



SENTINEL

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HORIZONS

“Some years ago a famous novelist died. Among his papers was found a list of suggested plots for future stories, the most prominently underscored being this one: A widely separated family inherits a house in which they have to live together. This is the great new problem of mankind. We have inherited a large house, a great world house in which we have to live together black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace... We still have a choice today; nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. This may well be [our] last chance

to choose between chaos and community.” – Martin Luther King, Jr. *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1967)

The times in which we live sound a renewed call to learn how to live together in peace. We are to know, love, and respect one another. We are to be our brother/sister’s keeper. There is no one who is not our neighbor.

As disciples of the Prince of Peace, may we turn to God in prayer and turn to one another, together seeking a way forward grounded in mercy, justice, and love.

Patricia Jamis

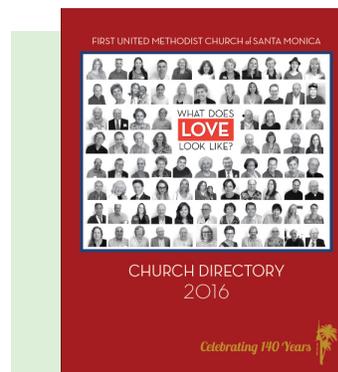
Senior Minister

2016 Church Directory – It’s coming! No, Really.

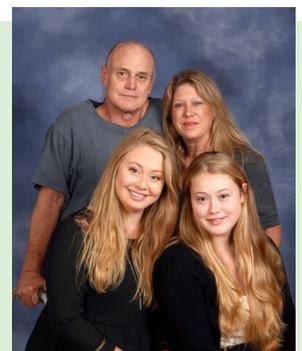
It’s been almost a year of taking portraits and compiling and updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses but the directories are coming so get your Christmas card lists in order! Thank you everyone for your patience and enthusiasm. And thank you to those who had their photos taken by Lifetouch!

Starting August 14, make sure to stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table, or visit the church office Tuesday - Friday, to sign for and pick up your reserved copy of the directory. If you did not have your portrait taken, don’t worry! You can still pick up a directory while supplies last (one copy per household, please.) Donations will be accepted to offset the production costs.

August 14, after worship, Sunday Hospitality Table: Pick up your copy of the church directory.



Sneak peak of the Directory cover



The Jones Family portrait

August Calendar

Monday, August 1 - Vacation Bible School begins
Friday, August 5 - Vacation Bible School ends
7:10 p.m. UM Dodger Night, Dodger Stadium
Sunday, August 7 - Holy Communion
Friday, August 12
7 p.m. A.C.T. performance of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Simkins Hall
Saturday, August 13
7 p.m. A.C.T. performance of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Simkins Hall
Sunday, August 14
1 p.m. A.C.T. performance of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Simkins Hall
Saturday, August 20
9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300
10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, Fireside Room
Sunday, August 21 - Children's Church
11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Simkins Hall
Monday, August 22
4 p.m. C.A.S.T. auditions, 1st-5th graders, Simkins Hall
5:30 p.m. C.A.S.T. auditions, 5th-12th graders, Simkins Hall
Thursday, August 25
5 p.m. Community Meal with Family Place, Off-Site
5:30 p.m. Preschool Back-to-School Night, Simkins Hall
Sunday, August 28
5 p.m. Acolyte & Crucifer Training, Sanctuary/Fireside Room

SUMMER WEEKLY or BIMONTHLY AT FIRST UMC:

Mondays: Church Office Closed
9 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (2nd & 4th Mondays) Offsite
Tuesdays: 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Fireside Room
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Luncheon, Workroom

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday August 21:
10 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training for Sunday School Teachers and Youth Counselors, Fireside Room
11:15 a.m. Messy Church Leadership Mtg. Rm 203

Vacation Bible School

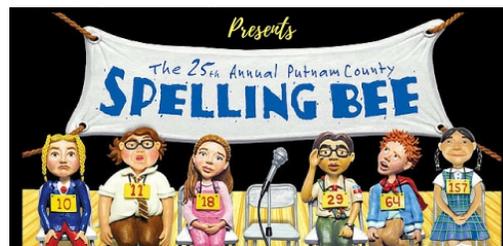
VBS is here! This year's theme is *Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*. The program is designed to introduce a child to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Each activity is developed and tested to be an engaging, age-appropriate experience that brings the word of God alive to every participant and volunteer. Contact Tricia Lindley at: t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org for last minute availability.



