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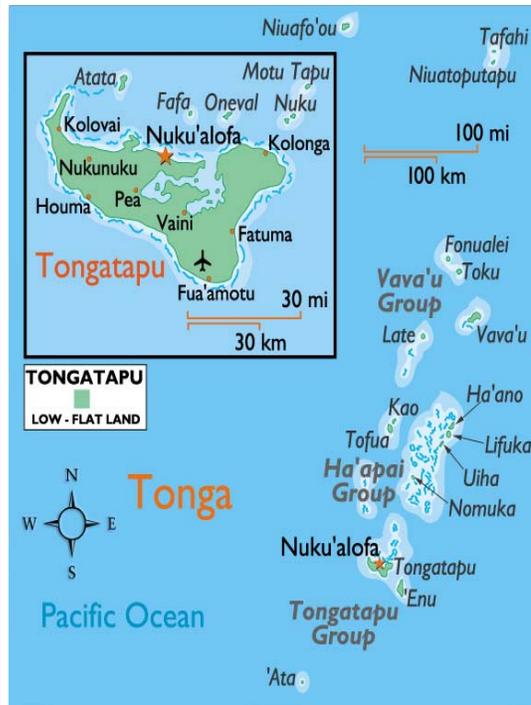
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Tongan Luau



You are invited to our 2nd annual Fair Oaks United Methodist Luau Celebration! This is an event that you will not want to miss. Come and enjoy the food, the dancing and the music of the South Pacific provided by our Tongan Church Members. Bring your cash to sponsor our Tongan family pledges. All donations will go to the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church General Fund. Please bring a salad or a dessert to add to the menu!

Where: Fair Oaks United Methodist
9849 Fair Oaks Blvd, CA 95628

When: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 4pm Dinner

Taro, Kumala (sweet potato), Roast Pig, Seafood, Sweet n Sour chicken, BBQ chicken, Sapasui (mixture of beef, noodles and vegetables), Manioke in coconut milk, Fruits, Desserts, Salads, Drinks, and many more dishes...

6pm Entertainment

Dances from the South Pacific Islands will be provided by our Tongan Church Members

Donations: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children under 12

Seats are limited. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible!



FROM THE PASTOR

“Let It Go” By Pastor Jeong Park

I feel weather changes this week: summer is gone, and fall has already come to us. Now I look for long sleeve shirts rather than short ones. We can easily see Halloween stuff and fall interior designs at the stores. Probably, it is time to accept another change. How do you feel about yourself? Are you ready to accept a new change?

I have already spent three months with you. In the meantime, I have been pretty busy meeting committees, making pastoral visits to parishioners and preparing services. At the same time, I didn't forget to water the grass and mow the lawn every other week. Now the grass at the parsonage has turned to green. Sometimes, we like changes, but other changes we do not always enjoy. In a sense, life is full of changes and what matters is how we accept them.

A couple parishioners asked me why a big pile of green waste and an old garbage bin is still sitting out in my front yard. The church office reminded me that the trash company from the county will come and pick them up soon. I am sure that they will be gone within a couple of weeks. Like this big pile of green waste and the old trash bin, there is a time for us to “say goodbye” and “let it go” in times of change in life. Think about yourself. What things do you need to “let go” at this time of your life? Is it a short sleeve shirt or something serious at this season of your life?

Our life is full of changes, and the matter is how we accept them. We must accept changes no matter what they are. What we have is temporary, changeable and perishable, but what God offers us is something perpetual, not perishable but something that exists forever in us. Our church will offer two small group classes this fall: *Companions in Christ* and *Blueprint for Discipleship*. Gathering for worship is another way we can get a ‘taste of God’s permanent love’ for each of us. Please join our small group opportunities, Sunday worship and other church ministries to experience the Love of God which will never change but which will offer us an everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Jeong

*“To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3: 1*



Thanks

A BIG thanks to **Elaine Bach and Barbara Damon** for being our new communion coordinators. Thanks to **Tom and Cynthia Wold** for their donation of 10 new large print hymnals. Thanks to **Laurel Jensen & Pat Eichner** for fixing up the sundae makings at the Talent Show. Thank you to **Ruby and Wayde Wicker** and **Dan Hardt** for helping set-up. Thanks to **Ruby and Wayde** and **Josh Klanjac** for serving the ice cream.

