



THE GOOD NEWS

“You’re always at home at FFUMC”

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Sunday Worship

10:00AM

FFUMC Staff

Rev. Keith Hwang
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Youth & Young
Adult Ministries

Matthew Ringer
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Board
of
Trustees

February at FFUMC



Sunday, Feb. 7 “Souper Bowl” Sunday (special offering with donations collected to feed the hungry) and a Soup Luncheon following Worship in our South Lounge.



Sunday, Feb. 14 Sweetheart Shrove Sunday (it's Valentine's Day too) with Pancake Lunch in our South Lounge following Worship.



Monday, February 15
Office closed for President's Day



Wednesday, Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Worship Service & Imposition of Ashes at 7:00PM in our Sanctuary. Worship and Imposition of Ashes led by Pastor Keith.



Sunday, Feb. 21 First Sunday in Lent



Thursday, Feb. 18 Lenten Classes begin. Please call Louise in the Church Office at 714-871-4115 for further details.

A JOURNEY
through Lent



Pastor Keith's Grace Note

Grace Note: noun, a musical note that is added as an embellishment, and is printed in small type and not counted in rhythm.

Martin Heidegger says that true listening is worship. True listening is not hearing or understanding but it is listening with your soul. True listening is connecting your soul to self, soul of another and ultimately the Soul of God.

Most of us are too busy listening to ourselves. Even when we are engaged in a conversation with other people, we are more attuned to inner dialogue that goes on all the time in our minds. Too often the inner dialogue is filled with negative energy. The practitioners of non-violent communication calls the negative inner dialogue - jackal. Life coaches call this gremlin.

Whether it is called jackal or gremlin, it is destructive if it remains untamed. It labels, judges and criticizes self and others incessantly. How do we tame a jackal? The way of taming a jackal is listening to it fully and carefully. A jackal has a very important message to tell you. It has a heart of gold. When you listen to it fully and attentively, it will show how you can be truer to yourself and others. In other words, a jackal will take you to a growing edge.

People are usually reluctantly to travel to the growing edge. It is the boundary between known and unknown. It is the boundary between security and uncertainty. It is the boundary between self-sufficiency and surrender. It is the boundary between ourselves and God. This is where faith grows and hope blossoms.

There is a beautiful Celtic poem by Holderlin.

Near is
and difficult to understand God
But where danger is
The redemptive also grows

Henry Nouwen said "To grow is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often." Christian spiritual journey is growing into the image of God - Imago Dei - through imitation of Christ Jesus. So let's start listening to self and others deeply. So my prayer for this year is this: let us dare to venture beyond our growing edge and learn to fly on the wings of faith to God.



**Blessings,
Pastor Keith**

We have two ears and one mouth
so that we can listen
twice as much as we speak.

- Epictetus

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS



Jerry Miller is recuperating from knee surgery.

Ruth Rogers as she continues treatments for Cancer.

John Jaecker's sister, Nannette has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.

Larry Orr's mother, Betty, is in Park Vista.

Barbara Gray's son, Jack, and daughters, Janice and Judy, would love to thank all of you for the outpouring of prayers, love, and concern for her as she suffers from Pancreatic Cancer. Barbara so appreciates all of the cards you all have sent her.



NEW ADDRESS FOR THE STODGELS

Here is Tom and Olive Stodgel's new address:

1228 Rossmoor Parkway

Apt. 119

Walnut Creek, CA 92595-2514



POSITION OPEN

FFUMC is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the new church pictorial directory in February and March of 2010. The person will coordinate volunteers to work on this much needed and over due project. The duties of the position would include:

- (a) Work with Pastor Keith and Louise Green in selecting the company.
- (b) Work with the office staff to publicize the project.
- (c) Managing the sign-up process: office during week and after worship service on Sundays.
- (d) Recruiting and assigning volunteer teams to assist the members at photo shoot sessions.
Usually a photo shoot session will last four hours. Each team will consist of two volunteers that will work a 2-hour shift. Up to eight teams will be needed to manage four photo shoot sessions.
- (e) Work with Pastor Keith and Louise Green in proofreading and editing the directory.
- (f) Coordinate distribution of the finished directory.
- (g) Graciously receive accolades from the congregation and bask in glory.

