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The Courier

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Welcome to First Church where everyone is either our friend or family.

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Heart to Heart

Have you heard people talking about the 2023 Asbury revival at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky? Everyone around me is talking about it, including my own mother who attends a Korean Presbyterian church in Seattle. She called to ask about it! This revival was sparked by a handful of students who spontaneously stayed in Hughes Auditorium following a regularly scheduled chapel service on February 8, 2023. Following the chapel service, prayer and worship continued on. The Asbury President sent out a two-sentence brief email: "There 's worship happening in Hughes. You're welcome to join." The rest became history.

It has been attended by approximately 15,000 people each day in a small town of less than 6,000 residents. By its end, the revival brought 50,000-70,000 visitors to Wilmore. At the same time, this movement of the Holy Spirit spread throughout different universities such as Samford, Cedarville, Baylor, Belmont, and Lee University. The Spirit of God moved in those places. People prayed, sang, confessed and shared testimonies. So many people have experienced the "surprising work of God."

I cannot not share that there were volunteers behind the scene meeting in a classroom that turned into a command center. An ad hoc revival committee of about 7 people met in a storage closet. In a small town of less than 6,000, this sudden work of God brought more people than they could have ever imagined. To accommodate the work of the Holy Spirit, these volunteers stepped in quickly to provide hospitality and protect the "revival".

This I envy. I envy the passion of the believers. I envy the readiness of Asbury staff and volunteers to host the movement of God. And I covet the presence of the Holy Spirit.

On this Easter of 2023, I pray for the Holy Spirit to move in our midst. I pray that the San Fernando Valley can host a revival like the Asbury Revival.

*I hope you take time to read more on the Asbury Revival 2023.

Rev. Elaine Shin-Paull



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April Calendar

April Birthdays

- 5 Julie Demoraes
- 6 Nancy Summer
- 8 Michiko Mosbe
- 9 Kathie Walters
- 12 Louis Parrinello
- 23 Dana Dreyfuss
Stephen Jones
Dixie Smith

Anniversaries

- 1 Arnold, Jonathan &
Abbey
- 10 Parrinello, Louis & Anita
- 22 Alderman, Ron &
Jennifer
- 29 Mosbe, Michael &
Michiko

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let us know.



Easter Lilies

We invite you to sponsor an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Please contact the church office before Palm Sunday, April 2 to place your order. A special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday will list your dedication. Each plant is \$13.

Weekly Activities

- Sunday *The Chosen* Bible Study with Roger Johnson, Library, 11:45 am (begins February 26)
Peace Evangelical Church, Hall, 9:30 am
San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus, Hall 1:45 pm
Hindi Urdu Church, Sanctuary, 5:00 pm
- Monday Harmonettes, Fellowship Hall Lounge, 10:30 - 12:30 pm
Cub Pack 474, Boy Scout Room, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday Church of Christ, Hall & Lounge, 6-10 pm
Boy Scout Troop 474, Boy Scout room, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Men's AA Group, Parlor, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Thursday Wesleyan Bible Study with Pastor Elaine continues, Library, 11:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday Siliconandhra, Room 10 and Library, 5:30-7:30 pm
Church of Christ, Hall & Lounge, 6-10 pm
- Saturday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor 9:30 - noon

Other Activities

- Saturday 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am
Weiler's Restaurant on Sherman Way
- Saturday 8 Young Ambassadors League
Parent Orientation, FH 1:00-5:00 pm
- Sunday 9 Laura Longman Memorial Scholarship Grants presented before worship
- Saturday 18 Rock Chippers, Lounge, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Coming in May

- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am
Weiler's Restaurant on Sherman Way

Celebrate Easter with us

and invite family and friends to —

Palm Sunday Service – April 2 at 10:00 am

Lent Project for Unhoused will follow the worship.

Good Friday Service – April 7 at 5:00 pm

The Seven Last Words

Easter Sunday Service – April 9 at 10:00 am



What your Pledge to United Women in Faith Does

- Provides clean water and nourishing food
- Pays for medical care
- Builds new churches
- Ministers to the needs of children
- Prints Christian education materials
- Gives scholarships
- Assists in community development
- Supports missionaries
- Trains leaders in church and society
- Prints and distributes mission magazines, books, leaflets, filmstrips, films, videos, posters, packets
- Supports advocacy efforts for women and children
- Provides leadership training for United Women in Faith

In Memory

Eutha Hankinson, President of the Cal-Pac UWF Conference passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. She had been present at the Mid-Winter event in February. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Faith Talks Podcasts on UWF website

On 19 January 2023, host, Jennifer Farmer, interviewed the Rev. Riva Tablisma, author of "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation."

