, but rather the strategies or methods you personally use to figure out how to tithe. In other words, we are asking the congrega-



gation, how do you figure out how to tithe? For example, have you set up a special account where your titling comes from each week? Do you take 10% off the top of your paycheck from the beginning and give that to the church? Do you volunteer your free time as an appropriate substitute for titling? We are interested in the various ways that people provide gifts to the church. We do not want your name attached to the strategy you give and want it to be completely anonymous. In the Messenger this month, you will see a cut-out form that you can fill out and bring to church. We will be collecting these forms in the offering plates in the coming weeks

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and will also set up a collection box in the narthex in the near future. If you are more technologically savvy, you can respond with your titling method to the following e-mail: stewardshipfumcor@gmail.com. As mentioned before, to protect confidentiality, we want to encourage people to use the cut-out form and to not write their names on it. These responses will be shared with the congregation at a later date during service in October.

We really appreciate your gifts to the church and look forward to hearing all of the different ways you tithe.

Sincerely,

John Zeeb, Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee

There are many creative ways that people tithe. Please share the method you use to tithe. We would love to hear how you go about figuring this out.

Please bring this completed form with you to church. You can place it in the collection box in the narthex or the offering plate. Thank you for sharing.

Stewardship



"PUT GOD FIRST"



JOIN THE HABIT BURGER GRILL IN SUPPORT OF
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Every, 2nd Tuesday of each Month, 4pm-9pm

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MAKE IT A HABIT



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING IN OCTOBER

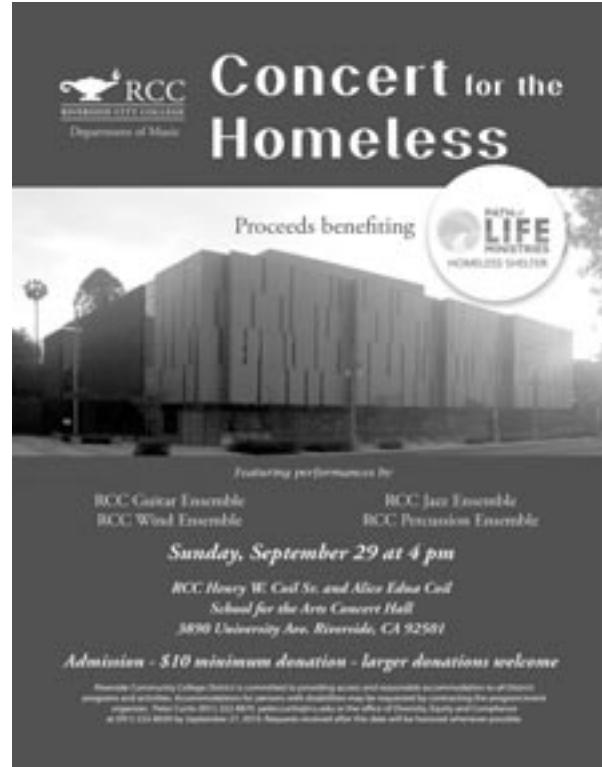
Since a lot has occurred in our church since we last had a new directory, you now have a chance to make a new photo directory happen so you can recycle that old one with all its cross outs and scribbling in of changes. You will have an opportunity to have your pictures taken for the new directory from Tuesday, October 22 through Saturday, October 26.

Every family group who sits for a photograph will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait as well as a copy of the new directory. Of course, you will need to schedule an appointment. There are two ways to do this. The first way is to make it online. Lyn and I have already tried that system to make our appointments and it is very easy to do. The second way is to make your appointment at the sign up tables after church in September.

Please feel free to invite your grown children to come back to church to sit for a multigenerational photo. They could also sit for their own photo and they will also receive the free 8" x 10" and they can choose not to have their picture included in the church directory.

We are excited that this new directory is happening. Let's get everyone's picture and information in it!

-Lyn Knowles and Loretta Cudney



Save the Date!
Our annual
**'HALLOWEEN
HOP'** is fast
approaching.
On Sunday,
October 27, from
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

all ages are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall for games, food, a DJ and fun! Come in your favorite costume.



