

# San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena  
Encinitas, California 92024

PHONE: 760.753.6582

FAX: 760.753.8936

24-HOUR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE  
800.785.4391

EMAIL:

admin@encinitaschurch.com

WEBSITE:

encinitaschurch.com

**Mark Feldmeir**  
**Martha Wingfield**

MINISTERS

THE MISSION OF  
SAN DIEGUITO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH IS TO  
MINISTER to the hopes and  
hurts of a troubled world,  
NURTURE people in a  
community of grace, and  
INVITE all persons to  
new life in Jesus Christ.

## Worship Services

9:00 & 10:45 am

— ★ —

## Sunday School

Pre-K thru High School at 9:00

Pre-K thru 3rd Grade at 10:45

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### DECEMBER 3rd

Saturday | 8:30 am | Meet in  
the SDUMC Parking Lot

### UMM Batiquitos Lagoon Tour

— A N D —

9:30 am | Room 9/10

REV. MARTHA'S

### Advent Grief Group

(also the 12/10 and 12/17)

### DECEMBER 4th

Sunday | 8:00 to 11:30 am | FH

### UMYF Pancake Breakfast

— A L S O —

2:30 pm | Aviara Nursing  
& Rehabilitation Center

### UMW Christmas Caroling

— A N D —

4:00 pm | Founders Hall

### ADVENTure Workshop

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# La Paloma

Volume XI

DECEMBER 2011

Issue 12



CHRISTMAS is a time when we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here at San Dieguito United Methodist Church the season of Advent brings so many opportunities to share the warmth of the Christmas Season with family and friends. This year more fellowship activities have been added. We hope that you will make room for as many events as possible and feel free to invite a friend or two. Once again, we have made it easy for you to keep track of all the holiday happenings. You will find on our church website Christmas Page—[www.encinitaschurch.com/christmas](http://www.encinitaschurch.com/christmas) information about every event.

Sunday, **December 4th**, the youth would like to invite you to their all-you-can-eat *Holiday Pancake Breakfast* from 8:00 to 11:30 am in Founders Hall. The festivities will continue with *Youth Christmas Caroling* in the afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. You can then come together with your family and friends Sunday evening at the *Family ADVENTure Workshop* from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to enjoy fellowship, songs and crafts. The evening will come to a close with a unique retelling of the Christmas story followed by a lasagna dinner.

Saturday, **December 10th**, the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will host their annual *Christmas Tea* on at 1:30 pm. Sunday, **December 11th** brings a full day of events. Sunday morning the *Nativity Scenes* will be on display before and between services in Founders Hall, and the UMYF will be *ice skating* in the afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A highlight of the season is the *Christmas Vespers Concert* on Sunday evening at 7:30 pm. Our own Chancel Choir, along with chamber orchestra, organ, handbells and soloists, will fill your hearts with the spirit of Christmas. Plan on coming early to get a great seat as this concert is a popular community event.

Saturday, **December 17th**, the annual *Friends and Neighbors Christmas Dinner* will begin at 5:30 pm. Sunday, **December 18th**, the UMYF will be having their *Christmas Party* from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

During the last week in Advent, on Wednesday, **December 21st**, we will offer a worship service entitled *Blue Christmas*, which is a service of hope designed to help those who may find the Christmas season difficult.

As we celebrate **Christmas Eve**, luminaries will light the way to our two services of Lessons and Carols. Our *Family Candlelight Service* will begin at 5:00 pm with music by the Children's Choirs, Canticle Bell Choir, and a special Children's Moment. Our *Traditional Candlelight Service* will begin at 7:30 pm, with music by the Chancel Choir and Alumni Bell Choir.

There is something for everyone.

Look for the event sign-up tables in Founders Hall and on the Plaza.

*Have a Merry Christmas!*



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

### **DECEMBER 6th**

Tuesday | Noon | Conf. Room  
**Caregivers Support Luncheon**

### **DECEMBER 8th**

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge  
**Pinochle**

### **DECEMBER 10th**

Saturday | 1:30 pm | FH  
**UMW Christmas Tea**

### **DECEMBER 11th**

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION  
Sunday | Between Services | FH