The Lord's Prayer is a profound prayer and is deeply rooted in a person's faith. It can be divided into several prayers for meditation.

The author's favorite part is "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." We tend to think of the destination (heaven) rather than the journey. We forget to look at the beauty of the journey and how to work toward making this "earth as it is in heaven."

When Jesus taught this prayer, the Jews were under Roman domination. The Lord's Prayer is an alternative to domination. Today the Spirit is calling us to love our neighbors as ourselves – honoring the "other" as a part of our family, our kin. In this way we are embodying God's Kin-dom.



Confirm gatherings before you go.

Bookends
Thursday, April 27
12:00 noon
Room 10
The book entitled "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt will be reviewed by Evelyn and the book entitled "The Soul of an Octopus" by Sy Montgomery will be reviewed by Sandy

Sarah Circle
Thursday, April 13
9:30 am
Breakfast at Weilers Deli,
22323 Sherman Way,
near Shoup

Faith, Hope & Love
Wednesday, April 19
6:30 pm
Church Library
Shari Worrell will provide the program and devotion.





Preschool News

We had some happy Leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day

We will be on Spring Break April 3-7, hopefully enjoying some nice weather and time with our families.

Parent/Teacher conferences will resume this month.

Wendy Finley

Spend the Season of Lent with your Church

1. Lenten Bible Study, *The Chosen*, led by Roger Johnson on Sundays at 11:45 am in the Library.

2. Lenten Outreach Project

During the season of Lent, we invite you to bring products for hygiene kits for the unhoused, including gallon-size ziplock bags, hand sanitizer tissue, travel size deodorant, granola bars, water, socks, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, and shampoo. Together we will pack and distribute hygiene kits on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, after the Sunday worship service. Please look out for a sign up sheet to donate the items for the Ditty Bags.

3. Good Friday Service

On April 7th, Good Friday Service will be held at 5:00 pm. Many unchurched people ask why Good Friday is "good" when Jesus suffered and died his horrific death on the cross? Well, I hope you can answer that question if anyone ask. Come and commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

Bible Study Coming Up... 9-week study

Jewish Observance of Biblical Holidays will be offered by Gideon Paull. This series will focus on how the holidays mentioned in the Old Testament are observed today by Jews all over the world. We start the series with a look at sabbath observance and how commandments in the Old Testament have been interpreted to provide a framework of observance for the day of rest.

Sunday Fellowship Time

Each Sunday following worship, refreshments are provided by a team of volunteers. If you would like to help in providing refreshments on a given Sunday, let the team for that week know. (This schedule is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen).

A "Donation Jar" is also being provided for your donations to help with the cost of supplies. We are an "Equal Opportunity Kitchen" – everyone is welcome to be a part!

Mary Mackay, Coordinator

Financial Update

Denise Lenore, Chandra Seeger, and Jim Schmitt (Santa Clarita UMC Treasurer) have made great



strides over the last month updating both our 2022 Year End Financials (we found a \$20k clerical error), corrections to the way we do payroll in our financial software – QuickBooks and correcting/deciding how to code entries correctly going forward. Many thanks to Denise, Chandra, and Jim!

Facilities Update

Landscaping:

We have identified one leak around the Maynard Fountain area, but we are not sure it's the main problem. We are continuing to consider our leak detection options so this can be properly fixed. There were no major damages from the storms in February/March but plenty of clean up.

Buildings:

Our painting contractor Asael Cruz, finished painting the doors and panels including those on the Maynard side of the property and the double entrance doors of the Fellowship Hall.

It looks as if we still have a roof leak over the sanctuary women's restroom/brides room. We hope to have it worked on again in late March. Ken Dimmick worked on a couple of office doors that had swelled and were sticking. They now open and close easily. Tim O'Connor is working to replace a towel dispenser in the women's restroom. Jeff Leighton worked on some remaining toilet issues in the FH Shower room. Mary Mackay and Sydney Thiroux are working on signage for the FH stove limiting use to warming foods – No Cooking. This has been required of our insurance company as we do not have a compliant fire suppression system over the stove. Many thanks to our volunteers and vendors who work on the property!

