



# The Courier

## First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park

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

*Sunday Worship at 10:00 am*

April 2018

## Easter Sunday

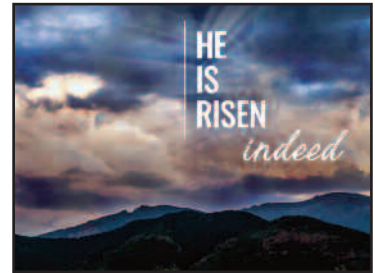


Come and share the Good News of Easter. You are invited to bring flowers for the floral cross before 9:45 am.

Many people come to church because someone invited them. Easter is a great time to invite family, friends and neighbors to come and worship with you.

A favorite place for a family photograph is in front of the floral cross on the lawn after the worship service. Seen here by last year's cross are Devon and Tracy Cates, the parents of the cutie on page 6.

The Laura Longman Scholarship awards will be presented during the service.



**Pastor**

Lynn Westover

**Preschool Director**

Wendy Finley

**Music Director/  
Accompanist**

Paul Cady

**Christian Education  
Director**

Margaret Cates

**Administrative  
Assistant**

Julie Mosley

**Courier Layout**  
Sharon Mountford



**Resident Bishop**

Grant Hagiya

**North District  
Superintendent**

Rev. Jim Powell

## Pastor Lynn's Schedule

Pastor Lynn will take off the week following Easter for rest and relaxation. She will also be attending the 2018 Leadership Seminar, *Learn and Practice*, with Ken Callahan in San Diego from Monday, April 23, to Friday, April 27. The focus is on worship, preaching and leadership.





# April 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  
Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, 7:30 pm  
Codependents Anonymous, Youth Room, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Men's Stag AA meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm
- Thursday Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous Study Group, Lounge, 6:30 pm
- Friday Girl Scouts, email: gsavl1896@gmail.com for details

## Other Activities

- Sunday 1 Easter Sunday Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary
- Tuesday 3 Leisure Club, 11:00 am, Lounge
- Saturday 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Sunday 8 Communion, instead of on Easter Sunday
- Tuesday 10 Administrative Committee Meeting, Library, 7:00 pm
- Thursday 12 Bookends, Library, 9:30 am  
Sarah's Circle, Denny's, 9:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*
- Saturday 14 Memorial Service for Stan Dimmick, Sanctuary, 2:00 pm
- Sunday 15 Native American Ministries Sunday  
Courier Deadline, May issue
- Tuesday 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, 10:00 am
- Wednesday 18 Faith, Hope & Love, Library, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming in May

- Tuesday 1 Leisure Club, 11:00 am, Lounge
- Saturday 5 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Denny's, 8:30 am  
*Topanga Canyon Blvd., just north of Roscoe Blvd.*



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.

## April Birthdays

- 2 Jeff Leighton
- 5 Julie Demoraes
- 6 Betty May  
Nancy Summer
- 9 Kathie Walters
- 12 Otto Bernier  
Louis Parrinello  
Ted Stanwood
- 13 Ren Natali
- 23 Stephen Jones  
Dixie Smith
- 25 Virgene Engberg
- 28 Andrea Leslie

## Anniversaries

- 10 Louis & Anita Parrinello
- 18 Lynn & Stan Westover
- 22 Ron & Jennifer Alderman

*If we do not recognize your special days, please leave a note for Julie in the office, so that we may include them in the future.*



## ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1 Easter Flowers
- 8 Open
- 15 Perla Mercado *in honor of her children and grandchildren*
- 22 Jennifer Alderman *in honor of Jennifer and Ron's 18th anniversary*
- 29 Open



**UMW Mission Team Meeting**  
Thursday, April 3, 2018, 10:00 am.....Room 10

**UMW General Meeting**  
Thursday, April 17, 2018, 9:30 am



### **North District UMW Local Officer Training**

The UMW North District Training was held at Thousand Oaks UMC. There were 60 women and 12 North District officers who attended the Training Session, representing 13 different UMC churches. The training sessions were designed to stimulate group discussion by answering five questions about the specific office. Chandra Seeger, our Treasurer and Shirley Thomson, President attended.

### **Reading Program**

The North District had 14 UMW Local Organizations which participated in the 2017 Reading Program. There were 67 individual members of UMW Local units who were awarded a certificate for completing at least one of the plans in the Reading Program. Canoga Park 1st had 6 readers and certificates were received for those readers. We hope in 2018 we can add more readers of the UMW books. The UMW books are located on the cart in the Library. If you have any questions please contact Pat Taylor, our UMW Program Resources Coordinator.

