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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

MAY 3rd

Tuesday | Noon | Conf. Room
Caregivers Support Luncheon

— A N D —

6:30 pm | Southwest Yacht Club

United Methodist Men

Bring a potluck item to share

MAY 9th

Monday | 10:00 am | Lounge

SDUMC Knitters

— A N D —

4:00 pm | Conference Room

Book Group

MAY 12th

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge

Pinochle

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Capital Campaign ACHIEVES EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS



Less than one year into our three-year "From Strength to Strength" Capital Campaign, nearly one-half of the \$1.2 million in campaign pledges has already been contributed. The campaign, which was introduced to the congregation last spring, began its "giving" phase in July 2010. Since that time, \$573,773.06 has

been collected through March 2011, representing 48% of the total pledged amount. While the majority of these gifts represent actual pledges from members of the congregation, the campaign has also received several generous gifts from members and constituents who had not previously pledged to the campaign, suggesting that there continues to be widespread support and interest in achieving the campaign goal of debt-reduction.

To date, \$450,000 of the campaign proceeds has been used for bond debt-reduction; another \$150,000 payment toward our bond debt is expected to be made this month. In all, our debt will have been reduced by \$600,000 by the end of this month, leaving a debt balance of approximately \$1.6 million. "These repayments," says Finance Chair Gerry Filteau, "have had a dramatic impact on our bond servicing expense for the next few years and were instrumental in achieving a balanced budget for 2011." By the conclusion of the three-year "From Strength to Strength" campaign (July 2013), the Finance Committee anticipates that the church debt will be reduced to approximately \$1 million.

I spoke with a few campaign contributors, who were thrilled to hear the news of the campaign's great success. "Paying down the debt was a wise step and necessary for sustaining the vital activities that make up this church's life," said Mike and Della Stewart. "By actively addressing the debt, we are honoring the commitment and sacrifices of our church members in the past, and continuing the vision of the church."

David and Ann Marie Kochanek see it similarly. "We've committed to supporting the church because it is an important part of building our faith in God and raising a strong family. We find it to be a place filled with friendly people, encouragement and service opportunities."

Long-time member, Willene Emrick, remembers the church campus before the new facilities were constructed six years ago. "I was a member of the Board of Trustees before the construction," she says. "So much of the Trustees' efforts were keeping the plumbing working, repairing the electrical infrastructure, filling in potholes and cracks in the parking lot...basically, putting a band aid on everything. I've known the importance of both our capital campaigns: the first when we bought bonds to finance the new buildings and the second to pay down our debt." She remembers when she and husband Tom contributed to the first campaign. "We had no idea our youngest granddaughter would be among the first to enjoy the new preschool." Willene goes on to say, "I am especially appreciative of the newer members who have joined in the "From Strength to Strength" Campaign. As our church families continue to support this latest campaign, perhaps they will find some unexpected benefits, also."

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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MAY 15th

Sunday | 11:45 am | Rooms 9/10
Lunch with the Pastors

MAY 18th

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

MAY 20th

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge
Bridge Group

MAY 22nd

Sunday | 9:00 am | Sanctuary
RECEPTION OF
New Members

MAY 23rd

Monday | 10:00 am | Lounge
SDUMC Knitters

MAY 30th

Monday | 10:30 am | Lounge
Pinochle

— ONGOING —

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

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2011



August 1st to 5th

9:00 am to Noon

For more information contact:
SHANNON KARLICEK
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MARK FELDMER
Senior Minister

► *Capital Campaign continued from page 1*

One of those newer families, the Bachmans, have two young boys in the preschool. Kirk and Lynne told me that the reason they contribute to the "From Strength to Strength" Campaign is really straightforward. "We felt it is an investment in our family and in our community. As members, there is a certain amount of "ownership" one takes in the church. We certainly "own" the benefits—the church provides us with many opportunities to grow our faith as well as fellowship and friendship with the wonderful families at SDUMC. With that we also need to "own" the responsibilities, by providing the support to keep it growing—both financially and through our commitment of time. The church has a vision to be a place where people can come together as Christians and share our love of God. It also sees itself as being a vital part of our community. Strength to Strength keeps that vision alive so that we can move forward without being held back by debt."

Keeping alive that vision for our community is a commitment that Randa Krakow takes seriously. As Chair of the Church and Society Committee, Randa works to ensure that the church is constantly engaged with the needs of our North County community. "I felt it was important to contribute to the "From Strength to Strength" Campaign because I love my church. I am so fortunate to be a part of such a dynamic church family that does so much for us and for the community. Getting the building debt repaid is such a smart fiscal move. It will enable our funds to go more towards program, which is really the heart of our church. The buildings are beautiful, but the church is really about the people—the children, the families, the music, the worship, the missions."

