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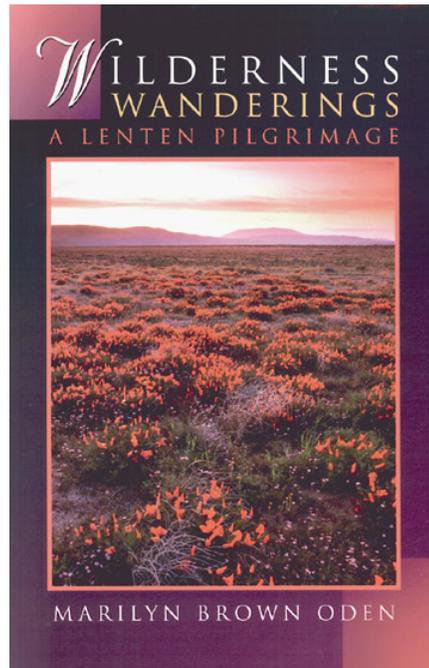
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FEBRUARY 2012

Lenten Small Groups

By Mary McCollum



The Education Committee looks forward to a new year and all it offers. We hope you will come along with us on a spiritual journey during the season of Lent (those 6 weeks between February 26th through April 7th.) We invite ALL in our church to read a chapter a week in a little book called *Wilderness Wanderings: A Lenten Pilgrimage*. Small groups are forming to offer the opportunity to join together and discuss the suggested questions of faith each chapter presents. Our pastor will include insights each week in his pastoral message on Sunday mornings.

If you want to journey alone, that's alright too, but everyone needs

to sign up in the narthex as soon as possible so that books for each household can be ordered. Being in a small group, meeting in homes scattered geographically across our membership and meeting at different times and days gives one the opportunity to find what fits each person's schedule. This should offer us a real, concrete way of growing in our faith.

John Wesley, our founder, believed in small group interaction as a way to grow in faith, and here we will begin a pilgrimage together to do just that. So think of the season of Lent as a growing time, not as a time of denial. Add this one dimension for a short course in finding our way forward - together.

Our Lenten Study books will be available after worship (in the narthex) the first 2 Sundays in February. Your name will be on your book. Small groups will begin on February 19th! See page 13 for a list of the dates, times and locations of our small groups.

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FROM THE PASTOR

“Design Your Month with God” By Pastor Jeong Park



It is February already! From the perspective of seasonal changes, February is preparation for the spring season, slowly coming out of winter. Last week, my family went to a furniture store in a shopping mall. They had already decorated their store for Spring. When we saw many couches in bright green tones, the spirit of the spring table settings and the other interior design items, we felt that spring already had come to us in this store. What if you could design your own life for this month with a special theme? How would you want to fill up this month?

Last year in December and this year in January, we have journeyed to follow the star, and we adored the baby Jesus in the manger. We celebrated Jesus Christ’s arrival to our spiritual lives as our Messiah and Savior. What’s our next journey, then? Let me ask you this way: For your spiritual journey, how do you want to design this month of February for your spiritual growth?

I would like to invite you to ‘journey to the wilderness’ with Jesus this month. Make a special reservation for joining our special small group gatherings for Lenten studies this month. Design your month with a moment of spiritual pause, wandering, solitude, and self-examination in your own personal time, and take an opportunity to establish your own personal relationship with God through an encounter between you and God. Our church will offer special programs for you. Small group gatherings will begin at the week of February 19th. Each group will come together for six sessions during the season of Lent. Forty - five people already have signed up for this special journey. There are two purposes for small group ministry: building relationships within a small group and deepening your own spiritual relationship with God. Ash Wednesday will be on February 22nd; Ash Wednesday is a special day for confessing our sins to God. And Lent will begin on February 29th where we will journey for forty days towards the day of Easter.

I pray that God will refresh us with his Spirit and lead us to a personal encounter with God. Hopefully, we can find a moment of grace and the love of God during this journey. May the Spirit of God be with you all!

“Design your month with a moment of spiritual pause, wandering, solitude, and self-examination in your own personal time, and take an opportunity to establish your own personal relationship with God.”

Pastor Jeong



Thanks

Thanks to the **Endowment Committee and the Pinochle Group** for moving their February events to accommodate the Korean Church's revival.

Thanks to **Terri Himes** for working on the annual church key inventory with Bria.

Thanks to **Diane Sommers** for continuing to volunteer her time and skills in the church office each week.