### **Nativity Scene Showcase**

— A N D —

7:30 pm | Sanctuary

### **Christmas Vespers Concert**

### **DECEMBER 12th**

Monday | 10:00 am | Lounge  
**SDUMC Knitters**

— A L S O —

4:00 pm | Conference Room

### **Book Group**

### **DECEMBER 16th**

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge

### **Bridge Group**

### **DECEMBER 17th**

Saturday | 5:30 pm | FH

### **FAN Christmas Dinner**

### **DECEMBER 19th**

Monday | 7:30 pm | Founders Hall  
**Special Holiday AA Meeting**

### **DECEMBER 20th**

Tuesday | 1:00 pm | Kitchen  
**Bread of Life Dinner Prep**

### **DECEMBER 21st**

Wednesday | 7:00 pm  
**Blue Christmas Service**

### **DECEMBER 24th**

Saturday | 5:00 & 7:30 pm  
**Christmas Eve Services**

### **DECEMBER 25th**

Sunday | 10:00 am  
**Christmas Worship Service**

### **DECEMBER 26th**

HOLIDAY | OFFICE CLOSED  
Monday | 10:00 am | Lounge

### **SDUMC Knitters**

— A L S O —

7:30 pm | Founders Hall

### **Special Holiday AA Meeting**

### **DECEMBER 31st**

Saturday | 10:30 am | Lounge  
**Pinochle**

DECEMBER CALENDAR  
CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



**MARK FELDMER**  
*Senior Minister*

## *Pensamientos*

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent comes as such a gift for Christians. While the world is obsessed with shopping lists and holiday parties and the seasonal rush, Advent keeps us grounded in the story of how God has come to us when the world least expected him. During these four weeks of Advent, we rehearse the drama of Israel's exile and its desperate longing for a mighty king, of the world's poor and oppressed being lifted up, of ordinary people like Mary and Joseph rising to the extraordinary occasion

of God's purpose, and of rulers and empires hushed in fear of an infant king. Advent reminds us that God is far more subversive and scandalous than we are apt to realize.

I encourage you to think about these next four weeks as an opportunity not to simply hear the story of Christmas, but to actually live it in practical, faithful ways, by doing two things:

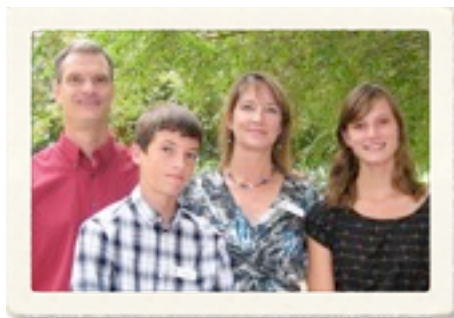
☒ 1. Commit to weekly worship and daily prayer during Advent—for at least one day a week, set aside your shopping lists and bring to worship your hopes, your prayers, for a more peaceful and just world. Advent envisions a world in which swords are hammered into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks; where the lion and the lamb lie down together without the lamb losing sleep, or a limb. This vision is fulfilled, in part, whenever we practice peace and justice in our own lives, in our own little corner of the world. Consider your relationships, the disagreements you have with others, the battlefields you walk through every day. Set aside time each day, and every Sunday, to commit yourself to restoring peace and acting justly in your personal life. Consider making an Advent Wreath for your home and lighting a candle each day, praying for the needs of the world, your family, your church.

☒ 2. Remember that Christmas is not your birthday: Mike Slaughter reminds us that Christmas is not our birthday, but Jesus' birthday. This Christmas, whatever you spend on Christmas gifts, consider giving an equal or comparable share to some important cause that will bring hope and life to people in genuine need. Remember that Christmas has always been a story about God choosing to appear among, and through, the poor and marginalized: Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zechariah, shepherds and barn animals—these are the heroes of the Christmas story without whom the Good News would not have been told. This Advent, remember the poor. Buy some honey bees or goats through *Heifer*; sponsor a child through World Vision; serve a hot meal at *Bread of Life*; sign up for the *Interfaith Shelter*; visit the homebound or the hospitalized.

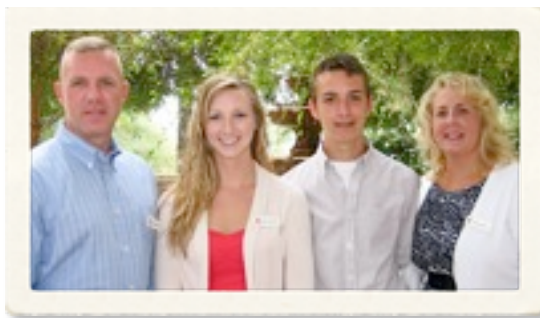
I look forward to journeying with you to Bethlehem again this year.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Mark*



Randy, Grant, Laurel & Erin Hickok



Dave, Kaitlynn, Jake & Barb McCulloh

Last month we inadvertently mixed-up our Hickok's with our McCulloh's! Please forgive us this error and greet these families by their CORRECT names.



