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**Fair Oaks UMC Family Talent Show & Ice Cream Social!**  
**Saturday, September 17th at 6:30pm**

Tickets are \$8 per adult; \$3 per child

Your Reconciling Committee is hosting an evening of entertainment and ice cream sundaes! Come on out and enjoy one another's company in this fun and silly way. Do you and/or your family or friends have a special "skill" or "talent?" (We are using these terms LOOSELY! Some of us even wanted to call this event the "Untalented Show!") Can you give us some stand up comedy? musical acts? magic tricks? dramatic scenes & monologues? poems? juggling? gymnastics? interpretative dance routines? Sign-ups for your "act" will be in the narthex soon. If you don't want to participate in the acts, just come support the brave folks who are signed up. (If you'd be interested in donating a topping for the sundae bar, please contact Bria in the office. Thanks!!)

Tickets will be on sale Sundays after worship in the narthex! All proceeds will go towards the general fund of Fair Oaks UMC.



**YOU'RE INVITED**



## Words of "Thanks" from Pastor Jeong's Family

My little baby, Jacob, just turned ten months old this month. He is making a lot of noise and cooing, but he cannot yet share words with us. Both my wife and I are anxious for the first moment that we can communicate with him. I have a word that I want him to learn and to express for the first time in his life. That is the word "Thank you," especially for the blessings that we already have received in this church.

Our family finally moved into the parsonage last month on Monday, August 15th. There are still some unpacked moving boxes spread out over the house, but our hearts are filled with gratitude and excitement for a new journey with the Fair Oaks faith community. Tuesday, the day after we moved, our small family had a gathering to give our thanksgiving to God before we had our first meal together. We are already grateful for the blessings that we received from this congregation: a beautiful parsonage, a warm and caring congregation, and a cheerful spirit among the congregation. I am excited to join you for your next chapter of church ministry. We couldn't find a better word than 'thank you' for the gracious welcome, the warm hospitality and the caring love that you have shown us this last month in our transition. When I dropped by Saturday's workday, I was deeply impressed and touched by the numbers of people who were working there and by the perspiration and sweat that you shared for us while cleaning up the parsonage. Obviously, the huge pile of green waste in the front yard of our house was clear evidence of your great love and your caring hearts as well. I'd like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart, especially John and Terri Himes for their leadership in organizing volunteer teams to get this work beautifully done. This heartfelt love and warm welcome is already imprinted in our family's hearts, and it will never go away in the years of my ministry. Thank you so much!

This experience was a great example of what church should look like for each of us and to our world! Church is not a building but people - people who have caring hearts for one another, who share their hospitable acts of kindness and who serve others in Jesus Christ's love. These people are the church. I feel I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church with you as your pastor. I look forward to more ministry opportunities to share with you in this wonderful community!

*Pastor Jeong*

## A Thank You from Dan Hardt

I want to tell our FOUMC congregation how much I appreciate all of the wonderful prayers, cards, calls, and food you gave me during my recent back surgery and recovery. This was my second back surgery in three years, and both times your support and caring have been overwhelming. Your prayers gave me the strength and will to overcome the problems and get well. And, as always, your food was delicious! There is no way I can properly thank you for all that you did during the surgeries, as well as for the support you've given me on other occasions. Our congregation is willing to give and give to others - and never ask for anything in return. You are a wonderful example of the life God asks us to live. Thank you for everything.





## More Thank You Notes

There are not enough words in the world to thank **John & Terri Himes** for all of the hours they spent organizing and completing the parsonage clean-up. Some weeks, they spent more time at the parsonage than they did at their own home! John & Terri had also assisted Bria with the previous tenant. A **HUGE** thank you also goes to all of you who worked on cleaning the parsonage and the doing yard work as

well: **the Jiffy Fixers, Elaine & Lance Bach, Ben Couch, Dick & Sue Easterbook, Pat Eichner, Terri & John Himes, Kathy McAllister, Renee Meyer, Sandy Milne, Gloria & Lynn Phinney, Judy Shearer, Bria Stevens, Wayde & Ruby Wicker, Cynthia & Tom Wold and Betty Phillips's friend, Bill Brown.** Thanks to all of you who donated to the "pounding of the parsonage" for the Park family. Thank you to **Cynthia Wold** for



organizing the pounding. Thanks to those of you who brought in food for our Preschool Orientation night. Thanks to **Gloria Phinney** for all of her hard work organizing the Sunday School program! Thanks to **all of you who contributed donations for Bria Stevens's trip to the Sing A New Song Reconciling Conference.**

## Prayer Requests

We pray for **Pastor Jeong Park, his wife Youngjae and their baby Jacob** as they settle into their new home. We pray for all of the **children in our church and community as they begin a new school year.** We pray for **Little Methodist Preschool** as they begin classes again.

