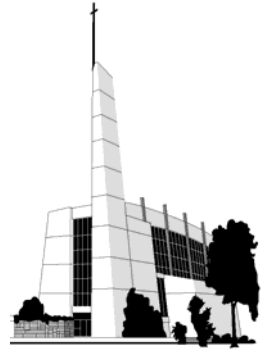




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April 10, 2008



The Bright and Rohdenburg Families

Cordially invite you to the wedding of

Jennifer Nicole Bright

to

Paul William Rohdenburg

Saturday, the third of May, 2008

At three o' clock in the afternoon

Garden Grove

United Methodist Church

*(A small family reception
will be held off-premises.)*



You Are Invited
to the

Retirement Party

for

Preston Price

Sunday, May 18, 2008

3:00- 6:00 p.m.

at

Anaheim United Methodist Church
1000 South State College Boulevard
Anaheim, CA 92806

Bring pictures of Preston and stories to
share in the Fellowship time!

If you will be unable to attend, please
send a letter with your memories for
Preston to enjoy!

The Price Family
Jean, Rob and John
11596 Bart Drive,
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 537-1695

Some Random Afterthoughts

I have come to a deeper understanding of exactly what it means to rely upon God for strength, Jesus for salvation, and the Spirit for growth. Perhaps the word rely is not a strong enough word. If we believe that God is the giver of life, and if we accept by faith as did Job that *the Lord gives and the Lord takes away*, there is none other to whom we can ascribe all glory, power, life, and hope.

The beginning of this learning and faith statement starts with Easter and the Resurrection. Even the cynical and questioning doubting Thomas was moved to belief when he saw the piercing and the holes in Jesus body. While you and I do not have Jesus body to touch, feel, and move us to faith, we do have other things that have happened to those we love and those we care about that have moved us to faith and belief. For each of us those avenues that have moved us to faith have been very different and uniquely powerful!

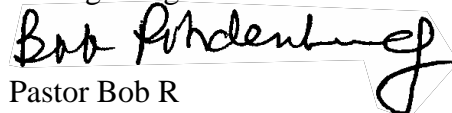
For me, these events have been a series of car accidents and now the cancer that I am moving through. For others it might have been disease, discomfort, and disability; it simply could have been anything that has happened to us and reminded us that life is really not lived in fullness and wholeness unless we rely upon Him and the grace he has provided for us in Jesus Christ.

To restate this is simply to say that as we grow in faith, what it means to love God, and to be his servants and ministers, God through Christ and the Holy Spirit will use an innumerable number of ways to call us to faith, remind us of faith, and deepen in us the knowledge and grace he has already given us and still yearns to give us.

Let us join with one another in that growing in grace process as we promise to do these four things:

1. Make a firm commitment to read the Bible through in one year using the Pilgrimage of Faith reading schedule that can be found in the office or on line on our website.
2. Pray for each and all persons in our church family on a regular basis. (I do this by praying for four families/persons per day using the directory as my guide.)
3. Attend worship EVERY WEEK seeking the ways that God, through his Spirit, will bless you and grow your faith!!
4. Pray that God might lead you to persons who you might be able to invite to any church activity.

In the meanwhile,
Blessings in the name of our
Loving and gracious God!!


Pastor Bob R

Opportunities for Bible Study



1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Sundays, 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study, “The Word on Sunday Night” on the Letter to the Ephesians in the Lounge. This group is led by Chris & Robb. All are invited to attend.

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – “Spiritual and Doctrinal Formation: A United Methodist Perspective.” this group started by Pastor Bob is led by participants. All are welcome to attend!

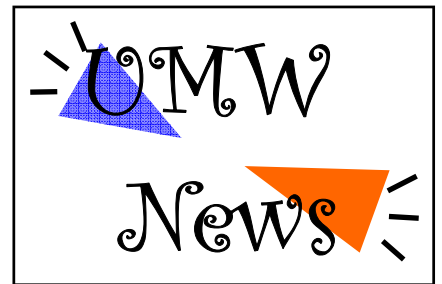
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – Lectionary Bible Study in the Lounge. This self-led group studies the scriptures that will be read in Worship on Sunday morning. All are invited to join this group.

