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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

Winnie the Pooh told his friends, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

I agree with Winnie the Pooh. Saying goodbye is never easy when you love the work you do and the people to whom you are saying goodbye.

Saying goodbye is hard but important. So, let's get together those first two Sundays in June. We'll have fun and enjoy spending time with one another. We'll share laughter and loving words and probably a tear or two.

When I preached my first Sunday in July 2012, we did not know that we would fall in love. And we did not know the plans God had for us. That's the way it always is when a new pastor comes. We don't know what will be, but God does.

As Jeremiah once said to the exiles in Babylon, so I now say to you:

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11*

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Lynn Westover



Pastor

Lynn Westover
Elaine Shin-Paull

Preschool Director

Wendy Finley

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*Join us for lunch
after church
on June 5*

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 1 Samuel Arnold (2)
Karen Grengs
- 3 Betty Phillippi
- 11 Ron Alderman
- 16 Barbara Dimmick
- 19 Robert Lamb
- 23 Guy Maturo
- 24 Jim Ervin
- 26 Nicole Woods
- 29 Toby Lane
Tammy Palmerlee

June Anniversaries

- 5 Grant & Trish Simmons
- 12 Christopher Abanto &
Lea Santos Flores
- 25 Tom & Glynene Roe

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



Flower Calendar

- June 5 - Open
- June 12 - *In Honor of Pastor Lynn's Ministry*
- June 19 - *Kathy Walters in memory of her mother, Isabel Walters*
- June 26 - *Tom & Glynene Roe, in honor of their 56th Anniversary*

June Calendar

Weekly Activities

- Sunday 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 Boy Scout Troop 474, Boy Scout room, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Men's AA Group, Parlor, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Thursday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday Girl Scouts, Scout Room, 6:00 - 7:30, 1st and 3rd Friday
- Saturday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor 9:30 - noon

Other Activities

- Sunday 5 Communion, Pentecost,
Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Lynn, after worship
San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus Family Concert,
Fellowship Hall, 3:30 pm
- Tuesday 7 Boy Scouts Parent Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 9 Preschool End of Year Program,
Fellowship Hall Patio, 10:00 am
- Sunday 12 Lynn and Stan Westover's final Sunday
- Tuesday 14 Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday 18 Rockchippers, Lounge, 6:30 pm
- Sunday 19 UMW Special Mission Recognition
- Sunday 26 Peace with Justice Sunday
- Tuesday 28 Boy Scouts Courts of Honor at 7:00 pm

Coming in July

- Saturday 2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am
Weiler's Restaurant on Sherman Way
- Sunday 10 Pastor Elaine Shin-Paull's First Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday.....June 26

This special Sunday supports programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. We achieve peace with justice efforts by working with the World Council of Churches, interfaith and ecumenical bodies, and secular organizations for social-justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of shalom for all of God's people. Your gift, joined with the gifts of others makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities.



United
Women
in Faith



Website Upgraded

Due to the change in name of United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith it was necessary to upgrade our website page. The changes have been done and submitted to the Church Office.

Cal-Pac Annual Conference 2022

will be Virtual June 16-18. The UWF Luncheon will be held on June 18.

Mission U 2022

will be held July 11 thru July 23. The study classes will be online via Zoom. Each class will be 4 sessions of 2 hours each and will be offered on various days and hours between July 7 to July 23. The times of the classes will be published on the registration form. The book is: a) The Adult Study – “Who Can We Be Together”. There is only one study this year. You can order the book today through www.umwmissionresources.org. Registration will start the latter part of May. The cost will be \$10.00 for online study and \$25.00 for the in-person Worship & Fellowship.

Asian American and Pacific Islander History Breaking Barriers

I participated in a Webinar this week on this subject by Sunmin Lee of which there were 120 participants. Sunmin Lee is a Korean-American educator based in Georgia. The program was designed to deepen our understanding of Asian American and Pacific Islander history as it relates to gender and racial justice. There were 2 videos shown covering this subject

Part 1 learning about and celebrating Asian American women advancing equality. Some of the questions discussed were

- a) what does fairness mean to you?
- b) what does equality mean?
- c) why are they important?
- d) how do I show equality in my community?

Part 2 covered the subject “The impact of the Vincent Chin case”. Asian Americans faced a wave of discrimination during the pandemic.