We pray for continued healing of **Ed Klanjac** who is recovering from a heart attack and **Ruby Wicker** who recently suffered 4 grand mal seizures.

We pray for all those in our



church family suffering from cancer: for **Susan Gutierrez, for Anne & Bob Rohwer's**

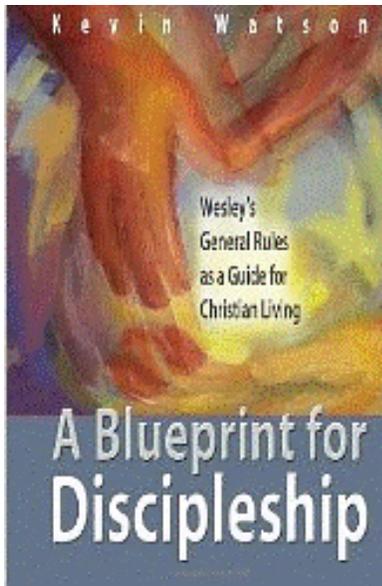
**daughter, Jane,** as she undergoes chemotherapy and for **Stan & Alma Andrus's daughter, Laura,** who is also suffering from cancer.

We pray for **Bill & Libby Ingraham's daughter, Alexis,** who is serving in the military. (Please let us know if you have loved ones in the military.) *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,*



## ***Blueprint for Discipleship* Small Group**

**Thursdays from 7-8:30pm beginning September 29th**



Transform your faith! To be a Christian is to share a belief in Jesus Christ that calls us to live in certain ways. When we join together to pray and study and consider our lives, we grow much clearer on how a disciple of Jesus lives – and how we can be those disciples. Methodist founder John Wesley called this small group support “watching over one another in love.” Being “methodical,” Wesley had a map, or blueprint, for how to grow in faith and how to achieve spiritual depth. Methodists still follow this blueprint today. It’s pretty simple, really: three rules and ongoing small groups which provide Christian community to support our efforts to live by these rules. Wesley called this small-group support “watching over one another in love.” The three rules are equally simple:

1. do no harm
2. do good
3. conscientiously carry out Christian practices

Last year, we had two groups complete the *Blueprint* course. A few members share their experience below:

**“*Blueprint* taught me that we need community. It helps us be accountable. It supports us and enriches us.”**

**“I learned from the group that I am a work in progress who wants to live creatively and faithfully for God, being a blessing in someone’s life each day.”**

**“*Blueprint for Discipleship* strengthened my personal faith journey into one of joy and pleasure.”**

**“The small group gave me the exact focus I needed to further my path to get closer to God.”**

**“This book showed me what a yesteryear Methodist was in comparison to a modern day Methodist.”**

**“*Blueprint* gave me valuable insight into Wesley’s vision for a Christian life. I have a new set of tools to grow closer to Christ and my loved ones.”**

**“I relished the rare opportunity to share core values and life experiences with one another in the small group.”**

To join the *Blueprint* group in September, please sign up in advance. This helps us get books to everyone before the series begins. **The *Blueprint* group will meet Thursdays from 7-8:30pm** (with apologies to choir members!) **The group will be limited to 10 members (plus Pastor Jeong), so sign-up asap with Bria in the church office or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex!**



# COMPANIONS *in Christ*

A MINISTRY OF THE UPPER ROOM

## Small Group

### Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm beginning September 28th

According to the *Companions in Christ* website, the original *Companions in Christ* series began with a vision from Stephen D. Bryant, the editor and publisher of The Upper Room Ministries: "Bryant's vision was to see our churches led differently - out of a spiritual formation paradigm. His hope was that as the church was led formationally, we would become the transformed community, the presence of Christ in the world." Bryant believed that "being led formationally included spending time together in community, practicing daily habits of personal listening to God, and creating space to listen to God together" in order to move one another to action. This series is a great follow up to the *Blueprint for Discipleship* series that many of us completed last year.

