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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

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**Sunday School**

Pre-K thru High School at 9:00

Pre-K thru 3rd Grade at 10:45

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **JUNE 5th**

Sunday | 9:00 am | Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Promotion Sunday**

### **JUNE 7th**

Tuesday | Noon | Conf. Room

**Caregivers Support Luncheon**

— A N D —

6:30 pm | Lounge

**United Methodist Men**

Bring a potluck item to share

### **JUNE 8th**

Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Conf. Room

**Exploring Baptism Class**

### **JUNE 9th**

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge

**Pinochle**

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# La Paloma

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## *Sierra Service Project* — Los Angeles

On June 26th, eighteen students and four adult counselors will head to South Los Angeles for a week-long urban mission experience with Sierra Service Project (SSP). Our congregation has a long history of sending an annual delegation of youths and adults to various SSP sites each summer. Previous trips to sites in Northern California, Arizona, and Nevada have proven to be life-changing experiences for our students as they engage in acts of service while learning about the peoples and traditions of Native American and Urban communities. The mission of SSP is to invite students into a closer relationship with God and to experience the transformative power of serving people who have a culture and life experience different from their own.

Founded in 1975 by several United Methodist Church ministers, SSP is now an independent non-profit organization which maintains a close affiliation with the United Methodist Church, yet also draws participants from a number of other denominations. SSP believes that young people develop a strong and deep understanding of God's gifts and God's grace through the direct experience of being in service to others.

This year's trip will take us to South Los Angeles, where we will serve the community of Vermont Square, an extraordinarily diverse neighborhood where more than 40% of the residents live below the poverty level. Our group will be immersed in a complex and dynamic community in which the residents are overwhelmingly either black, Spanish-speaking or recently immigrated to the US, and which is significantly poorer than most of California. While there, our group will perform repair work on homes, including repairing roofs and drywall, building wheelchair ramps and stairs, and painting inside and outside. Typical homeowners are elderly people who have lived in the area for decades.

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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### JUNE 12th

Sunday | 9:00 am | Sanctuary  
**Baptism Sunday**

### JUNE 13th

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

— A N D —

4:00 pm | Conference Room  
**Book Group**

### JUNE 15th

Wednesday | 9:30 am | Rooms 9/10  
**Dorcas Sewing Circle**

### JUNE 17th

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge  
**Bridge Group**

### JUNE 23rd

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

### JUNE 26th

Sunday | Noon | Founders Hall  
**Legacy Builders Tea**

### JUNE 27th

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

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#### MONDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am | Room 6  
**Overeaters Anonymous**  
7:00 pm | Jay & Wanda Williams'  
**Bible Study**

7:30 pm | Room 6  
**AA Big Book Study**

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

6:30 am | Room 6  
WEDNESDAYS  
8:00 pm | Basement Room

#### & SATURDAYS

8:00 am | Lounge  
**AA**



**MARK FELDMEIR**  
*Senior Minister*

► *Sierra Service Project continued from page 1*

A great deal of our non-working time will be devoted to learning about Los Angeles and the people who live there. This will include a bus tour of the city on Monday evening, where we will visit the Watts Towers, the downtown area, the area where the 1992 riots started, as well as other important locations that serve as entry points into discussions of Los Angeles' history and challenges. Rather than working on Wednesday, that day will be devoted to visiting social agencies which serve the needs of LA's homeless and working poor. Later that day, we'll head to the beach and complete the evening with a barbeque.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead this year's group and to share in the life-changing experiences that await us. I am also grateful that this congregation will continue to support us through prayer and financial support. A trip of this magnitude costs several thousand dollars, some of which is underwritten by the students and their families, and some of which is covered through our general offerings. If you would like to make a special contribution to support this year's trip, please mark your gift "SSP."

On June 12th at the 9:00 am worship service, we will "commission" this year's SSP team. In July, upon their return, we will hear from some of the student participants and learn of their work through personal testimonies and a slide show.

#### STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON THIS YEAR'S SSP TRIP INCLUDE:

*Spencer Callent, Colin DeVaere, Casey Feldmeir, Emily Fountain, Evan Killeen, Graham Klooster, Raya Klooster, Sarah Kochanek, Drake Peters, Emily Peters, Declan Savage, Andrew Scher, Brenton Scher, Sami Sonnich, Elizabeth Tarangelo, Emily Templin, Ernest Templin, and Manon Wogahn*

#### ADULT COUNSELORS INCLUDE:

*David Kochanek, Amy Peters, Dan Peters, and Rev. Mark Feldmeir*

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Mark*



### *Laubach Literacy* IN NEED OF TUTORS

Laubach Literacy has completed another year of teaching English and literacy to speakers of other languages. This year we taught about 34 students, mostly Hispanic, but also people from Iran, Taiwan, and Japan. We also have helped several students obtain citizenship.

We need new tutors from our church! Training is available but not always necessary. This is an important community outreach of the church. It is interesting, rewarding, and it helps people to improve their lives. We also always welcome new students. Classes will start again in September.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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or ► LAURIE MARTIN 760.942.2045

*Happy Fathers Day*  
to all DADS on June 19th!



When someone says to you, “Let’s build on what we have,” what does that mean to you? Do you panic and think, “Oh no. More work!” Well, when I think of our 2nd Annual *Light Your World Day of Service*, I think, “I AM SO EXCITED!

Our first year was more than I could even have imagined or dreamed about. And the best part is that since that afternoon in October 2010, I have had many people come up to me and ask “When are we going to do that again?”, or “Gee, I wish I hadn’t missed the day of service. Can I sign up for next year?” Yes, we are going to have our day of service on **October 16th, 2011**. There will be many of the same projects, but also we would like to add some new ones. I am hoping that some of you will step forward and offer some new ideas, decide that you might be ready to lead a project, or sign up and volunteer for the first time.

Remember, this is OUR day of service. The truth of mission work is that in helping others in God’s name, we experience love and meaning and transformation ourselves. Jesus came as a servant for the world and our calling as followers leads us to give ourselves in service to others.

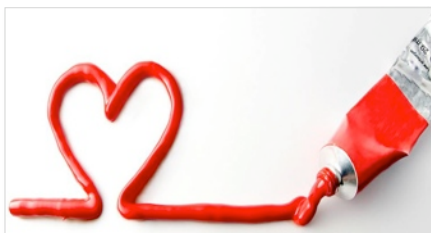
Won’t you join me in this awesome day in the life of our church and share in the opportunity to change the world, one person at a time, one job at a time, one day at a time? Let’s start planning to LIGHT YOUR WORLD!

### *Loving God By Loving Our Neighbors*

In April I had the opportunity to be part of a medical mission to an impoverished area of Nicaragua. Our team of two surgeons, one anesthesiologist, one nurse practitioner, various ancillary staff, a handyman, and three triplet teenage translators enabled us to complete 33 surgeries and provide other necessary health care in two and a half days. At 7:00 am the first morning, there were 40 people lined up to be seen.

I was able to use my NP and Spanish language skills to provide health and healing to many women. I filled in where needed and witnessed to the gratitude of those poor folks who were suffering from pain, ostracism, and worse—fears about their future health. For example, 15 year old Anna Sophia had been diagnosed with a hernia and told it would prevent her from ever having children. Our surgical team repaired the hernia and assured her that she was indeed in good health and would have normal reproductive function. She and her mother were very relieved and grateful.

I came to use my medical skills to heal, to experience another culture, and to share this experience with new friends in a fairly dangerous environment, but I stayed to “minister to the hopes and hurts of a troubled world.”



