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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

Contemporary Service
"Revive"

1st Sunday of the month at 5 pm

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Sunday School

Pre-K thru High School at 9:00

Pre-K thru 6th Grade at 10:45

Upcoming Activities

JULY 3rd

"July 4th" Holiday
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 5th

Sunday | 5:00 pm | Sanctuary
"Revive" Worship Service

JULY 9th

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge
Pinochle

JULY 13th

Monday | 10:00 am | Room 6
SDUMC Knitters

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Getting to Know Martha Wingfield

Rev. Martha Wingfield will be joining our staff on July 1st as Associate Pastor. Get to know her better in her own words:

Q: What are you looking forward to about joining San Dieguito?

A: San Dieguito has a strong worship tradition and is an involved congregation. I have longtime knowledge about your ministry in North County and I'd like to help grow this church. Also, I count Rev. Mark as a good friend, and I have great respect for him as a person and confidence in his leadership. He possesses an exciting and relevant vision for ministry and I look forward to working for him.

Q: You have been a Senior Pastor at St. Mark's. What draws you to make the move to our church?

A: I have enjoyed my ministry at St. Mark's, but was attracted to the opportunity to focus on evangelism and pastoral care in this setting. I feel called to bring people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ within the framework of a church community. I look forward to working in a creative, collegial way with Rev. Mark to make this church a strong presence in North County.

MORE ABOUT MARTHA

Martha is married to Myron Wingfield, who many of you may know in his role as District Superintendent. They have been married for 22 years, and have two sons: Jesse—18, will attend Mesa College in the fall as a freshman; and Luke—15, will be a sophomore at University City High School.

Martha began her ministry in Santa Monica where she focused on evangelism as Associate at First UMC. After a hiatus for family leave, she joined the staff at Atascadero UMC in 2000 as an Associate Pastor. In 2001, she and Myron became co-pastors at St. Mark's in San Diego, and she has served as Senior Pastor there for the last four years.

Martha is an avid cyclist, and also enjoys reading and spending time with her family.



*The
Wingfield
Family
(l to r)
Myron,
Jesse,
Martha,
& Luke*

Upcoming Activities

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JULY 13th

Monday | 4:00 pm | Conference Room

Book Group

JULY 17th

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge

Bridge Group

JULY 23rd

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge

Pinochle

JULY 27th

Monday | 10:00 am | Room 6

SDUMC Knitters

—ONGOING—

SMALL GROUPS meet at various times throughout the month.

SUNDAYS

10:45 am | Room 9/10

Adult Sunday School

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

10:00 am | Room 9/10

SDUMC Tai Chi

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am | Lounge

Mary Magdalene Circle

Bible Study

—ALSO—

7:00 pm

Jay & Wanda Williams' Home

Bible Study

TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

6:30 am | Room 6

& SATURDAYS

8:00 am | Lounge

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CHURCH OFFICE **Holiday Closing**

FRIDAY | JULY 3rd
Independence Day



Pensamientos...

Over the last several months we have reflected upon “The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” proposed by United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase. The five practices are: (1) radical hospitality, (2) passionate worship, (3) intentional faith development, (4) risk-taking mission and service, and (5) extravagant generosity.

Churches that practice extravagant generosity “thrive with the joy of abundance” rather than “starve with a fear of scarcity.” Members give joyously and consistently in ways that enrich the souls of others and strengthen the ministries of the church. They give generously of their treasure, talents and time. Their motivation to give generously comes from their personal experience of a generous, giving God. They recognize that love is best expressed in self-sacrificial giving for the good of others, in response to God’s self-giving to us in Christ.

How do we know if our generosity is “extravagant?” If our generosity and sharing exceed expectations and extend to unexpected measures, we’ve likely moved into extravagant territory. Some might call it “above and beyond,” but that sounds more like duty than joy. I prefer the word “extraordinary.” I like to think that there comes a point when our giving and sharing produces extraordinary outcomes, and in the process, makes us extraordinary people.

The next time you are here at church, look around: take note of what you see—the people, the classrooms, the stained glass, the bread and chalice on the altar—all evidence that, before we even arrived, something extraordinary took place: people gave extravagantly, not for their benefit, but for ours.

Says Schnase, “Every sanctuary...in which we have worshiped, every church organ that has lifted our spirits, every pew where we have sat, every communion rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise band that has touched our hearts, every church classroom where we have gathered with our friends, every church kitchen that has prepared our meals... all are the fruit of someone’s Extravagant Generosity. We have been the recipients of grace upon grace. We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the generosity of Christ enough to give graciously so that we could experience the truth of Christ for ourselves. We owe the same to generations to come. We have worshiped in sanctuaries that we did not build, and so to us falls the privilege of building sanctuaries where we shall never worship.”

