



# The Courier

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

*Sunday Worship at 10:00 am*

October 2017

## Heart to Heart

*Logan Maturo-Johnson received Christian Baptism on the 27th day of August 2017. His parents are Talia Maturo and Christopher (CJ) Johnson. On the day of his Baptism, Talia shared a witness about her Baptism and the difference it has made it her life. God is good!*



## Talia's Witness

The day I decided to get baptized was a day unlike any other. I had come out of some dark, familiar places yet again, but I had never felt like I felt that day. On the day I made the decision to be baptized, I felt that I was being guided and protected by a loving force even on my dark days. The feeling I got, after making my decision, was the feeling of being light in weight. And my vision was clear.

My experience leading up to this moment of clarity was enlightening. I felt that a loving force, whom I choose to call God, was loving and guiding me whether or not I believed in him. He believed in me, even when I did not believe in him. I felt it was important to show my belief and faith in this loving higher power I call God, by getting baptized and doing my best to be open to change and growth, and doing my best to live a life based on practicing spiritual principles in my daily life.

I talked with Pastor Lynn. I told her that God and I decided it was not enough to believe and be thankful for all God has done; it was time to be baptized. I was baptized and received by profession of faith on 30 June 2013.

I am human, and I make mistakes. But I am learning to forgive others and myself. I am grateful for all God has done in my life. I am forgiven. I am a child of God. I am in recovery. My work helps other people in their recovery. I met CJ and fell in love. I have a beautiful son. And I will teach him about our loving God.

Thank you Pastor Lynn for your love and warm welcoming to the church.



**Pastor**

Lynn Westover

**Preschool Director**

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Rev. Jim Powell



# October Calendar

## Weekly Activities

- Sunday Peace Evangelical Church, Hall, 9:30 am  
Hindi Urdu UMC, Sanctuary, 5:00 pm
- Monday Cub Pack, Scout Room, 7:00 pm  
Monday Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, 8:00 pm
- Tuesday Shower Ministry, 8:30 am - noon  
Boy Scouts, Scout Room, 7:00 pm  
Tuesday Narcotics Anonymous, Hall, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday Men's Stag AA meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm
- Thursday Choir Rehearsal, Choir room, 7:30 pm

## Other Activities in October

- Sunday 1 World Communion Sunday, In-gathering of food for the West Valley Food Pantry
- Tuesday 3 Leisure Club, Lounge, 11:00 am
- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Sunday 8 Inspiration Sunday
- Tuesday 10 Administrative Committee, Library, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 12 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am
- Thursday 12 Sarah's Circle; Denny's, 9:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Sunday 15 Celebration Sunday, return pledge cards  
Courier Deadline, November issue
- Tuesday 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 18 SFV Mission Area #3 Charge Conference,  
Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- Sunday 22 Gratitude Sunday
- Wednesday 25 Faith, Hope & Love, Library, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 26 Preschool Halloween Parade, 9:30 am

## Upcoming in November

- Saturday Nov 4 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Tuesday Nov 7 Leisure Club, Lounge, 11:00 am

### October Birthdays

- 2 Geraldine Allen  
Jackie Gardner  
P. J. Umphres
- 3 Susan Blaylock
- 4 Lirio Del Rosario  
Marcela Rodriguez  
Lauren Stipulkosky
- 5 Jane Card
- 7 Sarah Alderman  
Jennifer Ervin
- 9 Paul Cady  
Erin Landrum
- 10 Cathy Plucinik
- 13 Glynene Roe
- 14 Anne Archer
- 15 Lou Mountford
- 16 Robin Foreman
- 18 Walter Deonik  
1 Barbra Schmidt
- 19 Trish Simmons
- 21 Laverna Baker
- 22 Stan Westover
- 23 Stan Dimmick
- 24 Paula Slatten
- 30 Beulah Hajek  
Marie Smith

### Anniversaries

- 6 Pat & Gerald Rowe
- 12 Bill Satterlee & Ginger  
Huston
- 15 Tammy & Matt Palmerlee
- 26 John & Cheryl Willauer  
*If your special day is missing,  
please contact the church office.*

### Roster Update

Margaret Cates has a new e-mail address:  
margcates@att.net

## October Altar Flowers

- 1 Given by Beulah Hajek in honor of her parents, Ben & Anna Sorenson
- 8 Given by Toby Lane for the glory of God
- 15 Given by Midge Herder in memory of her sister, Harriet, who passed away in May at the age of 104
- 22 Given by Robert & Flo Lamb in honor of their moms' birthdays
- 29 Given by Liz Rogers in honor of Mike Fox's birthday





## UMW Annual Meeting

UMW California-Pacific Conference Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday, October 21, at San Diego First UMC. The Guest Speaker will be Estella Wallace, Western Jurisdiction Director. There will be a Love Donation to Calexico Neighborhood House to support "The Diaper Project."