Sunday, April 13th, 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. – United Methodist Men & Youth sponsored Monthly Fellowship Brunch in Acker Hall. This Month's menu is bacon, eggs, hash browns, biscuit, coffee, and juice (tomato, orange & pineapple). \$3.00 suggested donation.

Friday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m. – Missions Potluck Dinner for Luis Aramayo & Eunice Arias in Acker Hall. They will present a program, with time for questions, about their mission work in Guatemala that we help support through the Covenant Missionaries Program. Please bring a dish to share as follows: according to the initial of your last name, A-H – salad; I-R – main dish; S-Z – dessert. We have invited members of Mesa Verde UMC to participate with us.



On Sunday, June 1st from 2:00 –3:00 p.m. in Acker Hall the Local Organizing committee of our church is sponsoring a Community Forum on Senior mobility (transportation for those who cannot drive). This will be an opportunity to bring the needs of seniors and those with disabilities to the attention of city council members. We need your input and invite you to attend our next LOC meeting on Tuesday May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Ricker Lounge. For more information contact Jack Mee, Don Hayes, Evelyn McCart, Barbara Shipp, or Shirley Kellogg.



April's program will celebrate the rich musical heritage of the church. Come sing your favorite hymn and perhaps learn a new one. (Dr. Ann Newsome will not be available to do the previously planned program on women's health issues.)

This promises to be a very well attended event and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Time is 5:30 p.m. on April 16th in Acker Hall. Sally and Sue will be serving dinner for a donation of \$6.00. Please make a note of it!

“A person filled with joy, preaches without preaching.”
-Mother Teresa



S.O.S. Our S.H.I.P. is in need of HELP!

The S.H.I.P. Program, helping homeless adults to get back on their feet, is in need of Personal Advisors. P A 's, as we call them, help guide the guests through their four month stay in the program. Each guest must be assigned a P A when they enter the program. We are currently limited to the number of people we can enroll by the number of P A 's we have as volunteers. The P A meets with the guest once a week for about 2 hours. P A 's review their guest's progress and help provide the support they need in achieving their set goals in the program. There will be a short training night and of course all the help of all the existing P A 's. If you have been thinking of some kind of ministry to serve in, and have a heart for helping others less fortunate, give us a call. Contact Bill Thacker 714- 366-2244 or Jim Huffman 714-235-9943.

MONEY...MONEY...MONEY...

I was bought up by a father who spent most of the money on friends so that although he did not leave a dime behind on the day he left me, he did leave tons of stories about generosity. On the other hand, my mother who is an investor encouraged me to manage my own bank account at the age of eleven. When I was grown, I realized that individuals can or should be stewards of money and not have money run their lives. This belief allows me to talk about money freely.

Recently I read an E-mail from Jackie Gonzales, one of our lay leaders, regarding the “Fuel the Flame Second Mile” information, at the bottom of one of the pages she quoted: “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

I was curious enough to flip through several versions to check if there’s one that used inclusive language so that I, as a lady, will be included. As I was reading the Message version chapter 9, the word choice and the content caught my attention.

Paul spoke about Christian giving with authority under the circumstances that his personal integrity and his authority as an apostle was being challenged. Some false teachers insinuated the idea that Paul had taken money from the collection for the poor believers in Jerusalem. So Paul stood up for himself.

Chapter 9 is about how Paul urges the Corinthians to prepare for his impending visit by completing the collection they had started a year ago and by dealing with the troublemakers in their midst. In this chapter, I pick up a few encouragements on giving from Paul:

1. keep up with the good work,
2. be generous and willing/cheerful,
3. be God’s blessing to people and God will bless you,
4. “you will be made rich in every way...” (v11),
5. others will come to Christ because of your seriousness about the gospel,
6. your generosity to the mission fund will be shared boundlessly, and so forth.

I started to tithe (10% giving) to God through the church once I learned about tithing in my youth group. Don’t think kids can’t do it, even though they need help to start. Of course my peers and I would keep one another accountable over what percentage we were giving, or what income should be included. Given time, we grew into a more mature practice.

I kept this spiritual discipline throughout 3 years in college and 5 years in seminary with many meals of instance noodle and bread. What I found out from this discipline are I can be faithful to my belief – being a steward of money, and I can enjoy God’s promise of blessing that He has met and will meet my material needs.