This is a great project to get involved for someone has strong organizational skills and can spare about 10 hours per week for 8 weeks.

- Pastor Keith

MENS' CLOTHING NEEDED

For several years, the men's organization at St. Andrew's Episcopal church has sponsored a "cloths closet" in conjunction with the every Fri. evening free meal for those in need. There is now an exceptional need for used clean clothing for men; (the supply of women's gear is o.k. for now). The need is for "work" clothing and shoes....pants, shirts, underwear, sox. There is no need for dress clothing...no silk ties nor tuxedos! Blankets and jackets are needed as well .

If you wish to solicit the needed items from your congregation, we will carefully sort, and distribute them. We can pick up the donated items from your church or people's homes by arrangement. The recipients are grateful for your donations and we have the physical setup and personnel to handle them. Please call the church office@714-870-4350; fax 714-870-4591; e-mail: saintandrewsfullerton.org Leave time and number to re-contact if necessary. Thank you.....Warren Bowen, FIES rep of ST. Andrew's

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Below is a table of 12 month income and expenses for 2009 and 2008 for the General Fund and what was budgeted for 2009. Numbers do not include the Capital Fund or the Fullerton Methodist Foundation.

	2009 Actual 12 Months	2009 Budget 12 Months	2008 Actual 12 Months
Offering Income.....	437,514.78	430,468.00	448,729.38
Administrative Income.....	44,870.54	36,065.00	48,718.43
Total Income	482,385.32	466,533.00	497,447.81



Administrative Income is composed of rental income (excluding the Parsonage) and interest

Expenses:

Outreach & Nurturing	16,381.80	22,055.38	24,236.22
Children, Youth, & Adult	39,470.82	40,521.94	34,388.41
Worship & Music	56,345.76	61,147.25	58,048.17
Senior Pastor	101,280.18	102,250.35	100,006.85
Cal-Pac Conference	69,933.51	69,698.95	69,337.92
Finance	21,317.03	21,286.92	20,507.64
Office	53,766.51	53,568.65	50,932.82
Facility Management	135,339.26	140,111.42	139,923.65
Total Expense	493,834.87	510,640.86	497,381.69
Income minus expense (parenthesis equals a deficit)	(11,449.55)	(44,107.85)	66.12

The **Outreach & Nurturing** category is composed of our Outreach, Invitational/Evangelism, and Nurturing Ministries plus the compensation of former employee Sue Oeffler (Brown) and the mileage reimbursement of Mickey Jessup.

The **Children, Youth, & Adult** category is composed of our Educational Ministries plus the compensation of the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Susan Faber and the Director of Children's Ministries, Kim Galea.

The **Worship and Music** category is composed of our Music Ministry, the Sunday Bulletin, and worship supplies plus the compensation of the Director of Music, Matt Ringer and the Organist, Hyeyeon Kim.

The **Senior Pastor** category is the compensation of our Senior Pastor, Keith Hwang and guest preachers.

The **Cal-Pac Conference** category is composed of our apportionments to the California-Pacific Annual Conference and our delegates' expense at the Annual Conference.

The **Finance** category is composed of our financial administrative costs plus the compensation of the Treasurer, Don Barter

The **Office** category is composed of our office (supplies, postage, copier), Good News, and website expenses plus the compensation of the Office Administrator, Louise Green.

The **Facility Management** category is composed of our church property expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance etc.) plus the compensation of the Maintenance Supervisor, Greg Fowler and the Sunday Custodian, Garrett Nichols.

Copies of the complete Financial Reports are available in the Church Office or you can contact Don Barter at 714-871-4115, ext. 224 for a copy.

SAVE THESE DATES

The **FUHS Jazz Choir & Jazz Band** are hosting their 2nd annual "Sweet Night of Jazz". **Two of our youth will be performing - Hayley Fallon & Emma Caltrider. Concert happens Friday, April 2 at 7:30pm at the Fullerton Senior Center.**

**** Vacation Bible School for 2010 will be happening from July 12th - July 16th.**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

On Thursday, February 4, at 10 a.m., the Methodist Women plan to gather for their Annual Pledge Service. Members will decide which missions they will be able to support financially and hopefully strive to give more time and money.