### Future Meetings

UMW Mission Team will meet November 2 at 10:00 am in Room 10.

UMW Silver Tea will be held Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### Reading Program

#### The White Umbrella

Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking  
By Mary Francis Bowley

This book is available in our church library for ANYONE to checkout and read. Our Bookends circle read and discussed this eye-opening book this summer. The topic is one that we often think of as happening somewhere else, certainly not in our own back yards; however, every year over 100,000 children in the United States are forced to do someone's sexual bidding. Most of them are between the ages of 9 and 19. This is not a faraway, foreign problem; this is in our neighborhoods, our towns and cities. This book chronicles the stories of these survivors and the people who have come alongside them to hold the white umbrella of protection and purity over them on the road to restoration.

*Lynne German, Adult Literacy Coordinator  
Office of Education and Literacy  
Los Angeles Public Library, Mid-Valley Region*



### Recycling for Glasses

Dana Dreyfuss is a volunteer at West Hills Hospital. She wants to remind you that they have a program of gathering old eyeglasses, which are distributed to those who need them through the Lions Club. If you have any pairs of glasses which are no longer the prescription for you, please speak to Dana.



### Circle Meetings

#### Bookends

Thursday, October 12  
9:30 am

Church Library

Hostess: Doris Hood

Devotions: Margaret Cates

Book: "Saving Sophia" by

Ronald H. Balson will be

reviewed by Helen

Macintosh

#### Sarah Circle

Thursday, October 12  
9:30 am

Breakfast at Denny's

8330 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

(north of Roscoe Blvd.)

#### Faith, Hope & Love

Wednesday, October 25  
7:00 pm

Church Library

Devotions and Program:

Trish Simmons

Hostesses: Anita Parrinello  
& Grace Leighton

#### Transportation Ministry

If you need a ride to church events, or if you are interested in becoming a driver for the transportation ministry, please contact JoAnn Chadwick-Ellis at 818-280-6441 or Mary Mackay at 818-346-5872.



To everything there is a season ... and as Fall arrives and 2017 begins to wind down, it's time for the church to create a budget for the coming year.

Our 2018 stewardship program, which runs from October 8th to October 22nd, focuses on the church's financial goals — both how we have risen to the call in the past, and how we'll meet our needs in the future.

During Sunday services in October, you'll hear our members discuss the difference being "good stewards" of God's gifts has made in their lives, as well as the life of the church and the community.

You'll also have the opportunity to make a financial pledge for the coming year. Pledge cards will be distributed on October 8th (or mailed to you), and we'll collect them during our October 15th service. Pledges can also be returned by mail or dropped off anytime. The Stewardship Committee will share initial totals on October 22nd. And this year when you return your pledge card, you'll receive an opportunity ticket for a gift card from one of your favorite local restaurants — P.F. Chang's, Flemmings, or Maggiano's.

So come to regular services in October and hear about all our church has done and is doing in our hometown and around the world.

Good stewardship is more than writing a check — it's also about sharing your time and talent. You might just get inspired to try something new in the coming year!

*The Stewardship Committee*



Tuesday  
October 3  
11:00 am  
Lounge

Our speaker will be Mr. Mariano Perez, Director of Meridian Senior Living, located at Fallbrook and Vanowen in West Hills. Bring a pot luck dish to share and learn all about assisted living.

*Lora*

## Preschool News

"Back to School Night" was Sept 28th. This is always a great time for our parents to see their child's classroom and some of the work they've been doing, as well as for the teachers to fill them in on how things are going and what to expect through out the year.

We had our Fall school pictures taken last week. We do school pictures in the Spring as well. The parents love to see how their children have changed.