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

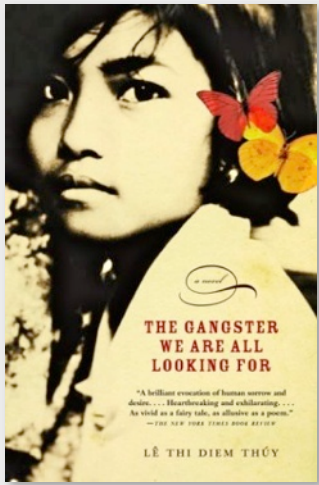


You can now receive the e-news, La Paloma, and other announcements via our new **San Dieguito UMC Facebook** page. We also have a group page just for our Youth, **SDUMC Youth Group**.  
*Join Today!*





SDUMC BOOK GROUP



### *The Gangster We Are All Looking For*

by LÊ THI DIEM THÚY

The *One Book One San Diego* selection is also the selection for our book discussion on

**Monday, June 14th**

We will meet at 4:00 pm in the office conference room.

Everyone is welcome!



**MARTHA WINGFIELD**  
*Associate Minister*

Elaine Ward, in an article entitled, *Composing a Life*, tells the following story:

It was Sunday morning. She was tired. There was housework she had left undone. There was work brought home for the weekend that was still in her briefcase. There were people who needed her—her husband, her parents, her neighbors, her children. There had been planning and preparation for the morning's teaching, and now she wondered if it was worth it. She wondered why she had said, "Yes" to teaching, to learning together, to growing in faith. The church school hour had been full and exhausting. On the way home, she hardly heard her small son's words as he chattered happily beside her. Suddenly she listened. "What did you say?"

He repeated, "God couldn't come today but he sent my teacher." She drove the car to the curb, stopped and hugged her son for she knew now why she was teaching!

Teaching Sunday School is a rewarding experience but it is not to say that there are not some days when, like in most of our commitments, we may feel weary. Yet, as in all labors of love, the fruit of our efforts is seen in unexpected ways. And if you were to ask most teachers, you will find that the movement of the spirit is such that they receive as much or more than they feel they give on Sunday mornings.

We are very grateful for the time, love and patience that our volunteer teachers extend to the children and youth of our church. Because of them, we have a vital and faithful program to offer members and visitors each week.

On **June 5th**, we will take the opportunity to express appreciation to the following people who teach Sunday School: *Lynn Bachman, Holly Ullrich, Libby Lievers, Susan & George Murrell, Dena Miller, Shannon Karlicek, Mike Breider, Jane Shimizu, Claire & Brett Killeen, Suzanne Mumma, Bruce Wilson, Herschel Jones, Lori Feldmeir, Willy Ginaven, David Kochanek and Mike Stewart.*

*Rev. Martha*



*I want to say a big THANK YOU to all for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers and your concerns regarding Carl and me. They were really appreciated.*

*Thank you again.*

*With Love,  
Dorothy Poppe*

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th

### *Legacy Builders Tea*



The annual LEGACY BUILDERS' TEA will be held this year in Founders Hall on **Sunday, June 26th** at noon. All church members who have designated funds to be left to the church in their wills or trusts are Legacy Builders. If you fit this discription and have not informed the *Gifts and Endowments Committee* of your intent, we would love to hear from you!

WILLY GINAVEN  
*Chair—Gifts and Endowments Committee*



IN JUNE

Where did the school year go? **Sunday, June 5th** we will be celebrating *Sunday School Promotion*. All grades through 6th grade will have Sunday School to prepare for the ceremony. And this year we are moving the ceremony to the beautiful patio area behind Founders Hall. We will celebrate all students and our dedicated Sunday school teachers. Everybody is invited to join in the festivities (we will have donuts!!). Then we will move into our summer schedule. I think we will only have Music Time with Ms. Shannon once a month because we are planning some other activities to get students out of the classrooms and learning about God's love hands-on. (Things might get dirty!)

See you in Sunday School!

SHANNON KARLICEK  
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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.*

For JUNE, the Forum will feature presentations and discussions of some timely topics.

**June 5th:**

Everything you've wanted to know about dying but were afraid to ask, presented by the *San Diego Memorial Society*, a non-profit organization. Learn about: organ donations, selecting a mortuary, trusts, wills, hospices, etc.