And thanks to **all of you who performed and joined the audience** for our first annual Talent Show. Thank you to



Nancy Klanjac for coming in to take care of the recycling, organize Band Sunday music and fold bulletins in the church office each week. Thank you to **all of you who prepared meals for**

the Wickers as Wayde recovered from surgery and Ruby and Wayde got their home ready for Ruby's boys. Thank you to **Jim Allen** for his communication with all of our Cub Scout and Boy Scout groups. Thanks to **Elizabeth Avery-Hammond** for washing the linens for the changing table in the women's bathroom. Thanks to **Frances Myatt, Gloria Phinney, Bria Stevens and Debbi Oliver** for leading children's sermons in worship.

Prayer Requests



We 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 pray for **Karlene Brown** whose mother recently passed away.

We pray for strength and healing for **Mary McCollum** who is at home recovering from surgery.

We pray for **Bill Ingraham and his wife Libby**. Bill and Libby were at the air show in Reno and witnessed the tragedy of the plane crash, and Libby's sister, Casey,

passed away last week.

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for **Ruby and Wayde Wicker** who welcomed sons Brandon and Grey home from the Philippines.

Sue McGee would like prayers for Bob McGee who is suffering from cancer. **Lora Allen** requests prayers for her brother who is also battling cancer.

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.



Don't Miss our Special Sundays in October

FOUMC'S Children & Youth Sunday October 9th



The Fair Oaks UMC children and youth have been busy preparing a unique worship service for the congregation. On October 9th, we will celebrate the gift of our kids and praise God through special art, music, drama, scripture and poems led by the children in our congregation. A few of our parents will speak about their children's spirituality. It will be a Sunday to remember!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14

FOUMC Endowment Legacy Sunday October 30th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 30th for "Legacy Sunday" at Fair Oaks United Methodist Church! Rev. Dr. Betsy Schwarzentraub will deliver the sermon and lead a mini-seminar after church called "Provide and Protect." The mini-seminar is scheduled for 11:30-12:30, and childcare will be available. Brunch will also be provided!

This year Legacy Sunday will be focused on families, especially parents with young children. Everyone is welcome at the brunch & seminar, but parents with young children are especially encouraged to attend. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about wills and trusts, with a focus on guardianship of children.



New Website Preparations

Holly Klamann 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.



Trustees Report By Diana Bodner

It's time to dust off and sharpen your tools. **We are having a workday on October 1st beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will all meet in the church for sign in and a word of prayer prior to beginning of the day.** One of the big projects is moving the play house from behind the church and into the backyard of the parsonage. There are many other things that need to be done as well; we'll keep you busy much of the day. We will welcome everyone for however long you can stay!



Many thanks to our Jiffy Fixers!! You all are awesome and have done so very much to keep our campus and buildings in good order. We send a big thank you to Sandy Milne for obtaining copies of the maps showing the electrical, gas, sewer and sprinkler lines. These will be very helpful as we move forward. Thank you, Steve Bodner for coordinating with the contractor to map our water lines.

Kameron Cimini completed his Eagle Project by replacing the southern half of the west side wooden retaining wall with a decorative, concrete wall. The change in appearance is remarkable. He did a great job purchasing the supplies, organizing the work and completing the job while conserving funds also. Thank you, Kameron and congratulations! Additionally, we want to especially thank Jim Allen for the many things he does to stay involved with scouting and WITH connecting the scouts to Fair Oaks UMC. A Life Scout, Jim continually reaches out to the scouts and has developed a close relationship between them and us.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

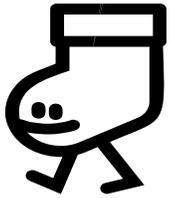
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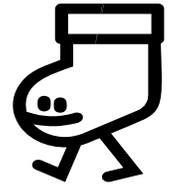
CHRISTIANS
Caring for each other

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.

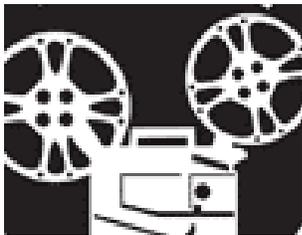
If you have any questions, contact Ruby and Wayde at 916-833-8796.