Thanks to **Nancy Klanjac** for singing with our kids each week and folding

bulletins for our weekly services.

Thanks to our **Rummage Sale team** for organizing our upcoming sale.

Thanks to **Mary McCollum** for all her work on the Lenten small group study. Thanks to **Roy Anderson, Mary McCollum, Len & Nancy Edwards** and everyone else who made **Michael Schwagerus's anniversary party** so memorable.



Prayer Requests

We pray for the **Tuileila family** as they grieve the loss of **Lanton Tuileila**. We pray for **Lola Morphis and her family** as they spend time with Lola's daughter-in-law, Nancy Morphis, who is in hospice care.

We hold **Dr. Jamie Ross** in our prayers as she heals from a knee injury. **Ruby Wicker** would like prayers for her friend Pauline who is fighting cancer.

Joann and Dick Cossairt are in our hearts and prayers as they mourn the loss of their close friend, Stan, who passed away recently. We continue to

hold **Jackie Moran and her family** in our hearts and prayers.

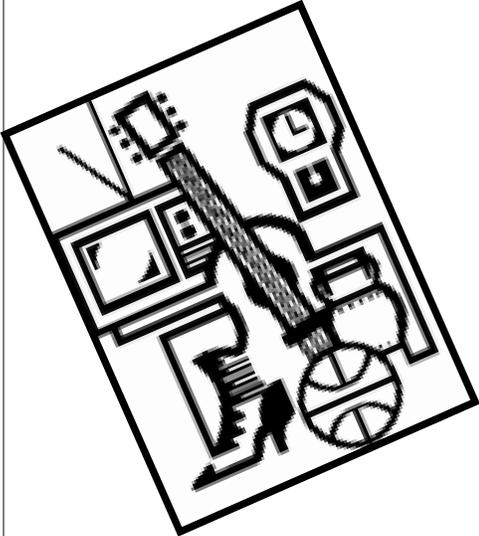
We pray for **Bill Randolph** who is serving in the military in Afghanistan. Keep Amy and Laura in your prayers as well.

Do you have prayer requests? Call or email Nancy Klanjac (nanklan1@aol.com; 967-5427), so the members of our prayer chain can pray for you, or call or email the church office (961- 6631) to have your requests printed in the Acorn.





Church Rummage Sale February 3rd & 4th, 2012



We need your stuff, your energy and your strength!! This is one of our largest and most fun fundraisers of the year, and we will need all of your hands to help us organize, price, sell and clean up the goods during the week of January 30th. Please see the sign up sheets after worship on Sundays or call Ben Couch at 916-989-4652 to schedule your shifts.

Thank you!

Date Changed – Endowment Chili Dinner & Cake Auction

**New Date: Saturday, Feb 25th, 2012
5:30pm**

Get out your favorite cake recipe and come hear how your Endowment Fund is progressing. **Our annual Chili Dinner & Cake Auction Endowment Fundraiser will now be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 5:30pm. Please buy your tickets after worship on Sundays: \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids.**

For more information, contact: Tom Wold, Ben Couch, Ellen Frosch, Mike Myatt or Bill Floyd.





Letter from Staff Parish Relations Committee

By Gretchen Hatfield

If over the weekend you need assistance from Bria, our Administrative Assistant, please email or call the church office and leave her a message. She will return your messages as soon as she can the following week.

If we need help with something before and after worship, we all have a tendency to grab anyone who is available on Sunday morning. Please consider that all people in church on Sundays are there to worship. They may be greeting people, serving as the liturgist or as an usher, but they are ultimately there to worship.

We need to develop a system for people to access rooms on Sundays or to assist people who need help immediately without having to chase down someone while they are in the middle of doing three other things. *If you have any suggestions, please tell someone on Staff Parish. We need to be considerate of others on Sundays but also acknowledge that assistance is often needed for Sunday mornings.*

Thank you for your consideration.

REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY
BY KEEPING IT HOLY.
EXODUS 20:8

Sunrise Christian Food Ministries

By Sheri Johnson

Our church congregation has helped support this local food closet with food donations. As our church coordinator for this food closet, I want to thank all of you and give you an update on how this invaluable food source is doing. During 2011 it served 6,033 more people and 2,133 more families than in 2010. In December alone, it served 715 people and 268 more families than in December 2010. God has been extremely good in fulfilling these needs.

Our donations can be left in the Narthex in the area marked for this purpose. I pick up the donations every Sunday and deliver them to the food closet the following Monday or Tuesday.