**June 12th & 19th:**

JOHN ELDON will lead a miniseries on environment- and society-affecting choices individuals and corporations make every day. Will Marré speaks of "sustainable abundance" and of "21 corporations for the 21st Century"—come learn more about these concepts.

**June 26th:**

TO BE ANNOUNCED—watch your bulletin and weekly email message.

*The United Methodist Women's Retreat* was held the weekend of April 29th to May 1st. There was a wonderful turn-out this year and everyone enjoyed the weekend of friends and fellowship. Sandy Hayes shares some of her experiences:

*A highlight for me was time to walk and read and sit by the spring, listen to the birds (and coyotes in the evening) and see the wild turkeys! It was a pleasure to ride with friends up into the mountains, and have apple pie at Mom's in Julian on the way home. The wolf-dogs were shown off by camp manager Josh—this was something like a field trip in our free time Saturday and optional. The food was healthy and delicious and was complemented by the (unhealthy) snacks we shared—chocolate-covered potato chips anyone? Esther Riney's daughter Debbie brought beads and helped us create gorgeous jewelry. She was also generous with the young women of Americorps who were doing work at the camp for the last eight weeks. Rev. Martha told a family story, and then personal stories of women in the Bible in the first person. There were gorgeous pictures from a book of Bible women which had been placed around the chapel. Saturday night we were inspired to share some of our own personal stories, and one followed the other, rolling out like the oral traditions the people of the Bible carried with them. Tai chi started each day, and morning watch. We did some singing and a lot of laughing, and got a little exercise going up and down the hill. The fresh air and slight altitude actually made us pretty sleepy at times. I hope even more women can join us next year!*



# UMYF

YOUTH NEWS

*Thanks to Andrew, Raya and Sami for planning a great couple of months worth of UMYF activities. It's going to be a fun summer and everyone being there makes that happen!*

■ **Sunday, June 5th**

9:00 Service | Sanctuary  
Recognize Seniors

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U M Y F

**Ice Cream Sunday**

Meet at church at 6:15 and bring your favorite ice cream topping to share!

■ **Sunday, June 12th**

9:00 Service | Sanctuary  
Commission SSP  
Work Team

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U M Y F

**Movie Night Out  
on the Town**

Meet at church at 5:00.  
Movie details TBA

■ **Sunday, June 19th**

No U M Y F

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
to all Dad's/Grand-dads!

■ **June 26th to July 2nd**

SSP/Los Angeles

No U M Y F

on Sunday, June 26th  
or Sunday, July 3rd



## CONGRATS TO ALL OUR SDUMC 2011 *Graduates!*

[COLLEGE/GRADUATE SCHOOL]

JUSTINE ARMEN | Seattle University  
*BA—English Literature; Minor in Film Studies*

SUSAN JULIEN | University of San Diego  
*MSN—Nursing; will be a clinical instructor at USD*

JORDY LIEVERS | Harvard University  
*MFA—Acting; will be performing in “Boeing, Boeing” at the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater on Cape Cod in July/August*

[MILITARY]

DEREK MCCARTNEY | NATTC—Pensacola Florida  
*Navy Air Traffic Controller; will be deployed aboard the USS Carl Vinson for the next three years*

[HIGH SCHOOL]

ALYSON FELDMER (California State University—Chico)

KEVIN GARRIE (University of California—Irvine)

OTTO HERRMANN (University of Redlands)

CONNOR LIEVERS (University of California—Los Angeles)

MEG LIEVERS (University of Arizona)

JACKIE MILLS (San Diego State University)

ALI PARIS (University of California—Davis)

CAMERON ROBB (Northwestern Preparatory Academy—Fall 2011;  
United States Air Force Academy—Fall 2012)

GABRIELLA SPIRITO (Loyola University—New Orleans)

ELIZABETH STEVENSON (Mira Costa College)

BETH WILLIAMS (University of Michigan—Ann Arbor)

CARTER WOGAHN (Mira Costa College)



## WE ARE A *Jubilee Congregation!*

People of faith have been involved in social justice movements throughout history. As Christians we are aware of the Biblical passages that point to periodic overhaul of the economy. Leviticus 25-26 introduces the Year of Jubilee where there is a release of those enslaved by debt and a Sabbath rest for the land and the people. The goal of Jubilee is freedom from debt bondage and a restoration of community. It is only natural that churches of today would respond to the call to help their impoverished brothers and sisters in Africa, Central and Latin America, and Asia to escape the devastation of economic injustice.

