

FALL 2016

FOOTHILLS MISSION AREA ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30pm

The Charge Conference is the annual church conference celebrating God's blessing upon LCUMC in a conference setting. We will meet our District Superintendent (DS), Rev. Jim Powell (our second time)



who will be presiding the Conference.

All members are invited!

Reports from all the Committee Chairs are due end of Oct. 31st to the Church Office.

Adult Education on Sunday

Teachers: Dr. Joel Green & Dr. Joy Moore
@9 AM to 10 AM

Sept. 18: "Acts and Christian Formation"
Sept. 25: "Acts, Hospitality, and Friendship"
Oct. 2: Harper, *Five Marks of a Methodist* (1)
Oct. 9: Harper, *Five Marks of a Methodist* (2)
Oct. 16: Harper, *Five Marks of a Methodist* (3)
Oct. 23: Harper, *Five Marks of a Methodist* (4)
Oct. 30: Harper, *Five Marks of a Methodist* (5)
Nov. 6: Malachi
Nov. 13: Malachi
Nov. 20: Good News of Great Joy Luke 1-2
Nov. 27: NO CLASS
Dec. 4: Good News of Great Joy Luke 1-2
Dec. 11: Good News of Great Joy Luke 1-2
Dec. 18: NO CLASS
Dec. 25: NO CLASS

Notes from the Pastor's Desk....

My personal prayer of desiring to share Gospel crossing cultures, ages and races has allowed me to go to various places during my life to do that. I was called to go to KOSTA-Japan two years ago and shared Good News to Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and people from Africa. This year, I am called (accompany with Dream Saxophone Team) to share Gospel in Sapporo, Japan on Oct. 19th to Oct. 23rd. I will be preaching and sharing four times while I'm there. Please pray for me and for the people there that they will welcome God into their lives.

Rev. Cho

Wednesday Women's Class

Teachers: Rev. Cho & Denise Lenore & Linda Swanson
@11 AM TO 12:15 PM

Sept. 14 to Oct. 5: The Sovereignty of God (Isaiah)
Oct. 12 to Nov. 9: The Sovereignty of Jesus (Hebrews)
Nov. 16 to Dec. 14: Alpha and Omega (Revelation)

NO CLASSES on Nov. 23, Dec. 21 & Dec. 28.

Taize Meditation Prayer Service

Tuesday, Sept. 6th, 7:00 pm,



The Taize Service is the service of prayer. Meditation and music weave together in the service to create a sacred space for you to center yourself with God and within yourself. Candlelight provides a quiet and reverent setting. You do not need to stay throughout the service.

You can stop by for a moment at any time to give yourself a little break from your busy life.

TAIZE ON
Oct. 4th,
Nov. 1st,
& Dec. 6th

Highlights of Missions in 2016 as of 9/6/2016:

where some of your gifts went to...

Apportionment	\$3,900.00
Native American Ministry	\$216.00
No More Malaria	\$49.00
30 Hour Famine	\$740.00
Human Relations Day	\$133.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$153.00
Andrew Jackson Elementary	\$1,281.94
World Wide Communion	\$177.00
Peace with Justice	\$182.00
United Methodist Student Day	\$169.00
Living Water Int'l Mission	\$140.00
UMCOR (Louisiana Flood Relief)	\$1,140.00

MORE MISSIONS COMING UP IN YEAR 2016....

We served the community through our Easter Party [over 100 people]. We are also serving community by offering ESL Conversation Class collaborating with SGVLC.



Highlights of Missions in 2015: where some of your gifts went to...

Apportionment	\$18,205.65
World Communion Sunday	\$165.00
No More Malaria	\$403.00
30 Hour Famine	\$308.00
Human Relations Day	\$80.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$234.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	\$172.00
World Justice Fund	\$500.00
Andrew Jackson Elementary	\$357.00

World Communion Sunday Offering Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

World Communion Sunday is observed the first Sunday in October. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Special offering envelopes will be available in the bulletin and in the narthex.

Human Relations Day (Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday) strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

UMCOR Sunday (fourth Sunday in Lent) Previously known as One Great Hour Of Sharing, this Sunday enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

Native American Ministries Sunday (third Sunday of Easter) nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Peace With Justice Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

United Methodist Student Day (last Sunday of November) furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

	July, 2016	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$29,762.20	\$134,011.17
Expenses	\$16,858.55	\$120,855.33
	\$12,903.65 (includes North District Fund for Monument Sign)	
Surplus	\$6,903.65	\$1,265.57

Tithes and Offerings: Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to the work of God through this church. As the summer comes to a close, please catch up with your pledges for 2016. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Ministry Prayer Needs: The Church and its Mission. The health and spiritual growth of LCUMC, our families, community, and our nation. Prayers for the upcoming Presidential election, transition of the Bishops in UMC, and for the peace and safety over God's world.

