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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

### JANUARY 1st

Sunday | 10:00 am

**New Year's Day  
Worship Service**

### JANUARY 2nd

OFFICE CLOSED | HAPPY 2012!

Monday | 7:30 pm | FH

**Holiday AA Meeting**

### JANUARY 3rd

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

— AND —

6:30 pm | Lounge

**United Methodist Men**

### JANUARY 7th

Saturday | 9:00 am

Meet in the FORUM parking lot

**Walking with Jesus**

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# La Paloma

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Issue 1



## Interfaith Homeless Shelter 2012

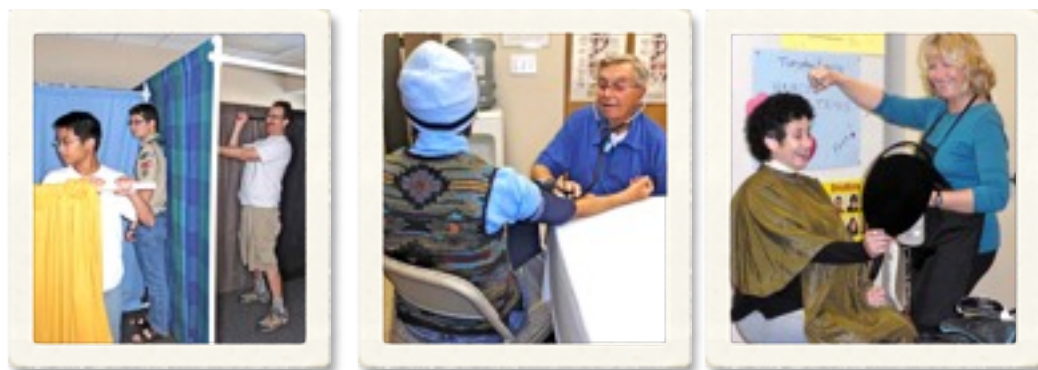
As you read this, final preparations are being made for our church to host the 6th *Interfaith Shelter Network* (ISN) rotation at our church, **January 29th to February 12th, 2012.**

The Cub Scouts are preparing hygiene packets, the Boy Scouts are making plans to install the cubicles/partitions in classrooms 6, 9 and 10 on Saturday, January 28th. Others will help Nery bring up supplies from the basement, clean and convert the Youth Room into a kitchen/dining/family room for the guests.

As this is written, 15 individuals are in shelter at another church in our branch, including a family with teens, a single dad with twins, as well as single men and women. Each year, we experience a different mix of individuals, different stories; different ways in which we may help. We assist the case managers at *Community Resource Center* in Encinitas as they work with the guests to obtain work, housing, safety from domestic violence, or whatever challenges they face. What a joy to give again after Christmas! Our Gift is a safe, warm overnight shelter, food, and a place to shower and do laundry. We provide a hot meal and a smile when the guests return here each evening.

We have slots on the schedule where you may volunteer to backup the people who will be hosting the shelter and welcoming and serving a meal to the guests. Consider shadowing someone in a role you'd like to play next year. Also—most importantly—please help us set up on **Saturday, January 28th**, and take down the shelter **Sunday, February 12th**, after church. You may pick up a load of bedding to wash and dry, bringing it back the following Sunday. A couple weeks later, a crew (including you?) will then re-pack the bedding and towels ready for next year's rotation! It's fun for us as we ensure this worthy service continues. Watch the La Paloma for a follow-up report—or perhaps you will have a story to tell...

Every year we experience the joy of helping others who are less fortunate; we believe we are the ones who reap the most benefits from the experience. For more information: Call LYNNE CALKINS at 760.632.8029 or email her at [lc1np@cox.net](mailto:lc1np@cox.net).



