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# THE MESSENGER

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*Gerry Marr passed away on January 19, 2020.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

### In Our Prayers

*In convalescent care, DeDe Earhart,  
Kirk Ferguson, Rev. Bob Mayou, Barbara Kent,  
John Logger, Bill McInRoe*

*For health and support, Lynn Ashworth, Cesario Bandong, Mary Boon,  
Peter Brabant Sr., Virginia Brawner, Eugene Brown, Danielle Casem,  
Phyllis Chandler, Mike Chernik, Tim Clark, Davis Family,  
Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin, Kimberly Goforth, Bill Kerrick, Donna Kidder,  
Bob Kraft, Judy Lamers, Don Nauss, Norma Nelson, Amanda Nuchols, Kay Otto,  
Barbara Pope, Jason Pritchard, Nathaniel Pritchard, Chandra Roberts, Shukla Sen,  
Bob Schiffer/Lisa Thomas, Barbara Singh, Paul Slagle, Connie Taylor, Sharren Thompson,  
Claudia Velazquez, Velma Wellborn, Lynette Williams, Myra Williams*



Rev. J. T. Kim  
Senior Pastor

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

Happy New Year 2020! And Happy “Lunar” New Year, too! Last Saturday, January 25, was Lunar New Year’s Day this year when over a billion people in Asia, especially in China and Korea, and millions of people around the world, including the U.S.A., joyfully celebrated.

According to the Asian Zodiac of a 12-year cycle, we have now officially entered a “Year of the Rat”! Being a Korean American, who was born in 1960, I am a “rat,” for I will be 60 years old(!) in November this year! (If you were born in 1936, 1948, 1972, 1984, or 1996... you are a “rat,” too) Moreover, 2020 is a very significant year for me and my wife KwangJin as we celebrate the 35 years of our marriage! We give thanks to God for all these blessings!

I truly wish you all a more blessed and joyous New Year! This year, 2020, seems to be an extra challenging and anxious year for all of the United Methodist family because of the uncertain future, especially with the upcoming General Conference’s decisions, including the proposal called “Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation,” in May. It is indeed a critical time for us to be in our fervent prayer mode for God’s wisdom and guidance for our Church.

However, as I have preached on the pulpit already, let us take heart, be strong, and be courageous! Even though we will go through some unexpected transitions and uncomfortable changes in these uncertain times, let us focus on what we are called to be and to do as faithful Disciples of Christ Jesus – “making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” by loving God and people and by welcoming everyone – rather than being distracted by anything else.



from Pastor Kim *cont'd.*

By the way, we've got the new 2020 Church Photo Directory! I express my gratitude not only to the amazing Directory Team of volunteers but also to the wonderful whole congregation for participating in this special project of being the Body of Christ together! I hope and pray that this directory would be used as one of the wonderful sources for our thoughts, prayers, love, grace, strength, comfort, connection, encouragement, and joy in many inspiring and loving ways!

Love and Blessings,

*Pastor J. T. Kim*

### 2020 Pledge Reminder

To date, we have received only 67 pledges, which is low compared to the 80 pledges received for 2019. If you are still thinking of making a pledge for 2020, please do so at this time; it helps the Church Office Staff to know the amount of expected consistent income when estimating available cash flow for expenses. Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office; please complete one and return it in the Offering Plate or to the Church Office.

We serve a generous God; therefore, we should be generous, too. Giving is not something FUMCOR wants from you, but what God wants from you. Thank you! — *Mary L. Herrmann, Chairperson, for the Finance Committee*

### Soap, Shampoo, and Other Items Needed

As you travel, please save and donate the small sample sizes of toiletries such as shampoo, soap, and toothpaste that are provided for your use by the hotel. We are donating these items to victims of domestic violence as well as to persons receiving help at Wesley UMC. We would like to also provide them to the homeless who receive meals through our hunger ministry.

That's a lot of shampoo. We can use travel size, regular size or the small sample sizes provided by the hotels. We will sort them so the correct sizes go to the people that would appreciate that size. We could also use toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, body wash, and any other hygiene item you think would be appropriate (wipes, feminine hygiene products, mouthwash).