Given the immediate success of the campaign, John and Beth Ward seem to have said it most succinctly. "We know that supporting the mission of the church is not going to be cheap," says John. "So when Rodney Lappe (Campaign Chair) said, 'It's the right thing to do,' we knew he was right."

As your minister, I am grateful for your tremendous support of this campaign. In just 10 short months, you have exceeded all of our projections. It's important to celebrate this important milestone in the life of our church. Nevertheless, we're only half-way toward our goal. In the months ahead, I encourage you to continue to give generously to the campaign, knowing that your gift will have both long-term and short-term benefits for the church: long-term, it will reduce our *debt*; short-term, it will reduce our *debt service expenses*. In the end, it's a win-win.

I remind you that there are numerous ways to contribute to the campaign. Gifts of cash, stock, annuities, and real estate are all customary ways that people can make large gifts to the church. Another means of giving is through a trust or an estate, and earlier this year, \$69,000 was given to the campaign by this means. Finally, those church members who own bonds related to the church debt can donate those bonds to the church as part of their campaign contribution, or contribute the proceeds of those bonds upon their maturity. To date, several members have successfully given to the campaign in this way.

In the coming months I look forward to announcing the full achievement of our campaign goals, and to celebrate with you the joy of a task well-done.

Blessings to you and your family this Easter season!

Rev. Mark



◀ **Lara & Michael Casperson**—The Caspersons have two young boys, Benjamin (almost three) and Charles, who was baptized in March. They want to raise their children within a church fellowship and were looking for a “common ground” as Michael comes from a Catholic background and Lara was raised Presbyterian. They moved to Encinitas a year ago and soon decided that SDUMC was the church for them. A former teacher, Lara moved here from Alabama four years ago and met Michael who has been in the area about 15 years. Michael is employed by the State of California.



▶ **Barry Hodges**—Originally from Tennessee, Barry joined the Methodist church at the age of 17. His spiritual journey includes a lifetime of serious study of religion. He met his wife of 24 years in Malaysia and they have a 14 year-old daughter.



◀ **Bernie & Connie Sharpe**—The Sharpes were married nine years ago. Following her retirement from a 20 year career with Nordstroms, Connie and Bernie found SDUMC and have been coming ever since.

Habitat for Humanity Orientation at SDUMC

The Church and Society Committee is sponsoring an Orientation for *Habitat for Humanity* at our church on **Saturday, May 21st**. If you would like to find out more information, please come to the meeting from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Founders Hall. You don't need to have any building skills. There are tasks for all ages and skill levels.

San Diego Habitat for Humanity, a faith-based organization, works in partnership with families to strengthen communities and transform lives by building new homes, rehabilitating existing homes, and making affordable homeownership a reality for people in need in our community. Find out more by going online to the website at www.sdhfh.org.

Messiah PERFORMED TO FULL HOUSE

On Sunday, April 17th, our 60-voice Chancel Choir, 16-piece Chamber Orchestra selected by Nancy Swanberg, organist Janice Stewart, and four incredible vocal soloists—soprano Jenny Spence, mezzo-soprano Katherine Lundeen, tenor James Shepard and bass-baritone Abdiel González, drew a full crowd to hear the Easter portion Handel's famous *Messiah*.

Director William Hatcher later said that the response of the audience, thought to number near 500, was overwhelming. “The opportunity to bring both performer and listener together to be witnesses and participants of the beginning of Holy Week in this fashion was a very rewarding experience.”

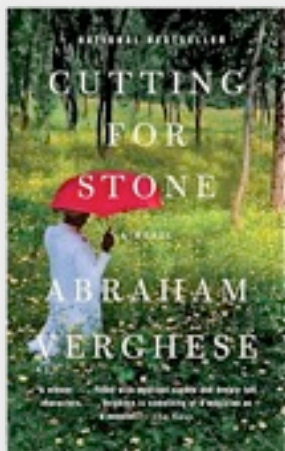
The experience of singing and listening to this much-loved music was surely enhanced by centuries of music traditions that always bring us closer to the source of our faith.

We look forward to two upcoming Music Series events: Janice Stewart in an Organ Concert on **Sunday, October 23rd** to celebrate the recent additions to the organ, and the Annual *Christmas Vespers* on **Sunday, December 11th**.





SDUMC BOOK GROUP



We will continue our discussion of *Cutting for Stone* by ABRAHAM VERGHESE at our gathering on **Monday, May 9th**

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



MARTHA WINGFIELD
Associate Minister

The journey of the Christian faith leads us invariably down the path of paradox—in giving, we receive; in self-denial, we find our true selves; in dying, we are born to fullness of life with God. These "new life" lessons are the stepping stones we follow in our life-long quest to be authentic followers of Jesus. I came across the following prayer recently, written by an anonymous source, translated from Japanese. As we begin to live in the new light of the Easter season, I share these words of faith with you.