Pastor Daisy



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Call for Press Info

To publicize your event in the local media, please contact Melinda Guinaldo at least four weeks in advance, earlier for a major event. Her contact numbers are as follows:

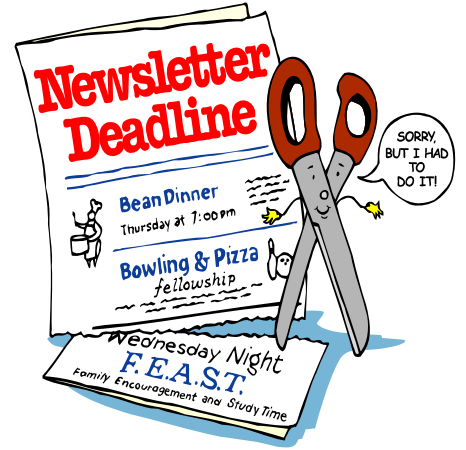
- Home phone: (714) 773-1991 - evenings
 Cell phone: (714) 403-8455 - daytime
 E-mail: melinda.guinaldo@sbcglobal.net



The Worship Committee would like to shout a huge, “THANK YOU” to all who helped in the Easter cleanup. The territory we need to maintain for the Holy Day is formidable as not only the Sanctuary needs to be cleaned, but also the Chapel and the Amphitheatre across the street. This year we had many willing hands, not the least of which were Scouts, boys and girls, youth, staff members, new attendees and old members. (Oops - members of long standing)

Cynthia Brown did a fabulous job sweeping and vacuuming the entire Sanctuary floor! Many thanks for a huge task well done. Rebecca Beard helped carry in lilies from the patio - and they were nearly as big as she is. Space does not allow us to list all who assisted in the effort, but be assured, your help was greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it by ourselves.

Thanks to one and all. We'll see you again, just before Advent!
A grateful Worship Committee



The deadline for the Tuesday, April 22nd issue of Expectations is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 15th. Any events occurring in late May and early June should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles, bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

Janine Ryder,
 Editor

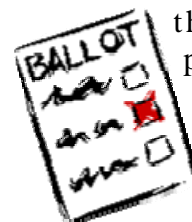
Calling All Acolytes

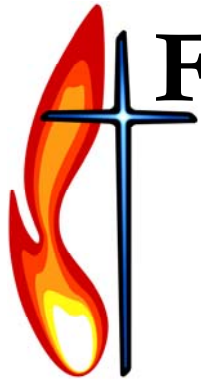
What does it mean to be an acolyte in today's church? The practice of acolyting is a ministry which brings the light of Christ into our worship space as well as leads our congregation to take His light into the world. In the past, there is usually a myriad of questions our acolytes have asked regarding what is expected to fulfill this sacred duty. If you are an acolyte or have a child who acolytes you might have questions, which needs to be addressed. In order to add some clarity to acolyting, we will be conducting periodic classes so our youth may gain a better understanding and appreciation of this Holy duty. Our first class will meet on Sunday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be covering the responsibilities of acolyting as well as its significance and meaning. We are also encouraging newcomers to join us so previous experience is not required. Please contact Chris McKee at the church office (714) 534-1070 if you have any questions.



League of Women Voters to Discuss Ballot Propositions

On Saturday, May 17th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 15 the League of Women Voters team of Joan and Bart Hake will meet with us to explain the propositions on the June 3rd ballot. Those who attended their unbiased presentation before the November 2007 election found this very helpful.





F u e l t h e F l a m e

March 2008

Report to Members and Friends and “Second Mile” Campaign Announcement

As Fuel the Flame (FTF) enters the third and final year of your generous and sacrificial pledge giving, we want to acknowledge your generosity and support for this program. Your gifts have enabled important repairs to our buildings, support for program staff leadership, and provided support for another missionary.

In November 2005, the Fuel the Flame pledges totaled \$352,400. Through February 2008 you have contributed \$304,115 of that total pledge. Since we last reported to you, the pledge amount has been reduced to \$340,645 because of the loss of several faithful pledgers who have entered the Church Triumphant.

We currently have \$25,610 cash on hand to spend for infrastructure needs, program and mission support.

With approval of Church Council and Charge Conference we will be embarking on a “Second Mile Campaign” for year 2009. There are many needs still unmet that cannot be accommodated in the general budget. You will soon be receiving a list of building related requests that we would like each of you to prioritize for completion using Second Mile gifts in 2009.

