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Day of Prayer for 2012
Saturday, January 7, 2012

Prayer is the most formidable weapon that we have to make all things we do efficient. There is no better way to start the New Year 2012 than with prayer. Prayer Warriors of God, let us start this new wonderful year 2012 with God in prayer. Please come and join us as the doors to Sanctuary will be open 12 hours from 8am to 7pm on Saturday, January 7. For more details, please speak to Carole Kemmerer.

"I feel it is far better to begin with God, to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another. In general it is best to have at least one hour alone with God before engaging in anything else."
E. M. Bounds

**Human Relations Day:
First of Six Special Sundays
January 15, 2012**

What makes six Sundays special? The answer is in The Book of Discipline 2008 (§263): "The special Sundays in The United Methodist Church intended to illustrate the nature and calling of the church are celebrated annually. The special Sundays are placed on the calendar to make clear the calling of the church as the people of God, and to give persons the opportunity to contribute offerings to special programs."

Human Relations Day supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. A community developer who directs a program funded by the offering said the "primary focus is to help kids see Jesus and to help them grow developmentally and spiritually."

SAVE THE DATE

Pasadena District How-to Workshops

Saturday, January 21, 2012

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

"Turning Passion into Ministry"

Featured Speaker Dan Gara

Covina UMC

437 W. San Bernardino Rd.

Covina, CA 91505

Pastors Bring your Laity!

Lay People Bring your Pastors!

Under 30? NO CHARGE!

Registration—\$15 before 1/13/12

After 1/13/12—\$20 for EVERYONE

Registration includes lunch. Child care is available upon registration request only. Registration forms are available in the narthex and the church office.

The Church Office will be closed
January 16, 2012 in honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

From the Pastor's Desk...

2012 IS HERE! I was just getting used to saying 2011. How did we get here so fast?

Well, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, FAMILY!

Did you all make resolutions for the New Year? I did and to share a few, I am going to start myself back on working out every week (it's been three years since I stopped visiting gyms).

Two, I am going back to giving my early mornings to God every day (I am a morning person and I think God is too).

Three, I am going to help Selina with her school work and give her more time.

Four, I am going to fix dinner at least 3 times a week. And just few more.

These are personal ones. My resolutions for our church family are:

One, I am going to feed you healthy food! THE BIBLE! We are going to be a Bible-grounded church. When someone pokes you, you will spit out nothing but Bible. You will be so filled with the Word, you shall be called a Walking Bible!^^

We will be a church that is a Scripture-grounded church, we will pray in the Word, and we will be the witnesses of the Word to the World.

There is happiness from the worldly things and also from the Word of God. Depending on what we are seeking after, our lives will change eternally.

The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 119:9-24, "how can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word...I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you...I meditate on your precepts and

consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Therefore, I ask you to join me in making this as one of your resolutions for 2012:

- ◆ Come and join one of our Bible study classes offered by Dr. Green and Rev. Cho.
- ◆ Take notes on Sundays and ask yourself as you listen to the sermons, "What is God trying to speak to me through the sermon? What can I learn today? How can I change to be more like Christ?"
- ◆ Memorize the passages in the Bible, which will be provided in the bulletins.
- ◆ Make QT Meditation part of your day.
- ◆ Do at least one thing to express Jesus' love every day.

"Lord, open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." Psalm 119:18

I pray for all of us to open our eyes to God and see His wonders here on earth. May God bless you by giving you strength that you need, peace that will reign over circumstances, wisdom to know His ways, courage to do His will, love that He offered to save you until the death. God loves you! And I do too.

Pastor Elaine

HAPPY NEW YEAR

My Story and Your Story, Making Our Story...

Koreans are survivors of many wars, over 2,000 wars. After many years of Japan's colonization over Korea, the country finally experienced freedom on August 15th, 1945. My mother was 7 years old. As the Japanese evacuated, they massacred every missionary and pastor they could find. So many missionaries and pastors hid away. At Yang-Hwa-Gyu in South Korea, the missionaries and pastors who were killed are buried and honored till this day.

An American Missionary came and hid in my mother's family storage during this time of massacre. She remembers him speaking broken Korean because this missionary planted the seeds of the Gospel to her, her family and to the people in the town. The church this American missionary built on my mother's father land is still standing and is not even a quarter mile away from her house where she grew up. She helped him by carrying stones and bricks when it was built.

My family loves the God that this American missionary brought 66 years ago.

My brother-in-law is a 4th generation Japanese-American from Hilo Hawaii.

My sister-in-law is an Anglo-American from Alabama.

Martin is a son of a pastor who survived the massacre.

It is just amazing how God can orchestrate this to happen. Who could of even guessed this could take place in the 21st century where my generation has no part of the history except to live the legacy of people who lived fighting through it.

God is the God of healing, restoration, reconciliation and hope. My family is proof of Christ's work on earth. We are a miniature of what we will find in the Kingdom of Heaven, different skin colors, ages, languages coming together forming a FAMILY.

Because of many good people, we are living in a place where we are not fighting a war or at a time where we need to go underground to hear the Gospel. We are fighting a different kind of war though. We are "fighting against the power of the dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12). We have no time or energy to measure differences in the color of people's skin, age, status, or language but have time and energy for Christ who brings healing, restoration, reconciliation and hope to all in the FAMILY of God.

Would you join me in broadening the kingdom of God at 104 Berkshire Blvd. La Canada, CA 91012? Let's welcome Emmanuel Church and bless them to grow along side with us.

God will be very pleased that we have open doors here at our spiritual home. What do you think?

Pastor Elaine

Welcome Emmanuel Church!

Please welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ to our home. Their worship services here at La Cañada UMC are Sunday afternoons from 12:45pm till 1:45 pm. They will also meet every morning during the week for prayer meetings from 6:00 am till 7:00 am.