*The 2011 SDUMC Shelter provided personal space, medical consults, and haircuts!*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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### JANUARY 8th

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

### JANUARY 9th

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

— A L S O —

4:00 pm | Conference Room

### **Book Group**

### JANUARY 12th

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

— A N D —

7:00 pm | Founders Hall

**Habitat for Humanity**  
TRAINING

### JANUARY 16th

HOLIDAY | OFFICE CLOSED  
**Martin Luther King Day**

### JANUARY 17th

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

### JANUARY 20th

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge

### **Bridge Group**

### JANUARY 23rd

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

### JANUARY 26th

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

### JANUARY 29th

Sunday | 9:00 & 10:45 am

### **UMW Sunday**

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MONDAYS

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

7:30 pm | Room 6

### **AA Big Book Study**

Also: WEDNESDAYS  
8:00 pm | BASEMENT ROOM

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

7:00 am | Room 6

& SATURDAYS

8:00 am | Lounge

AA



**MARK FELDMER**  
*Senior Minister*

## *Pensamientos*

Dear Friends,

Martin Luther King, Jr. once noted that “life’s most persistent and urgent question is this: what are you doing for others?” In recent years, the MLK Day of Service has sought to help Americans across the country find practical ways to answer that question. Each year during the MLK holiday weekend, hundreds of thousands of people commit to making an impact in their community through service and action. This year, many from our congregation will join them.

On Friday, January 13th, I will lead a team from San Dieguito UMC to South Central, Los Angeles for a weekend of service, learning, and spiritual reflection. Most of our time will be spent at Central City Outreach Mission in the heart of Skid Row. While there, we will refurbish an old, unusable room at the mission, transforming it into a classroom to be used for homeless children living on Skid Row. In addition, we will seek out opportunities to get to know some of the thousands of Skid Row residents, to hear their stories, and to learn about the complex issues of homelessness, addiction, and poverty. On Sunday morning, our group will worship at Holman United Methodist Church, a large African-American congregation with deep roots in the struggle for racial and economic justice. On Sunday afternoon, we will take a special tour through the city, learning about the diverse needs and struggles of individual communities, and how various organizations are making a difference. Each evening, we will set aside some time to share about our experiences, to study Scripture, and to reflect on our Christian calling to live lives of mercy, justice, and service.

If this unique opportunity is of interest to you or to someone you know, I encourage you to reach out to me this week, as we can only accommodate a few more participants. Our group will set up camp at Vermont Square United Methodist Church. (Bring your sleeping bags and air mattresses!) Cost of the trip will be \$200 per person, and a few scholarships will be provided for those who need assistance. Our group departs **Friday, January 13th** at 8:00 am, and returns **Monday, January 16th** at 3:00 pm.

Yours in Christ,

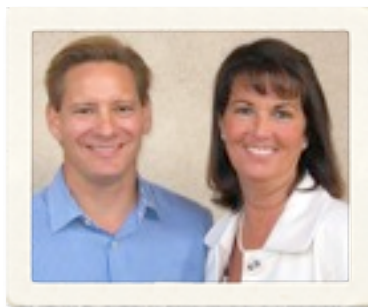
*Rev. Mark*



◀ **Thomas, Mason, Kirby & Elizabeth Brislin**  
Kirby and Thomas moved here from Philadelphia in August with Mason (4) and Elizabeth (18 months). Thomas is a dentist in the Navy. The Brislins enjoy the fellowship and community of this church. Kirby was raised a United Methodist and is excited to become part of a church family once again. She and Tom desire for their children to have the same experience.

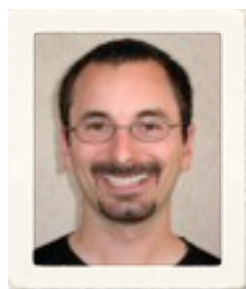
### **Craig & Antoinette Malin ▶**

Craig and Toni have two daughters: Kelli (23) lives and works in Scottsdale after graduating from the University of Arizona. Jennifer (20) is a Junior at USC. Craig, an Endodontist, has had a solo private practice in Carlsbad for 18 years and is a part time clinical professor at USC Dental School. Toni is the founder and director of *Special Spaces, San Diego*, a non-profit charity that creates dream bedrooms for children with life threatening diseases. Toni and Craig enjoy traveling and spending time in Palm Desert. They have been attending SDUMC for the past two years and are excited to become official members.