### **Directory Changes**

Toby Lane has new cell number: 747-254-9870

Jim & Marie Smith have a new cell phone: 805-263-6961

Remember that the church phone number in the directory is incorrect. Please change it to 818-340-2950.



### **April Circle Gatherings**

#### **Bookends**

Thursday, April 12  
9:30 am

Church Library

Book: *50 Women Every Christian Should Know*  
by Michelle DeRusha

Reviewer: Lynne German  
Hostess and Devotions:  
Lynne German

#### **Sarah Circle**

Thursday, April 12  
9:30 am

Breakfast at Denny's  
8330 Topanga Canyon Blvd.  
(north of Roscoe Blvd.)

#### **Faith, Hope & Love**

Wednesday, March 18  
7:00 pm

Church Library

Devotions and Program:  
Lora O'Connor  
Hostesses:  
Chandra Seeger and  
Lynne German.

# Remembering Stan Dimmick

23 October 1933 – 16 February 2018

## Memorial Service

Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 pm



Stan Dimmick grew up in Hastings, Nebraska. In high school, he played trumpet in the band and was involved in gymnastics. After graduation, he attended Hastings College.

Stan married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, on 12 April 1953. They had four children, Ron, Ken, Steve, and Debby.

In Hastings, Stan owned a gas station. When the family moved to California, he worked for a time in an auto shop, before opening Stan's Auto Repair from which he retired.

Barbara and Stan joined First UMC of Canoga Park in 1996. He not only served on several committees, he was also an usher for a number of years. In 2007, Stan received the UMW Special Mission Award in recognition of his hard work, volunteerism and dedication.



Barbara Dimmick

George & Jackie Dutcher

Joan Kelley

La Dean Owen

Nancy Summer

Toby Lane

Betty May

*To receive Prayer Chain e-mails, please contact Robin Abernathy at [robingreenbird@yahoo.com](mailto:robingreenbird@yahoo.com) "cc" the church office at [crossandflame@att.net](mailto:crossandflame@att.net)*

## Preschool News

We ended March with a week off and will return after April 1. Easter Break is always a nice way to rejuvenate and come back ready to continue our school year!

We will be finishing up Parent/Teacher conferences the first week in April with our littlest ones in room 3.

We will have Spring pictures taken this month, we will be doing an all-school picture again this year. We have so much fun getting all the kids to smile and look at the camera at the same time! Wish us luck!

Enrollment for Summer session and Fall has already begun. It has started off with a bang!!

Wendy



*Easter paper mosaic art in the Preschool windows*

## Inspiration on the Sidewalk

As I wheeled up and down in front of the place where I am staying on Ventura Blvd, I had noticed the words "Acts 2 : 38," scratched into what was fresh cement long ago.

I was curious, so I looked it up. The verse reads "Peter said to them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

I thought it was wonderful that such a meaningful verse turned up. I hope lots of people have been curious over the years and looked it up.

*Toby Lane*

## Final Gifts

*by Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley*

In this moving and compassionate book, hospice nurses Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley share their intimate experience with patients at the end of life. Filled with practical advice on responding to the requests of the dying and helping them prepare emotionally and spiritually for death, this book shows how we can help the dying person live fully to the very end.

Barbara Dimmick has gifted the church with two copies of this helpful book. Check the black bookcase immediately on the right as you enter the library.

## Memorial Garden

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

## Congratulations

Pastor Mark Huntington, former pastor of Woodland Hills UMC, has announced his engagement to Joane Franks.



Next meeting  
Tuesday,  
April 2  
11:00 am  
Lounge

Our March meeting was well-attended with a wonderful lunch, lively bingo and warm fellowship.

Thanks to Stan Westover for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs and to all of those who helped serve and clean up afterwards.

April's program will involve us in getting to know each other better. Everyone needs to come with a written statement of an event in their life that was memorable or interesting or unusual. We'll read one another's statements and try to guess who wrote it.

For our May 1st meeting Sharon Markinson will bring a slide show and presentation on Climate Change. I've seen her program and it is thought-provoking and extremely interesting.

Hope to see you on April 2nd. There will be a pot luck lunch so you can bring something to share.

*Pat Taylor*

## 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.

## Recycling for Glasses

Dana Dreyfuss is a volunteer at West Hills Hospital. She wants you to know 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.