What are some of the signs in your own personal life that point to an extravagantly generous way of living—not just in the sharing of your financial resources, but your time and talents and witness as well? Where does your generosity intersect with the world’s needs in such a way that it produces extraordinary outcomes, and forms you into an extraordinary follower of Christ?

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark

What's in a Name? | by Cheryl Allen

When Mark and I arrived in Encinitas, our children were teenagers. We found this church because of the visibility from I-5 and our real estate agent was a member here. We visited, felt welcome, and soon joined the church. San Dieguito United Methodist Church was a logical name to us.

But here we are 19 years later. Our Outreach and Welcoming committee has been active trying to develop ways to make our church more visible in our community. A task force was formed and one of their findings was that the name San Dieguito UMC may be a detriment to finding us. Many of you will say "I found this church, why can't others?" That's just what we're trying to find out.

This is not the first time I've heard this statement about our name. It has surfaced several times over the last 10 years. At the May Administrative Council meeting, David Kochanek made a presentation. After some discussion, the Ad Council took a vote to form a task force to study the pros and cons of a new name. A concern was expressed about how to communicate this to the membership. It was requested that David create a blog (www.namingachurch.com) with the presentation and give the members of the church the ability to express their viewpoints. Information about accessing the blog was in the weekly email from the church.

At the Ad Council meeting, there seemed to be a sense of urgency. As we read the blog and listen to the conversations, questions are being asked that need to be answered. This cannot happen overnight. We want the entire congregation to be involved in the process. Summer tends to be a time when members travel. We will use the summer to plan for congregational presentations and allow the task force to work on answering your questions. Please continue to ask your questions, make your comments. In September, we will assemble the congregation, present the findings, listen to everyone, and discern where SDUMC is being called.

We know that this is an emotional issue. Unless we deal with it thoroughly, this will continue to surface every few years. Please be in prayer about the process and our church. Let us listen to where God is calling our church to fulfill our mission to invite all persons to new life in Jesus Christ.

A Story on Giving from One of Our Own

"My earliest recollection of handling money was receiving a ten cent weekly allowance back in the 1930's. I remember that Mom and Dad always gave me a nickel and five pennies and I was expected to put two cents in the Sunday School collection plate each week. That was fine with me, because our corner grocery had lots of one cent candy jars, which was about all I needed money for anyway.

By the time I was in the third grade, I was selling magazines door to door (Colliers, Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, Liberty, etc.), for five cents each. I got 1½ cents for each magazine I sold. My folks always checked to see that I put 10% of my earnings into the church collection each week.

I grew up believing that tithing was simply a normal thing to do—I still feel that way."

— Ken Uran



Family Retreat | September 18th thru 20th

Want a Getaway?!? Plan on attending our 3rd Annual All Church Retreat September 18th to 20th at Camp Cedar Glen. Make a commitment to a weekend of fun, relaxation & fellowship. Space is limited so plan now to attend. For more info or questions please contact ►JANI at jani.sepanik@gmail.com.

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MISSIONS COMMISSION

Mission in Mexicali August 3rd thru 5th

We are looking forward to a new opportunity for our church to share our time with the children of Santo Niño. We have planned a trip to Santo Niño in Mexicali, Mexico for the dates of August 3rd thru 5th where we will be running a Vacation Bible School on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The Mexicali United Methodist Church has been gracious enough to offer us a place to stay while there.

Pastor Melo, the pastor of Santo Niño, is very excited about our visit and I believe that it will be a chance to open doors for our two churches.

If you are interested in this trip and would like more details, please contact ►CINDY BREIDER at 760.274.6763, email at koolkat820@hotmail.com or ►REBECCA HENSLEY at the church. You will need a current passport. This is open to adults and youth, with their parent's blessings. They are expecting 50 to 60 children, so there will be a limited number of spaces as not to overwhelm them. More information will be coming. For those who are going, we will be having a meeting to finalize all the details, along with a crash course in Spanish, led by our own Hilda Reilly.

Please consider this opportunity to see other places where God is.