Parsonage Update

Pastor Elaine and her family moved into the parsonage on December 27th! Thanks to many angels at LCUMC, she was able to settle right in comfortably regardless of her broken ankle. Thank you, Family of God!!!



On Christmas Eve, La Cañada United Methodist Church children and youth presented the musical "The Little Shepherd of Bethlehem". The cast included (left to right): Grace Moreno, Christopher Henry, Mark Forrest, Katharine Henry, Nick Mayer, Annabelle Mayer, Selina Cho, Alexander Arutianian, Callym Ecker. Front by microphone: Christine Ecker (the Little Shepherd).

**LEARN, LIVE, GIVE, LISTEN,
THINK**

*United Methodist Women
January 9, 7:00pm in the Fireside Room*

Within the United States and around the world the United Methodist Women support hundreds of missionaries and centers for the purpose of uplifting, improving and enriching the lives of thousands of women, children, and men. There are two of those centers within our own Cal-Pac conference: The David and Margaret Home and The Toberman Center. On January 9, our UMW will focus on the "where" and the "why" UMW missions are formed and explore some of the possibilities of the "how". 2011 marked the 100th year of the publication of "New World Outlook", the mission magazine of the Methodist Church.

Come and join us in this evening of fellowship and learning!

**MEND Update ...
one more request**

The folks at MEND (Meet Every Need with Dignity) were greatly appreciative of the over 200 egg cartons that we have donated to them! Their services as a food bank in Pacoima are in increasing demand these days. In August, they served 6000 clients and now the number is up to 8000. This is partly due to seasonal jobs such as construction and people now being out of work. They expect the high number of clients to continue at least until April.

In addition our collection of empty egg cartons, they asked if we had any plastic grocery bags to contribute. So, any extra bags that you have can be dropped in the "Egg Carton" box in the narthex of the sanctuary. Cartons and bags will be taken to MEND about once a month.

Thank you for helping with LCUMC's outreach to those in need!

Marie Henry

Finance Committee Update

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	November	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$15,666.50	\$212,942.67
Expenses	\$21,745.58	\$207,724.01
Net (Deficit)	(\$6,079.08)	\$ 5,218.66

Billy Graham's Einstein Speech from www.inspire21.com

In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggled with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time Magazine as the 'Man of the Century.'"

Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'

Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Having said that, Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new

suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing.

I want you to remember this:

'I not only know who I am... I also know where I'm going.'"

Recycling News

Thank you to all the participants in our recycling program for CA CRV aluminum cans and plastic & glass bottles. The total value of items donated since May 2011 is \$153.56 as of the writing of this article at November's end. All this money is donated to the Christian Education Fund for the kids at LCUMC--the money stays here.

There are three bins in which you may drop off your "trash" -one in each church kitchen and one in the church office. I am happy to pick up **mega** contributions at your home if you do not want to lug them down to the church.

In 2012 I am hoping for more than my current goal at least \$20 per month. I would like this number to go to \$100. I would like to make contact with restaurants who serve drinks in cans or bottles--do you know any restaurant owners? Please tell your neighbors to save items -ask them to do it for the environment and lessening our impact on our beautiful world--as well as for the youth.

Happy New Year!--Christa Clark 818 957-8264



January Birthdays

3 Yoshiko Kim
16 Kendra Fredrickson
21 Ralf Persson
25 Anne Tierney
27 David Wulff

Anniversary

27 David and Joyce Wulff


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 De-Grey, John and Marian Spitler, Hal Thomas, Ollie Walkey, Mark & Katherine Fuller, Ginny Nichols.



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, January 8, 2012
12:15pm to 2:30pm

The January meeting of Senior Fellowship features Jennifer, the singing Ralphs grocery store clerk.

Bring a salad for six/eight. Coffee and tea provided. No reservations are needed. Bring a friend. For more information, please contact Jim Heywood.

Adult Education Plan (Dr. Green) Winter – Spring 2012

Come join Dr. Green's class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

January 8	How We Got Our Bible: The Big Picture
January 15	How We Got Our Bible: Telling the Story, Writing It Down
January 22	How We Got Our Bible: Scribes and Readers
January 29	How We Got Our Bible: The Ancient Literary World
February 5	How We Got Our Bible: The Manuscripts
February 12	How We Got Our Bible: From "Scripture" to "Canon"
February 19	How We Got Our Bible: What about the "Leftovers"?
February 26	How We Got Our Bible: Translating God's Word

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day 10:30am Worship</p> <p>Dave Wulff on vacation</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Taize, Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 6:45pm Acom Singers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>5 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary</p> <p>Sheri Gray on vacation</p>	<p>6 10am CC Chapel, Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 8am to 7pm Day of Prayer, Sanctuary</p>
<p>8 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Senior Fellowship, MPR</p>	<p>9 7:00pm UMW, Parsonage</p>	<p>10 Messenger Deadline 7:00pm Bell Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 10:30am Bible Study Resumes, FSR 6:45pm Acom Singers 7:00pm SPRC</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Youth Winter Cabin Retreat to 1/16</p>
<p>15 Human Relations Day 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Children/ Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Office & CC Closed 7:00pm Trustees</p>	<p>17 Noon CC Advisory Council, FSR</p>	<p>18 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acom Singers 7:00pm Finance 8:00pm Church Council</p>	<p>19 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>20 10am CC Chapel</p>	<p>21 How-To Workshops</p>
<p>22 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Children/ Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:00pm Bell Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>25 10:30am Bible Study, FSR 6:45pm Acom Singers</p>	<p>26 7:00pm Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Noon - Children/ Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Spiritual Formation/Small Group Seminar</p>			

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