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The monthly newsletter of the
Fair Oaks United Methodist Church

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NOVEMBER 2011

LITTLE METHODIST PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING PROGRAM & PIE FUNDRAISER

Little Methodist Preschool will be having our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Program on Thursday, November 17th from

6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. in the church sanctuary. Come see our preschoolers show off all of their hard work and talent while they entertain you with their musical skills. We will also be showing a video of the children sharing their ideas about Thanksgiving. This video is always a definite must see for the season! Of course, there is also a pie fundraiser that night. We will



be selling whole pies to take home for the holidays or by the slice to enjoy the night of the event. We also will be serving ice cream and hot beverages with the pies. Every year we are blessed with church members who volunteer their time to help us serve pies, ice cream, etc. (Ben Couch saved us the first year by providing change that we completely forgot to get). We would love to have more volunteers again this year. I know that we are also fortunate to have many amazing pie bakers in this congregation. It wouldn't be a successful pie fundraiser without your delicious homemade pies (my Uncle still talks about Margo William's pie that he bought two years ago!) If you would like to donate a pie, please drop it off at the kitchen by Wednesday, November 16th. If you can help serve food, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

We would also love to have you come see our cute and wonderful children and enjoy some dessert! Thank you so much for your support!



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FROM THE PASTOR

"Persimmons" By Pastor Jeong Park

Dear Friends,

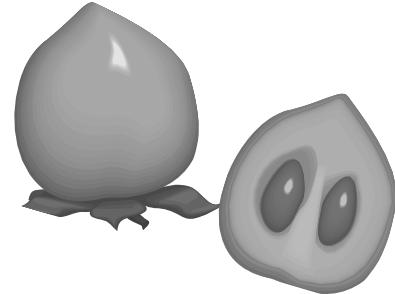
In the season of thanksgiving, what reminds you of your family and friends and all you are thankful for in your life? I wonder if you like persimmons or not. Persimmons remind me of memories of days with family and friends during my childhood in my hometown in Korea.

China, Japan, Brazil and Korea are big producers of persimmons in the world. When I grew up with two brothers in a small town in Korea, I loved to eat persimmons. My parents often bought us persimmons for snacks, especially during this time of year. Sometimes, our family went to the farm to pick persimmons off the trees. My grandmother couldn't bite hard persimmons, so she kept them on a flat bottom of a cardboard box and waited for three weeks for the persimmons to be softened; she enjoyed eating them.

For me, the persimmon isn't just a fruit to eat, but it also has become an important connection to my memories of family, friends and even my childhood. When I stopped by a grocery store this week, I found there are already Fuyu persimmons for sale. I was reminded of my family for a moment and realized how much I miss them.

Have you had a similar experience? What helps you to remember the precious moments in your life? Look around for reminders of your precious memories in this season of thanksgiving. In this season of thanksgiving, I hope you will find many reasons to be thankful and that you will take time to express your gratitude to those who have shared life with you.

May God's blessing be upon you and your family!



Pastor Jeong

A Message from Jim & Lora Allen



We wish to express our appreciation for the many condolences from our church friends in the passing of our son Chris. Your cards and personal expressions came dear to us. And thank you to those who provided food. Though our extended families did much of what was needed, your efforts gave them welcome relief in the amounts to prepare.

Chris evidently had made relationships with many in our church as he had elsewhere, the extent much to our surprise. He also accomplished many things that we were not aware of until afterwards. I am sure that he is passing out candy all over Heaven.



Thanks

Thank you to our **Tongan members** for another fun and festive luau!! Thanks to the **parents and the children** who lead worship on Children & Youth Sunday. Thanks to **Nancy Klanjac** for leading the children's music time in Sunday School each week. Thank you to **Tom Wold, Pastor Jeong, Ben Couch and Steve Bodner** for the extra work they did removing the playhouse from the preschool. A HUGE thanks to **Len Edwards** for taping

the Talent Show and preparing a DVD for a FOUMC fundraiser at no cost to us. Thanks to **Diane Sommers** for being our office volunteer receptionist on Monday. Thanks to **Josh Klanjac, Amber Bizik and Jeff Couch** for being such faithful ushers every Sunday. Many thanks to **Dick & Sue Easterbrook, Ruby & Wayde Wicker** and our **Tongan members** for feeding us after worship each week.



Numbers 6:24-25

Prayer Requests

We continue to hold **Jim and Lora Allen and Nona Boyd** and their family in our hearts and prayers as they mourn the shocking loss of beloved son and husband, **Chris Boyd**. We continue to pray for **Karlene Brown** whose mother recently passed away.