UMYF

YOUTH NEWS

■ **June 27th thru July 5th**
Sierra Service Project

■ **Sunday, July 5th**
U M Y F

6:15 to 8:15 pm | Youth Room

■ **Tuesday, July 7th**
Knott's Soak City
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

■ **Wednesday, July 8th**
Breakfast

10:00 am | Youth Room

■ **Thursday, July 9th**
District Day at the Beach
9 am to 4 pm | La Jolla Shores

■ **Sunday, July 12th**
U M Y F

6:15 to 8:15 pm | Youth Room

■ **July 12th (to 18th)**
Senior High Camp

■ **Thursday, July 16th**
District Day at the Beach
9 am to 4 pm | La Jolla Shores

■ **Sunday, July 19th**
U M Y F

6:15 to 8:15 pm | Youth Room

■ **July 19th (to 25th)**
Junior High Camp

■ **Tuesday, July 23rd**
District Day at the Beach
9 am to 4 pm | La Jolla Shores

■ **Sunday, July 26th**
U M Y F

6:15 to 8:15 pm | Youth Room

■ **Wednesday, July 29th**
Breakfast

10:00 am | Youth Room

■ **Tuesday, July 30th**
District Day at the Beach
9 am to 4 pm | La Jolla Shores



Rebecca Hensley

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Spring Day Out

Each year the youth group has a spring retreat called Spring Day Out. This year we had the opportunity to spend an entire day together adventuring, bonding and truly enjoying each other's company. We started our day by participating in the open house at Camp Cedar Glen and spent the evening at Airtime party, a warehouse filled with bounce houses and lots of fun!

At Camp Cedar Glen the group enjoyed the beautiful day in the pool, playing volleyball and other fun pool games. We also had a chance to participate in the climbing tower. Each time one of the group members began to climb they were overwhelmed with the vocal encouragement and support from the other members. Even those who did not choose to climb the wall were able to participate by being a part of the belay team. They had to support the climber physically and by verbal commands. Through

teamwork we were able to support each other and celebrate in accomplishments!

After spending the afternoon in the gorgeous sun and mountain air we headed to Airtime Party. The warehouse was amazing — bounce houses, giant slides, a volcano, and karaoke—our inner child had a field day! Laughter filled the air and soon sweet songs of karaoke followed! We finished with a pizza dinner and a sleepy ride back to Encinitas.

This retreat, like each trip together as a youth group, proved to provide a time for our relationship to deepen, our hearts to open and our laughter to explode! We are very lucky to have such a vibrant program and dedicated parents, volunteers, and a supportive congregation that allows us to continue to grow. Many thanks!

Love and Encouragement,

R E B E C C A

COLLEGE GRADUATES

MATTHEW ALBEE | UCLA—BA/History

ANDREW BECHT | University of Denver—BS/Recreation Administration
Emphasis on Finance, Minor in Spanish

DAVID ELDON | UC San Diego—Master of Science

Working as a research assistant at General Dynamics and pursuing a PHD in Plasma Physics at UCSD

JESSICA JOHNSON | CSU/Chico—BS/Recreation Administration

with an option in Therapeutic Recreation

DANE JULIEN | CSU/Long Beach—BA/Business Economics

NIKOLL JULIEN | CSU/University of San Diego—MSN/Nursing

ANGELA MC MANUS | CSU/Humboldt—BS/Business Administration & Accounting

DEBORAH RINEY SIMMONS | CSU/San Marcos—BS/Psychology

JOHN SWANN, II | CSU/San Francisco—BA/Economics

HIGH SCHOOL (school attending in Fall 2009)

NATE BUSSELL

LIAM COLLINS

DANIEL CONWAY (CSU/San Marcos)

HAYLEY DICKSON (Santa Clara University)

TAMMY FARRIS

SUSANNA FENSTERMACHER (UC Berkley)

JONATHAN GILLIE (University of San Diego)

ELIZABETH HANSBROUGH

AUSTIN HUNDLEY (Boise State University)

MICHAEL JANUZZI

ERIC JOHNSON

ELIZABETH MILLS (UC Santa Cruz)

CAPRICE PAXTON

MAGGIE SCOTT

AMANDA SKINNER (University of Oregon)

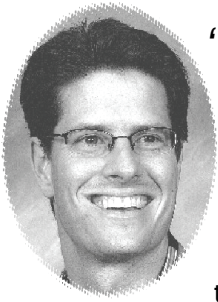
LORRAINE SOLAND

AMANDA STEVENSON

MATT WILLIAMS

Congratulations 2009 SDUMC Graduates!





James Dollins

ASSOCIATE
MINISTER

'Til We Meet Again

A comedian once commented on the dizzying number of people living on this planet. He said, "Did you know that there are now over one billion people in China? That means that, even if you're a one in a million kind of guy, there are still one thousand people just like you!"

As my family prepares to move on to a new home, every thing is about to change, and yet, we are bound to meet new versions of the same, faithful and loving Christians we have encountered here.