Shirley

*Confirm gatherings
before you go.*

Bookends

Thursday, June 23

Lunch out

Location and time TBD

Sarah Circle

Thursday, June 9

9:30 am

Breakfast at Weilers Deli,
22323 Sherman Way
near Shoup

Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, June 15

6:30 pm

Dinner out

Location TBD

Where are They Going?

Lynn and Stan Westover have found a home to rent near their family in Washington.

Their address will be:

1851 N 200th St
Shoreline, WA 98133

Reception for the Westovers

On Sunday, June 5th you are invited to a Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Lynn and Stan, following our morning worship service. Our Pentecost Sunday will also include a play, featuring our church members, directed by Paul Cady.

This will be a time, as a church family, to celebrate with Pastor Lynn and Stan as we send them into retirement with our love and best wishes.

Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon! You do not need a ticket – just let us know you plan to attend so that we may order the food. This will be a served buffet luncheon in the Parlor and on the patio, following the service.

A sign-up sheet for the luncheon will be available on Sunday, May 15th and May 22nd. You may also contact anyone on the Reception Committee before Thursday, May 26, to let us know you plan to attend.

It will be a special day and we hope you are able to attend.

Reception Committee:

*Margaret Cates, JoAnn Chadwick-Ellis, Karen Grengs,
Grace Leighton, Mary Mackay, Lora O'Connor,
Glynene & Tom Roe, and Phyllis Umphres*

Free Senior Meal Program

We prayerfully support those in our community experiencing food insecurity, so the church office would like to share a resource with everyone.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Aging is offering a free senior meal program through June 30. To qualify, you must be 60 or older and live in the city of Los Angeles. Those who are eligible can receive up to 14 meals per week delivered to their home. To find out more information about the program and sign up, call 213-202-5669 or email seniormealprogram@lacity.org

If you need assistance signing up, please contact the church office.



From the Mailbox

To: First United Methodist
Church of Canoga Park,

I am very excited to announce I have been accepted to and plan to attend Medical school at Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Joplin, MO. I will be starting this summer as part of their 2026 graduating class. I am so very excited to start the journey of becoming a physician. I look forward to experiencing the south, meeting new people and beginning my studies in human health. Serving people, communities and becoming part of a team are all passions of mine and medicine will allow me to fulfill all of those. As a recipient of the Laura Longman Memorial Scholarship, I cannot say “thank you” enough to your congregation. I am honored to have received the Laura Longman Memorial Scholarship [in 2018].

God Bless and my sincerest thank you!

Brady Longman

Dear First United Methodist Church,

I want to reach out and thank you for the opportunity to apply for and receive the Laura Longman Memorial Scholarship. It was wonderful to attend your Easter Service and meet some members of your congregation. Once again, I’m extremely grateful for the generous Scholarship grant and I hope to make you, the Laura Longman Memorial Scholarship people and Laura’s memory proud as I continue my education and start my career.

My best wishes. I will stay in touch!

Benjamin Driggs

Dear 1st United Methodist Church of Canoga Park,

This church has meant an awful lot to me. The people, the pastors - in my 80+ years, this is the best church I've ever been to! I sincerely thank you!

With love,
Geri Allen

Preschool News

The school year is coming to an end quickly. We have our PreK kids “Graduating” from Preschool this month. Ready for kindergarten, these children will have a little bit of an edge moving on in their education due to all they were taught during their time here at FUMP!

Our Summer Session, which runs 6 weeks, will be starting the last week of June and go thru the end of July. We are also accepting registrations for Fall semester, which will start in August again this year. We get a lot of our students from “word of mouth,” and are pleased that we do have a reputation for being such a good school. Let your friends and neighbors know!

Wendy Finley

A Statement in Support of Unity, Not Uniformity

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who activates all of them in everyone.*

– 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, NRSV

For United Methodists, there may be no better scripture passage to remind us of what binds us together across our rich God-given diversity than this word from Paul. For decades we have been known as a ‘big tent’ church. We do not all think or believe the same. We have differences in understanding of Scripture. We have different gifts that have helped us serve countless communities in ways specific to the needs in those places. We speak many languages, come from many cultures, and hold differing theological perspectives. And yet, amidst our differences, there is one God that activates and animates us as disciples of Jesus Christ and sends us out into the world as bearers of Christ’s love.

We believe that the same God that moves in and through us all – has grace for each of us. None of us stand outside of that embrace, which means we should ensure that our embrace of each other seeks

to be as grace-filled as the ones we receive from God. We can celebrate that we stand on a Wesleyan theology of grace, are anchored in Scripture, rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and seek the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit. We can love one another, even as we make room for God to work in and through one another differently.