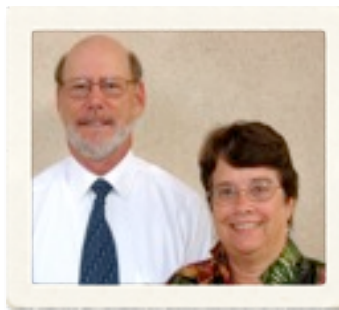
### ◀ **Bradley Nussbaum**

Bradley is originally from Indiana and grew up in the Mennonite church. He has lived in the San Diego area for four years and his education is in optical engineering. He enjoys yoga and rock climbing as hobbies. He and Rebecca Hartstrom recently announced their engagement and Rebecca will be joining SDUMC at a later date.



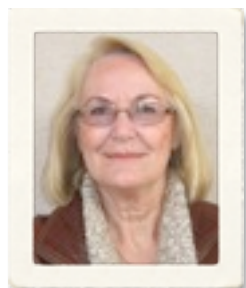
### **Steve & Peni Plucker ▶**

Peni and Steve have lived in Encinitas for seven years after many years in Connecticut and have been attending SDUMC for about a year. Both are retired and enjoy various recreational activities, volunteer work, and frequent visits to the grandchildren. They are looking forward to further involvement with the church family, particularly with mission outreach.



### ◀ **Diane Thompson Winfield**

Diane and her husband, Larry, divide their time between their homes in Leucadia and in Atlanta. Diane grew up in New Jersey and was raised a United Methodist. Southern California has been her home since 1968. She is a former teacher and Instructional Designer. Since attending our church, she helps with Bread of Life as often as possible.



### **Habitat For Humanity Orientation Session:**

On **January 12th** at 6:30 pm, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, in partnership with SDUMC's *Church & Society Committee*, will host a volunteer orientation in Founders Hall. This 90 minute session is mandatory for all volunteer activities with Habitat. Habitat staff will cover the history and mission of their organization, as well as safety and other rules for volunteering at their work sites. No RSVP is required.

### **Walking With Jesus:**

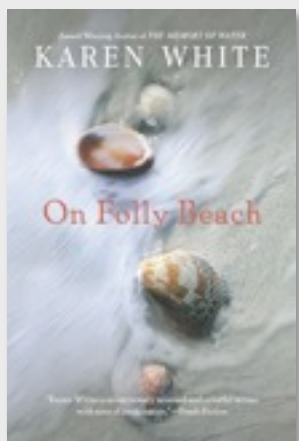
Walking With Jesus (WWJ) is a new monthly fellowship activity open to everyone. Each month we will gather for an easy walk or hike in San Diego's North County. These walks allow us to enjoy God's wonder in nature and fellowship. The January WWJ event will be on Saturday, **January 7th**, at 9 am. We will walk the La Costa Glen Trail in Carlsbad. Information on this easy, flat trail can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/7nuyfry>. We will meet in The Forum parking lot, and cross the street to the trail head. After the hike, there will be an optional coffee and fellowship time at the Panera in The Forum. If you have any questions please email LARRY HERRMANN at [larry.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:larry.herrmann@gmail.com).

*Happy 2012 to All!*





## SDUMC BOOK GROUP



### *On Folly Beach*

by KAREN WHITE

is the book selection for  
**January 9th.**  
We meet the 2nd Monday  
of each month from  
4:00 to 5:00 pm in the  
Office Conference Room.  
Everyone is welcome!

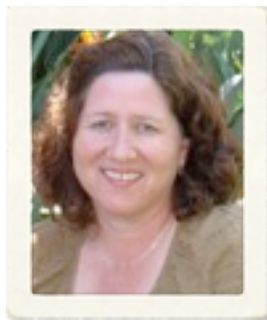
If you have any  
questions or suggestions  
please email:  
MARY ARANA  
[maryellenarana@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenarana@gmail.com).



## Endowment Fund C H A L L E N G E

You did it!! The challenge put forth by Lorraine Tschaeche to our congregation was to raise \$5000 by the end of this year. If we reached our goal, then she would match it.. Giving by the congregation totals \$6500, so far. The grand total for the fund, with interest, is now \$16,652.21. This money will be placed in our new General Endowment Fund. The interest earned from this fund will be available for general church use, as needed. Thanks to all you generous givers.