Prayer Concerns for Health Issues:

Lee Renaud, Stephanie Orr, Otis Hutchins, Pastor Ed Burn, Jeanette Berwin, David Dawson, Geoffrey Kemmerer, Ginn Carah, Larry Rich, Irene Rice, Buddy Black, Helder Pereira, Rev. Keith Tonkel, Amber Norris, Shirell Hixon, Sherril Carbonetti, Ana Marie Alejandro, Judy Fischer.

Shut Ins: Marilyn Lott, Ginny Nichols, Jeanette Berwin, Charles and Earline Gulick.

United Methodist Women Are On The Move at LCUMC!

Tuesday, September 13 will be our first move... from the second Monday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month. We will gather in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30.

The United Methodist Women is a diverse and amazing group of women across the United States. We have the largest "reading group for women" in the U.S.! Each year, there are three areas of studies: one on spiritual growth, one on social/cultural growth and change, and one a geographical cultural study.

Nationally, the United Methodist Women is also the major supporter of United Methodist Church Missions locally, nationally and worldwide. The LCUMC unit will focus particularly on missions reflecting our personal and our unit participation in particular local missions and in extended mission.

On Wednesday, August 31 fourteen of us met for a light supper and a time of fellowship and sharing. We will continue that conversation at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 13th of Sept. to focus on specifics of times for study and meeting programs as well as initiating some specific local outreach action.

Welcome! ...Come!
Carole Kemmerer



A Mother's Prayers

Susanna Wesley, often referred to as the mother of Methodism, spent much time in prayer and in training all of her children in the Christian faith. Her deepest concern for her children was that they maintain a close relationship with Jesus Christ throughout their lives. Never a year went by without her constant prayers and encouraging correspondence in their adult lives urging each one to keep the faith.

Susanna educated her children for 6 hours each day in the kitchen of their home. She was very intentional about forming their faith. She would speak to each child every night regarding their faith. She also spent one hour each week with each child asking them about their faith, fears, hopes, dreams and the state of their souls. Concerned for how the children spent their Sundays, she began to teach them on Sunday nights to read and discuss Scripture. Her servants, then her neighbors, and finally about 200 community members attended her Sunday night teachings.

A mother of nineteen children, Susanna Wesley is considered a woman who changed the world because she shaped the hearts and faith of her children. Her wise counsel and constant prayers as well as her discussion of the Scriptures nourished the spiritual life of her children throughout their lives. Both John and Charles Wesley felt it was the faithful prayers of their mother that led to their conversions.

from the book, *Susanna Wesley —The Complete Writings*, ed. Charles Wallace Jr



WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OR



AN OFFERING FOR A WAY FORWARD

Galatians 3:25-29 (NRSV)

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, [a] heirs according to the promise.

Our bishops received the request to lead The United Methodist Church forward during this time of both great crisis and great opportunity. As far as we can discover, this is the first time that a General Conference has ever made such a request of the Council of Bishops, and they accepted this request. Below is statement our Bishops issued:

"We seek, in this kairos moment, a way forward for profound unity on human sexuality and other matters. This deep unity allows for a variety of expressions to co-exist in one church. Within the Church, we are called to work and pray for more Christ-like unity with each other rather than separation from one another. This is the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21-23.

UNITY We believe that our unity is found in Jesus Christ; it is not something we achieve but something we receive as a gift from God. We understand that part of our role as bishops is to lead the church toward new behaviors, a new way of being and new forms and structures which allow a unity of our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" while allowing for differing expressions as a global church. Developing such new forms will require a concerted effort by all of us, and we your bishops commit ourselves to lead this effort. We ask you, as a General Conference, to affirm your own commitment to maintaining and strengthening the unity of the church. We will coordinate this work with the various efforts already underway to develop global structures and a new General Book of Discipline for our church. Strengthening the unity of the church is a responsibility for all of us.

Statement of Unity from the United Methodist Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly held in Manila, Philippines

This statement of unity was read by Ann Jacob, a young adult reserve delegate from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, on the floor of the United Methodist General Conference today. It was shaped by the work of over 300 United Methodist young people from 34 countries.

It was received with a standing ovation.

Statement of Unity from the United Methodist Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly:

"There has been increasing talk of schism of the United Methodist Church in recent months. Many say that the issue of homosexuality is so contentious that it will inevitably split our Church. We, as the young people of The United Methodist Church, would like to say that we do not desire a divided Church. "The Church that we have taken our places in is called to a ministry that includes so much more than this one issue. There are genuine, passionate perspectives on all sides of the issue and though we disagree, we have committed ourselves to loving, faithful discussion on this subject. Part of the beauty of our Church is that there has always been room at the table for a wide range of theological diversity within our connectional church family. As Wesley said, 'May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?' "We urge everyone to seek solutions that promote our global unity as the United Methodist Church of Jesus Christ, rather than focus only on the issues that divide us, so that we may faithfully live out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

PRAYER We accept our role as spiritual leaders to lead the UMC in a "pause for prayer" - to step back from attempts at legislative solutions and to intentionally seek God's will for the future. As a Council of Bishops, we will lead the church in every part of the world in times of worship, study, discernment, confession and prayer for God's guidance.