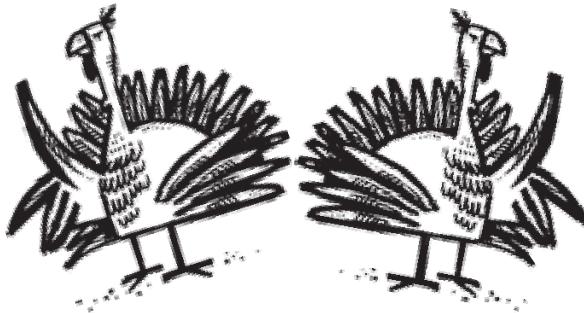
We pray for strength and healing for **Alma Andrus & Mary McCollum** who are at home recovering from surgery.

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.





'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING THANKS!



A Thank You from the Preschool to the Trustees

Due the Trustee's efforts, the preschool playhouse has been moved to Pastor Jeong's backyard at the parsonage where baby Jacob can enjoy it. THANK YOU SO MUCH, TRUSTEES AND CHURCH WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS!

A Thank You from Mary McCollum

My heart is filled with thanksgiving for all the TLC and the prayers around my "confinement." Your prayers, cards, calls, visits have all been so helpful and cheerful. I feel surrounded by love. That some committees would come to meet here was a great act of caring, and I am deeply grateful. Thank you one and all. The progress is slow, painful but sure, and soon I hope to be up and out of here.

Gratefully,

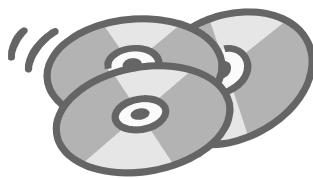
Mary McCollum

**BLESSINGS
FROM
GOD**

A Thank You to Allen Wolfenden From the Jiffy Fixers



The Jiffy Fixers would like to express their appreciation for the shelving produced and installed in the LMS workroom by **Allen Wolfenden**. Allen replaced old shelving that was sagging and groaning from the load of the many books that LMS maintains for school purposes. The Jiffy Fixers have been in a bind lately with other immediate projects (needs in the parsonage, etc.) and were facing not getting these shelves done before school started. Allen came to the rescue. For those who want to know, Allen is Megan Cambridge's husband. Thanks again, Allen!!



Buy Your Talent Show DVDS!

Since our Talent Show back in September, I have often thought to myself: I wish I could see Nancy Edwards juggle again! I've thought back to the joyful, magical scarf dance that Virginia Grabbe performed and wished I could relive it again and again. I've hoped that Winston the frog and trainer Haden Oliver could be forever immortalized. Thanks to Len Edwards, my wish has come true. **Buy your copy of the Talent Show in the church office for \$20.00!**

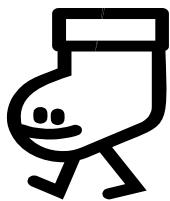
New Website Preparations

Holly Klaman is hard at work on our new website. She will be moving around us during worship and fellowship in the next few weeks taking pictures for the site. If you are uncomfortable having pictures of yourself published online, please let Bria know in the church office.

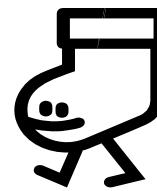


Caring Ministries Check In Call Service By Mary McCollum

Our Caring Ministry Committee is envisioning offering a check-in call service to members who live alone and would like a daily contact with someone. We would pair you up with a member of the committee who would call you daily to see how things are going and to give a caring ear. This can form a nice bond and be mutually satisfying. If you are interested in trying this form of relationship, please let Mary McCollum know by calling 916-481-3320.



Sacramento Mabuhay Lion's Club "Got Socks?"



Ruby and Wayde Wicker are collecting socks for the Sacramento Lion's Club sock drive from now until December 2011. There are over 700 people in need of socks who will be relying on the Lion's Club to keep their feet warm this winter. Please bring in packages of new socks with you to worship in the next few months and place them in the box in the narthex. New socks are preferred, but used socks will be accepted.

The Wickers are also collecting earth toned colored tarps for the homeless as well.

If you have any questions, contact Ruby and Wayde at 916-833-8796.

Cub Scout Troop at Fair Oaks UMC By Jim Allen



Do you know we sponsor a Cub Scout Pack? We have been doing so for Pack 215 for several years now. They meet in various grade schools to attract children from those sources, but they also have activities here at our church. For instance, on Saturday, October 30th, they will have a Haunted Halls event in Wesley Hall. This is organized by the parents and put on by Scout Troop 215 - some fun for the cubs! They also hold their parent committee meetings here and use our sanctuary for their Blue and Gold awards program.

But do you know what? Not a single cub in the pack is from our church! I think we should remedy that. I think we should support our cub pack with some participation.