The California-Pacific Conference continues to aspire to be a more just and inclusive force in the world. Yes, we have failed in this calling many times and have work of repentance and restitution to do. Yet, with intentional commitment and by God’s grace, we can seek to become a beloved community and live more faithfully in our calling. We can stop the harm to LGBTQIA+ siblings, communities of color and our immigrant congregations, those who live with differing conditions, and creation itself.

As United Methodists, we believe we are stronger together. Our diversity is a gift of God, one we have not yet fully claimed. This is a critical time to discover and model what unity in Christ looks like. Uniformity is not unity, and we need not fear our differences. The last two years of living with a global pandemic have underscored again and again that we need each other. We have risen to the challenge of not asking first what someone believed to see if we would serve them or come to their aid. We have stood shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, and have been the Body of Christ. As United Methodists, we embrace a church built on loving relationships rather than uniformity in thought and action.

To honor the God that makes all of this possible, that claims us in baptism and sends us into the world; we will continue to be United Methodists, living into perfect love. We will be liberal, evangelical, progressive, traditionalist, middle of the road, conservative, centrist, and many other expressions of love and grace. Together, we will continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop Grant Hagiya

In Memoriam

Donna Lee Nall

5 May 1933 – 21 Feb 2021



Donna Lee Nall (né Nuttall) passed away on February 21, 2021 in Los Angeles at the age of 87. Born in Cordova, Alabama on May 5, 1933 and raised in Montgomery, Donna and her beloved husband Hilary

Herbert Nall, raised their two children in Dallas, and retired to Fairhope, Alabama, where Donna was active in the Eastern Shore Arts Center and the Fairhope Library.

After her husband's death in 2000, Donna moved to Decatur, Alabama for a time and finally to Los Angeles to be near her children, Roger Nall and Grace Anne Sophia, daughter-in-law Francie, and grandchildren Robert and Nicholas Nall. She is also survived by her sister Barbara Joan Nuttall Healey.

Donna was a person who got things done — properly, cheerfully and with a will. She loved her family, her work at Joske's and JC Penney in Dallas, her dogs and cats, her many good friends, and the Crimson Tide (not necessarily in that order). She patronized local arts and theatre wherever she was living, traveled the world in a busy and well-spent retirement, liked her coffee in the morning, a snack and glass of Chardonnay at 5, and, in between, she made an awful lot of good food for an awful lot of lucky people. Donna had that knack for enjoying life and making it nicer for those around her, and her family mourns and misses her for all of that, but mostly for her kind heart and her always attentive, loving good care of us all.

God speed, Mom. We know Dad's been waiting with a hug. And probably an empty yet hopeful plate.

Interment was at Memory Garden Cemetery of Fairhope, Alabama, on Friday, March 12, 2021. Donations in Donna's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore Arts Center in Fairhope, Alabama or the Fairhope Public Library.

Liza Buencilla Magnaye

17 Jun 1976 - 21 Feb 2022



Liza was born in Manila, Philippines to Jose and Elizabeth Buencilla. She arrived in the United States with her sister Stephanie on August 1995 and reunited with her father Jose. Liza graduated from Los Angeles Valley College in 2001 and pursued her career as a Respiratory Therapist at Cedars-Sinai and Kaiser-Permanente. Liza married the love of her life, Albert on December 21, 2012 and welcomed her two beautiful sons.

Liza is survived by her parents; her husband Albert Magnaye; her children Ajae Patrick (16) and Maki Clement (3); her step daughter Angel Magnaye; and her sister Stephanie Marie Buencilla. She will be forever remembered not just by her family but also by her relatives, friends and co-workers.

Liza has a passion for all the things creative, from interior designing, party planning, gardening, cooking, fashion, photography, and countless DIY projects. Liza loved to travel with her family and friends. She loved discovering new places, exploring different cultures and tasting different cuisines.

Liza loved making everything fabulous, yet loved the simple things, she was fierce and determined, yet gentle and generous, she loved to laugh with you, but was always there to lend her shoulder to cry on. Liza was a loving mother to her children, her family's guiding light, a faithful wife to her husband, her sister's best friend and everybody's friend.