To make the service more interesting, a speaker, Pam Lee, from one of our missions, F.I.E.S. (Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services), will introduce a couple who have recently stayed at the New Vista Shelter, experiencing the benefits of help from our Church and others. Heidi and Danny have an interesting story to tell: "Overcoming Homelessness". As homelessness is one of the challenges for churches to help support, this couple will relate how they were helped.

Everyone is invited to attend the program on February 4th in the South Lounge.

The Board meets at 9:00, Fellowship at 10:00, and the Program. Following will be the UMW Pledge Service and business meeting.

- Sandy Neisess



OUR SEATS THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW SEATS

In about two weeks from the date of this newsletter, 100 brand new chairs (replacing those old heavy wooden chairs that are deteriorating) will be arriving for use in our South Lounge and classrooms, thanks to our *Fullerton Methodist Foundation*. *Much, much thanks to the Foundation for fully funding this project !!!*

Each chair has a two inch pad on the seat to keep us comfy. The seat and back of each chair is upholstered in burgundy fabric (Scotchguard treated) and the frame is grey. Each chair folds for easy storage.

- Louise Green, FFUMC Ofc. Admin,

HOT MEALS MINISTRY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

On December 16th, the Hot Meals Ministry meal was prepared by Franson Reopta, the owner of *Gracious Restaurant* on Birch and Kramer in Brea. The menu was turkey and gravy and mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, salad, coffee, milk, punch, spumoni and cake. Franson's patrons donated some of the turkeys and *Albertson's* provided the cake.

The guests thoroughly enjoyed the meal and graciously thanked us and Franson servers; and workers for the meal Included George Walter, Vicki Johnson, Susan and Millie Faber, Mary Marcus, Nita Godwin, Ellie Bohall, Marylou Miller, Sue Currie, Barbara Campbell, Susan Jelinek, Ben and Julie Marci, Bob and Jan Ballard and Juel Farquhar.

- Juel Farquhar



FFUMC YOUTH GROUPS HAPPENINGS

Youth group is open to all 6th-12th graders. Sunday school is offered every Sunday during the 10:00 service. The first Sunday of every month is "First Sunday Out", which means we all go out to lunch some where in Fullerton. Most Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM there is Youth Group upstairs in the Youth Room. Please contact Susan Faber, Director of Youth Ministries, for a calendar or with any questions you might have at 714-423-4177, or seaf416@aol.com. Also find her on *facebook* and *myspace*.

February Happenings

Saturday, Feb. 6 - Sunday, Feb. 7th
Sunday, Feb. 14
Sunday, Feb 21 & 28

Homeless Awareness and Sleep Out and Fundraiser
Sweetheart Shrove Pancake Breakfast - After Church
5:00PM Youth Group meets in Youth Lounge

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WHAT HAPPENS ON SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Searchlight - Sunday School for Adults
9:00 a.m. Pathfinders - Sunday School for Adults
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:15 a.m. After Worship Fellowship Time
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Jr. & Sr. High School)

FFUMC OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FFUMC GROUPS & MINISTRIES

(Call the Church Office at 714-871-4115 for more information)

Adult Sunday School, Aldersgate Chorale, Hand Bell Choir, Book Study Groups (Short & Long Term), Care Ministry, Families & Children's Ministries, Supportive/Crisis Caring Ministry, Family Ties, Hot Meal Ministry & Community Outreach, Men's Breakfast Group, Quilters, Bible/Prayer Group, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth & Young Adult Groups

Fullerton First United Methodist Church is a community of faith that seeks to be a growing and dynamic church in Fullerton with an outreach to this region of Orange County and beyond. We are a part of a world-wide communion who believe in God's transforming love as demonstrated by the life and teaching and living influence of Jesus. Believing that we are undergirded by God's presence through God's Holy Spirit in our daily living, we serve God as we endeavor: to reach out and receive persons into the faith family as they are; to help persons relate to God and grow in their commitment to the values exemplified in Jesus; to provide opportunities for persons to grow and deepen their faith as Christian disciples; to send persons into God's creation as faithful disciples.

As God's people we seek to bring a fresh vision of hope as we minister to one another and the larger community in which we reside. We seek to faithfully live out these four foundational missional principles. We shall endeavor to be a place of grace in today's world.