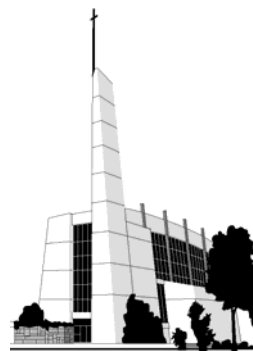




# EXPECTATIONS

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## March 2014

March is very near and UMM wants to announce that we will prepare a special meal for the Irish, the near Irish, and all those who wish they were Irish for celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.



## CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

at 6:00 p.m.

in Acker Hall

With great entertainment by superb musicians from

### Dana Hills High School

Join us Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a delightful evening, beginning with a special meal consisting of Corned Beef and Cabbage followed with great entertainment by Dana Hills High School's superb musicians and lots of fellowship. All this can be yours for the reduced cost of only \$10.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for children 2-10. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may call the Church office and make reservations.



Ash

## Wednesday Service

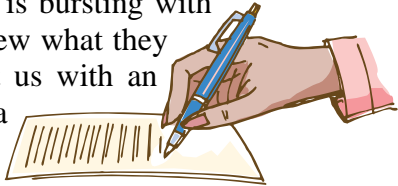
March 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

Join us for this special service as we begin lent and a time of preparation for the coming Easter Celebration. The service includes imposition of ashes.



The color purple is obviously the color of Lent . . . as the word Lent means springtime and the world is bursting with the color purple!!! Those ancients knew what they were doing!!! The ancients also left us with an understanding that this was to be a period devoted to self awareness and self evaluation, it was as though they knew that we in the post modern world would need this reminder, to stop doing what we always do in the way we always do it and CHANGE . . . Lent is not about making “changes” . . . it is about CHANGE. Jesus is concerned about shaking foundations, giving alternative self images, world images, and God image . . . he is concerned about changing reality. Perhaps an appropriate prayer for this season could be, “God where am I trapped and unable to see it?” . . . We will embark together on this journey of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. . . . and explore further through our Lenten study with Brenda Weikel beginning Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the course called “He Set His Face to Jerusalem” and as you walk along the Lenten path be sure to notice the color purple!!!



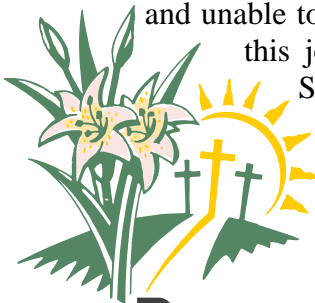
*From the*  
**MINISTER**



The church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the children again this year. To help us with the costs we are asking for donations for this fun event.

If you would like to donate plastic unfilled eggs, and small stickers, jelly beans, wrapped small candy, etc., that we can fill the eggs with, it would be a BIG help. Donations can be left in church office marked for Sally May or dropped off in the Preschool office Monday thru Friday, all day. Thank you in advance for your support! Easter Sunday is April 20<sup>th</sup> so you have lots of time!! :)

Sally May & Vickie Iwasiwka



**LENT BEGINS**



**New Members**

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we had new members join our church. From left to right they are:

- Luella Cadiz
- Kris Korpi (in back)
- Don Hughes
- Gary Cox
- Geri Cox-Christian
- Lydia Mendoza Carmona

Not pictured:

- Fina Fisher
- Elena Ramirez

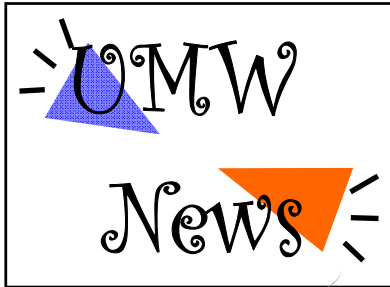
Be sure to welcome them the next time you see them in church!

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual UMW Tea and Fashion Show** in Acker Hall.

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – Trinity Circle Meeting** at Sherry Saunders'.  
**Centennial Circle will not be meeting in March.**

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – Worship Commission Meeting** in the Lounge.

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – Board of Trustees Meeting** in the Conference Room.



By the time you receive this notice, it will be time for our Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please note we will not have a March General Meeting. We will go back to dinner meetings starting in April.



Here are some future UMW experiences that you can partake in. They are:

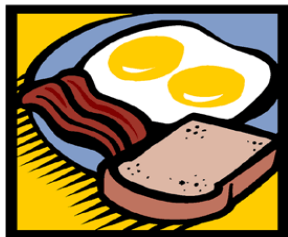
UMW Luncheon at Annual Conference in Orton Center. Sue Spangler would like us to have the experience.

Mission U. (new name for School of Mission) July 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost to go is \$225.00. There are partial scholarships available. Mission U is always a special experience and it will be at Biola University, which is nearby.



