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Worship the Lord with Us

► Sunday Mornings

- 10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:30 Worship Service
(Nursery care is available)
- 12:30 Lunch & Fellowship

► Church Ministries

- Cornerstone Connections
- Chinese Language Class
- Praise Bands
- Church Choir and Hand Bells
- Sports Ministry
- HUGS (Homes Under God's Spirit)
Fellowship for Families & Young Adults
- Men's & Women's Bible Studies
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
- New Life Bible Study for Seniors
- Youth Groups: (Jr High & High School)
(^CAM/PM["] A Methodist People Machine)
Ext. 777 (College)



Cornerstone
CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Mission News

by Wei-ling Louie, Chairperson

In December, our church helped provide a wonderful Christmas for a family of 7 from the Friendly Center. Through the generosity of many mem-



bers and friends of our congregation, personal gifts of toys, clothing, household items, and several food baskets were given to the family of Maria and



Andrei. While delivering all the gifts to the Friendly Center in Orange, we learned that another site for a Friendly Center facility will soon be opening up in Placentia. We will get more information in February on how our church can be of service there.

The Mission committee was also made aware of another family going through some medical and work-related problems and we were able to be of some assistance to them as well.

We also responded to the Bishop plea for aid to the Philippine Churches which were damaged by the series of typhoons and natural disasters.

Thank you all for being such a caring and generous church.

Our January Mission offering will be a gift to UMCOR as they celebrate 70 years of helping alleviate human suffering throughout the world.

United Methodists continue to be the hands and feet of Christ by welcoming the stranger, promoting global health, rebuilding homes and lives affected by civil and natural disasters, and assembling school kits and other material resources for people around the world.

UMCOR's mission, following Christ's mandate, is to alleviate human suffering with open hearts to all people.

Please continue to pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Selina Yee

Thank you all for participating in Operation Christmas Child. CUMC filled 55 shoeboxes for needy children. Our shoeboxes will be headed for Asia and Mexico.

But what happens to the shoeboxes between our church and it's final destination in Asia? The ever curious AMPMers decided to find out for themselves on Friday, Dec 4, 2009. They learned that the shoeboxes are sorted on conveyer belts in a warehouse in Santa Ana. One person takes out the envelopes containing the shipping fees and passes it to another person who looks over the contents of the box and takes out any inappropriate items; shampoo, DVDs, CDs, war toys, and adds more toys or candy if necessary. Each shoebox must be filled to the brim. The shoeboxes are then placed in large shipping cartons and sealed.

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*The Spirit in me greets
the Spirit in you.*

Dr. Richard A. Swenson, author of the best-seller *Margin*, suggested a way for everyone to have margin in life: "When you get home at 7:30, find your circuit breaker, open it, and flip the main switch to 'off.' Do that every night at 7:30. You'll have all the margin you want." As tempting as it is, I'm not going to do that—but it is possible to reclaim



Change
in
Church
Leadership

*Selected by committee members

CUMC Family Camp "Amazin'Grace" Retreat *by Arlene Hasegawa*



The last part of the year has zipped by us and now we can all look forward to another exciting date on our calendars...the Church Retreat!

Scheduled for February 13-15 in the expansive foothills of Moreno Valley, 98 people have signed up for a weekend that is sure to deliver great fun and wonderful fellowship. Most of all, God will speak to us through the Reverend Ben Yu.

It will be so exciting to experience God's presence and messages. When you dedicate a weekend to God, be prepared for something amazing.

We have already seen the way God is working to make this retreat special. On November 21st, a Retreat Fundraiser Dinner and Auction was

Victory Ranch February 13-15, 2010
18080 Gilman Springs Rd, Moreno Valley, CA 92555

held. Over 100 people enjoyed a mouth-watering, all-you-can-eat ribs and potato dinner.

The evening culminated with a silent and live auction where our auctioneer, Gary Low, worked his magic as he auctioned off items such as upholstery projects, art, a Louis Vuitton bag, church-helpers, amusement park tickets and even an earthquake emergency kit! Silent auction items included items such as computer assistance, guitar lessons, gift baskets, jewelry, gold coins, gift cards and more! The highlight of the evening was the raffle drawing of the

32" LCD TV and the DVD Up-Converter.

The camp fees basically cover the cost of meals and lodging. Fundraising was needed to cover other expenses such as speaker fees, equipment, supplies, extra meeting room rentals, group snacks, etc. We needed to raise over \$4,500 for these extra costs and the event brought in just about that amount. God has provided indeed!

Many thanks to all who helped with the dinner and donated items and/or talents. We are looking forward to what God will do!

If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Pam Fitch to reserve your space.

Payment of Camp fee balances are due January 17th.

Church Retreat Fundraiser Dinner and Auction - November 21, 2009



HUGS (Home Under God's Spirit)

by Brad Chin

Well, October seemed like months ago. OK...so it was months ago...but, we haven't yet reported about our fabulous Harvest Festival 2009 and we need to! Our HUGS (Homes Under God's Spirit) family fellowship group held our annual, Halloween-alternative, Harvest Festival on Sat. Oct 31st. We began with our ever-tasty potluck, ever-present jump-houses, ever-fun carnival games/

booths, ever-entertaining costume parade, ever-inspiring pastoral story, and more! Many of our kids are now teenagers, so we solicited their help to run booths, and make the event fun for the younger kids in our community. Also new this year was our first "trunk-or-treat", where we opened our car trunks to distribute treats to the festival-goers. A great time had by all!