Our Halloween parade will be held on Thursday, October 26th at 9:30 am...We invite all our church friends to join us as we "trick or treat" and sing our Halloween songs!!

*Wendy*

## Offered for Sale

Barbra Schmidt and her brother Jeff have two major pieces of their mother's furniture that they would like to sell.

They have a Medline Full Electric Bed, including innerspring mattress and side rails, for which they are asking \$500. There is also 88" sofa upholstered in beige, green and plum floral fabric, for which they are asking \$450.

Both items are in excellent condition. Photos and descriptions are in the church office. You may call Barbara at 818-340-4780, preferably between 6-7 pm.

# Remembering Isabelle Cora Walters

18 June 1937 – 30 August 2017

Isabelle was born in Paterson, New Jersey, where she attended Grace Methodist Church and met her future husband at Methodist Youth Fellowship. She and Albert were married at Grace church on 23 July 1955. She was eighteen; he was five years older. They enjoyed thirty-eight years together before his death in 1993.



Ministry. Isabelle joined UMW in 2013 and belonged to Sarah Circle and Faith, Hope and Love Circle. She helped get our newsletter ready to mail and was a member of the Stewardship Committee. She also enjoyed Leisure Club activities.

Isabelle was joyful and fun! She showed us what unconditional love looks like and what it means to be strong. And through all

In 1962, the family, which now included Susan and Kathie, moved to California, because Albert had accepted a job with Litton. Two sons, Tommy and Eddie, joined the family in California. When the children were young, Isabelle was a stay-at-home mom. She made jeans and shirts for the boys and a lot of the girls' clothes, including Susan's prom dress. Isabelle and Albert belonged to the Farmers and Charmers Square Dance Group; the girls belonged to Chuck's Chicks. Isabelle made their square dancing clothes, too.

For 30 years, Isabelle worked in the health and life insurance industry. She retired from First Colony Life Insurance in 2001.

Isabelle is survived by her daughter, Kathie Walters; her daughter Susan and her son by love, Rick; her granddaughter, Lisa Peterson; her granddaughter Crystal and her grandson by love, David Sparling; and her great-granddaughter, Grey Sparling.

Isabelle loved Dodger baseball, Disneyland and her grandchildren – but not necessarily in that order. She adored Snow White and liked to read and crochet, but music was her joy. She loved singing in our chancel choir and with the Valley Harmonettes.

On Sunday, 15 June 2014, Isabelle was received into membership by transfer of membership from Kirk 'O the Valley Presbyterian Church. She said, "Being welcomed into the church family is a blessing to me." And she was also a blessing to First Church. From the very beginning, Isabelle's warmth and enthusiasm were evident. She was a valuable member of the choir as well as the Prayer Shawl

the ups and downs of life, she learned to trust in Jesus. She trusted in God and depended on God's word. And her unwavering faith got her through the death of her husband, Albert; the death of two sons, Tommy and Eddie; and the death of her grandson, Phillip Albert.

Before Isabelle went home to be with God, she was given a glimpse of the life to come and a taste of the reunions Christians will enjoy one day. She died peacefully, surrounded by people who love her and strengthened by scripture, prayer and the hymns she so loved. She floated away with Tommy's music playing, and that's exactly the way she wanted her death to be.

In the Book of Revelation, John writes about a great multitude gathered before the throne, singing God's praises. (*Revelation 7:9-17*) It is comforting to imagine Isabelle gathered with the saints to worship God. In your mind's eye, you can almost see Isabelle praising God and singing with the altos. And as you look around that great choir, you will see singers from this congregation who have gone before us – Maxine McAuley, Doris Taylor, Ruth Albrecht, Bill Campbell, John Taylor, Frank Wilken and others.

Isabelle and all the saints will see God's face, and his name will be on their foreheads. This is what John says. The Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (*Revelation 22:1-5*)

*Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

*The Rev. Lynn Westover*

## Doris Jeanne Warner Taylor ...A look at her life

Doris Jeanne Warner was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on 28 November 1926 to James Douglas Warner, a civil engineer, and Marita Wilder Warner, a musician.

Doris's earliest ambition was to be a figure skater and to one day join the Ice Follies. This was a dream never to be realized, as they never lived any place where she could take lessons. Instead their family life involved a lot of travel during the Depression as her father went from project to project supervising the construction of dams in Montana, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin. "One dam project to another," her father would say.