PROCESSES We have discussed in depth the processes which might help our church heal and move forward - up to and including the possibility of a called General Conference in 2018 or 2019. We have not finalized our plans for such processes, but we will keep working on options we have heard from many of you, and we will keep reporting to this General Conference and to the whole church.

NEXT STEPS We recommend that the General Conference defer all votes on human sexuality and refer this entire subject to a special Commission, named by the Council of Bishops, to develop a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in our Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality. We continue to hear from many people on the debate over sexuality that our current Discipline contains language which is contradictory, unnecessarily hurtful, and inadequate for the variety of local, regional and global contexts. We will name such a Commission to include persons from every region of our UMC, and will include representation from differing perspectives on the debate. We commit to maintain an ongoing dialogue with this Commission as they do their work, including clear objectives and outcomes. Should they complete their work in time for a called General Conference, then we will call a two- to three-day gathering before the 2020 General Conference. (We will consult with GCFA regarding cost-effective ways to hold that gathering.)

CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS We will continue to explore options to help the church live in grace with one another - including ways to avoid further complaints, trials and harm while we uphold the Discipline. We will continue our conversation on this matter and report our progress to you and to the whole church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL For children at LCUMC

The first Children's VBS was held June 15-18 this summer. To a backdrop of cinema props and movie headlines our children participated in an interactive VBS of storytelling, songs, crafts, games and prayer. God's story was told and revealed within David's story. David's story was written and directed by God. The children learned that each of us is part of God's story.



Lord's Prayer

By a 15-year-old school kid who got an A+ for this entry.

The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most U.S. Public schools anymore. A kid in Minnesota wrote the following:

"Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all..
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
and pierced our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the
'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles but
the Ten Commandments are not allowed, no
word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns
The school's a mess.
So Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen.



MORE PICTURES FROM VBS...



September Birthday

09/02 Janice DaVolio
09/07 Bill Sjogren
09/10 Grace Amico
09/14 Tommy Baragona
09/19 Natalie Nunez
09/26 Callym Ecker
09/27 Pat Hutchins

October Birthday

10/06 Delores Dowdy
10/07 Fran Evans
10/07 Bill Sleeper
10/08 Marilyn Peer
10/21 Bill Evans
10/28 Christopher Henry
10/28 Joey Mitchell
10/30 Brian Dowdy

November Birthday

11/3 Selina Cho
11/6 Shari Evans Peterson
11/9 Denise Lenore
11/10 Linda Swanson
11/11 Gina Reese
11/18 Pastor Elaine Cho
11/19 Dick Weller



Ralphs: Now is the time to renew Ralphs card. If you are not enrolled in the program, you can enroll online (www.ralphs.com) or obtain information from Denise. Ralphs renewals begin September 1 every year. The ID number for La Canada UMC is 80550.

All Church Friendship Luncheon **Sunday, September 11th,**

We, LCUMC, is 52 years old. We celebrate God's grace and faithfulness for our past, present and future. Come join our special day together as your faith community and fellowship with God and with each other!

Our church is not a perfect place but imperfect place of imperfect people gathered to help and care for each other. We are filled with kind and loving people.

Water Slides for children and teens, delicious food for all, and game and prizes are ready for you. All are welcome as you are.

**In the year of 2016, the luncheon schedules are below.
Please mark your calendar!**

October 2nd, Nov. 20th, and Dec. 4th.

2016 Christmas Cantata US Tour

Oct.2nd, Sunday at 3pm.

Location: Shrine Auditorium and Expo Hall

The Gracias Choir is scheduled to visit Los Angeles area on Oct. 2nd, Sunday. They are Grand Prize winner of Italy, Switzerland and South Korea. If you are interested in going with the Pastor Cho, please let her know by Sept. 15th. She will find tickets for you. Or you can go to www.christmascantata.us and order your tickets.



English As Second Language Class

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LITERACY COUNCIL

Fall Semester 2016-17

Sept. 22, 2016—Feb. 9, 2017

@1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

1. Beginner's Class
2. Intermediate Class

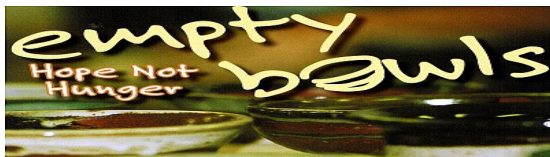


32nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference June 16-18, 2016

I have attended the Annual Conference for several years as a representative of this congregation and the District. The time frame has gotten more compact, but the business of the AC always seems to be completed. As Bishop Unda of the East Congo Conference put it, we have a Bishop “that knows how to Bish”.