I'm reminded of the time I graduated seminary in Evanston, Illinois and said good bye to Joshua, who was a treasured seminary friend. I wondered where I might find another friend who was such a good listener and as insightful as Josh was.

When I returned to the San Diego area, I began to pal around with a minister colleague named Wes. It dawned on me that Wes's thoughtfulness and gentle spirit were almost identical to Josh's. Even some of his facial expressions were the same. God had blessed me with a friend to fulfill the same needs that Joshua had fulfilled back in Evanston.

Perhaps this is how resurrection works still today—what is thought to be a lost friendship will reemerge if we have eyes to see it. This is the experience of the travelers walking to Emmaus, discovering, over bread, that the living Christ was still very much with them. Now I go to a new place, but look for the same risen Christ I have known here. I also will look for some of you—the desire to serve, the sense of humor, the love for music, and sharing ideas about God—and trust that I will rediscover you in a new form in that different place. In this way, I'm sure God will provide nurturing community, a genuine and familiar Body of Christ, with whom my family will serve as joyfully as we have here.

With Gratitude for Our Friendship,

Revive at 5:00

Last Sunday, I silently walked up to one of the tables in front of the altar; I lit a candle in memory of a special friend. Soft music was playing and, even though I could have joined in singing, I took in the moment in silence.

Although music is a large part of Revive, there is so much more that makes this service unique and special. Lighting a candle and seeing the glow of so many others makes the time of prayer a more personal experience. Come experience this growing worship service, the first Sunday of every month at 5:00 pm. The next service is on July 5th.

— Mindy Scher

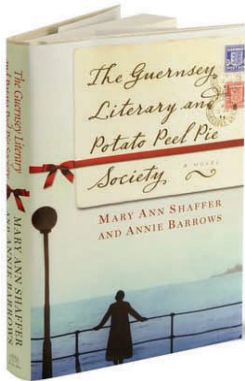


Knitters with Purpose

We have moved our gathering day to the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month from 10 am to noon in Room 6. Please join us for fun and fellowship as we knit items for charitable donation. All ages and abilities, friends and neighbors are welcome! For additional information please contact:

▶ JOY LAPPE
760.753.7339
jrlappe@msn.com

▶ BETH WARD
760.436.6589
bethward@cox.net



Book Group **Monday, July 13th**

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by MARY ANN SHAFFER & ANNIE BARROWS

is our summer reading book group selection. We meet at 4:00 pm in the office conference room. Everyone is welcome!

On
the
Way
to the



FORUM

The Forum resumes this month at a new time and place, 9:00 am in Founders Hall, with three must-see/must-hear presentations.

► **July 12th**

We welcome a special guest speaker, TOM FRANKUM, who will brief us on the state of public transit in our county. With an aging population, growing traffic congestion, and increasing gasoline prices, the demand for bus and local train service keeps rising, right as funding is falling precipitously.

► **July 19th**

Our own BILL BELL, M.D. will present a freshly updated version of his popular and interactive talk on eye health and the newest eye care technologies. How can we protect our vision? Which symptoms should send you running to an ophthalmologist?

► **July 26th**

BOB GINAVEN, PhD. will lead us in an interactive discussion of religion and science from the viewpoint of a physicist who concurs with Albert Einstein's assertion that "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

Suggestions for Forum topics or potential guest speakers are always most welcome—please contact JOHN ELDON at j.eldon@uclalumni.net.



The children have all promoted to their new grade for Sunday school and it's summer time, so that means the children have to hear me sing. We'll be learning classic Sunday school songs such as, *This Little Light of Mine*, *Praise Ye the Lord*, *Rise and Shine*, and *The Wise Man and the Foolish Man*. All children start worship with their families, then after the Children's Moment, preschoolers through 4th grade go to the Choir Room for Music Time with Shannon. The tweens (5th & 6th graders) will skip the choir room and go straight to class with Mr. Herschel Jones. Most grades will be combined over

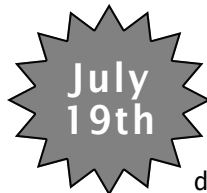
the summer, so look for signs to direct you to the right classroom.

If you graduated 3rd or 6th grader missed Promotion Sunday and didn't receive their Bible, let me know.

The July unit of *Rock Solid* for the children will focus on, *Old Testament Miracles*. And the July unit of *Rock Solid* for the tweens is, *Making a Difference*.

See you in Sunday School!

