



THE WINDOW

Claremont United Methodist Church

February 15, 2012

New Ways to Plug-In to Ministries at CUMC
You're invited to join one of these new small groups!



*Knitting
Group*

A Time to Knit...

*Come, be part of a small
group knitting ministry.*

Gather to pray, share, and work on any
handcraft project that will comfort others.

Please come, even if you can't knit;
others will be happy to teach you!

Mondays; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Narthex
except Monday, February 20

Questions???? Call Kate Reese, (909) 399-9179.

Men's Group

Tuesday Mornings

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Round Building Lounge

co-facilitated by Bob Cecil and Henry Jefferson



MEN'S GROUP

Exploring Meditative and Contemplative Practices

Planning Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m. in Room 16

A small group to discuss and share ideas on meditative and contemplative practice from
various traditions. Your ideas and experience in forming this group are most welcome.

Open for all levels of experience.

Optional gathering times may be scheduled
for meditation practice and additional opportunities.

Watch for more information to come!



AND for Newcomers to CUMC...

Turn to **page 10** to learn about an opportunity to become more
acquainted with Pastor Sharon, CUMC, and one another!



The View from here . . .

I have been pondering Lent, wondering once again where God's nudges lead me as your pastor. I feel a longing in my heart to explore what it means to bless both beauty and pain. Our world and our lives are filled with both pain and beauty and the extent to which we can embrace and bless both enables us to be even more grounded disciples of Jesus of Christ.

The season of Lent is among the various occasions in our lives where we confront cruelty and death as well as joy and renewal. It is not something to be avoided; rather it is a season to plunge into the depths. Beauty and pain are of one piece.

I don't have a neat and tidy Lenten series to lay out for you. The Spirit is perking and I trust the process. I will tell you that I intend to have the writings of the late John O'Donohue be in dialogue with the scripture texts. I am currently reading several of his books which are a lovely combination of philosophy, theology and poetry. He touches me through the pages.

So we begin this Lenten journey together, again. My prayer is that we grow deeper in love and wisdom and that we are equipped to live in this world, in this time.

Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday service February 22 at 7:30 p.m. It is a quiet service giving us space to think and breathe. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads (or back of our hands) reminds us we are only mortal, and therefore gratefully reliant on God. We will share the sacrament of Holy Communion, giving thanks for God's grace, always pouring out for all.

May this Lent hold a surprising gift of Spirit nudging...

Pastor Sharon



As members and friends of Claremont UMC, we support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

OUR PRAYERS . . .

Please Remember:

To publish someone on the **public** prayer list, she/he needs to give **consent** to be published.

Remember to keep the church office **updated** on your loved ones on the prayer list. Thank you.

Unwillingly Absent

We list all temporarily or permanently homebound and their caregivers who are a part of Claremont United Methodist Church. This is a reminder that they are a part of this community. Please contact the church office with additional information.

Merrell Baker; Betty Cramer; Jane Estupinian; Ken Gread; Pat and Don Moser; David Ogle; Fran Olson; Les Petit; Louise Tirrell; Mildred Woodson; Betty Youngken.



New to the Prayer List



Joan Binder (*Jane & Jerry Burtis' friend*)
Jeannie Halverson (*Leo Nieto & Minnie Henderson's friend*)
Paul Hickey (*Lori Haage's friend*)
Ken Layman
Gene & Nancy Preston's son
Stacey & Kevin Reese (*Nancy Goodman's*

daughter & son-in-law)

Ann Shoemaker (*Connie Shoemaker's sister-in-law*)

Louise Tirrell (*thanks for the wonderful visiting nurses; from Louise's daughter Ann*)

CUMC Members

Myrtle Atkins
Dick Bunce & family
Richard Cain
Richard Cross
Robert Haage
Diane Heaton
Betty Jackson
Wendy Losh
Tusiitoga Mamea
Judy Moser
Pat Moser
Sustainable income for members of CUMC
Don Waddell
Howie Yeager & family

We extend our prayers and condolences to Howard Yeager and family on the death of his partner, Bill Charlton on Friday, February 10. A memorial service for Bill is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Friends and Family of CUMC Members