Protein foods, such as tuna, peanut butter, etc., are particularly scarce. In addition to non-perishables such as boxed or canned foods, fresh produce and fruits are accepted.

Egg cartons, the 1 dozen size, paper and plastic grocery bags are also welcomed and needed.

I am happy to answer any questions. You can contact me at (916) 635-1765 or email sj4068@live.com.

On behalf of the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, thank you.

Sheri Johnson, Coordinator





Begin the Lenten Season with FOUMC



Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 22nd at 6:30pm

We mark the beginning of the season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday**, with a special worship service including the imposition of ashes on **Feb. 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Join us for this special, somber service.

2012 Lenten Soup Supper Organizers Needed

Each year, our congregation has a lovely Lenten tradition: we eat simple soup suppers and enjoy fellowship time each Thursday evening during the season of Lent. **Contact Linda Klamann or Kathy Glass from your worship committee or Bria in the church office if you are interested in organizing this year's meals.** Thank you!



Lent 2001

By Joyce Rupp

*The cosmos dreams in me
while I wait in stillness,
ready to lean a little further
into the heart of the Holy.*

*This Lent I will sail
on the graced wings of desire,
yearning to go deeper
to the place where
I am one in the One.*





Introducing S.W.A.G = Students Worshiping an Awesome God!

Our new youth group is up and running! This month after worship on Sundays, the SWAG group is gathering to explore new ways to approach the Bible. Amy Randolph has been in Ohio on vacation, so Renee Meyer has stepped in to assist Bria. THANKS, RENEE!!

SWAG has some EXCITING plans for the upcoming months:

- On Saturday, February 11th, we will be volunteering at the Sacramento Food Bank.
- On Saturday, February 25th, SWAG will meet at the church to bake a cake for the Endowment Chili Feed and Cake Auction.
- On Saturday March 10th, the youth will be venturing out on our first outing to a Christian rock concert at Arco Arena. The ROCK AND WORSHIP ROADSHOW will feature MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Sidewalk Prophets and many other bands!

Interested in Supporting Our New Youth Group? BRING SNACKS!

Our junior high and high school teens love to eat. With grateful hearts and thankful spirits, we will welcome and accept donations of popcorn, Cheetos, Doritos, cookies, water, juice boxes, and soda.



February Events

Book Club



In February, the Book Club will be reading and discussing Erik Larson's *The Devil in White City*. According to eriklarsonbooks.com,

The Devil in White City is about the architect who led the construction of the great Chicago World's Fair of 1893, and the prolific serial killer who used the fair as a lure. Join the book club for a lively discussion on **Monday, Feb. 20th at noon in the church library.**

Pinochle



This month's Pinochle night will be held on **Friday, Feb. 10th at Ben and Ellen Couch's home.** The Couches live at 6102 Almond Avenue in Orangevale. Come on out and join in the fun! The Pinochle crowd will be happy to teach newcomers the rules of the game.

Preschool Parents' Night Out



Enjoy a night out! Drop off your kids or grandkids with the staff at our Little Methodist on Friday, February 10th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. **The cost is \$10.00 for one child, \$15.00 for a family.** Please call Elizabeth Avery - Hammond or Debbi Oliver at 961 - 0368 to sign-up your family for this event.



From the Finance Corner

By Renee Meyer



FOUMC 2012 Budget Condensed Version - Short Year Jan-Jun

	<u>FOUMC 2012 Budget</u>	<u>LMS 2012 Budget</u>	<u>Overall 2012 Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
4000 · Contributed Support			
4001 · Pledges	\$65,928		\$65,928
Other Contributed Support	6,000		6,000
4000- Total Contributed Support	<u>71,928</u>		<u>71,928</u>
4100 · LMS Income		30,585	<u>30,585</u>
4200 · Earned Revenues			
4210 · Facilities Usage	7,548		7,548
4260 · Tower Lease Income	26,300		26,300
Total 4200 · Earned Revenues	<u>33,848</u>		<u>33,848</u>
4300 · Fund Raisers	3,675		3,675
4400 · Misc. Income	400		400
4500 · Interest Income	120		120
<u>Total Income</u>	\$109,971	\$30,585	\$140,556
<u>Expense</u>			
5000 · Apportionments	\$7,403		7,403
5030 · District Askings	384		384
5100 · Board of Trustees	34,659	2,650	37,309
5200 · Church Office	5,600	1,228	6,828
5400 · Council & Committee Expenses	1,220		1,220
5500 · Music	400		400
5600 · Fund Raising	50	100	150
5700 · Personnel/Staff (Parish)	68,142	28,317	96,459
5800 · LMS Expenses		525	525
5900 · Professional Expenses	0		0
<u>Total Expense</u>	\$117,858	\$32,820	\$150,678
<u>Net Ordinary Income</u>	(\$7,887)	(\$2,235)	(\$10,122)
8000 · Other Income	6633	0	6,633
<u>Net Income</u>	(\$1,254)	(\$2,235)	(\$3,489)