FEATURING  
Chancel Choir, Orchestra  
and Trinity Bell Choir

William Hatcher—DIRECTOR  
Janice Stewart—ORGANIST  
Karen Zerlaut—BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

Christmas  
Vespers  
CONCERT

SUNDAY EVENING

December 11th at 7:30 o'clock

This musical extravaganza ranges from the mighty MAGNIFICAT of J. S. Bach to the recent and acclaimed medley THE FEAST OF CAROLS by Randol Bass. Our Chamber Orchestra and pipe organ will accompany our Chancel Choir along with these well-known, returning soloists: ANNE-MARIE DICCE, KATHERINE LUNDEEN, SCOTT WHITAKER and WALTER DUMELLE. The Trinity Bell Choir will also perform.

*A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses of the concert and support the music program of the church.*

PRESENTED BY THE SDUMC MUSIC SERIES

We start in earnest with our mission's work this month! We will be collecting donations for our annual *Heifer International* project between Sunday services in Founders Hall until **December 18th**. Stop by the table and purchase a gift for your family and friends that will truly make a difference in someone's life. We are so thankful to ESTHER RINEY for the many, many years of service she has given to organize this project of giving.

Other scheduled dates for you to remember are:

- ▶ **January 6th—9th**  
LA Trip to *Skid Row*
- ▶ **January 28th—February 4th**  
*Katrina Relief Response*  
Mississippi
- ▶ **July 28th—August 4th**  
Mission Trip to Nicaragua

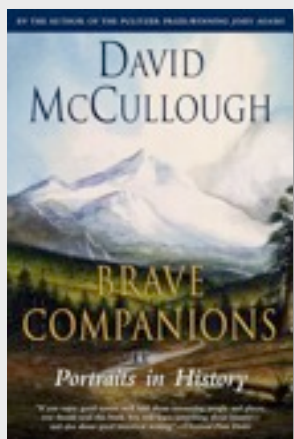
We would also like to remind you that there are some funds available for use on mission trips for our church members. These funds are available from the interest earned on the *Edith Gough Fund*. To be considered as a recipient of some of these funds, just contact me with a request. Our Missions Commission will discuss your request and then reply back to you.

If you need any additional information or want to talk more about any of our mission trips, contact me at [kenney.dakota@gmail.com](mailto:kenney.dakota@gmail.com) or call me at 858.461.4231. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

DAKOTA KENNEY  
Chair—Missions Commission



SDUMC BOOK GROUP



### Brave Companions

by DAVID McCULLOUGH

is the non-fiction book selection for Monday, **December 12th.**

We meet at 4:00 pm in the office conference room. Everyone is welcome!



**MARTHA WINGFIELD**  
*Associate Minister*



The holidays can be difficult. Many people find they have trouble feeling “in the spirit” of things because of the recent (or anticipated) death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work or other trying changes. Facing Christmas while our country is at war may make “being merry” a trying task.

In such times, it is important to know that you are not alone. Our church seeks to be a place of strength and solace and hope through the saving message of this season. To that end, we will be offering two special Advent events for those who are grieving. The first is a three-week support group, entitled “How Will I Get Through the Holidays?” that will meet on Saturday mornings beginning on **December 3rd** from 9:30 to 11:00 am. I look forward to leading this group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the last twenty-four months. We will be using a devotional

guide that offers suggestion to help people with the difficult transitions that the holidays bring. You may sign up for this group in the church office.

The second event will be our *Blue Christmas Service* to be held on Wednesday, **December 21st** at 7:00 pm. The service itself is informal. We will hear words of solace and hope from the scriptures, spend time in prayer and remembering. There will be a brief message and some carols that will lead us in reflecting on the deepest meaning of God coming to us, as we are, in the baby Jesus. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship in the Lounge.

Our doors will be open this special night to all who come so please feel free to invite others to come with you, as your support, or if you know that they too could use some comfort and care this Christmas.

If you have any questions about the service or the group, please feel free to give me a call.

Christmas is coming and the message of “God with us” wherever we are and however we are feeling is a word of hope we all long to hear.