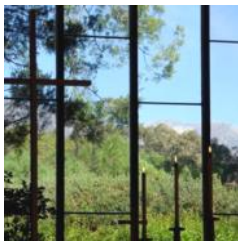
Alannah (*Savannah Chalifoux's daughter*)
Paul Baiotto (*Savannah Chalifoux's friend*)
Richard Baum (*Jerry Teresi's friend*)
Don Binder (*Jane & Jerry Burtis' friend*)
Dora Buenrostro (*Leo Nieto's friend*)
Ray Camp (*John Zachary's friend*)
Nancy Chapman (*Becky Roth's daughter; Melissa Chapman's mother*)
Susie Charlton (*Bill Charlton's sister-in-law*)
Nanette Chevalier & the cooks for Walk to Emmaus
Phyllis Conley
Paul Crea (*Minano Family cousin*)
Kate Crevier (*Dick and Vivien Bruner's daughter*)
John Dourley (*Guy & Grace Steenhuizen's friend*)
Bob Dunham (*Howard Rosine's daughter-in-law's father*)
Wendy Evers (*Donna Marie Minano's friend*)
Family in Fiji (*from Mili Dawai*)
Randy Faver (*Homer Faver's brother*)
Ted Fukada (*Bob and Laura Fukada's son*)
David Gawlton (*Karen Hull's friend*)
Maurice Gordon (*Lila Chick's brother*)
Joyce Gordon-Hourigan (*Lila Chick's sister*)
Maurine Griffenhagen (*John Griffenhagen's wife*)
Angela Gutierrez (*Savannah Chalifoux's friend*)
Lindsey Hanson (*Karen Hull's friend*)
Keith & Cheryl Helgeson (*members of Fran Helgeson's family*)
Jan Jacobs (*Barbara Durost's aunt*)
Japan (*recovery*)
Bansy & Jim Johnson (*Frances Gilfry's sister & brother-in-law*)
Jo Ann Johnston (*Janet Tate's sister*)
Christine Kenmore (*Ann & Brett O'Connor's friend*)
Ronald Kozlick (*Fran Helgeson's cousin*)
Katelyn LaConte (*Joe & Hilary LaConte's niece*)
Blair Larson (*Jane & Jerry Burtis' cousin*)
Charlotte & David Maldonado (*Leo Nieto's sister & brother-in-law*)
Ben Mamea (*from Mary Ann Mamea*)
Maureen McComas McGuire (*Maralyn Tipping's friend*)
Sharon McCreery (*Savannah Chalifoux's friend*)
David McGowan (*Jamie & Tony Dalia's friend*)
Don McNevin (*Jerry & Jane Burtis' friend*)
Leanne & Mary Mellard
Frank & Vi Minano (*Frank Minano's parents*)
Adolpho Miralles (*from Pat Pruden*)
Aiden Mulder (*Nancy Goodman's nephew*)



Mike Neely (*Ed & Edith Richardson's friend*)
The Nevarro Family (*Clara Soto Ivey's in-laws*)
President Obama (*preparing plans to create jobs*)
Annia & Gordon Olson (*Ed & Edith Richardson's friends*)
Mark Parsons (*CST Faculty*)
The People of Afghanistan & Iraq
'Chelle Peterson (*Rev. Dan's friend*)
Stacey Reese (*Nancy Goodman's daughter*)
Jim Reidhead (*Irene Lathrop's nephew*)
Dusty Rhodes (*Pastor Sharon's father*)
Dylan Richey (*Linda Sheldon's friend*)
Marge Russler & Family (*Ardys & Ken Hunter's friends*)
Esther Salcedo (*Alex Morales' aunt*)
Beba Santana (*Clara Soto Ivey's friend*)
Tonya Scott (*Nancy Goodman's daughter*)
Service women & men
Donna Sieverson (*from Clark Edgeworth*)
Scott Spoerl (*Mary Jo Fowler's friend*)
Marianne Stockton (*Joan Roth's sister*)
Laurie Swanson (*Lori Haage's friend*)
Nancy Thum (*Dick & Maralyn Tippings' friend*)
Martha Underwood (*Andy & Candy Hubbard's friend*)
Stephanie Vallin & Family (*Lynda & Ray Lockhart's daughter*)
Pete & Tabi Vogel (*Dwight & Linda Vogel's son & granddaughter*)
Patrice Walko (*Dorothy Goodman's friend*)
Pam Wallace (*Lois & Ward McAfee's friend*)
Beth Wilson (*from Brett O'Connor*)
End to the wars in Afghanistan, and all places with violent conflict
Healing of those in need (*from Deborah Gunnels & Renee Johnson*)
Those homeless & hungry in body and/or faith
Those struggling with addiction; mental health; financial hardship



The deadline for the **February 29th** Issue of *The Window* is Sunday, **February 19.**



Help GREEN CUMC

Receive *The Window* online!

Email Jessica:

churchoffice@claremontumc.org.



Our Presence...

Attendance 2/5/12: 212

Attendance 2/12/12: 237

Our Gifts, Service, Witness...

Support the L.A. Skid Row Praise Team Musicians

of Central City Community Church

Several years ago, this talented musical group presented their music ministry to CUMC in a concert. Last summer, CUMC's youth summer service project team to inner city L.A. experienced the exuberant joy of the praise team's worship.



One of CUMC's candidates for ordained ministry, Beth Mueller, and her husband, Mark Lewis, are serving in ministry to the homeless population surrounding Central City Community Church through personal counseling, job search assistance, leading weekly Bible study, and Sunday worship. (Beth will witness to this ministry as the preacher on United Methodist Women Sunday in June.)