*Give Me Someone Lord,
When I am famished,
 give me someone who needs food.
When I am thirsty,
 send me someone who needs water.
When I am cold,
 send me someone to warm.
When I am hurting,
 send me someone to console.
When I am poor,
 lead someone needy to me.
When I have no time,
 give me someone to help for a moment.
When I am criticized,
 give me someone to praise.
When I am discouraged,
 send me someone to encourage.
When I need somebody to take care of me,
 send me someone to care for.
When I think too much of myself,
 turn my thoughts toward someone else.*

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Martha

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th
Legacy Builders Tea



Please save the date of **Sunday, June 26th** for our annual *Legacy Builders Tea*. It will be held at our church at noon. *Legacy Builders* are members of our congregation who have named the church in their will or trust. For more information about *Legacy Builders* please contact me or a member of the Gifts and Endowments Committee.

WILLY GINAVEN
Chair—Gifts and Endowments Committee



Light YOUR World Day of Service

Our 2011 planning is already in the works!

Mark your calendars for this year's *Light YOUR World Day of Service*, **Sunday, October 16th**. We are looking for team leaders and collecting project suggestions for this year's event.

We are interested in service opportunities that take us out into the community as well as projects that can be worked on at the church.

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas to help make this year's event even better than last year, please e-mail the LYW chair, CINDY BREIDER at: koolkat820@hotmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

THE LIGHT YOUR WORLD PLANNING TEAM



I N M A Y

With summer right around the corner, families are planning summer vacations and summer camps. The United Methodist Church offers a great summer camp program at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian. Children as young as those entering 1st grade can experience overnight camp and learn to grow as a Christian in a safe and nurturing environment. The theme for 2011 is "Got Spirit?" Exciting camp activities include daily evening campfires, hiking, rock-climbing tower, archery, swimming, and much more! Camp for 1st to 3rd graders is **July 24th to 26th**, for 4th to 6th graders it is **July 26th to 31st**.

For a preview of summer camp activities and a free lunch, families can attend the *Camp Cedar Glen Open House* on **Saturday, June 4th** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For address and directions visit www.campcedarglen.org.

Also, save the date for our own church's FAMILY CAMP at Cedar Glen. Rev. Martha and team are planning a great event for the weekend of **September 9th to 11th**. If you are interested in helping plan this year's Family Camp, contact Shannon Karlicek.

See you in Sunday School!

S H A N N O N K A R L I C E K
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WE ARE A *Jubilee Congregation!*

Jubilee is a grassroots alliance of 80 religious denominations and faith based communities, human rights, environmental, labor, and community groups working for the cancellation of crushing debts to fight poverty and injustice in impoverished third world countries.

We are asking the members of San Dieguito UMC to fill out postcards which will be delivered to our Congressional representatives in Washington asking them to support Jubilee-related legislation. We are also asking that you support Jubilee USA with your monetary gifts. You may drop a check in the offering plate made out to SDUMC with "Jubilee" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

Learn more at the table in Founders Hall between services.

World Bank studies indicate that countries receiving debt relief experience significant drops in child mortality, and make strides towards universal primary education. Tanzania built 31,825 classrooms with funds freed up from debt relief in 2001.

Please contribute to the cause!

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.

The Forum returns from Easter vacation with an eclectic group of stimulating topics for May.

May 1st:

The REV. RICH JOHNSON:
Stump the Preacher.

Bring your most challenging questions about scripture or religion to this freewheeling discussion, led by a retired Methodist minister.

May 8th:

JOHN ELDON:
Hey Mr. Green.

We shall discuss this book and environment-affecting choices we make in our everyday lives. What are the shades of "going green"?

May 15th:

AL TSCHAECHER:
Nuclear Fission Today.

Following recent events in Japan, what have we learned about nuclear power plant and fuel storage safety?

May 22nd:

CHURCH & SOCIETY:
Habit For Humanity.

This is a follow-up discussion from the previous day's training and briefing session. Come learn what this well-regarded and effective group has been doing in our area.

May 29th:

NO FORUM:
Memorial Day Weekend blessings to all!

Sierra Service Project—AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

It is a very rewarding experience helping others. You have a chance to learn about different cultures, and even though it is hard work, it is a lot of fun.

ANDREW SCHER

It's a fun way of getting to know God by helping others.

BRENTON SCHER



The mission of Sierra Service Project is to enable young people to experience the life changing power of Christ's spirit through acts of service repairing homes. SSP is committed to creating community and teaching selfless service by reaching out to those in need. These annual summer service projects have formed the backbone of our youth program at SDUMC. During these week long experiences, our youth repair homes, share in worship, and explore the culture of the communities where they are living and working. Having worked on Native American reservations for the past several years, this year our youth will be working at the urban site in South Central Los Angeles. In addition to working on homes, the youth and their counselors will experience many of social service agencies in downtown Los Angeles and grow in their understanding and compassion for the needs of the inner city.