Mark your calendars now for a special craft filled day where the children of the church learn about Lent and all the news leading up to Easter! We will be meeting on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. We will make pretzels (and eat them!) and lots of crafts as we learn about the miracle of Easter. Come to church at 9:30 a.m. and after Time With Children, we will go to Acker Hall to work together. We are really hoping our Samoan and Hispanic friends will come this Sunday to share this special day altogether. This is instead of Sunday School for this Sunday. Any questions, please talk to your Sunday School teachers or Mrs. May. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!!!!

## United Methodist Men's Fellowship



### Brunch

United Methodist Men want you to join them Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for a fellowship brunch following worship in Acker Hall. The food is always good and the fellowship even better. Suggested donation \$3.00.

## Taco Dinner



Girl Scout Troop 2390 will be having a Taco Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:00). This will be an all you can eat dinner. We will also be having raffle prize drawings and a silent auction. Cost: Adults \$10.00. Children: \$7.00 (Ages 2-10). Tickets will be sold at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Granados, 714-325-0738

## Calendar

- Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Fellowship
- Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Connect Worship @ La Habra UMC
- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Fellowship Dodgeball Tournament @ GGUMC
- Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Fellowship Night of Champions @ Azusa Pacific University
- Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Fellowship
- Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth Fellowship
- Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Fellowship
- Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Fellowship
- Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Fellowship – Happy Easter
- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Lazy W Ranch Camp Rally Day/Open House

## Dodgeball Tournament

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dodgeball Tournament will be held at GGUMC on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration will start at 2:30 p.m. We will end our time together around 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 and all \$ we raise will be donated to Imagine No Malaria. The theme this year is Minions. Please come dressed in any minion attire you have. It's going to be fun!

## Night of Champions

We will be returning to the annual Night of Champions event at Azusa Pacific University. The cost is \$10 and we will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. We will be spending the night in the Youth Room after and preparing for our Pancake Brunch the following day. I hope to see you all then.

## Pancake Brunch

The youth group will be having a Pancake Brunch after church on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gluten free options will be available. A freewill offering will be taken and all funds raised will help go to scholarships towards SSP and Summer Camp. We'd love your help.

**NICOLE ARAGON**  
 Youth Leader  
 Cell 714-403-3068  
 nicole.i.aragon@gmail.com

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

*Matthew 22:37*

Youth Fellowship  
 Every Sunday  
 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Room 6 & 8

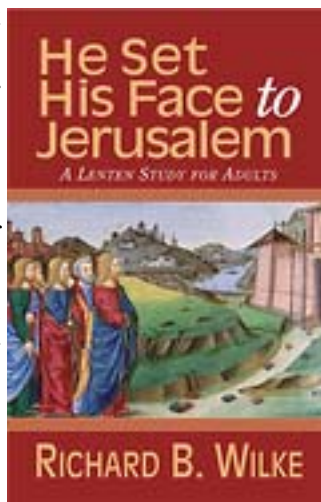


L E N T E N  
*Bible Study*

It is time to start thinking about joining one of the two classes for a Lenten Study this year. One class will be Wednesday evening with a soup supper followed by the study. The other class is the regular Bible study on Thursday morning at 9:30. Both groups will meet in the lounge starting on March 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, and continuing for six weeks. We will be using the book *He Set His Face to Jerusalem*, by Richard Wilke. Here is an excerpt from the Cokesbury catalog about this new study.

In this Lenten study, Richard Wilke explores Jesus' commitment to go to Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says, "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Wilke looks at Jesus' journey to Jerusalem in order to help us reflect on how we "set our faces" in life. He reminds us in the introduction, "As followers of Jesus, we are called to reflect on and pray about where we set our faces day by day. Where do we set our faces in our relationships with God and with our neighbor? Where do we set our faces with our ethical choices? Where do we set our faces when we see those who are poor and oppressed?" We might also ask other questions. What are our goals as people of faith? What are we resolute or determined about in our lives? As we set our faces to Jerusalem and to the ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus, what difference does it make? What does Jesus' determination say to us about our commitments and about our need to grow in love of God and neighbor?

This book will help us delve into the determination of Jesus in the final days of his ministry, and examine our own lives to see where we put our focus and passion. The books will be available for about \$7.00 on the patio at least two weeks before the first meeting. Brenda Weikel will be leading both groups. Feel free to contact her for more information.