If you have a boy in fourth thru sixth grade, they are eligible for cubs. It is a program long established to provide learning thru healthful experiences, self esteem thru achievement, and joy thru fun. Come see for yourself. Bring your boy to the Haunted Hall on October 30th. It will be held between 6:30 and 8 PM. You will be welcomed.



Trustees Report By Diana Bodner

We had a great turn out for our work day on September 24th! We are so grateful for the many volunteers and all of your hard work!! There were approximately 25 people from the Little Methodist School and our congregation.



Pat Eichner, Cynthia Wold, and Renee Meyer worked on trimming, weeding and cleaning up. Everyone else worked on the relocation of the play house and dismantling the play structures. **Tom Wold and Steve Bodner** spent two additional half days doing the preparation work for moving the playhouse and after it was moved, bracing and repairing the porch. Steve also finished taking the play structures apart.

Many thanks to Tom Wold, John Himes, Dale & Spencer Doty, Steve & Diana Bodner, Wade & Ruby and Ruby's son Brandon for all their hard work this past Saturday, October 15th. The Bodners and Tom and John added blocks to the wall in the lower parking lot as well as extended the wall to the end of the lot. Dale and Spencer removed the remaining pieces of the wooden play structures behind the Little Methodist School. Then Wade, Ruby, and Brandon joined everyone at the sidewalk area in front of the church. More roots and shrubs were removed. They also began the work to extend the wall in front. **There is more to be done before that wall is complete. Please contact Tom Wold and let him know when you're available if you can spare some time to help finish the wall.**

Coffee With Pastor Jeong

“Coffee with Pastor Jeong” is an informal chance for newcomers to meet the pastor and learn more about the FOUMC. We’ll gather together to talk about our church family and our church values, and we’ll take “the grand tour” of the church property (did you know we cover 5 acres?). This will be a great time to ask questions and get to know other new faces at Fair Oaks UMC. We will meet in the Spencer Building (the church office – directly West of the Sanctuary) after worship on November 6th. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.





Preparing for Advent

Come help decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season at our annual **Advent Gathering on Saturday, November 26th from 1-3pm**. We'll be "decking the halls" of our sanctuary for the Advent season, listening to Christmas music, making some holiday crafts and enjoying Christmas goodies, cider and hot cocoa. We're looking for people who are willing to bring the goodies. Contact Holly Klaman (holly.klaman@gmail.com, 916.216.7836) or keep an eye out for an opportunity to sign-up in the Narthex after church. We are also in need of some simple wood working for a candle project. Hope you can join us!



Fair Oaks UMC Chancel Choir Christmas Concert By Michael Schwagerus



Advent will soon be here and with that comes our annual Advent Concert, which will be on December 10th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. This is a free event open to every one of all ages. If you have sung with our choir in the past and wish to do so again, come join us Thursday nights at 7:30 in the sanctuary. We will begin with Advent music each Thursday night from now on. If you have a conflict and are not able to make it on Thursdays, you can join us before church on Sundays to get some practice in. We also have practice cd's that you can use at home. Participating in the music ministry during Advent and Christmas is a really fun way to experience the joy of Christmas. It's open to everyone, and it's free! Feel free to talk with me if you have any questions.



November Events

Book Club



November's Book Club will be held on **Monday, November 14th at noon** in the church library. We will be reading and discussing Sandra Dallas' *Prayers for Sale*. Bring your lunch, and join us!

Pinochle



This month's Pinochle night will be hosted by Len & Nancy Edwards at the church on **Friday, November 11th at 6:30pm**. Come on out and join in the fun!

Caring Ministries



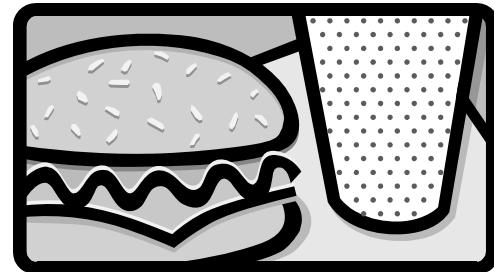
Our next Caring Ministry meeting will be on November 8th at 3pm in Spencer. NOTE: If you receive unsolicited greeting cards at home and do not have a need for them, they would certainly be appreciated by the Caring Ministry team. Please put them in Betty Phillips' box at the Church Office. We use them for the notes we send to members.



From the Finance Corner

By Renee Meyer

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone bears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.



Revelation 3:20 NIV

Greetings and peace in the name of Jesus! Quick Trivia challenge: Why in the world would I pick a verse about eating when I am supposed to be talking about money? Why this verse? What about John 3:16 (For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.), Proverbs 3:5 (Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.) or I Corinthians 13:13 (And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.)? I see two of these verses practically every day when I go to lunch. “John 3:16” is printed on the bottom of my soda cup and “Rev 3:20” is printed on the packaging that my cheeseburger comes in. NO, NO! It is not the Habit!!!! Those of you that know I am a freak for the Habit after church on Sunday and on Tuesdays before my meetings at church probably know that my lunch hours are often spent at the In & Out Burger in West Sacramento. Now, you’re asking yourselves how I can possibly be a runner when I eat like this all the time, but we’ll save THAT for another time!