The current Companion in Christ series of today includes "reading a weekly article, engaging in daily reflective exercises, and meeting together in a weekly group." The hope of the Companions team is that Christians will transform their lives and faith by learning to listen deeply to God together. *Companions in Christ* defines spiritual formation as "a process of being conformed to the image of Christ by the gracious working of God's spirit for the transformation of the world." **Virginia Grabbe & Gretchen Hatfield will facilitate!**

#### A Definition Of Spiritual Formation

##### a process:

- gradual, life-long movement, not single, momentous conversion
- goes against grain of "quick-fix, instant results, Five Easy Steps" culture
- draws us by God's magnetic attraction, awakening our desire for God

##### **of being conformed to the image of Christ:**

- Christ is the image of God made visible to us (Col.1:15)
- image of Christ is pattern of human wholeness -- we share God's image (Gen.1:26)
- God's likeness feels strange since we are misshapen by images of worldly culture
- the Christ image heals, renews, restores us
- moves us from being centered in self to being centered in God

##### **by the gracious working of God's spirit:**

- we want to make things happen in our self-reliant culture
- but cannot conform ourselves to Christ by own will power
- we can open ourselves to gracious working of God's spirit
- the Spirit enables us to choose way of Christ over self-interest
- grace helps us give reins of control to God and to cooperate with Spirit
- we resist Spirit's work because change in ideas/habits/ behaviors is scary
- spiritual disciplines (practices) are ways of opening ourselves to grace

##### **for the transformation of the world:**

- being like Christ means living in self-giving love
- spiritual life not about "me" but about the world God loves
- as we are conformed to Christ we embody more of God's love for others
- fruits of spiritual formation are compassion, patience, truthfulness & reconciliation



# Consider Giving Your Time & Talents to the Church: We Need You!

## Needed: New Communion Team!



The Fair Oaks UMC Communion Team schedules the communion stewards (who provide the grape juice and bread) and the communion servers for our service on the first of every month.

They train new servers and stewards and set up the sacraments each Communion Sunday. After many years of faithful service, **Barbara Sims & Judy Shearer** are retiring from their duties; they

have graciously scheduled stewards through October 2011, and they are willing to help the new planning team learn the ropes. Call or email Bria to sign-up!

## Wanted: Chair Of Our Nursery Program!

**Dixie Van Allen & Cindy Chesbro** have been running the scheduling of our church nursery for many years. Together, they have trained and scheduled volunteers to

assist Andi Baker with watching the young babies and toddlers of our congregation during the church service each Sunday. We are sad to see Dixie & Cindy leave this program, but we are so

appreciative of the hard work they did for so many years. Call or email Bria if you interested in heading up our nursery program.



## Interested in Working with the Teens of Our Church??

Pastor Jeong, Holly Klamann & Bria Stevens have been beginning to make plans for both a Junior High and High School Youth group program at Fair Oaks UMC. Are you interested in helping us plan and/or facilitate future youth gatherings? mission trips? service projects? We will need all kinds of support including folks willing to bring snacks for the kids, to pray for our youth, to arrange volunteers and to brainstorm ideas with in upcoming meetings. Call Bria in the church office if you have a passion for our amazing tweens and teens!



## October 30<sup>th</sup> Is Legacy Sunday Sermon, Potluck, and Mini-Workshop!



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 30th for “Legacy Sunday” at Fair Oaks United Methodist Church! We will have special guest speakers to deliver the sermon and lead a mini-workshop after church. **This year, Legacy Sunday will be focused on families, especially parents with young children.** It will be a great opportunity to learn more about wills and trusts and will serve to raise awareness of ways that members of our church can establish their legacy by asking them to consider remembering our church in their will or trust or by establishing a life-income gift.

