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Worship Times
Sunday Mornings
9:30 a.m., Traditional Service
11:15 a.m., Praise & Worship Service

THE Oakleaf

June 23, 2010

Presenting UMCTO's 1st

CORN TOSS TOURNAMENT & PICNIC

Come enjoy a BBQ lunch & the newest game sweeping Ventura County!

Join us on the back lawn

Sunday, July 25, 1 - 5 p.m.

	Popcorn Division	Ages 1-12 years
	Corn Dogs Division	Amateur Mixed Doubles
		(Husband & Wife, Father & Daughter, Youth, etc.)
	Huskers Division	Pro Mixed Doubles



Contact: Richard Lolley (805) 499-3716 or sunset@earthlink.net for tournament info

Water games provided for kids in back playground. Bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets. A free will offering will be accepted for the lunch.

United Methodist

Play Ball!!

Dodger Night!

Tickets \$20

Friday August 20
7:10 pm

Dodgers vs Cincinnati Reds


Popcorn
Cracker Jacks



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We will grow a diverse congregation of all ages and cultures with a passion that the ultimate expression of Christian faith is rooted in unconditional love.

Membership Care

Health Ministry

Blood Pressure Reading are available on the first Sunday of each month, July 4 will be the next day for readings. **Contact:** Kathy Ayers (804) 495-7215 ext 304

Expired Prescriptions-We are now collecting expired prescriptions and medicines you no longer use, to be taken to the Hazardous Waste reclamation center on July 3. Please leave the items in the Office labeled "expired prescriptions, please dispose of". **Contact:** Kathy Ayers (805) 495-7215 ext 304

GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have "bunches" of fun making this refreshing grape snack.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)



What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

Fellowship

United Methodist Women

MONTHLY EVENTS

UMW Executive Board Meeting will not meet in July or August.

Camellia-Rose Circle will not meet in July or August. **Contact:** Winnie Keyser (805) 494-7368

UMW Book Club will not meet in July or August. **Contact:** Donna Mullennix (805) 523-1211

Fair Trade Coffee Project. A table is set up on the **third Sunday of every month** for you to order coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate bars, almonds, cranberries and pecans. Orders can be made online at <http://store.yahoo.com/equalexchange> **Contact:** Barbara Marshall (805) 523-7032

Women Serving Others will visit the Lighthouse Shelter for Women and Children in Oxnard, Tuesday, July 26. Please join us and experience this wonderful work. **Contact:** Barbara Schlesinger (818) 889-4794 or h Schlesinger@sbcglobal.net.

UMW Reading Program: Everyone is welcome to check out a book or magazine from the book cart on the upper level of the Wesley Room. You'll find a variety of books in four topical categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth selected to open readers to a world of new places, new people, and new ideas. If you want specific information on the requirements of the program, **Contact:** Lois Sheen, lr.sheen@verizon.net

SPECIAL EVENTS

UMW's School of Christian Mission at Chapman University in Orange, July 23-25 provides an opportunity to learn about the mission of the church in the current world context and has something for everyone. Classes are being offered for women, children and youth in three age groups (7-10 years, 11-13 years, and 14-17 years). There's also a special "bridging" class for women 18 and older, where young and mature women study together on the topic, "Joy to the World-Mission for the 21st Century". The cost of the school (\$210 for women, \$160 for children) includes dormitory lodging and meals. Scholarship money is available from the Conference and our local unit. **Contact:** Lois Sheen, lr.sheen@verizon.net or Barbara Marshall, tobarb@roadrunner.com regarding registration forms, scholarship applications, and carpool arrangements.

UMW Fun Day Out: will be Tuesday, July 13, to the L.A. County Museum of Art. Car pooling will be from the church at 1:00 a.m. The only cost will be lunch at the Museum and sharing the parking fee of \$7.00. **Contact:** Barbara Marshall, tobarb@roadrunner.com

Young at Heart Senior Fellowship Friday, will not meet in July or August. Look for the schedule in September. **Contact:** Juanita Wilson (805) 495-4744

United Methodist Men

UMM Fellowship and Breakfast will break for the Summer. See you in September.

- **October 15-16, UMM Retreat**

Every member of our church will identify himself or herself as a gifted, called and empowered servant of Christ in the world.



Community Meal Program

Thanks to all the volunteers who manage our commitment to the Community Meal Program here at UMCTO. If you have questions, or would like to be put on the substitute list for Parking Lot or Screener, please contact Liz Hoskinson (805)495-6151 or Jerry Hong (805) 496-6696. **Look for sign up opportunities to help with Parking Lot or Screening for the Spring and Summer.**

Westminster Volunteer Dinners: As always, looking for volunteers to bring food for the Westminster Free Clinic 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, and 8/25. Prayerfully consider contributing food items for dinners. It doesn't have to be much--Casseroles, salads, sandwiches.... Every dish counts. Thank you. **Contact:** Kim Banks (805)376-0957 or kimbanks75@gmail.com