Resident Bishop Minerva Carcaño called the opening session to order with the theme of “Therefore, go, “Proclaim the Gospel”, “Lead persons to God,” “Nurture persons in Christian living” and “Send disciples of Jesus Christ into the world”. This theme carried forward the focus of the General Conference 2016.

Bishop Carcaño then introduced Bishop Gabriel Unda who gave the sermon at the opening worship service on Thursday morning. Bishop Unda lost his wife and a daughter to malaria and expressed how deeply moved he is by the efforts of our conference in the “Imagine No Malaria Initiative.” He preached that God knows each disciple by name, God embraces all, there are no borders for God, and that all persons belong to God. Once when he was captured by military forces he was sure he would be executed, when he came face to face with their commander. Bishop Unda was recognized as the commander’s elementary schoolteacher. He was set free. The commander stated “I cannot harm my teacher”. Bishop Unda continues to travel throughout the East Congo Conference.



Crescenta Valley UMC’s Empty Bowls Event is scheduled on October 22nd at 4pm to 8pm.

Help relief HUNGER from our world!

Bishop Carcaño shared that Cal-Pac membership is 68,426, down from 70,891 a year ago. However, there is an increase in the number of young adults in Christian Formation groups, persons in small groups, persons in mission and participants in Vacation Bible Schools. She pointed out this is the fourth year that expenses have not exceeded revenue. The 2017 budge of \$12.9 million was approved, a 1% increase over 2016.

After a fair amount of discussion resolutions were passed concerning the LGBTQI community, gun safety measures and urging the Bishop and Cabinet not to deny appointments based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

My overall impression of this year’s Annual Conference is positive, others share my experience of greater optimism over all and a sense of positive energy. Although there were disagreements on the floor, there was a sense of “Christian Conferencing” where all opinions were received with respect before votes were taken.

The worship services and music were inspiring. It was great to hear ‘O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing’ being sung by a thousand voices.

For a more detailed reports of the General Conference and Annual proceedings there are packets available in the Narthex that contain:

- 1) Official Summary of the 32nd Annual Session of the Cal-Pac Conference
- 2) An offering for “a Way Forward” by General Conference Bishops (on pg. 4 of this Messenger)
- 3) Statement of Unity by the Global Young Peoples Convention. (pg. 4)

**Lay Leader and your servant in Christ,
Bob Kemmerer
June, 2016**

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary	2	3
4 10:30 Worship Sunday School	5 Labor Day	6 9:30 am CC Chapel 7:00 pm Taizé	7 9:30 am CC Chapel	8 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Sanctuary	9	10
11 Back-to Church Sunday 10:30 Worship 12:00 52nd Church Anniversary Luncheon	12	13 6:30 pm UMW FSR	14 10:30 am Intercessory Prayer FSR 11:00 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Finance Com.	15 7:00 pm Sanctuary Men's Choir, Sanctuary	16 6:30 pm Back-to-School Night for Children's Center	17
18 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 Worship Sunday School	19	20 9:30 am CC Chapel 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting Church Office	21 9:30 am CC Chapel 10:30 am Intercessory Prayer FSR 11:00 am Women's Bible Study FSR	22 1:00 pm ESL	23	24
25 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 Worship Sunday School	26	27 1:00 pm CCAC FSR	28 10:30 am Intercessory Prayer FSR 11:00 am Women's Bible Study FSR	29 1:00 pm ESL	30	FSR—Fireside Room MPR—Multi-purpose Room CC Children's Center

October 2016

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2 9:00 am Ad. Ed 10:30 Worship Sunday School 12:30 pm Friend- ship Luncheon 3:00pm Gracias Christmas Canta-	3	4 9:30 am Chil- dren's Chapel 7:00 pm Taizé	5 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:30 am Interces- sory Prayer FSR 11:00 am Women's Bible Study FSR	6 1:00 pm ESL FSR	7	8 9:00 am –12:00 pm Work Party
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23 Revival cont. 9:00 am Ad. Ed 10:30 Worship Sunday School Cho's Japan →	24 →	25 P. Cho on VACA 10/25-31 →	26 10:30 am Interces- sory Prayer FSR 11:00 am Women's Bible Study FSR	27	28 10:00 am Children's Center Halloween Pa- rade	29 →
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20 9:00 am Ad. Ed. 10:30 Worship Sunday School 12:30 pm Thanksgiving Luncheon	21	22 P., Cho VAC 11/22-26 →	23 No Activities today	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
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