### Choosing a Financial Guardian By Mike Myatt

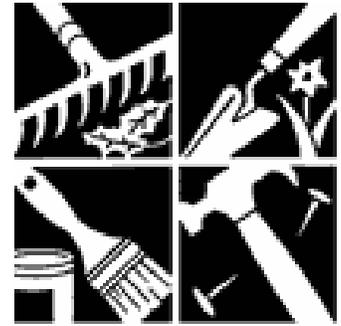
If you are a parent who does not yet have an estate plan, it is vital to select a guardian for your children. In a recent *Acorn* article, choosing a guardian for your children was discussed. The previous article was focused on choosing a caregiver for your child; however, there are two types of guardians: guardians of the estate and guardians of the person. Ideally, this would be the same person, but it may be that the right guardian for your children’s assets (money, trust, college accounts, etc.) could be different than the person you would choose to be a substitute parent who will love and care for your child. Here are some things to think about as you choose a financial guardian for your children:

- Does your chosen caregiver/guardian have the financial resources to raise your children? As part of your estate plan, be sure to think about this so that you do not unduly burden the person who will take in your children or the person who will be in charge of the financial estate of your children.
- Does the person you are considering as financial guardian know the person who will raise your children? Do they get along?
- Will your chosen financial guardian have the strength to carry out your wishes even if he or she is under pressure from others to make different decisions, including possibly your children or your chosen caregiver?
- Do you trust your financial guardian to make all of the financial decisions on behalf of your children, or would you prefer that he or she oversees a more concrete plan that you design?
- Talk to your chosen guardian before making your decision final. Make sure he or she is comfortable with this responsibility. Allow him or her to ask questions about your plans.
- Make sure your chosen financial guardian knows where to find all of the financial accounts and that he or she is given all of the appropriate access to these accounts.
- Make sure that your chosen caregiver, if different from the financial guardian, is aware of this plan and is okay with it. You don’t want the person who you trust to love and care for your children to be blindsided with the news that they are not going to be in charge of your children’s finances.
- Make sure that you, your spouse, and the chosen financial guardian agree on your choice.



# Trustees Parsonage Report

## By Terri Himes



The Parsonage is finished, and Pastor Jeong, Youngjae, and Jacob have moved in! This church is so blessed with an amazing group of wonderful people. We put out the word for help with the parsonage, and the response was overwhelming. We worked mainly on the inside on Aug. 6th and finished the inside and the outside on the 13th. A small group of people also worked during the weekdays. **The great volunteers who worked so hard are: Tom & Cynthia Wold, John & Terri Himes, Lance & Elaine Bach, Sandy Milne, Bria Stevens, Renee Meyer, Kathy McAllister, Roy Anderson, Judy Shearer, Jim Allen, Pat Eichner, Lynn & Gloria Phinney, Dale, Rachele & Spencer Doty, Dick & Sue Easterbrook, Wayde & Ruby Wicker, Ben & Jeff Couch, Chris Boyd and Bill Brown.** Your Trustees are still working hard amid our financial crisis to maintain and upgrade our facilities. Take a look at the projects we are trying to fund on the chart at the back of the Narthex. Please consider donating to one of these projects if at all possible. The Trustees would also like to thank Bria for all of her hard work. Bria, you seem to help out with EVERYTHING way beyond your duties! Thanks again to everyone, and **WELCOME PASTOR JEONG!**



## A Note about Parsonage Privacy

It has been a long time since our Fair Oaks UMC community has had a pastor and his family living in the parsonage. As a pastor's kid who has heard horror stories of church members bursting in on pastors' families making breakfast in their pajamas and interrupting other intimate family moments, I feel it is necessary to include a gentle reminder regarding parsonage protocol:

Since the parsonage is the pastor's home, the privacy of the Park family should be respected at all times. Please think of the parsonage as you would any other home in Fair Oaks.

If you need to get into the church at any time, contact Bria in the church office or (in an emergency only), contact Jim Allen. Please do NOT knock on Pastor Jeong and Youngjae's door! Pretend that they live far, far away.

Because being a pastor is such a stressful on-call job, it is very important that Pastor Jeong is able to fully rest and recuperate when he is not working.

Thank You,  
Bria, the Pastor's Kid



# Children's Ministry Page



## Fall Sunday School News by Gloria Phinney, Education Chair

Fall is here, and we are anxious to begin our new season of Sunday School with two classes. Both classes will join together in song led by Nancy Klanjac in Rice 1 and 2 following Children's Time in church. Because we have a group of students beginning 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year, we have organized our older children's class to include grades 5-8. This group will move to the Teen Room (located next to the Nursery) for their lesson after singing. The younger group will include ages 4 - Grade 5 (choice for grade 5 placement can be made by the parent and child involved). The younger group will remain in Rice for their lesson. By grouping all 2 classes and the nursery class closer together, we hope to make it easier for parents to gather their children and make it easier for teachers to communicate between the classrooms as needed.