## *Introducing our Newest Angel*



### **Ainsley Harper Cates**

Born 3/2/18 to Devon and Tracy Cates

Weighed in at 5 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches long

*Proud Grandmother, Margaret Cates*

### **Cooks Welcome**

If you would be happy to prepare a hot, ready-to-go casserole for twenty on Tuesday by 8:00 am, you are welcome to sign up on the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. You can also contact Beulah Hajek at 818-883-2616 or by e-mail (BSorensonhajek@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **Colby Ranch**

Homecoming Weekend

April 27 - 29, 2018

stay the night for free

Join us at Colby Ranch for food, fun, fellowship, games, and adventure! You're welcome to stay the night for free on Friday, Saturday, or both! (please RSVP)

You will get to see the renovations around camp, explore the mountain, reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and learn some of the Colby Ranch history. Saturday will be the main event! We will dedicate the Jim Hall Fellowship Garden, have some friendly competitive games, story-telling, trivia night, and so much more!

Colby Ranch is going green! Bring your old mug(s) with you. We'll fill it all weekend with tea, coffee, and hot cocoa. Then, you can donate it to the Colby Ranch Community. Send us your favorite Colby photo or bring a print with you. We'll create our own wall of Colby memories and enjoy sharing our stories around some hot cocoa!

Contact: broghanhunt@gmail.com

### **Flu Season**

This flu season is terrible, in large part due to the h3n2 flu and in equally large part due to adenovirus 14 (feels like the flu but your flu test is negative). Adenovirus can cause very similar symptoms, but you are more likely to get pinkeye and gastrointestinal symptoms as well.

Contagiousness: You are contagious 1 day before you get symptoms to 5-7 days after symptoms start (even longer if you have a weakened immune system). The most contagious time is the first 3-4 days.

Spread: It can spread by coughing and sneezing as well as simply talking. Via touch is less common. It is still a good idea to wear a mask, cover up when coughing and wash your hands routinely.

# Winter Boy Scout Events

We hosted back-to-back Scouting events at FUMC in February and March. On February 24th, we hosted a Scout Merit Badge Midway for our Boy Scout District and Council and on March 10th, we hosted the Las Colinas Pinewood Derby for all District Cub Scout Packs. Both events were a huge hit and the District is very thankful to have the FUMC as their partner in Scouting.



**Merit Badge Midway** was a one-day event that offered Scouts the opportunity to work on attaining specific Merit Badges. From Pioneering to Art and Robotics, Scouts that were interested in any of the 13 Merit Badge courses offered on February 24, could attend and either start, continue or complete the work to earn these Merit Badges. Troop 474's Rohan Mathews attained his Automotive Maintenance and Robotics Merit Badge while Matthew Avalos earned his Art Merit Badge.

Roughly 70 Scouts from different Boy Scout Troops in our District and Council attended this event and each Scout could earn up to two Merit Badges depending on whether the course was a half-day or full-day course.

## Pinewood Derby

The drizzly weather did not stop Cub Scout families from attending the **Las Colinas Pinewood Derby** on March 10. Cub Scouts from neighboring Cub Scout Packs along with any participating Parents, Leaders and Scout Den Chiefs brought their hand-made cars to our Hall on Race Day.

This was the first District Pinewood Derby and what made this event even more historic was that it was attended by two girls that have recently joined the Cub Scout Family Pack Pilot Program. Girls will become a permanent part of Cub Scouting starting this Fall.

Cub Pack 474 Bear Cub Scouts (Third Graders) entertained



Chris Avalos

waiting racers with carnival games. After two hours of racing, a lot of excitement and suspense, we were happy to award the Scouts with winning cars.

Cub Pack 474 received two prestigious awards. Christopher Avalos earned the Fastest Derby Car for the Bear Den (Third Graders) and Jason Merlos, a Tiger (First Grader), earned a



Jason Merlos

trophy for the second fastest car on Race Day.



Scott Hamblin, of Cub Scout Pack 246 was this year's First Place Trophy winner. He is a new Cub Scout in the new Lion Cub Scout program that introduces Scouting to Kindergarten-age boys and girls.

Face of Victory

# Native American Ministries

Sunday April 15, 2018

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” The bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus. However, today, Native Americans – with many unique languages, many unique cultures – honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.



When you support **Native American Ministries Sunday**, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower Native American congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.



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## Easter Sunday Service

10:00 am

All are welcome!