WILLY GINAVEN  
Chair—Gifts and Endowments



**MARTHA WINGFIELD**  
*Associate Minister*

As we begin a new year, I share with you a prayer of hope by Dr. Howard Thurman. In 2012, may we be receptive each day to receive God's grace and share the love of Christ with others.

### *Lord, open unto me*

Open unto me—light for my darkness.  
Open unto me—courage for my fear.  
Open unto me—hope for my despair.  
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion  
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me—love for my hates.  
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

In Christ,

*Rev. Martha*



## SDUMC CARE Team

Congregational Assistance Resources & Encouragement

### *Hospice Means Being Able to Say What You Want*

Over and over again, I hear: "The hospice people were so wonderful. I wish Mom (or Dad or...) had gotten into hospice care sooner." Why doesn't that happen? Why do people wait?

There are many myths and misconceptions about Hospice Care:

× *MYTH: Hospice means "giving up," dying passively.*

✓ **FACT:** Hospice is about obtaining comfort, control, choice, and empowerment. Hospice is about celebrating life; taking control of the time left to the individual. Hospice means the patient says what he or she wants; what matters most. Sometimes patients improve on hospice care because they feel empowered, supported, and have regained their dignity.

× *MYTH: The doctor must suggest hospice.*

✓ **FACT:** Anyone in the family or support system can ask if hospice care is appropriate, including the patient.

× *MYTH: Hospice means you are going to die.*

✓ **FACT:** We are all going to die. Hospice care is appropriate when a patient has an advancing illness and could die in the next six months. A physician must write the order, but the patient and/or family may request hospice care at any time when a loved one has a serious, life-threatening illness.

× *MYTH: Hospice is for pain control for the patient.*

✓ **FACT:** Hospice is for comfort for the family as well as the patient, helping them through the challenging days ahead. Hospice care ensures no one in the family feels completely overwhelmed or alone.

Hospice is a unique partnership, patient-focused; empowering choices, control and dignity. It is not a place; it is an all-encompassing state of mind about really living.

# Sunday School in January



Every December ends with the arrival of the baby Jesus. But we all know the story doesn't end there. In January, the Sunday School children will hear about the stories of Jesus' early life. How the wisemen visited with gifts to worship him. When still just a boy, he was having amazing discussions with leaders of the Temple. And then during Jesus' baptism, God sent a dove as a symbol to show that He was very proud to call Jesus His son.

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.*

### **JANUARY 8th:**

*Church & Society Annual Committee Meeting.* Instead of having monthly meetings, Church & Society operates on the task force model. Once a year we gather and invite all members of the congregation to hear reports and to join task forces in which they may be interested. Come see if there is a cause that touches your heart.

### **JANUARY 15th:**

*Interfaith Shelter volunteers:* Important final training and briefing—please attend.

### **JANUARY 22nd:**

RANDA KRAKOW & PATRICIA ELDON:  
*Fair Trade Chocolate:* Environmental and humanitarian issues. (Samples will be served!)

### **JANUARY 29th:**

REV. RICH JOHNSON:  
*Discovering the will and nature of God.*



## *Christmas Vespers Concert Again Performed to a Full House!*

On Sunday, December 11th, our 60-voice Chancel Choir, Trinity Bell Choir, a 27-piece Chamber Orchestra selected by Nancy Swanberg, and incredible vocal soloists Anne-Marie Dicce, Pamela Laurent, Katherine Lundeen, Scott Whitaker, and Walter DuMelle again brought the Advent and Christmas season to a peak with their annual Christmas Vespers concert. Many folding chairs were brought in, and finding a parking place was a challenge!

Director William Hatcher later said that the audience response, thought to be over 500, was overwhelming. The performers presented Bach's mighty *Magnificat*, and Randol Bass's *A Feast of Carols*. In addition, organist Janice Stewart presented an exciting organ offertory and Karen Zerlaut directed the bell choir in *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*. A reception provided by the Music Series Committee followed the performance.

The annual observance of Christ's birth, now past, is always well enhanced by centuries of music traditions that bring us closer to the source of our faith.