This quarter, the lessons for both classes will focus on families. The first unit, "God Calls a People," includes stories of Abraham and Sarah, Lot, the birth of Isaac and Isaac's marriage to Rebekah. The second unit, "God's Family Grows," includes the stories of Jacob and Esau--how they were different, the birthright, Jacob tricking Isaac, Jacob's ladder, and Esau forgiving Jacob. The stories of Joseph and the beautiful coat, Joseph in Egypt, and Joseph forgiving his brothers are included in the third Unit, "Hope for God's People."

We can learn many valuable lessons from these stories. We will see that every family has unique individuals and that families can live peacefully with each other. We can be assured that each family, no matter how it is formed and shaped, belongs to God, and that God loves us and is always present with us.

The other teachers and I hope to see your children, grandchildren, or young friends in class this year!

## FOUMC'S Children & Youth Sunday October 9th By Bria Stevens

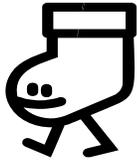
Interested in having your child participate in a worship service for FOUMC led solely by the kids in our church family? Come bring your children to the following meetings:

**Sunday, September 18th at 11:30am** - All kids ages K-3rd grade who are participating in Children & Youth Sunday will meet to plan and work on the Oct. 9th service. Parents are encouraged to attend!

**Sunday, September 25th at 11:30am** - All kids ages 4th - 7th grade who are participating in Children & Youth Sunday will meet to plan and work on the Oct. 9th service. Parents are encouraged to attend!

**Sunday, October 2nd at 11:30am** - All kids (of all ages!) participating in Children & Youth Sunday will meet together for a run-thru of the service. Parents are encouraged to attend!





## 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.

### Mary House Quarters By Katy Houghton

There is a jar on the offering box in the narthex to put quarters in for Maryhouse. The staff at Maryhouse give the quarters to the women clients to use for bus fare to appointments for them and their children. Tom and I take them to Maryhouse monthly. The Maryhouse staff is very grateful. Tom and I thank you.



### Roommate Wanted By Rosanne Stephenson

Looking for 55 years or older roommate/care giver to live at Fair Oaks Country Place 2 bedroom condominium. Includes parking, utilities, HOA, in exchange for meal prep, light housekeeping. Not required all the time, just watchful eye. Please contact Rosanne Stephenson if you are interested: 916-863-0227 /rosanne23@comcast.net.



## Update by Michael Schwagerus

Happy Fall everyone! I just can't believe summer is already over. Both of my kids will be in school now! Dylan will be having his first day of kindergarten tomorrow morning. We are praying that it will go well for him. For me, each fall really feels like the beginning of a new year, and as I plan out the school and the church year, I see some exciting things coming up. This year at FOUMC will be a big one! We are going to have a new projector/sound system installed in the sanctuary sometime relatively soon.

I am sure most of you have heard, seen or read something about a new projector system for our Sanctuary. If not, this article will help. Please also come talk to me about it if you have any questions. First of all, before I get into what the system will look like and what it will do, I would like to give some input on the cost, how it is to be paid for and how that is connected to the budget. I know everyone knows that Finance and Church Council have been working hard to close a budget gap. It seems a bit odd to propose a several thousand-dollar project while at the same time working to close a several thousand-dollar budget gap. Sounds a little like a debt ceiling debate to me... I was jokingly thinking of calling this article: *The Top Ten Ways to Solve a Debt Crisis*. I had several bad ideas on my list and was going to list the number one way to solve a debt crisis is to buy 3 giant TV's for the sanctuary! Somehow, on second thought, that seemed like the wrong thing to do especially in light of all the hard choices Church Council has made and all of the extra giving all of you have made. Thanks to our financial leadership and to all of you, the budget gap has been closed which is a true blessing.

Our new audio-visual equipment project will be paid for with funds that were given to the worship committee 13 years ago. The funds were designated to worship/music ministry. I know that's a long time ago, and you may wonder why now. Part of the reason is that the gift was given in the form of stocks. We all know what happened to the stock market in 2008... Since the market crashed, the plan was to wait awhile to recap some of the loss. Due to some unforeseen change in the company, we were forced to sell the stock about a year and a half ago. Since then, we have been kicking around ideas about a projector and/or sound system upgrade.