Financial Update

To be frank, the church is struggling financially. To date we have not made any apportionment payments to our Cal-Pac Conference and we are looking at a large deficit for the year. The Administrative Committee is considering an appeal later in the year. On the bright side we have begun advertising on Craig's list for non-profit user groups and initial inquiries have started coming in. Hopefully we'll have some good news for everyone in the next few months. Please put the word out to any non-profits you know that we have space to rent at reasonable prices!

Facilities Update

Landscaping: We have decided to cover the lawn area outside the Education rooms 6-8 with wood chips to permanently reduce our water usage. As part of the process we'll be capping the sprinklers, setting up a bubbler on the two trees nearest the parking lot, and spreading out the wood chips. Some of the wood chips were from the large tree Shirley Thomson recently cut down. Thank you Shirley!!

We will be removing the 3 dead trees on the property, two in front of Education rooms 6-8 and the one large redwood closest to the Narthex entrance. The chips from these trees will remain on the property.

Rohan Mathew's Eagle Scout project along Maynard is now complete. Congrats to Rohan and everyone in the Boy Scout Troop that participated in the project. Also, thanks to all church members that donated to the project.....very much appreciated. We now have a good looking Maynard frontage that doesn't require water!

Wood Benches: Tim O'Connor recently put another layer of paint/stain on the benches and wood boxes around the church. The benches look great and are much more welcoming when they look fresh and clean. Many thanks for this upkeep!

Fellowship Hall Kitchen: We are still in the process of detailing the quote for the Fellowship Hall kitchen stove/oven fire repression system. We hope to have it up to code sometime this summer.

Roof: The roof repairs have been made. We fixed a large section covering the area from the Parlor/kitchen wall to the office/library wall. Additionally we fixed the new leak area behind the piano in the sanctuary. The Two repairs cost \$9300 which was paid by the Capital Fund.

Parsonage/Pastor's Office: We are in the process of getting quotes for the Parsonage/Office rehab. It doesn't look like our original budget of \$15,000 will be enough. For example the replacement of the double oven looks to be \$2500+, almost double pre-Covid prices. Please help as you are able! Your donations will help our congregation welcome our new pastor and family and will be greatly appreciated. Mark your checks Capital Fund/Parsonage.

George Grengs



Pastor Lynn & Stan
Pastor Elaine & Gideon
Russ & Lindy Amico
Geri Allen
Abbey, Jon & Sam Arnold
Beverly & Craig Harris
Pat Connolly
Ken & Lori Dimmick
Frank & Diane Rosales
Dixie Smith
Mary Beth Godwin
Grace and Jeff Leighton
Mary Mackay
Beulah Hajek
Vee Longan
Albert Magnaye & sons,
Ajae & Maki
Lou & Sharon Mountford
Louis & Anita Parrinello
Liz Rogers
Nancy Summer
Irene and Sal Zelaya
Ukraine
World Peace

*Send prayer requests to
Anita Parrinello
(luv2bjedi@gmail.com) and
CC Pastor Lynn
(preachingbarefoot@att.net)*

Memorial Garden

Interment in our
Memorial Garden
is open to all
who request it.



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Return Service Requested

New Green Project

Several of our church members have been ordering meals delivered to their homes. These are not ready to eat, but rather, ready to cook, with all of the ingredients needed and the appropriate recipes. While that may sound appealing, there is a bothersome side effect.

Each shipment comes with a hefty pack or two of Glacier Ice, gel in a plastic wrapper, designed to stay cold during transit. Shipments arrive in good shape, but there is no good way to dispose of the ice packs. Flo Lamb gave me 6 frozen packs which were a life-saver when my refrigerator broke down a couple of weeks ago.

If you will bring me your unwanted gel packs, Corey at Jim's Fallbrook Meat Market will refreeze the packs in their ice house and make them available for purchase, or use them to keep customers' orders cold. This will not solve the problem, but it will at least delay their winding up in a landfill. *Sharon Mountford*

Live Streaming Available Thank You, Grant Simmons!

There are two different ways that you can access livestreaming.

1. Visit <https://www.umccp.org/videos/> and the livestream will be at the top of the page. The livestream will begin a few minutes before the service starts on Sunday at 10 am.
2. Subscribe to Grant Simmon's YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/user/Spetet> and click on the bell icon to be notified when livestreams begin.

We need volunteers! If you'd like to help Grant operate the livestreaming system, contact the church office. No technical experience is required!

We look forward to worshipping in person and virtually with you all!