VBS: August 1 - 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Kids ages 5-11, Simkins Hall

Flower Orders: Honor the memory of a loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other event with flowers at the Reredos during Sunday 10 a.m. worship. Cost is \$80 for two arrangements and you are welcome to take the flowers after worship. Orders may be taken at the Hospitality Table after worship, or, now online orders may be taken here: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund. Available dates at press time: **August 7, 14, 21, 28**

All Community Theater (A.C.T.)

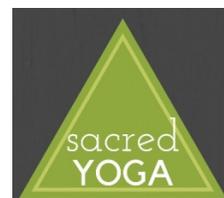


Don't miss A.C.T.'s production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a hilarious musical about six quirky kids competing in the Bee (performed by college-age young adults including C.A.S.T. alums,) run by three equally quirky grown-ups. Appropriate for middle school kids and up. Tickets (\$10 each): www.santamonicaumc.org/act, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

Performance Dates in Simkins Hall: Friday August 12, 7 p.m., Saturday August 13, 7 p.m., Sunday August 14, 1 p.m.

Sacred Yoga

Santa Monica yoga instructor Temitope leads Sacred Yoga, a monthly spiritual yoga class open to all. Whether you are new to yoga and meditation or practice regularly, this class is the perfect way to find stillness in your mind and body as well as center and strengthen your spirit. Bring a mat. Donations accepted.



Saturday August 20: 10 a.m., Fireside Room.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Every year First UMC Staff, Preschool Teachers, Youth Counselors and Pastors undergo training for Safe Sanctuary, a program that allows our sanctuaries, classrooms, mission encounters, camps and retreats, and all spaces where we gather to worship and serve God to be places of trust for children and adults. The training follows guidelines provided by United Methodist Guidelines and Policies.

Family Place Community Meal



simple church hosts a monthly potluck for Family Place. A program of Upward Bound House, Family Place provides transitional housing for families with minor children in crisis. In addition to secure, safe accommodations for each family, the program features intensive wrap-around case management, counseling, a food program and other stabilization services. The potluck feeds about 30-40

adults & children. We serve buffet style and eat as one big family! Please share and invite your friends to this wonderful community gathering. Contact: r.english@santamonicaumc.org.

Family Place Community Meal: Thursday August 25, 5 - 7 p.m. at Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

C.A.S.T. Auditions

Children's After School Theater is calling all kids! C.A.S.T is holding auditions for their Fall productions for 1st-5th graders, and 5th - 12th graders. Audition materials will be provided there. Show titles are to be announced.

Monday August 22: 4 p.m. (1st-5th graders)

5:30 p.m. (5th - 12th graders) **Simkins Hall**

Need a Ride to Church?

Did you know that the City of Santa Monica offers a Dial-a-Ride service for those 60 years (+), or 18 (+) with special needs? The service provides curb to curb transportation to any location within the Santa Monica Area. Each trip costs 50 cents. To become a member you must complete an application and submit with a copy of your valid California ID and/or a current utility bill (gas/electricity). **Applications are available at the Hospitality Table and in the church office.**

Community

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these departed loved ones:

- First UMC member Marilyn Hedges' brother-in-law, and uncle of Robert Hedges, **Donald Aikens**, who died June 27.
- First UMC member Erin Schlitter's grandmother **Eleanor Gustafson**, who died May 1.
- First UMC member Hilda Bickel's sister **Alice**, who died August 24.

Births

- **William Benson Scott** was born to First UMC members Jennifer and Ben Scott, and sisters Arabella and Georgina, on June 4.

Baptism

- **Beau Marshall Quellmalz**, son of Kevin and Rachel Quellmalz, and brother Coy, was baptized by Rev. Robert English on July 3.

Congratulations

- to First UMC members **Jen Jaques** and **Michael Grothe** on their wedding, held June 23 in Hawaii.

Farewell and Welcome

At the recent meeting of the Western Jurisdictional Conference of The UMC, the assignments of bishops for the next quadrennium (2016-2020) were announced. Effective September 1, **Bishop Minerva Carcaño** will move to the California Nevada Conference. Our California-Pacific Conference will receive **Bishop Grant Hagiya**.

We are very grateful to Bishop Carcaño for her leadership, her prophetic witness, and her many contributions to strengthen our annual conference over these past four years. We pray God's blessings on her.