Please bring your donations to church and drop them into the box in the narthex. Thank you



#### The Zeeb Family

##### John:

- Has been working as a psychology professor for about 15 years.
- Enjoys scuba diving and snorkeling.
- I once represented the United States at an international youth musicale in Japan.

##### Katrina:

- Has been a teacher for 24 years at Victoria Elementary.
- Grew up here at FUMCOR and am the 5th generation to attend this church.
- Graduated from California State, Long Beach University

##### Julia:

- Loves to do ballet, jazz dance and musical theater.
- Participates on a swim team.
- Wants to be a vet someday that writes books about animals

##### Lillian:

- Enjoys ballet, musical theater and swimming.
- Wants to be a veterinarian at the San Diego Zoo someday.
- Plays the violin and piano.



#### The Labrador Family

##### Brandon:

- Brandon is 36, and works as a landscape designer. He is currently going to school to get his contractors license. He enjoys hiking with his family. He likes to bbq with friends and family.

##### Rachel:

- Rachel is 37, and teaches English and grammar to students in China. She loves to cook, and enjoys trying new things.

##### Abigail:

- Abigail is 9, and loves science. She is studying Spanish in school. She is on a cheerleading squad, and loves to perform. Abigail's favorite thing to do in her free time is read.

The Labrador family became members two years ago. Their favorite place to be is at the beach. They are happy to have found a church that feels like home.



**Happy March Birthdays!**

Bob Bahnsen.....	2
Romeo Lardizabal.....	5
Bill Ashworth .....	8
Pat Williams .....	8
Do Won Lee .....	10
Amit Roberts .....	11
Samir Roberts .....	11
Myra Williams .....	11
Annabella Angel .....	13
Dorie Grimes .....	16
Yvonne Peters.....	19
Alice Wymer.....	19
Cindy Marr.....	20
Ronald Purkey .....	21
Claire Gorder.....	22
Mary Boon.....	23
Carmen Lonsbery .....	23
Chris Tupou.....	23
Carrie Renteria .....	25
Jeff Sluder .....	25
Dani Johnson-Cork .....	27
Connie Smith .....	29
Peggy Stepe.....	29
Patty Binford .....	31

**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT... INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY?**

Each March 8 is a day to celebrate the contributions of women. Here are some facts:

- The two highest IQ scores in recorded history belong to women.
- A 1770 bill proposed in the British Parliament suggested that any woman wearing makeup should be punished for witchcraft.
- Mary Anderson invented the windshield wiper in 1903. Women have patented non-reflective glass, disposable diapers, White Out, and industrial lathes, among many other innovations.
- The earliest known female physician lived in ancient Egypt around 2700 B.C.
- Virne Mitchell, the first professional female baseball player, struck out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.
- In Japan, around A.D. 1000, a woman published the world's first novel, The Tale of Genji.
- During WWII, a female African American performer transported hidden messages to French soldiers through sheet music covered in invisible ink.
- Two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World were built by women: the Hanging Gardens of Babylon were planted by the Assyrian Queen Semiramis; and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus was built by Artemisia, queen of Caria.

-- By Kathleen Phillips



**Barbara Jo Wilson is Retiring!**

Our amazing Director of Children's and Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson, is retiring effective February 15, 2020. The congregation, Pastor Kim, and the staff cannot thank her enough for everything she has done for our church in many wonderful ways! (Barbara Jo has requested no special retirement recognition.)

Being one of the members of the church, she will continue to serve God as one of the volunteers. May God's continued blessings and guidance be upon Barbara Jo!

**Pizza with a purpose**



Bring in this flyer, present it to your server and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages.



Fundraiser in Support of:  
**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**  
 January 16, 2020, February 20, 2020,  
 March 19, 2020, April 16, 2020,  
 May 21, 2020, June 18, 2020,  
 July 16, 2020, August 20, 2020, September 17, 2020,  
 October 15, 2020, November 19, 2020 & December 17, 2020  
 (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)  
 (11AM-10PM)

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 951-680-9362

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**FUMCOR YOUTH**

Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Youth Center.

Youth and Young Adults meet at 5:00 pm every Sunday in the Youth Center.