Why are these totals different from those reported at the Council Meeting on 1/24/12???

- 1) FOUMC received an additional payment from American Tower for rent for February, so the original amount that was deducted from the lump payment was updated and the additional rental income is also reflected.
- 2) FOUMC entered a new lease agreement with the copy company and it is less than the previous contract. Those changes are reflected for FOUMC and LMS.
- 3) The church as a whole is now looking at a total net loss of almost \$3,500 instead of \$6,000.



Lenten Small Groups beginning February 19th

Day & Time	Place	Facilitator
Saturdays at 10am	Mary McCollum's House 4241 Birgit Way Sacramento, CA 95864	Mary McCollum
Sundays after worship	Church Library	Dick & Sue Easterbrook
Tuesdays at 1pm	Dan Hardt's House 11932 Prospect Hill Dr. Gold River, CA 95670	Dan Hardt
Wednesdays at 7pm	Roy & Gay Anderson's House 4214 Niblick Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628	Roy & Gay Anderson
Wednesday at 2pm	Gloria & Lynn Phinney's House 7112 Gateshead Ct. Citrus Heights, CA 95610	Gloria & Lynn Phinney
Wednesdays at 6:30pm	Doris Ashworth's Home 8816 Bluff Lane Fair Oaks, CA 95628	Kathy Glass & Cynthia Gomez

****See the sign-up sheets in the narthex!**

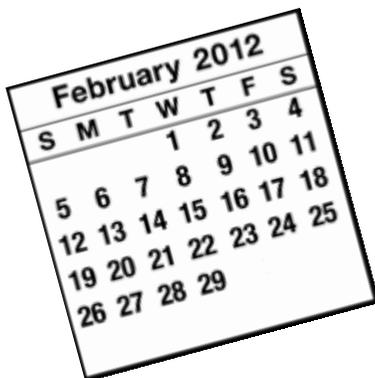


“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

- John Wesley



Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendar With These Upcoming Dates....



- 2/3 & 2/4 Church Rummage Sale
- 2/11 S.W.A.G Service Project at Sac Food Bank
- 2/12 Boy Scout Sunday & Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 2/19 Lenten Small Groups Begin
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service
- 2/25 Endowment Chili Feed & Cake Auction
- 3/10 S.W.A.G Outing to Rock & Worship Roadshow
- 4/1 Palm Sunday
- 4/8 Easter Sunday



FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

Who's doing what, each Sunday of the month.
Please note open items; call the Church office to volunteer.
 Use this page as a reminder of what you've signed up for.



GREETERS

5 Sheri Johnson
 12 Laurel Jensen
 19
 26

COFFEE HOUR

5 Tongan Members
 12 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
 19 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
 26 Dick & Sue Easterbrook

LITURGISTS

5
 12 Boy Scouts
 19 Dan Hardt
 26

COUNTERS

5 Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner
 12 Ellen Frosch & Bill Floyd
 19 Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt
 26 John Clune & Judy Shearer

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

FLOWERS

5
 12
 19
 26 Loretta Dodge

Early Elementary

5 Ruby Wicker
 12 Mary Maret
 19 Adriane Samcoff
 26 Mary Maret

Upper Grades

Bria Stevens
 Linda Klaman
 Gloria Phinney
 Linda Klaman

COMMUNION STEWARD

Barbara Damon

COMMUNION SERVERS

Barbara Damon
 Alisia Jones

HOW TO SIGN UP

You can help us out – try to sign up a month or more ahead of time. You can call the church office. For the children's Sunday school or church nursery, contact the coordinator of your area if you don't know your schedule. If you don't know who that person is, just call the church office.

Thanks for your help!



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Next Deadline: Monday, February 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon. Submit articles to Bria in the church office in person or by email at office@fairoaksumc.org. Submissions may be edited for accuracy, length or clarity.

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