Watch for word of Farewell and Welcome celebrations and keep our bishops in your prayers in this time of transition.

— Rev. Patricia Farris

Pastoral care emergency hotline: **310-393-8258**, enter extension **1**. Leave your name and phone number and a pastor will return your call as soon as possible.



Upcoming in September

SEPTEMBER

- 10 – **Messy Church** resumes as a monthly worship in the Chapel and Simkins Hall, Saturdays 4 p.m.
- 11 – **First UMC Fall Kick-off**
- 11 – **Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 11 – **simple church** resumes as a weekly worship in the Chapel, Sundays 5 p.m.
- 18 – **Walk the Labyrinth** resumes, will meet the third Sundays of the month, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- 22 – **Family Place Community Meal**
- 25 – **September Book-of-the-Month Study/Potluck**

Upward Bound House celebrates their 25th Anniversary!

Keep an eye out for more information about these upcoming events.

First UMC Fall Kick-off!



Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to church with you to the Fall Kick-Off! After worship there will be plenty of food, fun and festivities. A great new year begins at Santa Monica First UMC!

Sunday September 11: 11 a.m., in the Courtyard



September Book-of-the-Month Study & Potluck

Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community, by Leah Gunning Francis

Racial tensions continue to tear at the fabric of American cities. Seminary professor Leah Gunning Francis interviewed over two dozen faith activists following the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Her book shares their voices and takes us behind the scenes into the hearts and lives of the community and its leaders. Come to be challenged and inspired by a vision of the vocation of the church "for such a time as this." Bring a dish to share.

Sunday September 25: 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room





Preschool Corner

AUGUST PRESCHOOL EVENTS:

August 25: Back-to-School Night, 5:30 p.m.

August 26: Open House, 9 - 10 a.m.

August 27: Back to School Picnic, Rustic Canyon Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

August 29: First Day of School



Our Sanctuary: Symbols of Hope by Ron Theile

"As a member of this congregation and of the Chancel Choir, I often find myself gazing upon our beautiful sanctuary. There are times I look out from the choir loft to witness those who are worshipping doing the same. It could be while we are preparing for worship, praying, listening to scripture or being moved by the music of worship.

This series will help to guide us as we look at, and think about, the many sights and symbols that surround us as we worship. They are all symbols of hope, so that we will all be inspired to be the hope." - Ron Theile

Part 6:

This month we will look to the lower north wall to a set of stained glass windows that, in the past, have been called the Aisle Windows. They could also be called the "mystery windows" as information on how they came about as well as who donated them cannot be found. Notes only tell us that they were dedicated on Thanksgiving in the year 1957.

These windows are no less important as the others because it is a dedication to our United Methodist Connection. They not only point out important events in the founding of the church in the United States, but they also highlight the importance of locations and groups that were paramount in the growth of the church. These beautiful windows, right to left on the north street level wall are:

Christ Church – 1540, Oxford, England. Established by King Henry VII. John and Charles Wesley were educated at Christ Church College.

The Baltimore Conference of 1784 – is where Methodism in America had its official beginning.

Cokesberry College – First Methodist college in the United States in Abingdon, MD. Established in 1787 proving the church had concerns for education.

Methodist Circuit Riders – that also shows the Cross, Holy Bible and saddle indicating the church sending The Word into the wilderness.

The John Street Methodist Church – one of the first Methodist congregations in America.

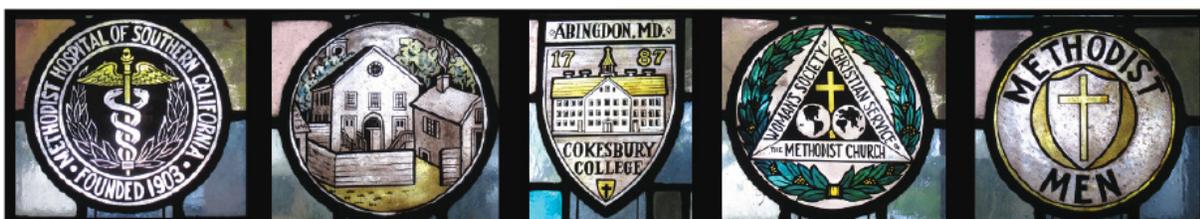
Methodist Men – is a national Methodist organization with units in many churches whose mission was, and still is, to help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ.

