



Journey to Hope...

Lent is fasting approaching. *The Journey to Hope* series by **Rethink Church** will be our guide to take all of us on a journey. You are invited to come along and travel with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that Hope can be found even as we encounter some of life's most difficult circumstances. By addressing real life circumstances of relationships, self-esteem, work, temptation, money problems, suffering and death, those on the journey learn how faith in Christ is relevant to everyday life and how having a faith community can make all the difference. *Adopted from UMC Communications*

LCUMC Lenten Calendar

- Ash Wednesday Service: February 22, 7 pm
- Easter Party: March 24, 10:00 am
- Holy Week Bible Reading: April 2 to 5
- Good Friday Service: April 6, 7 pm
- Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: April 8, 6am
- Easter Breakfast: April 8, 7:30 am
- Easter Service Worship: April 8 10:30 am



... Equipping the laity to realize and respond to their call to ministry

**PASADENA DISTRICT
COMMITTEE ON LAY SPEAKING
MINISTRIES
SPRING 2012 CLASSES
March 10 and 31
10 AM - 4 PM**

**includes a total of 10 instructional
hours and light lunches**
Sierra Madre UMC
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**BASIC CLASS—Foundation Class For
Lay Speaking**

**ADVANCED COURSE—"Lay Speakers
Lead Prayer"**

Registration Before 2/24	\$35
Couples sharing book	\$50
After 2/24	\$40

Complete course descriptions, list of instructors, and registration forms are available in the church office.

The Church Office will be closed
February 20, 2012 in honor of
President's Day

From the Pastor's Desk...

As you all know, I broke my left ankle just a few days before Christmas. I showed up with two crutches hopping through the church. Let me tell you, YOU ARE FULL OF GRACE that I was literally hopping in your grace the last few weeks.

Thank you for packing, unpacking, moving, cleaning, organizing, cooking, delivering dinners, repairing, fixing and serving coffee and so much more. I am very blessed by you. You are what Ephesians says. You are the Body of Christ who strives to be humble, gentle, patient and loving.

One tiny broken bone slowed down my entire life. It not only made my life difficult but the lives around me as well. That is how church is. One tiny broken part of the Body of Christ will slow the whole Body and effect the whole Body. This is why I believe every part of the Body needs to be strong and healthy. Every part of our ministry, every age group, every one of us needs to know God well, be madly in love with Him and live wholeheartedly led by Spirit. Every time I say "Study the Word, pray to God and follow God's Word," I hear it echoing right back to me.

I have listed things to pray for in next 40 days. I have left two out of ten for you as Intercession and supplication for your personal matters.

I encourage you and I to dig a little deeper into the heart of God and know Him well. Let's take this time of Lent to journey toward Him. Thank you LCUMC and I love you all.

Pastor Elaine

The Year 2011 was a good year and yet tough in many ways. The sudden loss of Steve Swanson was a difficult one. I still remember Steve walking on the patio like it was yesterday. I still see Jo seating in the very first pew smiling. I can't accept the fact that George isn't around Ginny. I know that this is a journey that we must accept and find grace of God in itself.

But I grieve with searching to find comfort and strength in believing that love is stronger than death. I miss them all and today, I am going to allow myself to grieve and pray for their family, us.

Jo shared with me this poem when I visited her at her home.

What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited
It cannot cripple love
It cannot shatter hope
It cannot corrode faith
It cannot destroy peace
It cannot kill friendship
It cannot suppress memories
It cannot silence courage
It cannot invade the soul
It cannot steal eternal life
It cannot conquer the spirit.

-Anonymous

New Bible Study to Begin

Pastor Elaine will begin a new 21-week Bible Study on the Gospel of John beginning Wednesday, February 29, 10:30 am to noon in the Fire-side Room. All are welcome.

Taize Prayer Service
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm
In the Sanctuary

Partnering with parents in the Spiritual formation of children & youth.

Providing experiences and opportunities for students...

La Cañada UMC

Education *focus*

to examine,
to understand, and
to respond to God's unfailing love and grace.

Spirit Quest

...a Conference Junior High Event

Fellowship, worship, games, small groups, campfires, and fun. Based on the life of David, the theme: "There Might Be Giants", focuses on the great challenges young people confront.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 13

Event: April 20-22

Location: Camp Hess Cress, in Malibu, CA

Cost: Early Bird \$150 – Regular Price, \$180 (Church pays \$75)

<http://calpacyoungpeople.org/events/spiritquest>



Elementary Camp

Experience wild adventures like archery, swimming, crafts, games, hiking and more! Great fun, friends and faith!

Junior High Camp

Don't miss the excitement of rock climbing, archery, ropes course, swimming, basketball, crafts, singing, great food and new friends while experiencing God as never before.

Senior High Camp

Put down your cell phone, turn off the TV and unplug from the internet for some crazy games and face to face time with new friends and a God who loves you!

Watch this space for information such as dates, costs and locations—as the conference releases them, or just keep checking

www.calpaccamps.org.

Available through the United Methodist Church:

College Scholarships

Did you know there are a multitude of scholarships available through the UM's General Board of Higher Education & Ministry?

Check out: www.gbhem.org



We need your help!

It may seem as though summer is a million months away, but it's time to start thinking about **Vacation Bible School**. Why?

- ◆ Because VBS is a vital part of healthy, growing congregations.
- ◆ Because we need EVERYONE to be involved in this outreach program - to use their talents and share their gifts with the congregation & community.
- ◆ Because VBS gives us an opportunity to present stories from the Bible in fun interactive ways.
- ◆ Because VBS gives us an easy way to invite friends to church.
- ◆ Because VBS gives us a chance to spend time with good friends and an opportunity to meet new ones.
- ◆ Because at VBS there's always great music, fun snacks and a mission project.