The United Methodist Men will start their Fall season with a wonderful luncheon and program after church on Sunday, September 8.

The program will be about our recent church assistance with **The UMCOR Depot** in Salt Lake City, Utah, and will be presented by Lyn Knowles and Kris Lovekin. A group of dedicated FUMCOR members went to Salt Lake City in mid-July for a week responding to requests by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to assist with organizing warehouse storage and other preparation work to help stay ahead of the next disaster in our region.

This Depot serves the entire West Coast of our country and has no doubt had massive supply and assistance requirements due to fires, floods and earthquakes in California alone.

The project leaders will summarize the work they did at the Depot and help educate all of us on how UMCOR works.



*Happy October
Birthdays!*

Gary Bruggeman	1
Mary Lou Kerrick.....	1
Lillian Popko	1
Shirley Parks	2
Micheline Scoggins.....	2
Melva Cooke.....	3
Norma Nelson.....	3
Kim Earhart.....	4
Matt Gorder	8
John McDonald	8
Steve Walker	9
Bev DeFrance	11
Barbara Spencer	11
Jules Ream	13
Jonathon Williams	18
Susan Straight.....	19
Sue Tomlinson	21
Doris Washburn.....	21
Jim Conlin	23
Sabrina Gilbert	24
Allysen Angel.....	26

Budget DEADLINE

Committee Chairs: Budget Estimates are Due September 6

Please be thinking about your budget needs for 2020. Turn your estimate in to Becky Ruiz, Office Manager, by phone, e-mail, or stop by the office no later than September 6. The figures need to be prepared for Finance Committee review this month. Thank you.



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 5, 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



YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 29

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

Special Speaker

UMW is happy to invite you to attend our September 18 Unit meeting which will be held at 6:30 pm, in the evening in the Adult Lounge. Our speaker will be **Liz Roark**, a reserve delegate from our conference, California Pacific, to the General Conference in St. Louis. She was there, and did vote on the final day of the conference. Liz will also be a delegate to the 2020 Western Jurisdictional meeting.

Our church delegates to Annual Conference have done a wonderful job of keeping us informed of what they learned about the General Conference. Liz plans to share her perspective of what happened at the conference, actions that are being taken, as well as the structure of our church (Jurisdictional, conference).

Snacks will be provided, so feel free to come straight from work and know you won't go hungry. If you don't work, and you have the time to create a snack to share, please know that it will be enjoyed.

Appetizer Potluck

Faith & Fellowship will host an appetizer potluck luncheon on Sunday, September 15, at 11:00 am after Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your favorite appetizer and Faith & Fellowship will provide drinks.

Our unit is making hygiene kits that will go to Calexico House to be distributed to immigrants at the border. We have purchased the kit supplies and will be making kits beginning at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help assemble the kits, please come early and help us. If you would like to donate items for the refugees, in addition to the kits, the following items have been requested: Flip Flops to wear in the shower, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, and toothpaste. Each finished hygiene kit will hold a towel, washcloth, toothbrush, nail clipper, comb, soap, and bandages, so those donations are not necessary. Bring any donations with you to the meeting. The donations will receive a blessing at the East District UMW celebration on September 21 in Palm Springs, and then all the donations will be on their way to Calexico. We hope you'll join us.



FAITH IN ACTION

Ways to help support our community through our Faith In Action program and our partnership with Wesley UMC HOPE Room:

Thanks to everyone who has donated clothing, hygiene items, books, Bibles and toys! We are gearing up for Christmas so here is how you can help!

- * Collect clothes: Sort by size, bundle & label in a white plastic trash bag.
- * Help sort & fold clothes.
- * Collect used toys: Clean, sort & box up for Christmas.
- * Collect slightly used items: Christmas, household items, small appliances, knick-knacks, etc.
- * New apartment support: Dishes, pots & pans, bedding, towels, lamps, dressers, etc.