*Young at Heart II*  
**Friday Afternoon Movie**

The free movie on March 28<sup>th</sup> will be "Shall We Dance?" (2004) with popcorn & beverage at Shirley Kelloggs' home at 1:00 p.m. A romantic comedy where a bored, overworked Estate Lawyer, upon first sight of a beautiful instructor, signs up for ballroom dancing lessons, stars Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez, and Susan Sarandon. *Due to technical difficulties they were unable to show this movie last month so it will be the movie for March.*



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Andrew Fomai  
Norberto Guinaldo  
Samantha Howe

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Thomas Egan

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Neil Cole

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy Kessler  
Mitzie Larson  
Jeannie Quental

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Richard Bushnell

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Jenifer Aragon  
David May

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Lilas Green  
Shirley Kellogg  
Katherine Spangler

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Harold Gooder  
Lisa Hickman  
Letty Tennant

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

James Farley

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Chris Kramer

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Carl Jones  
Eric Ryder  
Donna Winchester

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Jay Clark  
Robert Wislocki

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Robert Stoneham 

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce Oleson

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Bill Hoffman  
Katrina Klepner

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Julie Hensley  
Carl Rice

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Diane Farley  
Laura Gordon

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Joan Clark

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer McCart

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Wayne Sheriff  
Etuale Bobo Tuileta


**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

James Kessler

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Christopher Miller  
Susan Spangler



 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Robert Stoneham!* *Robert* will be **93** on the **17<sup>th</sup>**! Here is his address if you would like to send him a special greeting: 10406 Beaver Circle, Cypress, CA 90630-4205.



## Church Staff

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

Bishop .....Minerva Carcaño  
District Superintendent.....John Farley  
Clergy ..... Carrie Cesar, Yong Sam Park,  
Toné Tosi, Ginny Wheeler  
Administrative Assistant ..... Janine Ryder  
Director of Music .....Ray Woods  
Director of Youth/Children Choirs .....Sally Hickman  
Financial Bookkeeper.....Evelyn Buchan  
Hispanic Ministry Music Director... Fernando Penalzoza

Membership Secretary ..... Mary Lou Ball  
Music Department Assistant ..... Carolyn Worthen  
Newsletter Editor ..... Janine Ryder  
Organist ..... Norberto Guinaldo  
Preschool Director .....Sally May  
Wedding Coordinator .....Mitzie Larson  
Reception Hostess ..... Linda Howe  
Youth Coordinator.....Nicole Aragon



*Please Remember These People  
In Your Thoughts And Prayers*

Mary Jo, Jack & Linda Shepard's daughter-in-law's mother, lung infection that is responding very slowly to treatment  
 Lorene, mother of a friend of Linda Shepard, coping with age related issues  
 Shela, a friend of Andrea Kramer, hip surgery  
 Maria, mother-in-law of Rae Ramirez, reaction to anesthesia from surgery  
 Darlene Wiertzema, infection in her foot  
 Lanna Page, Dexter Welton's sister, who died after a 2-year fight against Alzheimer's  
 Those impacted by the severe weather

Jennifer Newsome, Dr. Ann's daughter, job & personal problems  
 Julie Hensley, Dr. Ann's daughter, as baby Ian comes March 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary, a friend of Linda Shepard, back problems  
 Ted Chamberlain, Lee Ann Orr's father, declining health  
 Dave English, dear friend of Dale & Joy Batesole  
 Betty White, sister-in-law of Mary Chacon, who died a few weeks ago  
 For all those struggling with work related issues  
 Rae Ramirez, tendonitis  
 Courtney Wines, Craig Briggs' niece, juvenile epilepsy  
 Teresa Blanchett, Vickee Stoner's friend, health issues  
 Doris Hamby, recovering from a reaction to chemo

Lydia Carmona is grateful for all the prayers for recovery for Ruth Banagas, continued prayers for Paul Banagas & family.

Thank you for all of your prayers for my nephew Chris and his family. Christine and the girls are finally going to Korea where Chris is stationed with the Army. They will be there at least 18 months.  
 Brenda Weikel

Karen Hoffman is grateful that Bill has a new job and thanks all who have been praying for him. God bless you all!

Virginia Nash thanks Reverend Ginny, Janine Ryder, and members of the GGUMC congregation for their tremendous support in person and in prayer during her illness and recovery.

We received a thank you letter from UMCOR for our donation of \$615.00 to Disaster Response, International. 100% will go directly to quick response to emergency needs around the world.



*Address  
Changes*

Virginia Nash has moved to:  
 12151 Dale St. Apt. C-108a  
 Stanton, CA 90680-3842  
 714-971-6641

Barbara Oughton has moved to the home of her daughter, Jaime Mecham:  
 2109 Arrington St.  
 Durham, NC 27707-2201  
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**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

The deadline for the April issue (mailed Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>) of *Expectations* is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Any events occurring in April and June should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to [exp@ggumc.net](mailto:exp@ggumc.net), bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

Janine Ryder, Editor