**February 2020**      No Handcrafters

- 9 Valentine Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) following Worship
- 10 Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck (Mary's Kitchen) 12:00 Noon
- 12 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 10:00 AM
- 17 Presidents' Day
- 19 **UMW Meeting** (Koinonia) 10:00 AM  
Program: **150 Years in Mission**  
Leader: Paulette Bruggeman
- 22 UMW Cal-Pac Conference Mid-Winter Event 9:00 AM to 2:30pm
- 25 Citrus Circle (Lynn Ashworth's Home) 7:00 PM  
Leader: Marcia Bales
- 26 Ash Wednesday

**UMW Valentines Day Bake Sale  
February 9, 2020**

**After Worship in Fellowship Hall**

If you are donating baked goods, please bring them to Fellowship Hall before Church. A few helpful hints: 6 cookies per bag or wrapped plate. Cakes or Pies: One slice on a wrapped plate. Cupcakes do not sell very well.



**UMW Meeting**

February 19, 2020, at 10:00 am in the Koinonia Room is our next UMW meeting. The program is "150 Years in Mission." Speaker is Paulette Bruggeman. There will be a short business meeting and refreshments. All ladies are very welcome to come join us.

**Almond-Wesleyan Circle Potluck  
February 10, 2020 at 12 noon in  
Mary's Kitchen**

Please come join us for good food and friendly fellowship.

**Coming in April, so mark your Calendar:**

**April 25, 2020—8:30am to 2:00pm at  
FUMCOR**

**East District Social Action Event**

Our Lyn Knowles is the program coordinator for this event. All ladies are welcome to attend. There will be more information coming.



JOIN THE HABIT BURGER GRILL IN SUPPORT OF  
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**UMM Luncheon February 9  
Features Derek Updegraff**

The United Methodist Men are getting ready for the next luncheon and program after worship on **Sunday, February 9 in Fellowship Hall**. Our own Dr. Derek Updegraff will be sharing his experiences as a professor of English at Azusa Pacific University. He will be sharing his thoughts on teaching creative writing to beginning writers, his own background in literature, linguistics, and creative writing, and some of his own short fiction and poetry. What better way to help get to know another FUMCOR member and his family.

With lunch being prepared by our own UMM head cook David Fraser, you won't want to miss out. Lunch is \$6.00 (\$15 for the whole family). We want to thank Riverside Fire Department Chaplain Allen Meyer, for our program last month informing us on the duties and issues faced by their volunteer Chaplains and families dealing with disaster traumas.

**MISSION MOMENTS**  
from UMW  
Submitted by Peggy Ramsay  
Coordinator for Education

*Contributed by Catherine Mudime Akale,  
United Methodist Women Regional Missionary,  
Africa*

Sunflowers turn according to the position of the sun; they "chase the light." On cloudy, rainy days, they turn towards each other to share their energy. When I am overwhelmed, low-spirited, or helpless at meeting the most vulnerable of my society, I remember that lesson, and turn to the Light, Jesus Christ, for energy renewal.

### Helping Hands

Do you have a small handyman-type project you would like to have done but can't do it yourself or don't know who to call? Consider using "Helping Hands," a ministry that is a part of the Church & Society/Missions committee. The work is done on a donation basis, and funds are used for mission work as directed by the committee. A win-win! For more information contact Greg Laird (951) 237-9567.

### Your Boy Scout Troop 270 Needs Your Help!

We are looking for men to volunteer their time to mentor our boys. Many of our scouts come from single parent families and we lack male adult leaders.

This is your chance to have a positive impact and make a difference in a young boy's life. You don't have to go any further than our church parking lot.

How you can make an impact on a scout's life: Help at Monday night meetings @ Scout House 7pm or come out and explore the great outdoors with us. We need adults to go camping, hiking, boating, etc. The activities are unlimited, but we need your help. Women are always welcome!!

This is a chance for community outreach and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ through Servant Leadership. By coming together and supporting Troop 270, our church gets a chance to meet and form personal relationships with families in our community. What better way to grow FUMCOR?