HOPE Room High Demand Needs:

Backpacks, jackets, hoodies, jeans (especially mens), blankets, tennis shoes, socks, hats, belts, boxer & boxer briefs, women's undergarments, bus passes, toiletries, large bottles of shampoo, conditioner & body wash, razors, chap stick, band aids & \$10.00 gift cards for youth at Christmas.

Homeless and Children's Gifts.

All items are accepted all year!

January: Gloves, hats, scarves

- February: Socks, men's & women's underwear
- March: Soccer, football & basketballs
- April: Books for children & teens.
- Used books for the homeless
- May: Dolls, Barbies, cars & trucks
- June: New teenage gifts, purses, curling/flat iron, nail polish, \$10.00 gift cards, wallets & men's cologne
- July: Craft kits (jewelry, painting, bracelets, puzzles, etc.) & art supplies.
- August: Backpacks for homeless/children
- September: Remote control cars & play strollers.
- October: \$10.00 Gift cards for teenagers (Walmart, Target, music, etc.) & movie tickets.
- November: Pick a family to buy requested gifts (See Betty Jones (951)515-7955).
- December: Buy a requested gift (See Lee Ann Salmon (951)906-6452).

Outreach Groups Supported through the HOPE Room: Friends on the street, families in our community, Path of Life, Veterans, Aspiranet, Arlington Temporary Assistance & Healing Hearts Ministry.



SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Handcrafters (Asbury)

9:30 AM

September 4, 25

- 2 Labor Day
- 9 Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck (Mary's Kitchen) 12:00 Noon
- 11 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 10:00 AM,
- Nomination of Officers**
- Candle of Commitment**
- Special Mission Recognition Choices**
- 18 UMW Meeting, (Adult Lounge) 5:30 PM, Service Project
- 6:30 PM, Program: **Liz Roark**
- 21 East District Annual Celebration, Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge)
- 24 7:00 PM,
Leaders: Regan and Barbara Pope

EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION

East District Annual Celebration 2019 is to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at Palm Springs UMC. For more information contact Lisa Laird at 951-276-4490.

THE BAZAAR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Handcrafters will meet twice in September, the 4th and 25th at 9:30 am in the Asbury Room.

If you are making crafts at home, please bring them to the church office or to Handcrafters ASAP so they can be cataloged and priced.

Mission Moments from UMW

Submitted by Peggy Ramsay
Coordinator for Education

Contributed by Pat Harvey, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Greenwood, Miss.

"The practices of sustainable living are making Christ known, through respect for plants and people. The work of farming and building gardens connects with people on a different level. As they treated the earth with dignity and respect, naturally, children, youth and adults treated each other with dignity and respect. The food we grew, sold and shared helped alleviate some suffering, possibly hunger, but more than that it grew community and relationships."

SEPTEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Communion/ Rev. Roy Riggs Preaching Church & Society/Missions —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH CAMPUS CLOSED	2 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	3 9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen	4 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	5	6
		Pastor Kim on Vacation (August 28 - September 7)				
8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Communion UMM Lunch Program —Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	8 12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Circle —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	9 4:00 pm “The Habit” Fundraiser —Off Campus 7:00 pm SPRC—Conference Room	10 10:00 am UMW Executive Committee—Koinonia	11 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	12	13
		Pastor Kim attends Bishop's Convocation (September 10 - September 12)				
8:45 am Adult Sunday School —AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 10:00 am Worship/Family Service/ The Response 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio 11:15 am Appetizer Potluck —Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	15 5:30 pm Finance Committee —Conference Room	16 9:00 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room 10:00 am Bible Study Resumes —Mary's Kitchen	17 6:30 pm UMW Meeting —Adult Lounge 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study Resumes —Conference Room	18 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	19	20 6:00 pm Agape Young Adult Fellowship—Adult Lounge
8:45 am Adult Sunday School-AL 8:45 am Beginning Bells —Mary's Kitchen 9:15 am Youth Sunday School-YC 9:30 am Children's Chimes —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Worship/New Members Welcome 11:00 am Evangelism/Welcoming —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults-YC	22 7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	23 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Circle —Adult Lounge	24 9:30 am Handcrafters —Asbury 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study -Conference Room	25 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	26	27 Hunger Ministry
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