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Then on Saturday, Dec 5, Ed and Mabel Joe and their dedicated band of helpers descended on the Santa Ana warehouse to learn more. They learned that all the inappropriate shoe box items are not thrown away but sent to homeless shelters and other agencies who can use the items. The people who paid the shipping fees using the EZ Pay system will receive UPS trackers for their shoe boxes. These trackers will let people know which country or even village each shoebox actually goes. For those of you who participated, keep us updated as to where your shoebox went.



by Sherrie Fong

The New Life Seniors' Christmas event was held on December 11 at the Curtain Call Theater in Tustin. The last time our group went to this theater for our holiday outing was in 2006 so we were looking forward to this dinner show. With new and old friends, there were forty-two of us in attendance. A good dinner was enjoyed by all. The musical, *Singin' in the Rain*, was excellent.

In the finale, small groups came out in their yellow slickers and umbrellas singing and dancing to the song, *Singin' in the Rain*.

It was a "glorious feeling" to see the entire cast singing and dancing to this song. When we left the show-room, we found it was raining and we had to use our umbrellas in the rain, too.

But we stepped out in the rain with a glow and with visions of ourselves in our mind tap-dancing, also.

KFC Question & Answer Time with Kyle Wong

Interesting facts are revealed about
this Young KFCer



Kyle Wong

Interviewed
by Cheryl
Hasegawa

What do you love most about coming to church?

I love learning about God and using
the advice from the Bible in my life.

How old were you when you started coming to church?

I was three months old when I start-
ed going to church.



KFC Corner

**What are some things you love spending
time doing? and talents that you have
(we know you're really good at video
games, and you love reading, right? What
kind of books)?**

I love spending time reading books
that give a sense of power, like a fight-
ing book where the main character
knocks bad guys unconscious and never
gets hit. I am also pretty good at games
like chess, checkers, and connect four.

Where would you love to travel to someday?

I would love to travel to Australia
because there are many strange ani-
mals. There are quite a few animals
that don't live in America there.

What have you learned in KFC so far?

I have learned many bible verses and
more about God. I have also gotten
better at praying and don't stumble
around for words to say.

If you could talk to anyone in the world, or in heaven, who would it be? What would you talk about?

I would talk to my Grandma, who
is in heaven, and I would ask her what
heaven is like, so that I would know
when I go there.

What is your favorite bible verse and why?

Proverbs 3:3,4 "Let love and faith-
fulness never leave you, bind them
around your neck, write them on
tablet of your heart, and you will win
favor and a good name in the sight of
God and man." I like this verse because
it is long and easy to memorize, and
because it shows how much you need
love and faithfulness and what you will
earn from it.

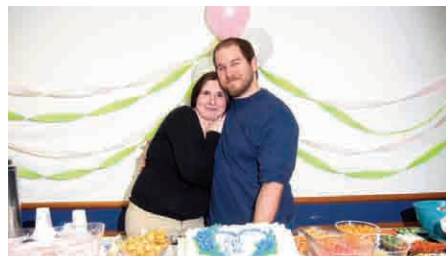


(AM/PM)
A Methodist
People Machine

AM/PM Shower for Karl and Ama

by Judy Hayakawa

The AM/PM kids threw a wonder-
ful "surprise" wedding shower for our
very own Youth Director Karl and his
fiancé Ama. They decorated the
Fellowship Hall with a nuptial theme
and finger food and drinks were gen-
erously brought by parents. Karen
Wong did a great job organizing the
games! We had a hilarious dress up
of the bride and groom with bath-
room tissue and both the girls and the
boys team were creative. Another
game involving the shoes of Karl and
Ama gave us all a chance to ask them
questions to see how well they knew
each other and they passed the test
with flying colors! The most memo-
rable gift was from Kimberly and
Jennie Low...a very pretty "dress"
to wear at night. Congratulations Karl
and Ama!



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time and space for God and family. If
we'd pause and examine our lives, we'd
realize that we do have options.

The New Year of 2010 is upon us
and, notwithstanding the ferocious-
ness of the coming Chinese New Year
of the Tiger, I pray that we will all
experience rest, balance, simplicity,
contentment, and love as we lead and
serve our church. Hyperactive haste is
not the same as godliness. A lifestyle
of margin isn't about laziness and
mediocrity; it's about maximizing our
service for the Kingdom of God over
the long haul. Yes, honor God by your
work, but then honor Him again by
your rest. Sometimes God may want
you to sit on a stump and admire the
woods for 3 hours or spend time with
your loved ones—after all, He created
them for you to enjoy!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jerry

CUMC Christmas Spectacular



A truly beautiful CUMC Christmas Spectacular created by Peggy Lowe, Dan Nishikawa and Arleen Hasegawa with tremendous help from our church people. The program showcased the varied talents of our congregation and resulted in a very meaningful way to worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The spectacular was performed at our Christmas Sunday worship service, December 20, 2009.





Extension 777

Fun and Games at the 777 Annual Christmas Party



My car is better than your car.



Hello Kitty



Are we building a better mousetrap?



Green Peace

The Magic Box



On November 15th, we welcomed "Acts of Worship" to our church, where they performed an inspiring drama during our service. AOW is a performing arts ministry of the Chinese Evangelical Free Church of Monterey Park. Performances are directed by Marvin Fong (son-in-law of Dick and Myrna Chow) and scripted by the young performers. We were blessed to have them here and to receive their spiritual message of giving, kindness and friendship in their presentation of "The Magic Box."