Recycling Program benefits our Missionaries

As of **May 30, 2010**, we have raised **\$9,683.00** for the Tansen Hospital in Nepal! We are now taking the recycling over to Simi Valley, and that facility allows us to bring in glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and plastic milk containers. Blessings to all and thank you for your support! **Contact:** Ann Gramlich (805) 523-7448

MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell Choir
Every Sunday, 4-5 p.m., Choir Rm
Contact: Julia Snyder (805) 495-7215 or (805) 492-2076 admin@umcto.org

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Choir Rm
(Summer break June 23-August)
Contact: Susan Treworgy (805) 901-4304 (cell) condctr1@yahoo.com

Praise Band Rehearsal
Every Thursday
7:00 p.m., Dickerson Hall
Contact: Susan Treworgy (805) 901-4304 (cell) condctr1@yahoo.com

Youth Praise Bands
Every Sunday (Summer break July-Aug)
3-4 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High
Contact: Susan Treworgy (805) 901-4304 (cell) condctr1@yahoo.com

Outreach

Habitat Work Team!



A work day has been planned for **Saturday, August 14 in Thousand Oaks.** We need 15-20 volunteers to help from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If this date doesn't work for you but you would still like to help out, you can go online and register as an individual at www.habitatventura.org. We will begin sign-ups and have more information about what we will be doing in mid July. **Contact:** Craig Diestel (805) 492-8503 or Susan Ambrose (805) 492-6196

Many Mansions

We are sad to report that due to lack of volunteers and an increased number of sites we will no longer be participating in the Many Mansions Summer Camp once a week. However Many Mansions has asked if we could possibly help out with adult councilor volunteers from 1:30-4:00 p.m. any weekday afternoon, beginning June 28th through August 10. This opportunity may be easier for some to schedule a day as they aren't set dates and no craft or activity planning is required. **Contact:** Susan Ambrose (805) 492-6196 or call Tiffany Hill at Many Mansions (805) 496-4948 ext. 233 to sign up.

Small Group Ministries

Meet Weekly Focus	Kind	Where	Day/Time	Contact
Spiritual Growth	Adults Renovare Class	Wesley Rm	Mon/7:00 p.m.	Connie Jones (805) 495-7215
Spiritual Growth	Young Adults Bible Study	Rooms 3 & 4	Mon/6:30 p.m.	Chris Olson (352) 215-2868
Discipleship	Adults	Hong's Home	Thurs/7:00 p.m.	Jerry Hong (805) 496-6696
Spiritual Growth	Women	Connie's Office	Tues/10:15 a.m.	Connie Jones 805-495-7215
Spiritual Growth	Mom's Group	Wesley Room	Fri/9:15 a.m.	Connie Jones (805) 495-7215
(Meets Monthly) Scripture	Men	Rotating Homes	Wed/7:00 p.m.	Charles Macune (805) 497-7170

Key Financial Figures YTD ending May 2010

Annual Pledge %	.38%	Ahead
Total Giving %	.19%	Ahead
Total Income %	3.94%	Behind
Income/Expense Variance (+) Income exceeds expenses by \$3,741.13		



For Your Spirit

For Your Spirit includes prayer requests & notes of encouragement & praise. Let them lift your spirit.

A Word from your Pastor..

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

I enjoy a good adventure. I love setting out with a plan and a destination, not knowing everything that will rise up and challenge my training, conditioning, and spirit. I like being in places I have never been, charting the way forward with a map and compass. I feel alive, and when I reach the adventure's end, I carry away with me the satisfaction of a job well-done and life-informing experiences.


The words from Jeremiah were sent to Israel during the Babylonian captivity. The exiles were dejected, wondering if God had abandoned them in a strange land and wondering what their future held. Jeremiah's words proclaim that while things are not status quo, God has not abandoned them and that things are in the works for a better future.

But notice what God doesn't say: God does not promise that things will be the way they used to be. All God promises to the people are goodness, a future, and hope. In other words, things will be different, but they will be good.

I share these words because we face a year where the status quo will no longer be enough. We face a year where we will have to confess that we cannot do everything. We face a year where we will have to make decisions about what is most important for us to do and maybe not do things that are of lesser importance. We may see adjustments in schedules. We may see adjustments in budgets. We may see new opportunities for ministry. We may see some things disappear.

I am sure anxiety levels have just been elevated, but I also hope that we, as a faith community, realize the possibilities of our 2010-2011 ministry adventure. Amazing things happen in communities when the status quo is no longer the

goal: these communities move with hope into the future that God has for them. I pray that our church will prayerfully and hopefully commit itself to seeing what God has in store for us.

Peace,

 Pastor Steve

"Virtue is the doing good to mankind in obedience to the will of God, and for the sake of everlasting happiness."

--William Paley

We are Praying for...