I have been struggling with this project since it is not really my area of expertise. I have had several disappointing attempts at finding a local company to help us figure out the best type of system for our church. But, just recently, I got in touch with Bud Kress of the Rancho UMC. He is a great resource as he installed this type of equipment at the Rancho church about 6 years ago. He has operated and maintained their system all that time and is now looking to upgrade their system as well. This makes Bud very well suited to consult us on our system since he is not only experienced but also up with the current trends, equipment and costs. He has been instrumental in helping us so far and has committed to getting our church through this process from beginning to end. He is truly a great guy, and we are blessed to have his guidance. This system will be a great addition to our church, and I feel confident that with Bud we can do this the right way for our congregation. Currently, we are still in the process of deciding where to put the screens. More on that will come in the following weeks. At this point, the idea is to present a plan and vote much like Trustees did when we painted the sanctuary. Please keep talking to me about your ideas. I'll do my best to keep you informed along the way. See you Sunday!



## From the Finance Corner

### By Renee Meyer



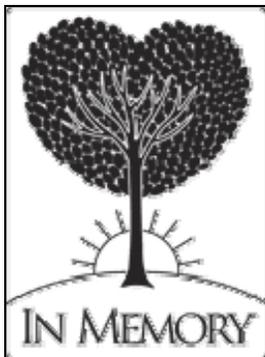
*“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 NASB*

Greetings and peace in Jesus’ name! This verse is my favorite verse in the Bible. It was shared with me by an old friend several years ago when I was questioning a lot of things in my life, and it has stuck with me. This version, from the New American Standard Bible, is the wording I like best because to me, it much bolder than in other versions. The New International Version, which I usually use, speaks of plans to prosper and not to harm, giving hope and a future. The NASB version speaks louder to me.

I have repeated this verse in my head over the last several weeks while thinking about the budget and the needed revisions. I am happy to say that we have closed the gap-- there is a future and a hope at FOUMC! (Why I ever hesitated to think that God Almighty would even consider letting me or the other ministers of FOUMC down is beyond me - that would be the insecure part of my humanness). Truly, God is forever wonderful and amazing, and I cannot thank Him enough for leading me to the corner of Fair Oaks and Pennsylvania in my search for a new church several years ago.

So, the gap was closed by the direction of God, working through the heads of some 15-20 people at a couple of Council meetings within the last month. First, many of you have caught up and EXCEEDED your pledge, creating a bit more cash flow; many committees and LMS gave up a lot of budgeted items in an effort to help reduce overall annual expenses, and there is a Tongan Luau and a possible Christmas fundraiser on the horizon. All of the plans and the future of FOUMC are rock solid as long as our faith and willingness to work together continues as strong as it has over the last couple of months.

FOUMC will be switching to a new fiscal year (July – June) starting in 2012. In order to get there, we will have a short fiscal year from Jan through June. Things will be happening in two’s for 2012.....two budgets, two pledge drives, but NO more mid-year revisions, which thrills me more than I can say! To GOD be all the glory! See you next month!



## Marty Martin’s Memorial Fund

Warm appreciation to **Roy & Gabriella Anderson and Tom & Katy Houghton** for their donations to Marty Martin’s Memorial Fund. All donations to his memorial will go towards the Fair Oaks UMC Endowment Fund.



# SEPTEMBER Events

## Book Club

This month's selection is **Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer***. Bring a sack lunch, and join us on **September 19th at noon** in the library!



## Pinochle

**This month's Pinochle night will be held on Friday, September 9th at 6:30 pm.** Come on out for a night of fellowship and fun. We will teach you to play Pinochle if you have never played before!



## Caring Ministries Meeting



Our Caring Ministry Committee will meet in September at a yet to be determined date. Betty Phillips, our Caring Ministries chair, will be in contact. Any concerns from the congregation can be shared at any time with Pastor Jeong or with Betty Phillips.



# FOUMC Vacation Photos!



The Klanjacs enjoyed both the water and the shore on Peaceful Point at Squaw Creek in Lake Shasta!