## *Cal-Pac Immigration Task Force* JANUARY 21st

If you are interested in learning more about helping the immigrants in our midst, please come to a retreat on Saturday, January 21st at Claremont School of Theology from 10am to 4pm. The retreat will be lead by BILL MEFFORD—Director of Civil and Human Rights with the General Board of Church and Society and KIRSTIN KUMPF—Trainer/Consultant at Midwest Academy and a consultant with the General Board of Church and Society. Check out a video and the website for additional information. Please RSVP to STEPHANIE KIMEC at 213.484.8214 or [slkimec@gmail.com](mailto:slkimec@gmail.com) by January 8th.

# UMYF

YOUTH NEWS

■ **Sunday, January 8th**  
 UMYF Community Dinner  
 6:15 to 8:15 pm

■ **Monday, January 9th**  
 Sr. High Youth Council  
 4:00 to 5:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Tuesday, January 10th**  
 Chill Sesh  
 3:30 to 6:30 pm | Youth Room

■ **Friday, January 13th**  
 (through Monday, January 16th)  
 Urban Mission Trip  
 (No UMYF on January 12th)

■ **Tuesday, January 17th**  
 Chill Sesh  
 3:30 to 6:30 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, January 22nd**  
 PARENT MEETING FOR  
 Confirmation Students  
 10:10 am | Youth Room

— A L S O —  
 U M Y F

Junior High—3:30 to 5:00 pm  
 Senior High—6:30 to 8:00 pm  
 (both in the Youth Room)

■ **Sunday, January 29th**  
 Parent Meeting  
 ALL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH  
 PARENTS WELCOME  
 10:10 am | Basement Room

— A N D —  
 U M Y F

Junior High—3:30 to 5:00 pm  
 Senior High—6:30 to 8:00 pm  
 (both in the Basement Room)

■ **Tuesday, January 31st**  
 UMYF Interfaith  
 Shelter Night



## CHURCH OFFICE January Closings

Monday—JANUARY 2nd  
 New Year's Holiday  
 Monday—JANUARY 16th  
 Martin Luther  
 King Jr. Holiday



**CHELSEA SIMON**  
*Youth Director*

I have ever seen), I was doing ministry (at one of the most thriving college campus ministry programs) and the Steelers were about to win the division (again). I was dreading graduating and I was so unsure that what was next could be better than all this. I was comfortable and I did not like that there was a chance I could be uncomfortable. Change is hard.

My New Year's resolution this year is to trust God more; to really believe what is written in Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These past four months have been life-giving and inspiring and encouraging. I feel completely aligned with God's plan for my life. It's almost like everything has been leading to right here. This is more than a job to me. It is a passion and a calling. I am fortunate enough to answer that calling in this congregation that is welcoming and supportive. The students are beyond amazing, the parents are willing and excited to help and two pastors who have invested in me and the youth program. If I had trusted more I could have saved myself a lot of stress and maybe I'd have a few less gray hairs. With ongoing reflection, I am going to begin this year worrying less and trusting God more.

Peace in Christ,  
 C H E L S E A

## *Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice*

The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County had a breakfast Thursday morning, December 1st, at the Hyatt Hotel in Mission Bay. It was a well-attended event with rabbis, imams, priests, pastors, Friends and others from every faith. There were business leaders, politicians and citizens. The Voices for Justice honored were Rabbi Laurie Coskey, Robert Gleason, Carlos Cota, and The San Diego Friends Meeting. "The ICWJ HAS BEEN WORKING HARD FOR THE 99%—the under-represented, the under-employed and the under-estimated!" according to Rabbi Coskey. ICWJ faith leaders have intervened in crucial situations to earn equitable labor settlements for San Diego's service workers. Representing San Dieguito UMC were Dolores Welty, Annie Parkinson, Sandy Hayes, Rev. Winfried Ritter, Randa Krakow, and Rev. Martha Wingfield.

# *san dieguito* **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

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*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* —COLOSSIANS 3:15 (NIV)

MONTHLY GATHERING: **Wednesday, January 11th** | 10:30 am | Lounge

## *january monthly gathering*

A *potluck salad luncheon* will be held Wednesday, **January 11th**, at 10:30 am in the church lounge. Parking will be at a premium since our campus is being shared that day. This is a wonderful opportunity for all women of the church to come together for fellowship. Invite a friend. Membership is open to all women with a desire to join—we have day and evening circles available, current books and magazines to educate.