Now, you have the opportunity to support these Skid Row musicians' ministry directly by purchasing their recently released CD, with all proceeds going to the musicians. The "Skid Row Praise Power" CD will be available for your listening pleasure and purchase (\$20) during the next few Sundays at CUMC in between worship services, during coffee fellowship time.

~CUMC Homeless-Hunger Committee

CUMC Office CLOSED *Monday, February 20* in observance of President's Day. We will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21.



United Methodist Women (UMW) News

A special thank you to Wilma Ogle for completing the UMW Yearbook. These are available from your circle leaders. Wilma has Member-at-large yearbooks. *~ Connie Shoemaker*

Thanks to those on the Memorial Reception Committee that have worked so hard this past year: Mary Cavena, Savannah Chalifoux, Edith Richardson, and Connie Shoemaker have given of their time and expertise. The families have been so pleased with the receptions that we have put on. Also thanks to those that have provided food when asked. It is really a wonderful help to the committee. *~ Gerry Loritsch*

You are invited to attend
Claremont United Methodist Church's annual
**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
in the Round Building

Presented by
the Education Commission
And the Youth of CUMC:

Proceeds will benefit the Alaska Service Trip.

Please come and enjoy
panCakes, sausage, fruit and all the trimmings.

MASK-MAKING FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

**Tickets will be sold on the patio during coffee fellowship on
February 19. Tickets will also be available at the door.**

Adults: \$6.00, Children: \$3.00, Family maximum: \$20.00.

*College, Graduate and Seminary students are invited to
attend free of charge as guests of the church.*



lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*CUMC will begin the season of Lent with Ash
Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. on February 22.
Worship will include the imposition of ashes and the
sacrament of Holy Communion.*



The CUMC Preschool Invites Our Friends at CUMC to
“A Sunset Soirée”

Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, March 3, 2012
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



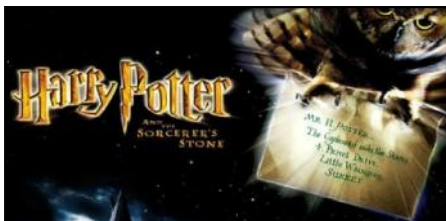
Upland Hills Country Club
1231 East 16th Street
Upland, CA 91784

Tickets are \$35 and include a delicious Chicken Piccata or Vegetarian dish. Some auction prizes to be bid on are a Round of Golf for 2 at Claremont Golf Course, tickets to the Huntington Library & Botanical Garden, an Author signed Children’s Books, One Night Stay at the Double Tree Hotel including Breakfast Buffet for 2, Wine Tasting for 6 at Winestyles, 4 Club Seats for Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, Haircuts, Massages, and more! Please call the Preschool to reserve your seats at 624-8223. We would love to see you there!



SAVE THE DATES! The Riverside-Pasadena Districts Annual Work Trip to Mississippi to continue to aid in clean-up from the disaster left by Hurricane Katrina will be **March 10-17**. This is the group that Claremont UMC has gone with each year for the past six years. If you would like to participate in this work trip, please **contact Katie Hawks**, (909) 981-1335.

If you are unable to go with CUMC, but would still like to participate in a work team in Mississippi, the California-Pacific Work Volunteer Team plans to serve in Gulfport, MS from March 31-April 7. This team will be led by Bette Caldwell, (310) 847-1531 or at home (in the evening) at (310) 649-2115 or at Bette4dkg@aol.com.



CALLING ALL MUGGLE TWEENS!

All 4th-7th graders are invited to check out the new **Harry Potter Sunday School curriculum!**

Room 23 in the Round Building, every Sunday 9:30 a.m.

No quidditch or spells, just a great time with your friends. See you there!

Black History Month

You can Continue to Celebrate African-American History Month

Visit <http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/> to see a variety of articles pertaining to African American History.

Visit <http://www.gcorr.org> and see how the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church is celebrating this special month.

Thank You for Supporting Africa University

The year 2012 marks Africa University's 20th anniversary of creating leaders for all of Africa. It's a milestone that transforms an ordinary year into an extraordinary one for all of us. What at first appears to be ordinary — that Africa University exists and has a story to tell — is, at the same time, truly remarkable. Africa University is a testimony of what God has done through you.

This year affords us an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to fulfill the mission of this great ministry. You have given to the Africa University Fund apportionment and provided scholarships through the local United Methodist Church and the California-Pacific Annual Conference.

Thank you for your steadfast support. It has enabled 4,000 young people to graduate from Africa University. Our graduates are remaining in Africa and making a positive difference. Across Africa, our graduates are leading, innovating, sowing hope and healing and meeting Africa's vital needs. Prayers are being answered and dreams are coming true in ways that impact the lives of millions of people on the continent.