So, why a verse about food and not funds...Knock at the door, come in and eat and they will eat with me. This is a perfect example of the crowd that came to the Luau on the 15th! What a tremendous way to celebrate the gift of the Tongan members to our Church! They ALL, organized by Daniel Palu cooked, baked, roasted, prepared, served and THEN danced! It was a spectacular evening, a wonderful time of fellowship and fun, and all along the way there were donations to the church! I hope that Bria will print some of the pictures from that evening so everyone can get an idea of what a great time it was! Each dance that was performed became that member’s annual gift to the church and we all were so excited to help by the giving of tips to the dancers! By the end of the night, close to \$7,000.00 had been donated!

Our church is definitely blessed by the talent of our members and friends. When everyone works together, I believe we can do ANYTHING! The best part of it all is that somehow we always have fun, even when we’re doing the most difficult of chores. I am blessed every single time I step foot on that huge campus! The funds from the Luau will definitely help us see positive cash flow through the end of the year. THANK YOU SO MUCH Tongan members and friends! It was a fantastic evening!

In & Out began printing Bible Verses on their packaging materials during the 1980’s. It was done as “a reflection of the Christian values held by the Snyder Family”, the owners of In & Out. That restaurant is simple in so many ways—the menu, the set-up, the style. One of my favorite things is to sit and watch the employees work while I wait for my lunch. They are courteous, friendly, hard workers that don’t miss a beat. They are always on the move! The verses that are nonchalantly placed amongst the food are a constant reminder of the gift God gave to me—life eternal through Jesus’ love! If you’ve not noticed the verses before, have a little look for them the next time you are lunching at In & Out. To God be ALL the glory! See you next month!



Caring Ministry Reorganization By Caring Ministry Members

Our purpose is to provide CARE and LOVE for our congregation and community.

Our purpose is carried out by sending inspirational notes, cards, making telephone calls; providing a listening ear, making home and hospital visits, initiating email and telephone prayer chain and meal coordination, submitting requests for Pastoral visits, taking communion to shut-ins, and alerting Pastor of emergency telephone tree needs.

Caring Ministry Special Roles:

Pastor Jeong Park: Provide Pastoral Visits and oversee and support the efforts of Caring Ministry

Mary McCollum: Represent the Caring Ministry at Church Council meetings

Betty Phillips: Prepare meeting Agenda with input from Pastor, and facilitate meetings

Nancy Klanjac: Prayer Chain E-Mail coordinator requesting prayers and meals needed

Gay Anderson: Prayer Chain "Telephone" coordinator for those without email

Virginia Grabbe: Take meeting minutes and solicit member volunteer for typing and distribution

Loretta Dodge: Caring Ministry coordinator of information needed within our team members

Church Charge Conference Sunday, November 13th, 2011

There will be a Charge Conference on Sunday, November 13th at 11:30 am in Wesley Hall. This is the annual business meeting for the congregation to vote on the budget, to vote on the roster of church leaders and to vote on the pastoral compensation package. Everyone is invited. Immediately following the Charge Conference, there will be a brief presentation on the audiovisual upgrade plans for the sanctuary. Join us!





Tongan Luau 2011



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



- 11/6 Coffee with Pastor Jeong
- 11/13 Charge Conference after worship
- 11/17 Preschool Program & Pie Sale
- 11/26 Advent Gathering hosted by the Worship Committee
- 11/27 First Sunday in Advent
- 12/10 Chancel Choir Advent Concert
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services
- 12/25 Christmas Day Worship



NOVEMBER 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

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20
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COFFEE HOUR

6	Tongan Members
13	Dick & Sue Easterbrook
20	Dick & Sue Easterbrook
27	Dick & Sue Easterbrook

LITURGISTS

6 Lynn Phinney
13 Betty Phillips
20
27

COUNTERS

6	Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner
13	Ellen Frosch & Bill Floyd
20	Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt
27	John Clune & Judy Shearer

FLOWERS

6
13 Betty Phillips
20
27

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

	Early Elementary	Upper Grades
6	Ruby W & Adriane S	Gloria Phinney
13	Mary Maret	Bria Stevens
20	Anne Wilhoit	Jeremy Hammond
27	Mary Maret	Linda Klamann

COMMUNION STEWARD

Elaine Bach

COMMUNION SERVERS

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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12:00 noon.** Submit articles to Bria in the church
office in person or by email at
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