We will elect and install officers, review last year's finances and mission contributions, have our annual pledge service, and finalize plans for our **United Methodist Women Sunday on January 29th**.

Our very special guest speaker, BISHOP BEVERLY SHAMANA, will assist our unit as we lead the congregation in worship. Will you greet, usher, light candles, read scripture, or participate in some other way?

## *our mission pledges*

Our unit's mission pledges are designated for five mission projects supported by California-Pacific Conference. (We also support initiatives approved by the *General Board of Global Ministries—Women's Division*. See information below on the Mid-Winter Event). Our unit's specific projects help women and children, especially victims of domestic abuse and people transitioning from institutions to independence and self-responsibility. They are: *United Methodist Urban Ministries (METRO)* in San Diego (which support *Good Neighbor Centers*), *New Entra Casa*, *Neighborhood House* in Calexico, *David and Margaret Youth & Family Services* in La Verne, and *Toberman Neighborhood Center* in San Pedro. All are in southern California.

## *district leadership training*

San Diego District Leadership training on **January 21st** at Coronado, St. Paul's UMC, is a great opportunity to meet women from units all over San Diego County and learn about their activities. If you've ever wanted to know how United Methodist Women help so many, learn through grassroots training. I don't want to liken this to fertilizer, exactly, but it helps make us vigorous and strong!

## *mid-winter event*

The Mid-Winter Event, **February 18th** will focus on Women's Division's four Top Initiatives: Climate Change, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Immigration.

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



The United Methodist Women are pleased and privileged to welcome our guest speaker for UMW SUNDAY, **January 29th**. *Bishop Beverly Shamana* was

elected to the episcopacy in 2000 and assigned to the California-Nevada in the San Francisco Area until 2008 when she retired and returned to Los Angeles with her husband Walter Woods. While serving as an active bishop she was President of the General Board of Church and Society and traveled on behalf of the Board for issues of peace and justice. She is a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and served as pastor in Los Angeles and Inglewood, and as Conference Staff for Ethnic, Justice & Outreach Ministries until her election by the Western Jurisdiction. She continues to preach, and lead workshops and seminars on art and creativity, which inspired her book, *Seeing In The Dark, A Vision of Spirituality and Creativity*, published by Abingdon Press.

## *umw calendar:*

**January 4th**  
Executive Board

11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM

**January 11th**  
UMW Monthly Gathering

10:30 AM | LOUNGE

**January 21st**  
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT  
Leadership Training

11:00 AM | ST. PAUL'S UMC  
700 "D" Avenue—Coronado

**January 29th**  
UMW Sunday  
9:00 & 10:45 AM SERVICES

## *upcoming events:*

**February 18th**  
Mid-Winter Event  
BELL MEMORIAL UMC  
Roland Heights



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January 15th  
**Peanut Butter  
Sunday**

Don't forget to add PEANUT BUTTER (any/all kinds) to your grocery list this month so you can bring it to church on Sunday, January 15th. As always, there will be a collection box in the entrance to Founders Hall. Thanks so much for your assistance!

CHURCH  
& SOCIETY

### *We Are a Jubilee Congregation!*

Thank you to the many generous donors who contributed to Jubilee last month as we are attempting to fulfill our pledge of \$1.00 per member in support of Jubilee's effort to move the White House, the US Congress, the G20, and the United Nations to find real solutions to the international financial crises. The international campaign has already moved the G20 to start working on an international bankruptcy court that would be fair, transparent, and consider unjust debts of poor countries. The Jubilee USA Network will be presenting Vice President Biden with a Faith Leaders letter, which has been signed by over 1,500 ministers, pastors, religious leaders, and the heads of the largest US national religious bodies. The letter presents solutions that will end the international debt crises by promoting responsible lending and borrowing and ending corporate tax loopholes and tax havens. You may contribute to this great cause by writing your check to SDUMC and putting "Jubilee" on the memo line. Thank you for your support for the world's poorest and most vulnerable. Your contributions help to make Jubilee's work for definitive debt cancellation and economic justice a reality.