If you are interested contact: Dorie Grimes at [info@scouttroop270.com](mailto:info@scouttroop270.com) or email me directly at [doriegrimes@gmail.com](mailto:doriegrimes@gmail.com)

### FUMCOR Caring Ministry Is Convening

David Fraser, FUMCOR's Stephen Ministry Leader, will be heading up an initiative to coordinate outreach and support to church members and regular visitors to our church. The idea is to assist Pastor Kim in caring for members and guests who are ill, homebound, recovering in the hospital, in a rehabilitation facility or skilled nursing home. We want to follow-up with new guests to our church to let them know we appreciated their attendance and look forward to their return.

Members of the caring ministry team will visit, telephone, email or text people who need help in some way. Caring Ministry members will provide occasional, temporary assistance through reaching out, praying with others, sending cards or notes, and mainly checking in on people so they don't feel so alone in their suffering or time of need. We want to show that we are a congregation that cares for one another. In part, that means reaching out to those we know are hurting in some way. Also, we want to check in with those we haven't seen in church for a while to let them know we are concerned and miss them. We want to be sure that no one ever feels that their presence isn't missed.

We have many people in the church and in our various church groups like United Methodist Women, Knitting Circle, and others who are already reaching out to members of our congregation and beyond. There are members who are sending cards to the bereaved and those who are sick. Many respond to email blasts to keep ill members of our congregation

in our prayers and send get well cards. Caring Ministry will coordinate these efforts, improve communication between the groups and individuals who are doing this work. We will aim to meet the needs for caring for others where there is not much help available.

Stephen Ministry will continue to provide more in-depth support for people who are grieving, recovering from illness, or hurting in some way. Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers who visit with their assigned care receiver for at least an hour each week. Stephen Ministers receive monthly supervision and have continuing education on a regular basis to hone their skills.

The Caring Ministry Team will receive some training, support and spiritual guidance through participation in small groups. We want Caring Ministry Team members to feel supported in their work, cared for and appreciated. Members of the caring ministry team choose the level of involvement they want to have. We have many tasks that need to be done – writing get-well or sympathy cards, making telephone calls, visiting shut-ins or those in the hospital. Tell us how you can help, and we'll work something out to enable you to help out in the best way possible for you.

If you are interested in participating on the Caring Ministry Team, please contact David Fraser. He is available most Sundays after church, by email ([stephenministry@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:stephenministry@firstchurchriverside.org)) or text/phone 951-205-6504. Keep reading The Messenger for more information and updates about FUMCOR's Caring Ministry.

# February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 8:45 am Beginning Bells —Mary's Kitchen 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir —Youth Center 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:15 am Church & Society—Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults —Youth Center	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Trustees—Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Worship Committee —Adult Lounge	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Mary's Kitchen	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School —Adult Lounge 8:45 am Beginning Bells —Mary's Kitchen 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir— Youth Center 10:00 am Worship/Scout Sunday 11:00 am UMM Lunch Program—FH 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck—Mary's Kitchen	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 4:00 pm "The Habit" Fundraiser —Off Campus 7:00 pm SPRC—Conference Room 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Sanctuary	<b>12</b> 10:00 am UMW Executive Committee —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary		<b>14</b> Camp Wrightwood Winter Camp <b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Camp Wrightwood Winter Camp 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 8:45 am Beginning Bells —Sanctuary 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir —Youth Center 10:00 am Family Sundry Worship/Allegro Ringers/The Response 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	<b>17</b> Presidents' Day Church Campus Closed Camp Wrightwood Winter Camp 	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting —Conference Room 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Sanctuary	<b>19</b> 10:00 am UMW Meeting —Koinonia 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study —Conference Room	<b>20</b> 11:00 am CPK Fundraiser —Off Campus 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	<b>21</b> Hunger Ministry	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 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 Chime Choir —Youth Center 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Evangelism/Welcoming —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Church Council —Adult Lounge	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Messenger Volunteers —Mary's Kitchen 10:00 am Bible Study —Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Allegro Ringers —Sanctuary 7:00 pm UMW Citrus Circle —Lynn Ashworth's Home	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service —Sanctuary	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal—Music Room 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 