Rev. Mark Feldmeir will be leading this group which includes 18 youth and five parent volunteers. Their dates of service are **June 26th to July 2nd**. These young people go to serve this week as representatives of our congregation and our prayers go with them. We will be taking a special offering to support our youth on this trip on May 15th. Please make checks out to SDUMC and designated to SSP.



CALLING ALL 2011 *Graduates!*

If you have a high school or college graduate please email their name to news@encinitaschurch.com by **May 16th**. Also include information about their future plans (college, job, military, etc.) or, in the case of college graduates, where they attended and their degree/major.

Save These Dates for United Methodist District Summer Camps at

CAMP CEDAR GLEN in Julian

- Senior High— **July 10th** thru **16th**
- Junior High— **July 17th** thru **23rd**
- Younger Elementary— **July 24th** thru **26th**
- Older Elementary— **July 26th** thru **31st**

For additional information, and registration please visit www.calpaccamps.org.



The Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast helped raise over \$1000 for Sierra Service Project and our Youth Programs.

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United Methodist Women's Annual MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

Young At Heart

Saturday, May 7th | 12:30 pm | Founders Hall



Our annual UMW Mothers Day Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 7th at 12:30 pm. Founders Hall will be the backdrop for a royal luncheon catered by our very own in-house chef, Jeanne Hood. We will be served by special waiters at tables personally decorated by United Methodist Women of the church. SHELLEY MOORE THOMAS, an elementary-school teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Carlsbad and a storyteller known as "The Story Queen", will be providing our entertainment. The tales she tells have grown into a number of books for young readers, including the beloved *Good Knight* series. Sons and daughters are encouraged to dress up as princes and princesses. You just may win one of the many door prizes, donated by the UMW Circles. Advance ticket reservations are available Sundays between services and in the Church office. Suggested donations for tickets are \$10/Adults, \$5/ages 6 to 10, and those under age 5 are free. Unfortunately tickets will not be available at the door so please plan ahead to enjoy an afternoon of being "Young at Heart"!

Quiet Day Apart

Saturday, June 4th | 9:30 am to 12 noon | San Luis Rey UMC

Please join us for a morning of devotions and fellowship as we recognize all of our Quiet Disciples at the annual Quiet Day Apart. Come support our San Dieguito Quiet Disciple.

umw calendar:

April 29th to May 1st: All Church Women's Retreat
Program by REV. MARTHA WINGFIELD | CAMP CEDAR GLEN

May 4th: Executive Board
11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM

May 7th: Mothers Day Luncheon
12:30 PM | FOUNDERS HALL

f Christian Mission—"The Epistles of John"
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM | CALEXICO UMC

upcoming events:

June 4th: Quiet Day Apart
9:30 AM to NOON | SAN LUIS REY UMC



2011 UMW Christian Service Awards



All graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for the UMW Christian Service Award. Each year awards are given to eligible youth who demonstrate the characteristics of leadership and service to San Dieguito United Methodist Church; for example, participation in choirs, UMYF, SSP, etc. Applications are available in the church office, and are due by **May 15th**.

Attention

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS

If you are a high school senior and are planning to attend college in the fall, you may be eligible for scholarships provided by the *Vern and Delores Jones Endowment Fund*.

Applicants must be members in good standing at San Dieguito United Methodist Church and have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0. For additional details, applications for this scholarship may be obtained in the church office.

The application deadline is **May 15th**. The first scholarship award (or awards) will be presented in June by the *Gifts & Endowments Committee*.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to ask *Phyllis Castiglione, Willy Ginaven, Amy Peters, or Rev. Martha Wingfield*.



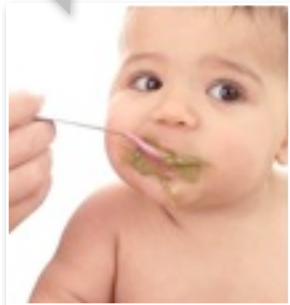
UMW Membership is open to all women who desire to belong.
For information contact Karen Zerlaut, UMW President, at 760.942.1639.

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**May 15th
 Peanut Butter
 Sunday**



Don't forget to add **BABY FOOD & DIAPERS** (any/all kinds) to your grocery list this month so you can bring it to church on Sunday, May 15th. (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

► *Dear Church Family,
 Thank you very much for all of the prayers, cards, visits and flowers during my recent hospitalization.*

*Blessings to all,
 Bob Mitchell*

► *The love, support, prayers, and cards that were given to our family at this time is greatly appreciated. We want to especially thank the Martha and Mary Magdalene Circles who furnished the lunch after Jim's memorial service.*

*The Huffine and
 Breider families*

► *The flowers are so beautiful! Thank you for thinking of me.*

Patricia Hoines