In Christ,

*Rev. Martha*



**SDUMC CARE Team**  
Congregational Assistance Resources & Encouragement

### SDUMC HOLIDAY *Blood Drive*

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the Calle Magdalena cul-de-sac on Sunday, **December 11th**, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Online reservations are now open, so sign-up early to get the time of your choosing.

Email LARRY HERRMANN at [larry.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:larry.herrmann@gmail.com) to reserve a time and/or look for more information about this life-saving event.

### *Lighting OUR World*

I have been coordinating the activities of the CARE Team for the past three years. As part of this caring ministry, we bring meals, make phone calls, and visit those members going through a difficult time.

I recently discovered what these gestures really mean. As most of you know, our oldest son, Todd, suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle on September 21st. He remains in the hospital at this time. Although he is making slow, gradual improvements, his future recovery is uncertain. This has been a very dark time for us.

Until this tragedy occurred, I had never personally experienced being the recipient of prayers, hot meals, groceries, notes of encouragement and visits. My husband and I have been truly overwhelmed by all your support. It feels so good! Your hugs, calls and prayers are making a difference in our son’s progress.

For years, I have been talking about supporting and encouraging each other, but for the first time, I am living it. I now see, firsthand, what it feels like to live in a community of caring and how important our caring for each other is. Thank you for lighting our world with your caring.

# Sunday School in December

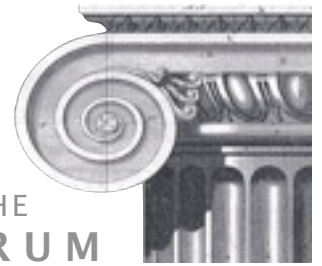


The holidays are enriched with tradition, and one I always make time for is giving back to the community. Years ago the Sunday School used to travel to the COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER on 2nd Street in Encinitas during the worship hour to help with their *Holiday Basket* program. But the program grew as it was successful and the need in the community increased, so they now organize everything, and serve more than 1400 families, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. I have scheduled our church some time to volunteer and I hope that people (individuals as well as families) will join me on Sunday afternoon, **December 11th**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet at the church at 12:30 pm to carpool and/or caravan, or just meet directly at the fairgrounds. For more information and to RSVP, contact: SHANNON KARLICEK at [kids@encinitaschurch.com](mailto:kids@encinitaschurch.com).

See you in Sunday School!

SHANNON KARLICEK  
Director—Children's Ministries  
[kids@encinitaschurch.com](mailto:kids@encinitaschurch.com)

## ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

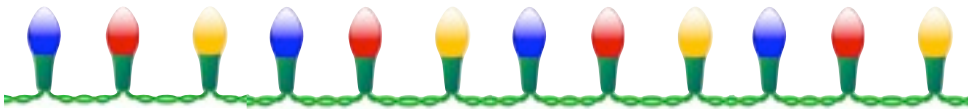


*The Forum meets on most non-holiday Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Lounge to discuss a wide range of secular and religious topics, some controversial, in an atmosphere of Christian love and mutual respect. We often invite expert guest speakers from our own parish or from the surrounding community.*

### DECEMBER 4th:

We will review the past year's Forum topics and hold a forward planning session for the coming year. Everyone is invited to help the steering committee make the 2012 Forum series the best ever.

The Forum will take its customary Advent/Christmas/New Year's break and return on **January 8th**, when *Church & Society* will update us on the status of SDUMC's various community and global outreach missions.



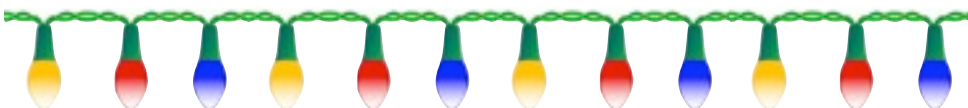
## Family ADVENTure Workshop—December 4th

Please sign-up today for this all church event held on Sunday, **December 4th**, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. We will start with stations to make ornaments, decorate the Christmas Eve luminary bags, make cards for the CARE team, wrap gifts for Adopt-a-Family, and more. Then we will all participate in a unique retelling of the Christmas Story followed by a lasagna dinner. Register on Sundays at tables on the playground or in Founders Hall. Adults—\$5, children/teens—\$3, maximum of \$20 for a family.