Little Methodist Preschool Fundraiser at Fresh Choice October 20th 4 - 8:30pm

Come on out to the **Fresh Choice on Sunrise Blvd** to grab an excellent meal of fresh salads, breads, pastas and desserts. A significant percent of the proceeds from our church and preschool folks will go towards the Little Methodist Preschool. Bring your friends and your family. **You must bring in the flyer (located on the table in the narthex) in order to have your meal benefit the school.** Thank you for your support!

Reconciling Conference Screening



On **Sunday, October 16th** after worship in the library, Bria Stevens will be showing clips from sermons given at the Sing a New Song Conference including Rev. Amy DeLong's words about her trial and a spirited talk from Bishop Yvette Flunders who calls herself a "Metho-bapti-costal."



Usher's Corner

By Jeff Couch

Hymnals: Summer break is over, but no one told our hymnals. This is my annual every-so-often reminder. We are missing some of our hymnals, and as a result, we are starting to run short. If you have borrowed one or have seen a group of them hiding on the church property, please return them to the sanctuary so we can all enjoy them on Sunday. One of our large print red hymnals has been missing for over 6 months. If you need a large print hymnal, feel free to ask for one. We own three large print red hymnals (one is missing) and now own eleven large print black hymnals thanks to a donation from Tom & Cynthia Wold.



Acolytes: If you have a child interested in being an acolyte, please let me know. The child has to be responsible enough to handle fire. Grade school is the desired age range for an acolyte. **If you are willing to be the Acolyte Coordinator, I would appreciate it.** I try to spread out the job between interested children, but I am lousy at making phone calls to set a schedule. I will help them before they head up the aisle. Pastor Jeong is interested in bringing back a formal acolyte program. The basic idea of the acolyte is that they are bringing in the Light of Christ at the start of service and carrying out the Light of Christ at the end of service. For the congregation: Please remember the acolytes start up the center aisle when we begin the first hymn. They are carrying a flame up the center aisle. I ask people to please clear the center aisle once the first hymn starts. I am taller than our normal acolytes, and I have been bumped by people when I walk up with the flame. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

New Education Committee Forming at FOUMC

Pastor Jeong is forming a new committee at Fair Oaks. He'd like to invite anyone interested in the education of the children, youth and adults of the church to meet monthly in order to provide support for the Sunday School teachers, the middle school and high school youth group leaders and volunteers and to brainstorm, organize and plan for future projects like Vacation Bible School and new adult education & small group classes. **If you are interested in joining this new committee, please meet with Pastor Jeong on Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 6:30p.m.**





October Events



Book Club



October is "Bring Your Own Mystery Selection" month at Book Club! Bring your mystery, a sack lunch, and **join us on October 17th at**

noon at Mary McCollum's house!

Meet at the church at 11:30am if you'd like to carpool. Mary lives at 4241 Birgit Way in Sacramento.

Pinochle



This month's Pinochle night will be hosted by **Pat & Dave Eichner** at their home, located at 8444 Hidden Valley Circle in Fair Oaks on **Friday, October 14th at 6:30p.m.** Come on out for a night of fellowship and fun. We will teach you to play Pinochle if you have never played before!

Caring Ministry Meeting



Our Caring Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 11th at 3:00p.m.**



From the Finance Corner

By Renee Meyer

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV



Greetings and peace in Jesus' love! October already....WOW!

Among the items on my seemingly never ending to-do list, two of the "biggies" are the six-month mini budget AND the mini pledge drive that we need to create to cover January – June 2012 before we switch to our new fiscal year of July 2012 – June 2013. I am expecting both of these activities to be relatively simple, and I am purposely keeping them very user friendly as the first six months of the calendar year seem to move very smoothly and evenly when it comes to our income and expenses.

Very soon, I will be contacting Board Chairpersons, Bria, Michael, Elizabeth, and others to help me fill in the blanks of the budget that deal with money in and money out for each of their specialties. At the same time, so to speak, the Finance Team will be contacting people soon to talk with you about your pledge for the short year beginning in January. I am hoping that by mid November we can have all the loose ends tied up so that we can present a budget at our year-end Church Conference.

All the business aside, we have some fun things on the to-do list as well! October 15th, (the day I happen to think is the greatest day of the year, the day of my birth!), will be the 2nd Annual Luau, courtesy of the Tongan members! If you missed last year, **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEAR!** Buy your tickets soon! Great food, great fun, great dancing, and lots of laughs! Don't forget to bring your dollar bills to "tip" the dancers! All of the proceeds from the Luau will go to the General Fund. In addition, the Tongan members make their annual donations to FOUMC through the dances they do.