SHANNON KARLICEK
Director—Children's Ministries
kids@SDUMC.org



Peanut Butter Sunday

Don't forget to add canned and/or dried BEANS to your grocery shopping list this month so you can bring it to church on Sunday, July 19th. There will be a collection box in the entrance to Founders Hall. Thanks so much for your assistance!

CHURCH & SOCIETY



■ ■ ■ ■ ■ **Boomer Blues**

Are you in that part of your life where you are busy with your children and your parent is having health problems or is dying? Have you lost someone dear to you? Are you missing them? Sometimes it helps to have someone to talk with. Maybe we can help. The ministers and the CARE Team are here for you. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment with a minister or call CARE Coordinator ►LYNNE CALKINS at 760.632.8029 or lc1np@cox.net.



SDUMC CARE Team

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THE HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER
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School of Christian Mission
July 23rd thru 26th | Chapman University

*There will be no Executive Board meeting or
Monthly Gathering during the month of July.*

Congratulations to Ann Clarke

Our SDUMC Quiet Disciple for 2009

Last October at the rummage sale, there was Ann, just about the time the sun came up, checking on the security and signage, making piles neater, getting money boxes in order, and opening the door. Later that evening, just about the time the sun went down, there was Ann, folding mountains of clothing, making maps, setting up tables. She was quietly tenacious during rummage sale week.

In the Naomi Circle, she is the Co-chairwoman. Her advice and help in all the UMW events is invaluable. God has produced

a miracle in the person of Ann Clarke to carry on His work through the UMW. God bless you, Ann.



2009 Christian Service Awards

The United Methodist Women are pleased to honor 3 graduating high school seniors DANIEL CONWAY, HAYLEY DICKSON, and ELIZABETH MILLS with the 2009 *Christian Service Award* for outstanding service to their church. Some of their contributions include participation in choirs, attendance at Sunday School and UMYF, participation in Sierra Service Project, and assistance with general upkeep around the church.

We are so grateful for all they have done for their church community.

Congratulations to ALL our June graduates. We wish you well.

umw calendar

July 23rd thru 26th: *School of Christian Mission*
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

upcoming events

September 9th: *Monthly Gathering*
October 11th thru 15th: *Rummage Sale Work Week*
October 16th & 17th: *Rummage Sale Days*



We've Changed Our Name

The *Church Growth Committee* has changed its name to the *Outreach and Welcome Council* (OWC). This group has been meeting since December, 2003 with essentially the same mission which is to invite new people to our church, welcome those who come, help to involve congregants to whatever degree they want to become involved and to support members and constituents.

Rev. Hoffman initiated the formation of this committee to follow up on the building of the Administration and Education buildings. Many of us have eagerly watched new families become a part of our Church knowing that these new buildings helped to make our growth possible.

Although the issue of renaming the church seems to have brought more discussion than most issues within the church, it is my hope that more people will respond to an invitation to become a part of the OWC. We have grown to more than 40 members on this council and consistently have 25 members who meet for lunch immediately following second service about every two months. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, August 2nd** at 11:45 in Rooms 9 & 10.

We have never had a shortage of ideas about how to grow the church and find ourselves changing what we do, based on our research of what seems to be working for other churches and what seems possible for us to do. The OWC supports the Newcomer's Committee as well as the CARE TEAM, Revive, and all other efforts to grow the church. Please consider joining us.



*Membership is open to all women of the church who desire to belong.
For information contact Mary Walman, UMW President, at 760.931.7980*

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NEWSLETTER

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to my church family for all of the prayers, cards, calls, flowers and visits during my recent back surgery. I really appreciate all the kind words and encouragement you gave me. I am on the mend now and ready to enjoy summer. Thank you again.

*Fondly,
Nancy Meisenhelder*

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during Don's long illness and his passing on May 19th. Your prayers gave him the comfort and strength he needed to face his struggle in his spiritual journey. He truly loved the church and the congregation. He missed not being able to be with his Disciple Group and Chair the Ad Council. These things were very important to him. I will be eternally grateful for the love and support you have given me through my grieving process. A special thanks to the UMW for hosting the special luncheon after Don's memorial service.

You are truly wonderful women.

*Love,
Estelle Howell*

Blood Donations Needed

ERIC JOHNSON could use a little bit of blood. He is going in for surgery at Rady Children's Hospital on **July 20th** to have a rod placed in his neck. The orders should now be in place for donations of A+ through the San Diego Blood Bank. Please contact them to ask how close to surgery the donation needs to be made. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PANDORA & DONN JOHNSON

In Memoriam

Dorothy Christmas
SDUMC member since 1980,
passed away on June 7th.

Gayle Killion
SDUMC member since 1989,
passed away on June 1st.