## Adopt-a-Family (Donate by December 4th)

The Sunday School has adopted three families from the CARLSBAD CHRISTMAS BUREAU ([www.christmasbureau.org](http://www.christmasbureau.org).) Please pick up gift tags from the ADVENTure Workshop sign-up tables and return unwrapped gifts by Sunday, **December 4th**. We will wrap the gifts at the ADVENTure Workshop.

For more information about BOTH these events, please contact SHANNON KARLICEK at [kids@encinitaschurch.com](mailto:kids@encinitaschurch.com) or 760.845.8746.



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

— O N G O I N G —

MONDAYS

6:30 pm | Pandora Johnson's  
**Young Adult Potluck**

7:30 pm | Room 6

**AA Big Book Study**

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am | Room 6

**Overeaters Anonymous**

7:00 pm | Jay & Wanda Williams'  
**Bible Study**

8:00 pm | Basement Room

**AA Big Book Study**

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm | Mike & Ann King's  
**Centering Prayer**

TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

7:00 am | Room 6

& SATURDAYS

8:00 am | Lounge

**AA**

# U M Y F

YOUTH NEWS

■ **Saturday, December 3rd**  
SDSU Tailgate  
Time: T.B.D.

■ **Sunday, December 4th**  
Holiday Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 to 11:30 am  
(Youth arrive at 6:30 am)  
— A N D —

Christmas Caroling  
1:00 to 4:00 pm

■ **Monday, December 5th**  
Sr. High Youth Council  
4:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Tuesday, December 6th**  
Chill Sesh  
3:30 to 6:30 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, December 11th**  
Ice Skating  
1:00 to 4:00 pm

■ **Tuesday, December 13th**  
Chill Sesh  
3:30 to 6:30 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, December 18th**  
Christmas Party  
5:00 to 7:00 pm

■ **Wednesday, December 28th**  
DISTRICT-WIDE  
Bowling Overnight  
10:00 pm to 6:30 am



**CHELSEA SIMON**  
Youth Director

Greetings All,

The youth program continues to grow in depth and in numbers. It has been such a blessing to witness the junior high and senior high students learning from and helping each other. I am reminded, daily, what a privileged position I'm in to have the opportunity to be a part of their lives in such an intimate and unique way. I have so much excitement and joyful energy surrounding not only where the youth program has been, but also where it is going. I have said it before and (as long as I am honored to have this position) I will say it again, I have the coolest job ever!

Since I last wrote to you, the youth and I have continued our study on how to *Change the World*, served during *Light YOUR World*, chilled during *Chill Sesh*, attended the district-wide *Fall Festival*, partied at Halloween, put on and participated in a *Hunger Banquet*, and I even got a surprise birthday party! With the combination of fellowship, learning, putting our faith into action and laughing, I'd say it's been an amazing month. I am always impressed by not only the talents that these youth possess, but by the kindness and love that they share for each other. My hope and prayer is that the congregation, as a whole, continues to recognize the importance of the youth program and becomes increasingly more aware of the wonderful students at San Diego United Methodist Church.

Peace and Love,  
C H E L S E A

## Nativity Scene Showcase—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

The last few years the entire congregation has joined in displaying favorite nativity scenes in Founders Hall between church services. Amazing and varied are the old and new examples of the manger scene commemorating the birth of our Lord. Please bring your creches again this year, with a little sign with your name on it and the history or country of origin. Tables will be available for set up before the first service on December 11th. This project is sponsored by the *Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund*.



HELP DECORATE  
OUR CHURCH FOR

## Christmas Eve

Poinsettias (\$12) and Luminaries (\$10) will be sold each Sunday between services, **December 4th to December 18th**. Please stop by the tables in Founders Hall and on the Playground.



## Interfaith Shelter Network

The ISN Homeless Shelter will be at SDUMC again the first two weeks in February—**January 29th through February 12th, 2012**. It will be our 6th year hosting! Sign-up sheets for hosting, and meals and/or cash donations for supplies, will be available between services in Founders Hall throughout December and January.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Call LYNNE CALKINS:  
760.632.8029 or email: [LC1NP@cox.net](mailto:LC1NP@cox.net).