Look for another Habit Fundraiser for the Parking Lot Payment Fund in late October or early November. I'm not so sure that I'll jump behind the counter again this time, but I'll definitely be there to say hello and visit with y'all. The Trustees will be holding a workday on October 1st and in early December, the choir will be performing their Advent Concert. Keep an eye on the calendar in the Acorn for ALL the upcoming events.

I pray God's blessings on all of you for a safe and productive last quarter of the year. In the midst of all the craziness that pulls us in every direction, I hope that we can keep our eyes focused on the anticipation of Jesus' birth—the true reason for the season! See you next month!



A Celebration of the Life of Chris Boyd By Bria Stevens

Chris Boyd's face was often one of the first faces I'd see at the church in the morning. He'd be here helping out around the property or cooking his amazing candy which you could smell throughout the entire campus. A devoted Jiffy Fixer, Chris did all of our electrical work around the church. He once spent an entire week helping me with SMUD when they (incorrectly) replaced our light fixtures. Chris loved this church.

Like many of you, I broke many a diet for Chris's toffee candy! It was the best I have ever eaten, and he spoiled me rotten by bringing me batches and batches of it. Lora and Jim have told me that Chris was known for cooking many delicious dishes for his family.

When I first met Chris and saw him in his kilt, I knew we'd be good buddies. He recognized the full spelling of my name, Briagha, as being Scottish (no one has ever been so quick to discover that!), and we often chatted about Scotland and the highland games which he loved. He regaled me with stories about the pot bellied pigs that he used to raise, and he told me regularly how much he loved his wife Nona and his kids. His laugh and his grin were infectious, and his love for life was evident every day that I saw him. He was one of my favorite people. Chris's sudden death was a shock to all of us at Fair Oaks UMC. He will be dearly missed.

Chris's Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 8th at 2pm at El Camino Baptist Church located at 2805 El Camino Ave Sacramento, California 95821. Pastor Jeong will officiate, and Samantha Arrasmith will play the piano with bag pipers from the Scottish Military Society. All are invited to the service.

Please keep Jim and Lora Allen, Nona Boyd, Chris's wife, and Chris's children in your heart and prayers in this difficult time.



Chris Boyd with Pastor Jeong, dad Jim Allen and our other Jiffy Fixers, Roger Bennett and Sandy Milne



**Sacramento
United Methodist
Union (SUMU)**



100th Anniversary Party

Oct 16th, 2011 2pm at Wesleyan UMC
located at 5010 15th Ave Sac, CA

For more information, contact Katy Houghton at 916-966-6858.

**Strathdee "Songs of Hope"
Family Promise Benefit Concert**

Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 6pm

St. Mark's UMC
2391 St. Mark's Way
Sacramento, CA



Requested Ticket Donation: \$10
All concert proceeds will support Family Promise

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



- 10/ 1 Church Workday
- 10/9 Children & Youth Sunday
- 10/15 Tongan Luau
- 10/20 LMS Fresh Choice Fundraiser
- 10/30 Endowment Committee's Legacy Sunday
- 11/13 Charge Conference after worship
- 11/26 Advent Gathering hosted by the Worship Committee
- 11/27 First Sunday in Advent
- 12/10 Chancel Choir Advent Concert



OCTOBER 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

2
9 Children & Youth
16
23
30

COFFEE HOUR

2 Tongan Members
9 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
16 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
23 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
30 Dick & Sue Easterbrook

LITURGISTS

2 Elaine Bach
9 Children & Youth
16 Bria Stevens
23
30 Kathy Glass

COUNTERS

2 Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner
9 Ellen Frosch & Bill Floyd
16 Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt
23 John Clune & Judy Shearer
30

FLOWERS

2 Roy & Gabriella Anderson
9 Bria Stevens
16 Kathy Glass & Adriane Samcoff
23
30

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

	Early Elementary	Upper Grades
2	Ruby W & Adriane S	Gloria Phinney
9	Mary Maret	Older kids in worship
16	Anne Wilhoit	Jeremy Hammond
23	Mary Maret	Linda Klamann
30	Debbi Oliver	Bria Stevens

COMMUNION STEWARD

Barbara Damon

COMMUNION SERVERS

Elaine Bach, Dan Hardt, 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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