George Grengs

NW Leadership Institute

North West Leadership Institute of Cathedral of the Rockies is hosted by Boise First United Methodist Church on April 26-27. The goals for the conference are to gather leaders to think, dream, worship and connect as we together find the path forward in these challenging, exciting and frustrating days for the Church. This is a conference for Bishops, Pastors, staff and laity! If you are interested, choose Online Streaming (\$99 registration). Go

to nli.cathedraloftherockies.org for more details.

North District Conference

The 2023 North District Conference will be held online via a Zoom Webinar on

Saturday, May 6, 9 :00 to 11:00 am.

All members and leaders are encouraged to attend. The Zoom link will be available as soon as it is sent out by the North District.

Edwin's Computer Ministry

If you're having problems with your computer and would like someone to look at it (for free) please contact me. Edwin works in the IT department at Valterra Products where I used to work and has gladly looked at several computers for the church and church members. It's done remotely (he doesn't come to your house, he just connects onto your computer through the internet to work on it) on the third Saturday of each month between 9-11am. Joe Dedinas was the last member that had great success improving his ability to connect with others. If you or your computer need help please give me a call and I'll schedule you in!



George Grengs, george.grengs@outlook.com or 818.632.7538.



From the Mailbox

I would like to thank our United Women in Faith unit for presenting me with their annual Special Mission Recognition award on February 19th. I was completely surprised. Very sneaky to assign me as liturgist on that day.

I am honored to be part of the group of people who have received this award in the past. And I am proud to be part of this world-wide organization that works for economic, racial, and climate justice.

By the way – the flowers were beautiful. They lasted over a week.

Margaret Cates



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide altar flowers on a given Sunday, in honor or memory of someone, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the parlor or contact Sydney in the church office, 818-340-2950 or Mary Mackay, 818-731-5872.



FOOD PANTRY

In July of 2021, The WV Food Pantry received a generous grant from the office of State

Assemblemember Jesse Gabriel for \$3.5 million, allowing them to launch an exciting new project – building a new and permanent home for the West Valley Food Pantry.

The West Valley Food Pantry Community Center will include a new warehouse, distribution room, staff office suites, community work spaces, a community kitchen, and more.



The ground is broken and construction is underway.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY
COMMUNITY CENTER
5700 REDDICK AVE.
WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA 91367



Remember to bring food for the West Valley Food Pantry on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of every month. Collection boxes at other times are located in the hallway outside the kitchen.

In Memoriam

Bonneta Eloise Bailey Doshier

6 January 1933 – 6 March 2023

Bonnie was born in Michigan to Wilbert Douglas Bailey and his wife Mary. She lived with her parents, brother Doug and sister Sally Jane in Michigan until she married Norman Keith Doshier, her high school sweetheart in 1951.

After a few more years in Michigan, they moved to California where Norm earned his engineering degrees at Cal State Northridge.

Bonnie was the founding director of the First UMC Preschool in 1972, and remained its director for many years. Many of our long-time church families remember Bonnie with great fondness. Bonnie was a fierce advocate for all children, and was the expert you went to with any question about parenting. She was always helping with someone who had issues or fears, she had the solution and a loving shoulder to lean on.

At retirement, the Doshiers pulled up stakes and moved to Idyllwild, where they immediately became involved with the local library. They served on the Board and were intimately involved in the planning and construction of the new Strawberry Plaza Library.

For Bonnie, the children's program was her passion. She was known to all of the children in town as "Grammy," who read books to them.

She was self-effacing about her community service, preferring to acknowledge how many others contribute to the common good. "I've always admired how the people of Idyllwild work together," she said.

After Norman died Bonnie moved to Calimesa, to live with her son and where nephews were on hand to offer support. "One of the things that gives me peace," she said, "is that I'll be returning to Idyllwild at least once a month — to go to church and to keep my connection with PEO, and, of course Idyllwild. There is such a spirit about this place."

Bonnie is survived by her three children, Keith, Kris and Kay.



Prayers for

Laurie Berger

Jessica Williams

Shari Worrell

Helen Robertson

Chuck Mabry

Ken & Lori Dimmick

Brenda Jones

Kelly (Tim and Lora's daughter) who is almost done with the radiation treatment!

Friends and family for the loss of Joe Buttemeier

Friends and family for the loss of Bonnie Doshier

Joys to share

Selina Cho has been accepted into San Jose State University.

Sydney Thiroux has been accepted into Cal State University of Northridge for a Graduate Program.

Send prayer requests to

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