Establishment of more small groups was another outgrowth of FTF feedback from the home meetings that were a part of the 2005 kickoff of FTF. You will find a survey regarding your interest in small groups in the same mailing with the building requests. You will receive instructions in that mailing for completing and returning both these surveys. A follow-up letter will include a Second Mile pledge card as we trust you will give prayerful consideration to extending or expanding your FTF pledge in 2009.

And if you’ve not yet made a commitment to Fuel the Flame, it is not too late!

We continually give thanks to each of you for your support through your sacrificial giving and your prayers,

The FTF Team

Church Staff

The ministers of this Church are its members. They are assisted by:

Bishop	Mary Ann Swenson	Missionaries to Ecuador	Orlando & Yolanda Rivera
District Superintendent	Mark Ulrickson	Missionaries to Guatemala	Eunice Arias & Luis Aramayo
Clergy	Kone Faleaana, Daisy Ho, Yong Sam Park, Bob Rohdenburg	Missionary to Macedonia	Carol Partridge
Administrative Assistant	Janine Ryder	Music Department Asisstant	Carolyn Worthen
Director of Music	Ray Woods	Newsletter Editor	Janine Ryder
Director of Youth/Children Choirs	Sally Hickman	Organist	Norberto Guinaldo
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries	Carrie Larsen	Preschool Director	Sally May
Financial Bookkeeper	Evelyn Buchan	Wedding Coordinator	Mitzie Larson
Interns	Chris M ^c Kee, Robb Tarr	Wedding Hostess	Stacey Beard
Membership Secretary	Jonni Lorenz	Reception Hostess	Linda Howe



Rae Ramirez is grateful God's grace and mercies are new every morning.

Frank & Shirley Kellogg are thankful for your prayers for their son, Dick, who had a 5½ hour surgery on Wednesday night and went home Saturday afternoon. God is so good!



Harold Wall died on Thursday, March 27th. A service will be held on Friday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Acker Hall.



*Please Remember These People
In Your Thoughts And Prayers*

- Mary Brock, in the hospital
- Sally Hess, Santa Ana District Office secretary, recovering after gall bladder surgery
- David Davenport, former member, after the death of his mother in late March, he hopes to sing "The Lord's Prayer" at her service
- Brenna Ramirez' dad, whose work is closing Alicia, Kay Hanson's granddaughter, whose pregnancy has been complicated by diabetes
- Katz family, Joy and Dale Batesole's neighbors
- Sammy O'Meara, Hal Colebaugh's friend, who is in the ICU with breathing problems
- Pam Briggs, Craig Briggs' sister, who is having medical tests
- Gwen Lorimier, Linda Shepard's grandniece, who has mitochondrial disease that has been complicated by a yeast infection in her blood
- Nicole Aragon, who is studying abroad
- Melody Larsen, looking for employment
- Alana Kelly, Alicia Kelly's mom, fibromyalgia
- The family of Harold Wall after his death
- Ruth-Anne Stickney (Gramma Reader), at home recovering after surgery for a broken hip
- Wanda Martin, recovering at home after a broken leg
- Bennett Phipps, Rachel Wislocki's brother, on tour of duty in the Middle East
- Dorothy LeBel, in Walnut Manor Care Center
- Becky Bottolfson, waiting to have cancer surgery
- Kelly Fisher, diabetic complications
- Audie Jones, Bart Jones wife, ill health
- Dannielle, Nathan's daughter, in the Army
- Ken Shipp, while working in Iraq

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Fellowship and Worship Opportunities

Sunday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary
Scriptures: **Acts 7:55-60**; John 14:1-14
Sermon: *"A Transition-Stephen, Saul, and a Stone"*
Daisy Ho

9:00 a.m. Samoan Worship Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sanctuary
Scripture: **1 Peter 2:4-10**
Sermon: *"Living Stone"*
Chris M^cKee

11:45 a.m. Korean Worship Sanctuary

Sunday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary
Scriptures: **Acts 17:22-34**; John 14:15-21
Sermon: *"Meeting the Spirit Where It Is Poured Out"*
Robb Tarr

9:00 a.m. Samoan Worship Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sanctuary
Scripture: **John 14:15-21**
Sermon: *"See You Later"*
Daisy Ho

11:45 a.m. Korean Worship Sanctuary