Prayer Chain

Amanda (Hamilton)
 Don Otsea (Elsemore)
 Linda Dailey (Ambrose)
 Ruth Canfield
 Ellie Pistilli
 Laurie Moodie
 Ketisi Latu
 Sue Embree-Davis (Elsemore)
 Denise Kelleher
 Eilers-Guitierrez Family (Valladares)
 Ralph Pietrangelo
 Frances Wickham (Odegard)
 Barbara Young
 Bill Moran
 Jeremy & Lacy Embree
 Ginger Bolton
 JoAnn Schock
 Juanita Wilson
 Priscilla Story
 Reine Wiley



Home Bound

Betty Ruhr
 John Robinson
 Katie Robinson
 Lynn Fish
 Pauline Parisi
 Ruby Blank
 Ruth Lewon
 Heinz & Ellie Schubert

With The Lord

Rosemary Wilson
 Robert Cook
 Mary Beth Pooler

Service Men & Women

Bradley Boyd
 Chris Clohessy
 Colin Brazee
 Ben Guido
 David Overby
 Jason Snedigar
 Jeremy Embree
 Jeremy Laulom
 Karl Sager
 Mark Rabens
 Nichole Clohessy
 Tony Blond
 W. Spinks
 Wesley Rabens

On Going

Jacklyn Overstreet
 Mayme Johnson (Reed)
 Emery Johnson (Reed)
 Elma Jocson (Missionary)
 Enice Arias (Missionary)
 Luis Arayama (Missionary)

Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for Sundays in July & August 2010

July 4	"A New Creation"	Galatians 6:1-6 Luke 9:10:1-11,16-20
July 11	"Up to the Challenge?"	Luke 10:25-37 Colossians 1:1-14
July 18	"The Better Part"	Luke 10:38-42 Colossians 1:15-28
July 25	"Trusting God"	Luke 11:1-13 Colossians 2:6-19
Aug 1	"Seeking the Things from Above"	Luke 12:13-21 Colossians 3:1-11
Aug 8	"Investing in Heaven"	Luke 12:32-40 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
Aug 15	"When Kingdoms Collide"	Luke 12:49-56 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Aug 22	"Stirred, Not Shaken"	Luke 13: 10-17 Hebrews 12:19-29
Aug 29	"The Shape of Humility"	Luke 14:1, 7-14 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16



Our church will be a training and deployment center for disciples in the name of Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministry Summer 2010

Contact: Connie Jones (805) 495-7215 ext 302 or education@umcto.org

Join us this summer in Sunday School for "Step Up and Go Green for Jesus". We will give glory to God as the Creator-and step up to take care of all His creation! Grades based on grade in the Fall of 2010

The Bible is central in our Sunday School curriculum during both Worship Services.

Please check out the website (www.iamrocksolid.com) to find out what's happening in the classrooms or to just "Hangout" in the place just for kids and parents.

The Classrooms for Children's Summer Sunday School are:

9:30 A.M. Worship

Babies Rm 1 3 yr. olds-1st Rm 3
 Toddlers Rm 2 2-5th grades Rm 11
 Jr. High Rm 15

◆ 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. – TOMY, Sr. High Intermission, Reflections on Pastor Steve's Sermon

11:15 A.M. Worship

Babies Rm 1 Toddlers Rm 2

Pre School through 5th grades meet in Room 3 for One Room Sunday School as we discover God's Word through Animated Stories from the Bible.

★ Thank You! ★
 THANK YOU! ★

Dearest Sisters & Brothers in Christ,
 The warmth of your gift to me is so evident in the beautiful prayer blanket you all made for me and prayed over. The design and writing and the loving hearts mean so very much to me and I am so grateful for your caring and prayers--the blanket is a covering for me to help heal my illness--Thank you so very much. I love you all. Sincerely and In His Peace, Shalom-Reine



I want to thank you very special people for the flowers, phone calls and visits while I was mending from surgery. My family and I have been members of this church for 45 years. We are so glad and happy we are part of you. Marianne Harold



Dear Church Family,
 My deepest thaks for the beautiful flowers that were delivered last Sunday. Thank you, too for your thoughtfulness and caring. You warm my heart! Love, Ruth Lewon



Dear Friends,
 What a wonderful gift you gave me--the prayer blanket is so special--I feel as if I have your arms around me. What a comfort that is. I am truly blessed to have all your your prayers to help me through my days. Thank you, thank you--May God bless each of you. With Love, JoAnn Schock

Youth Ministry

United Methodist Youth Ministry is open to all youth in grades 6-12.

Contact: Dori Fotsch
 (805) 495-7215; 402-2100
 or youth@umcto.org

Welcome to Youth Ministry at UMCTO!

◆ Weekly Wednesday Campfires begin on June 16th at the DeMints. The NEW Jr. High group will meet from 6 – 7:30 PM, and the NEW Sr. High group will meet from 7 – 8:30. The first night we will make tie dye shirts! The campfires will run all summer so watch for the youth news to find out more details!

◆ Beach Days! Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to Beach it on July 8, July 22 and August 19. We will meet at the Church at 10 AM and return by 4 PM. RSVP's will be a must the week before as we need to plan for carpooling! Come and enjoy some fun with friends! We have also invited youth from other Churches to join us!

SUNDAYS

◆ 9:30 a.m. – TOMY, Jr. High either help in Faith on Fire on the 1st Sunday, attend Sunday School twice a month during the middle Sundays and God Squad on the last Sunday. They also help in the leadership of Worship by acolyting and Praise Band.

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