*san dieguito*  
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

THE HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER  
VOLUME VIII | ISSUE 12 | DECEMBER 2011



The United Methodist Women  
Cordially Invite All Ladies to Join Us for Our Annual

*Christmas Tea*

Saturday, **December 10th** | 1:30 pm | Founders Hall

On Saturday, **December 10th** at 1:30 pm, the United Methodist Women will host our CHRISTMAS TEA in Founders Hall. All are invited—bring a friend! This is an event we anticipate with joy. The program will have special music, Christmas carols for all to sing as well as the stories of how they came to be written. Bring a new unwrapped present for a teenager. It will be used in the holiday baskets the Community Resource Center assembles for needy families in the community. The older children/teens are sometimes overlooked; your gift could bring a sense of belonging. If you're stumped for ideas, one of our youth, or a family member, may be able to give you some suggestions.

*reading records*

Please turn in your 2011 reading record by December 10th, at the Tea, or electronically to RANDA KRAKOW—[randakra@cox.net](mailto:randakra@cox.net). Post book reports on the SDUMC website for those you enjoyed (along with your opinions).

*christmas caroling*

Sunday, **December 4th** at 2:30 pm, come to the Aviara Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility at 944 Regal Road in Encinitas, to carol in the holiday season with those recovering from illness and injury. It's always a bright spot—look at the faces! Make yourself feel good. NOTE: *New time and place!*

*christmas giving idea*

Add a missionary from the 2011 prayer calendar to your Christmas list.

As we prepare for the holidays, please keep in mind the two mission projects UMW is focusing on this year. We will be collecting GIFTS suitable for teenage youth that will be delivered to the Community Resource Center for their Christmas baskets program. Items to include are sweaters, shirts, socks, sweats, make-up kits, CDs, calculators, stationery, backpacks, handbags, games, sports watches, costume jewelry and books. We will also be collecting smaller gifts for *Neighborhood House*, Calexico to be used in the children's gift shop. These should be gifts appropriate for children to give their parents or siblings at a cost under \$1.00. These items will be collected at our annual CHRISTMAS TEA on **December 10th**.

*umw calendar:*

**December 7th**  
**Executive Board**

11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM

**December 10th**  
**UMW Christmas Tea**

1:30 PM | FOUNDERS HALL

*upcoming events:*

**January 21st**  
**SAN DIEGO DISTRICT**  
**Annual Training**  
**of Local Officers**  
**ST. PAUL'S UMC**  
700 "D" Avenue  
Coronado 92118

8:30 AM | REGISTRATION

9:30 AM | WORSHIP & PROGRAM

12 NOON | LUNCH

*UMW Membership is open to all women who desire to belong.  
For information, contact Karen Zerlaut, UMW President, at 760.942.1639.*



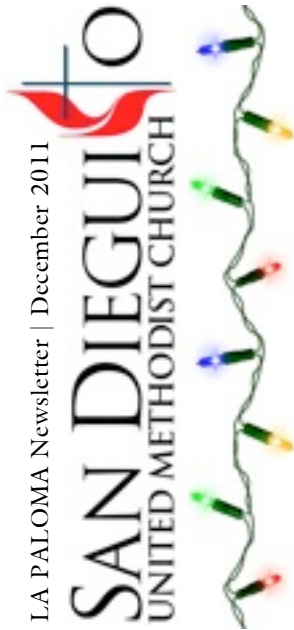
**San Dieguito United Methodist Church**  
170 Calle Magdalena  
Encinitas, California 92024

phone | 760.753.6582 fax | 760.753.8936  
website | encinitaschurch.com

**Mark Feldmeir & Martha Wingfield** | MINISTERS

C H A N G E   S E R V I C E   R E Q U E S T E D

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Permit 52



Thanks to the Church.  
Thanks to the Care Team.  
Thanks to the Naomi Circle.  
Thanks to all. God Bless You.  
*Harriette Hembree*

Church Office **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**



Monday, **DECEMBER 26th**  
Merry Christmas!  
Monday, **JANUARY 2nd**  
Happy New Year!

## *Endowment Fund Challenge*

Our church has a number of gift and endowment funds. Interest from these funds has provided money for scholarships and missions. But we have needed a fund that could be used for other purposes or just to help supplement the budget during a tough financial year. LORRAINE TSCHAECHER recently set up a general endowment fund which could be used for undesignated purposes. She also put forth a challenge: if members of the congregation give this fund another \$5000 by the end of this year, she will match it. SO, if the spirit moves you, please donate whatever you can to this endowment fund so that by the end of the year our new fund will have \$15,000! If we meet this challenge, then we can begin using the interest.

Thanks!

WILLY GINAVEN  
*Chair—Gifts and Endowments*