In 1940, the family moved to Ely, Minnesota where her father supervised safety in the iron mines. They had now put down roots and Ely became their "hometown." Doris finished Jr. High and graduated from Ely Memorial High School in 1945. Although Doris continued skating for fun she found a new love – acting. She enrolled in Ely Junior College, as a Speech and Drama major, then transferred to the University of MN in Duluth.

It was in Ely, however, where she re-met John Taylor. I say "re-met," because Doris's parents and John's parents had known each other years before and the two had met as infants – "in bed," as they liked to tell people (although the "bed" was a crib). Doris and John fell in love and were married at the Ely Methodist Episcopal Church on 9 June 1949.

For the first three years of their marriage, while John was finishing school at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Doris supported them by working in the Smoke Shop of a local Department Store (she called herself "a cigarette girl"). They struggled to make ends meet and lived in a small travel trailer. The trailer did little to keep them warm during the Minnesota winters with their bedding freezing to the walls!

Following John's graduation, he was hired as an electrical engineer by the RCA Corporation in Camden, NJ. The couple found an apartment in



Pennsauken, NJ, where, in 1953 the couple welcomed their first daughter, Roberta. In 1955, they bought their first home in Rancocas Woods, NJ, where in 1956, they welcomed their second daughter, Brenda.

When RCA expanded their locations, John was transferred, in 1959, to Van Nuys. John and Doris bought a nice ranch-style house (for \$24,000!) in the

growing community of Canoga Park. In 1962 their son Douglas was born on Doris' birthday – a special birthday present.

In her 49 years as a member of St. John's Methodist Church, Doris wore many hats. She served as Sunday School teacher, UMW president, Lay Leader, Lay Speaker, financial secretary (30+ years), and choir singer. In her 5 years at Canoga First, she was involved with the Puppet Ministry and sang in the choir.

Outside of church, she took classes in cartooning and acting, did community theater, and was an election precinct officer. In addition, she was the Girl Scout Cookie Chairperson for a daughter's Girl Scout troop. And she taught a sewing class for the troop, so they could earn their sewing badge,

Doris did her best to encourage her children to follow their dreams. Somehow she managed to talk John, a true frugal Scotsman, into paying for lessons in tap, ballet, piano, guitar, violin, accordion, and art!

In 2013, following John's death, Doris moved to Everett, WA to live with her daughter, Roberta. In October 2016, she went into full nursing care. She passed away peacefully Friday, 28 July 2017, and is buried with John.

*If you would like to send condolences to the family, Roberta Foreman's address is 5827 Glenwood Ave., Everett, WA 98203-3033.*

*Roberta suggested that memorial donations in Doris' name be made to the church and will be used to support the Choir ministry.*

## Crop Hunger Walk 2017

The 42rd annual San Fernando Valley CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, November 5th. Registration will be 12:30 pm at Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Blvd., Northridge CA 91324.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP WALKERS will remain in the Valley, assisting VIC'S Meals on Wheels and the Food Pantry programs. The remainder of the funds benefit the programs of Church World Service, providing tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs in the U.S. and in more than 80 countries worldwide.

See Joe Buttemeier if you would like to walk or make a contribution.

## World Communion Sunday... October 1



The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One-half of the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries.

The remaining 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.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of every month.

Your much-appreciated contributions are taken to the West Valley Food Pantry for distribution to their clients.



## Shirley Thomson's Dad, Ibri Lucas Sills

*From Queens University at Kingston, Engineering and Applied Science;  
Ontario, Canada*



Carson, a current undergraduate at Queen's University, is seen at the recent Engineering Orientation wearing the jacket of another class of '19 graduate of Queens, Ibri Lucas Sills. Both are engineering Class of '19; Carson of 2019, Ibri of

1919. Through a generous donation from the Sills family, the Ibri's jacket now has a safe new home at the Queen's University Archives.



The people of Texas  
and Florida

Jack Taylor

Bob Hromadka

Kathie Walters

Pat Eaton

Sandra Dedinas

Jim Smith

Joan Kelley

Barbara & Stan Dimmick

LaDean Owen

Coral Harper

Paul Cady's family



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