Thanks to you, we have a young institution, celebrating its accomplishments, but looking to the future. We're developing vital new training opportunities and moving toward fiscal sustainability. Our role in providing leaders for other United Methodist initiatives and institutions across Africa is also expanding.

Africa University needs your prayers. We need your continuing support to secure and strengthen this ministry as it serves God, all the time, everywhere in Africa. The people of Africa thank you for your vision that began 20 years ago.

Grace and Peace be with you.

Dr. Fanuel Tagwira
Vice Chancellor



[Africa University](http://www.africauniversity.edu)



Newcomer's Class with Pastor Sharon

Are you new to CUMC? Do you want to know more about the United Methodist Church in general? *Baptism? Communion? How to get involved?*

Then come!! Pastor Sharon loves questions!!

When? Sundays, February 19, 26, March 4, and 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where? Pastor Sharon's office (down the hall from the restrooms, on the right).

Child care will be provided if requested in advance. Call or email the church office.

(909) 624-9021 or churchoffice@claremontumc.org

Those desiring to become members of the church should attend the sessions. We will welcome new members on March 25 in both worship services. Becoming a member of the church is not required to participate in the sessions.



Multi-Faith Concert – Sunday, March 18, 4:00 pm

One Light One God

Noel Paul Stookey (“Paul” of Peter, Paul, and Mary)

Claremont United Church of Christ

- Readings from sacred texts of many religious traditions by Noel's wife, Betty, interspersed with Noel's songs express the theme that there is one Ultimate Reality characterized by Love.
- Tickets are \$20 each and **can be purchased** from members of CUMC's Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns **between worship services**.

Widening the Welcome and Deepening the Support

Faith Communities Responding to Mental Illness

February 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m. & February 29, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N. Towne Ave., Pomona

Sponsored by the Interfaith Collaboration on Mental Health



This two-day learning event is in response to the increasing interest of faith communities in mental health issues. This event will offer practical knowledge, resources, and skills to help faith communities effectively respond to mental illness. Dr. Gloria Morrow will lead the two-day event. The conference is open to all faith leaders and members, mental health professionals, individuals and family members affected by mental illness, and all desiring to improve responses to mental illness in faith communities. Pick up a brochure located in the narthex on a small table next to the front desk for more information and for registration information.



Cal-Pac Blog for the General Conference of the United Methodist Church 2012

Want to know what's happening with General Conference? The California-Pacific Conference of the UMC has a blog. Check out <http://cal-pacgc2012.blogspot.com/> to see what's happening.

Pilgrim Place Announces

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

June 1-13, 2012

Led by Rizek & Alice Abusharr (former residents of Jerusalem, now living at Pilgrim Place)

2 Days in Bethlehem ~ 3 Days in Galilee ~ 6 Days in Jerusalem

Cost: \$4,000, includes air fare, ground transportation (including to and from LAX), accommodations, meals, tips, and entrance fees.

If interested, contact Rizek or Alice Abusharr at abusharr@verizon.net or (909) 621-7502 and you will receive a brochure with itinerary and the registration form.

Places are limited ~ Register Early!



Dear Claremont UMC Family,

Thank you for all of your support this Valentine's Weekend. Our Valentine's Day Bouquet Fundraiser was a success because of all the help we received, especially from the dough makers, cookie cutters, bakers, frosters, and assembly line workers. Here are some numbers from the amazing task we were able to accomplish:

- 85 bouquets
- 1091 cookies baked (not including the broken hearts)
- Over 588 pieces of candy
- 23 batches of shortbread sugar cookie dough
- Even more batches of chocolate chip cookie dough!

With help from the CUMC community, hard work, and a little faith we were able to accomplish this amazing feat and fundraise over \$1880.00! Once again, thank you to all of those who helped make this possible. Alaska here we come!

With Love,

The CUMC Youth

(authored by Emily Viggers)



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We warmly welcome you to worship and fellowship

Worship Services

9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Children 9:20 - 10:20 a.m.

Adults 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Youth 11:00 a.m. - 12:00

Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sundays

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett ~ Lead Pastor x224

The Rev. J. Daniel Lewis ~ Minister of Young People and Media x231

Martha Morales, M.A. ~ Minister of Christian Education x229

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Genaro Cordova ~ Facilities Engineer

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Wendy Losh ~ Organist

Andrew Mohr ~ Program Support

Kathy Croughan ~ Liturgical Dance Choir Director

Donna Marie Minano ~ Director: Cherub Choir and Children of Song

Kathy Croughan ~ Director: Cherub, Children's, and Youth Dance Choirs

Christina Linton ~ Director: Preschool Music

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Susie Holway ~ *The Window* Editor



Located in the California-Pacific Annual Conference:

The Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Swenson ~ Resident Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Bau Dang ~ Riverside District Superintendent