Please stop by the Jubilee table between services to learn more and to fill out a postcard asking our Congressional representatives in Washington to support Jubilee-related legislation. You may also drop a check in the offering plate made out to SDUMC with "Jubilee" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

Jubilee USA has succeeded in getting the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to cancel the crushing debts in Haiti, so now their resources can go towards rebuilding infrastructure, healthcare, and education instead of mounting and unreasonable interest payments.

Please contribute to the cause!

*All Circle Potluck*

MONTHLY GATHERING: **Wednesday, June 8th | 11:00 am | FH**  
 PROGRAM: **LYNN CALKINS—Medical Mission Trip**

*Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, the kingdom of God has come near to you.*  
 LUKE 10:8-9

LYNNE CALKINS is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Women's Health, and she just can't give it up. She is retired, but still very much involved in her passion: caring for women and girls. Last January she had an opportunity to do just that when she went on her first medical mission to the Fijian Islands to provide medical care for those who have no other healthcare resources.

In April she participated in a second mission trip to Nicaragua. Both were fabulous professional, personal and spiritual experiences. Please join in hearing about Lynne's experience at the UMW *All Circle Potluck*. This will be our last monthly gathering before our summer break, so bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy an afternoon of great food and fellowship.



*UMW Action Alerts*

You can keep up to date on key congressional legislation and public policies that effect women and children at the United Methodist Women website:  
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/alerts/>



*umw calendar:*

- June 1st:** Executive Board  
11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM
- June 4th:** Quiet Day Apart  
9:30 AM to NOON | SAN LUIS REY UMC
- June 8th:** All Circle Potluck  
11:00 AM | FOUNDERS HALL

*upcoming events:*

**July 22nd to 24th:** School of Christian Mission—*Biola University*

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

JULY 22nd to JULY 24th  
**School of Christian Mission: All Things Made New**

The California-Pacific Conference of the UMW presents the 2011 *School of Christian Mission: All Things Made New*, July 22nd to 24th at Biola University.

This year's studies include:

- ▶ *Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation*
- ▶ *Joy to the World: Global Christianity*
- ▶ *Haiti*
- ▶ *Bridging Class: Intergenerational Class*

Class descriptions/registration forms are available to download at [www.calpac.org/pages/detail/1690](http://www.calpac.org/pages/detail/1690) and are also available in the church office.



*The Mother's Day Tea was held on Saturday, May 7th. Over 100 mothers, daughters and/or sons enjoyed lunch and the story telling by Shelley Moore Thomas. Thank you to the many dads, husbands, and men of SDUMC for being our waiters.*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 19th  
Peanut Butter  
Sunday

Don't forget to add RICE & PASTA (any/all kinds)  
to your grocery list this month so you can  
bring it to church on **Sunday, June 19th**.  
(We also collect PEANUT BUTTER every month.)

As always, there will be a collection box  
in the entrance to Founders Hall.

Thanks so much for your assistance!

CHURCH & SOCIETY

## U.S. Tornado Relief

United Methodists and friends are urged to respond with prayers and financial gifts to help the *United Methodist Committee on Relief* (UMCOR) respond effectively. You may give to this important cause by the any of the following methods:

- 1) Give to *US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670* and write the advance # and *US Spring Storms* on the memo line of your check.
- 2) Give online at [www.givetomission.org](http://www.givetomission.org).
- 3) Give by offering for local church and annual conference credit. Put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or make a check out to UMCOR and mail it to:
  - ▶ UMCOR  
P.O. Box 9068  
New York, NY 10087
- 4) Give by credit card by calling toll-free: 800.554.8583
  - ▶ For more information, visit: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)