Will Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14 for VBS work for you? If not, would you send us alternative dates?

Thank You!



We had a great time at Lake Arrowhead...

learning the *Three Simple Rules*, praying, laughing, playing games, and just hanging out! Thanks so much to Bill & Marilyn Peer for allowing us to use their great cabin. It was a perfect setting for our retreat! And thanks also to you for supporting students!!

2012 FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN RESULTS

ESTIMATES OF GIVING RECEIVED:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Number	32	29
Amount	\$127,861	\$136,318
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUES	\$220,171	\$205,012
TOTAL COSTS	<u>220,069</u>	<u>210,925</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 102	(5,913)

We have two additional financial challenges in 2012: the hiring of an Education Associate and having the pastor occupy the parsonage. We do have the two Korean congregations helping with our expenses, but, even with giving up, it is still not enough. One of our members has offered up to \$6,000 of matching funds to cover the cost of our Education Associate, Kendra Fredrickson, so we have not included her costs in the 2012 expenses above. As you can see, we need \$6,000 to match the funds offered for the Education Associate and another \$6,000 to meet our operating costs. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help with these needs for 2012.

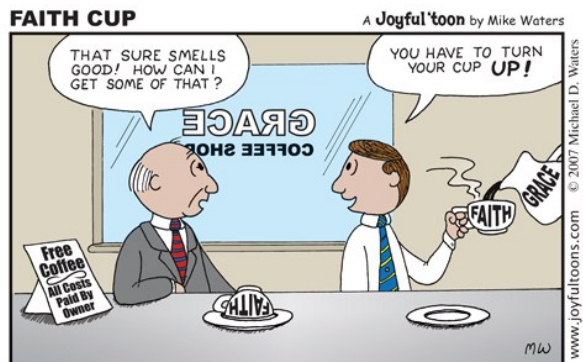
We will be discussing these needs further at the February 5th worship service. Details of revenues and expenses for 2011 (actual) and 2012 (budget) are available in the narthex.



Finance Committee Update

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	December	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$18,454.55	\$231,410.17
Expenses	\$15,465.10	\$223,189.11
Net	\$ 2,989.45	\$ 8,221.06



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- ROMANS 5:2 KJV

An 8 year-old's Explanation of God

By Danny Dutton

Written by an 8 year old from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I just wonder if any of us could do as well?

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this .

Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing

things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But... you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And this is what I know about God.

***IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
TEACH GOD'S CHILDREN TO KNOW
AND LOVE GOD.**



LCUMC Member Activities



***Harriet Hammons** received the Community Endearment Award from the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce on January 26, 2012. She loves serving her community through United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, LAUSD, Kiwanis, and so much more. Harriet, we are very proud of you!



***Charles & Earline Gulick** are settling in at their new home, the Royal Oaks Manor. It is a wonderfully managed and beautifully kept place. I was happy to see they are in a beautiful place surrounded by good people. The drive to Royal Oaks is a breeze (when there is no traffic) and their two bedroom place looked just perfect! Let's keep Charles and Earline in our prayers for God's protection as they commute to church and finding of many good friends at the new place.

February Birthdays

- 1 Debby Steffens
 - 4 Dan MacKenzie
 - 8 Jane Thornton
 - 12 Grace Moreno
 - 15 Kandyss Peterson
 - 17 Earline Gulick
Justin Rimbach
 - 22 Priya Harder
 - 24 Ginny Nichols
Jim Vonderheide
Tom Clark
Mark Amico
 - 25 Christine Ecker
- Anniversary**
- 23 Geoffrey and Allison Kemmerer

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP **Sunday, February 5, 2012** **12:15pm to 2:30pm**

Sports – Sports – Sports

Bill Evans will tell us all we want to know about the Super Bowl and other major sports highlights. Join us for fun and fellowship on Super Bowl Sunday.

Prayer Requests

Ministry Prayer Needs: For our children and youth ministries to grow, Rev. Dr. Eunice Musa Iliya, ministry in Nigeria, Dr. Marita B. Valoria, ministry in Phillipines.

Prayer Concerns:

Steve Carpenter, Tony Warburton, Otis and Pat Hutchins, Nancy Quick, Gina Mayer Sorenson, Judy Moore, Betty Jean Bruce, Mark Roscki, Andy Spence, Sara Barnes, Carolyn Berry, Bill and Jane, John Chandler, Peggy Dionne, Kerry Fike, Marie Henry, Theron Huff, Louise Lewis, Esme Lingam, Margaret McGlyn, Gus Deppe, Gary McWhorter, Helen Merrifield, Kay Shad, Michael Tierney, Dubose Tuller, Cindy MacIntosh Behr, Stephanie Holtman, Hannah Almstead, Gary Gerstner, Erva Huff, Dr. John Yaeger, Fred Kuester.

Folks to Lift Up: Marilyn Lott, Shirley DeGrey, John and Marian Spitler, Hal Thomas, Ollie Walkey, Mark & Katherine Fuller, Ginny Nichols.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acorn Singers, Sanctuary	2 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary	3 10am CC Chapel, Sanctuary	4
5 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Senior Fellowship, MPR	6	7 7:00pm Taize	8 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acorn Singers	9 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary	10 Messenger Deadline	11
12 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	13	14 7:00pm Bells, Sanc.	15 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acorn Singers 7:00pm Finance 8:00pm Church Council	16 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary	17 10am CC Chapel	18
19 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	20 President's Day Office Closed	21 Noon—CC Advisory Council, FSR	22 Ash Wednesday 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 7pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanct.	23 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary	24	25
26 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Children/ Youth Sunday School 6:00pm UMW Chili Fundraiser	27	28 7:00pm Bells, Sanctuary	29 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acorn Singers, Sanctuary			

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