Women's Society of Christian Service – was a national organization with units in all Methodist churches. Today, this vital ministry is called the United Methodist Women. Their mission is providing opportunities to grow spiritually, equipping women & girls to be leaders, providing transformative educational experiences, organizing for growth & flexibility and working for justice through service and advocacy.

Methodist Hospital of Southern California – was founded in 1903 and is still located in Arcadia, CA. This window honors the healing ministries of the Methodist Connection.

There is a theme that is carried throughout this row of windows we look upon from week to week. These windows produce proof of a hope that has existed through the history of the Methodist church. From its beginnings in Europe to a healing hospital in our community, the church has grown as it spreads the Word that, through Jesus Christ, love, fellowship and spiritual growth can be found within the congregations that we call The United Methodist Church.

These windows establish the hope that is found within our fellowship of faith so that we, all of us, can be the hope.



Five of the Aisle Windows:

(left to right) Methodist Hospital of Southern California, The John Street Methodist Church, Cokesbury College, Women's Society Christian Service, and Methodist Men.

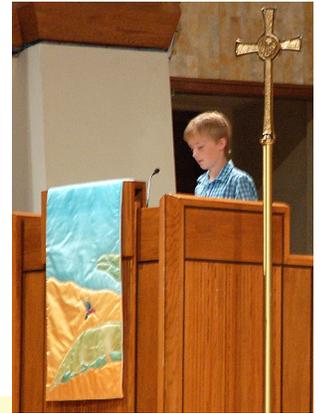
June/July Happenings at First UMC



Arizona Methodist Youth Choir



Children's Sabbath



First UMC Summerfest!



BBQ grilling by Men's Breakfast.



40th Wedding Anniversary of Gale & Dorothy Williams, with grandkids Emma and Ryan.



Baptism of Beau Marshall Quellmaltz



John Roebuck standing in front of the paintings of his mother, Esther Roebuck, displayed in the Fireside Room for the month of July.

Habitat for Humanity: Westside Church Coalition Update by Jill Obery Dodd

Our coalition meetings continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit as committee members from the various local Methodist churches work in preparation of a Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles. The target start date is late 2016 given we raise the needed funding for our house. Here at First UMC, we have raised \$8k to match the gifts from the Erma Darling and the Hewitt and Hood Mission Funds held by The Methodist Foundation. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser!

In May, First UMC took the lead on the Veggie Grill fundraiser and, in June, Westwood UMC coordinated a Poquito Mas restaurant fundraiser. Late June also saw the dedication of the Culver City build site and five of the ten planned homes now have sponsors. Our Westside Coalition home is named *Patience*

House, located at 4400 Globe Avenue in Culver City.

Currently, our meetings focus on planning the next two fundraisers that we hope will gain the remaining funds needed to begin our build. On September 24, Westwood UMC will hold a Carnival and in early October, Culver Palms UMC will host a gala type musical/theater show. First UMC is in charge of games at the Westwood Carnival and several of our church members have joined in our meetings to help plan the events.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in this exciting mission project, contact Linda Avdul or Jill Obery Dodd for more info. Jill: 425indigo@gmail.com, Linda: linavdul@hotmail.com.

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Chapel Open for Prayer: Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On the Website

Sermons & Orders of Worship

Were you unable to make it to Sunday's 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship? You can listen and read the sermon from our website!

Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives

You can also view the Order of Worship by going to:
www.santamonicaumc.org/oow-archives



WORSHIP

<p>SANCTUARY WORSHIP SUNDAYS 10 a.m.</p>	<p>simple church SUNDAYS 5 p.m. Chapel Worship beginning Sept. 11</p>	<p>Messy Church SATURDAYS 4 p.m. Family Worship 2nd Sat. of the month</p>
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SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

- August 7 - Holy Communion
Homily by Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley
- August 14 - 13th Sunday in Kingdomtide
Sermon by Rev. Patricia Farris
- August 21 - 14th Sunday in Kingdomtide
Sermon by Rev. Robert English
- August 28 - 15th Sunday in Kingdomtide
Reflections from our Pastoral Leadership Team:
Rev. Patricia Farris, Rev. Robert English,
Tricia Lindley and Rev. Keri Olsen

SUNDAYS AT-A-GLANCE



- 9 a.m. Lectionary Scripture Discussion, Fireside Room
- 9 a.m. Partnership with God Sunday School, Room 101
- 9 a.m. Nursery Care, Room 204
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warmup, Choir Room
- 10 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Education Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center

**SUMMER
SCHEDULE**