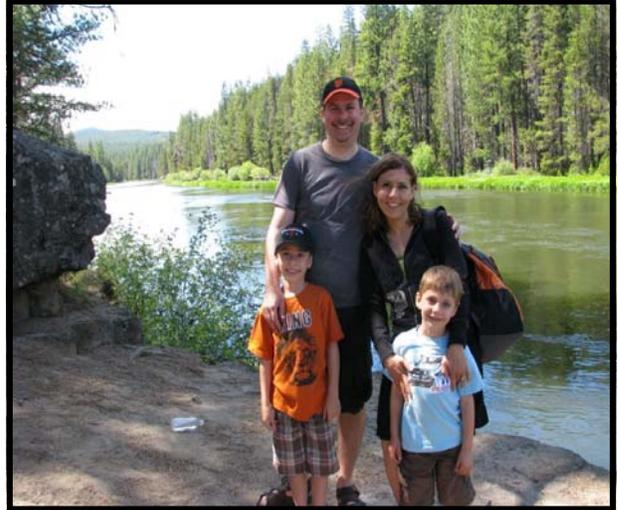
Bria and the Oliver Family camped near Santa Cruz. They ate lunch at the Santa Cruz Diner after a long, hot day at the Boardwalk.



Mary McCollum visited Safari West in Santa Rosa, CA. Her shirt perfectly matched the “safari” décor.



John and Terri Himes spent the summer with their grandkids who now total 5 boys!



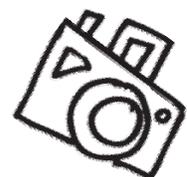
The Myatt family visited the Deschutes River in Sunriver, Oregon.



After she graduated from high school, Morgan Johnson celebrated in Italy!

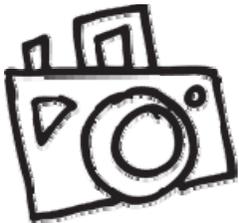


Pat Sherwood and her family went hiking in Mammoth. Here she is with her daughter, Christina.





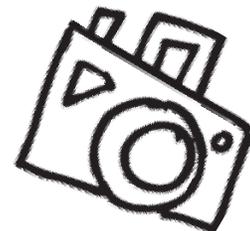
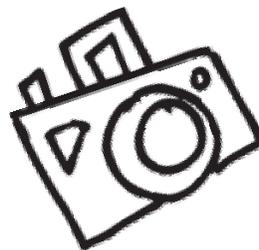
The Klamon women enjoyed tea time on the Queen Mary 2 in the United Kingdom!



Later in the summer, Holly and her boyfriend, Justin, parasailed for the first time.



Ivy Hammond started kindergarten. Baby brother Atticus came to check out the school!





## Save the Date for the Tongan Luau!! Saturday, October 15th, 2011



Our Tongan members have invited us to join them again for a traditional Tongan Luau on **Saturday, October 15th**. Start saving your dollar bills, and mark your calendars for a night of food, fun, music and dance! You won't want to miss this night. The event will be an FOUMC Fundraiser.

### 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.

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

- 9/17 Fair Oaks UMC Family Talent Show & Ice Cream Social
- 10/9 Children & Youth Sunday
- 10/9 Junior High Group Begins
- 10/15 Tongan Luau
- 10/30 Endowment Committee's Legacy Sunday
- 11/26 Advent Gathering hosted by the Worship Committee
- 11/27 First Sunday in Advent





## SEPTEMBER 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

4 Bill Floyd  
 11 Diane Sommer  
 18 Lora Allen  
 25 Kathy Glass &  
 Adriane Samcoff

### COFFEE HOUR

4 Tongan Members  
 11 Dick & Sue Easterbrook  
 18 Dick & Sue Easterbrook  
 25 Dick & Sue Easterbrook

### LITURGISTS

4 Sammie Lee Wilhoit  
 11 Nancy Klanjac  
 18 Steve Bodner  
 25 Amber Bizik

### COUNTERS

4 Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner  
 11 Ellen Frosch & Judy Shearer  
 18 Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt  
 25 John Clune & Bill Floyd

### FLOWERS

4 Cheryl Raney & George Roth  
 11 Gloria Phinney  
 18 Kathy Glass & Adriane Samcoff  
 25 Loretta Dodge

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Early Elementary

4 Ruby Wicker & Adriane S  
 11 Mary Maret  
 18 George R & Cheryl R  
 25 Mary Maret

#### Upper Grades

Gloria Phinney  
 Bria Stevens  
 Jeremy Hammond  
 Linda Klaman

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

Roy & Gay Anderson

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Alisia Johnson

### 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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the  
Father  
in  
spirit  
and  
truth.*  
John 4:23

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