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Transition and Change

Summer is here and we are in the midst of changes in our church both locally in our own community and at the District level. We will see changes in leadership such as a new District Superintendent, Rev. John Farley. We will also welcome Rev. Craig Brown, his wife Bettina, son, David, and daughter, Rachel, as they come to join us with Craig's appointment as our new Senior Pastor.



Craig's first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 7. I know you will want to be here to welcome him. And I am sure you will want to remember Rev. Standiford and MaryLou as they move into their new adventure in retirement.

We will also acknowledge the change for our graduates in the 9:30 service as they go off to new levels of education and growth. And we acknowledge the fathers among us and those we miss on Father's Day this Sunday.

Our passages for this Sunday are about the transition and change from a perception and definition of self under the ancient laws of the Torah and how Jesus brought a new law; the Law of Love. This change was met with resentment, confusion and even outright resistance.

The Gospel for this Sunday is the story of Jesus' confrontation with the elders who saw the law as defining and absolute. Jesus seeks to open their eyes to a higher law that seeks inclusion of all those who seek his way of being.

Join us in worship as we celebrate the changes that God brings into our lives and God's presence in the midst of those changes.

Blessings, *Rev Greg LaDue*

SPRC and Pastor Brown Plan Transition Logistics

Following Bishop Minerva Carcaño's appointment of the Rev. Craig Brown to assume the senior pastor role at our church effective July 1, Acting District Superintendent Buzz Stevens arranged in late March for Pastor Craig to meet members of the Staff-Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC). In that meeting we discussed several topics related to the coming transition. Members of the committee determined early on that I would communicate to the congregation the current plan as well as the committee's support for the Brown family during this first year of Pastor Craig's tenure with us.

Because David, the Browns' older child, will be a senior at Mission Viejo High School this coming school year, his parents are committed to his finishing a final year of high school in their current community before beginning college. Their daughter, Rachel, will be starting the ninth grade at Mission Viejo High school this year. As a result of these commitments within the family, the Browns will place their house in Mission Viejo on the market in 2014 and plan to relocate close to First Church in the San Diego area before the fall school term begins. David plans to live on campus at college while Rachel will enroll in a nearby public high school.

Throughout Pastor Craig's first year as senior pastor, he plans to commute to church each Sunday morning and work most of Sunday here. Monday will be a study day back at home in Mission Viejo. Pastor Craig will return early Tuesday morning of each week and stay in the San Diego area until Thursday afternoon or evening before returning to Mission Viejo.

We all agree that these arrangements are what are best for the Brown family. Pastor Craig is committed to making this first year of ministry a productive and fruitful year. While commuting back and forth from Orange County has its drawbacks, these accommodations will allow our new pastor, Bettina and the children to make a healthy transition from their

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • TRADITIONAL
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary

JUNE 16 • FATHER'S DAY
Recognition of high school and college graduates
Rev. Gregory LaDue preaching
"You are Accepted"
Galatians 2:15-20 and Luke 7:36-8:3

JUNE 23
Rev. Mary Allman-Boyle preaching
"Receive not Achieve"
Galatians 3:23-29
Sung lesson Acts 9:3-6

TROTTER CHAPEL
ALL SUNDAYS
9:20 Children's Church
10:40 Holy Communion

SUNDAY • CONTEMPORARY
The Water's Edge
9:30 a.m. in The Cove

JUNE 16
Beckie Henselmeier

JUNE 23
Dr. Elbert Kim

EVERY WEDNESDAY
VESPER COMMUNION
5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gregory LaDue, celebrant
Bob Plimpton, organist
Childcare by prior reservation, 619-297-4366

situation in South Orange County to their new life in San Diego. He is committed, as well, to ensuring that First Church receives the very best of his care and leadership during this period.

As any of us would anticipate, there will be times when the pastor's weekly schedule will need to be adjusted. The SPRC and Pastor Craig are committed to whatever adjustments are needed to support his ministry and service at First Church.

Sincerely,

Chair, SPRC, Carl Meuser

Congratulations to Our Graduates

The following members of our congregation have graduated from High School.

Megan Allcock graduated from Francis Parker and will attend Drexel University (Philadelphia) majoring in business; **Danielle Ambrosio** graduated from Mira Mesa High School and will attend University of California, San Diego in the fall; **Sarah DeRosier** graduated from Point Loma High School and will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; **Sarah Durrand** graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend University of California, Davis; **Amanda Farris-Reid** graduated from Scripps Ranch High School and in the fall will attend Miramar College then transfer to Cal State San Marcos studying early childhood development; **Hannah Floren** graduated with honors from San Diego School of Creating and Performing Arts and will attend University of Puget Sound, Honors College, Majoring in Biology and Music; **Jessica Gilbert** graduated from Canyon Crest Academy and will attend William Woods University (Missouri) pursuing a double major in interpretation and deaf studies; **Nicholas Halbert** graduated from La Jolla High School and will attend Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester (NY), studying Music in Organ Performance; **Taryn Kilgore** graduated from Rancho Bernardo High School and will attend University of California, Davis, majoring in Animal Science and hopes to become a Veterinarian; **Hunter Linekin** graduated from Point Loma High School and will attend University of La Verne; **Lucas Mulvey** graduated from Serra High School and will attend Boise State University; **Justin**

Newmann graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend University of California Santa Barbara; **Alexandra Penrod** graduated from San Diego School of Creating and Performing Arts and will attend San Diego State University; **Christine Peters** graduated with honors from Patrick Henry High School and will attend University of California, San Diego; **Miranda Poltorak** graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend California Maritime Academy; **Tate Salazar** graduated from Westview High School and will attend University of California Los Angeles; **Lily Sokolowski** graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; **Torrey Watt** graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend City College Graphic Design program.

The following members of our congregation have received College degrees.

Beckie Henselmeier graduated from Iliff with a Master's of Divinity.

The following members of our congregation have relatives who have graduated.

Kylee Vaughn graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; Kylee is the daughter of Charles and Pat Vaughn. **Julia deMoor** graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a BS in Nutrition. She has been accepted to the Accelerated Culinary Program at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in Napa, California. Julia is the granddaughter of Robert and Marylou Newsom.

Dedication of Joe Utterback music: We gratefully acknowledge the gift of Joe Utterback's *Joy Cometh in the Morning* and *Missa Jazzis*. *Joy Cometh in the Morning* (sung by the Chancel Choir on Sunday morning, June 2) was given to the glory of God in honor of our clergy and staff and "Missa Jazzis" (sung by the Chancel Choir on Sunday evening, June 2, during the "All That Jazz" Music Series concert) was given to the glory of God in praise of creativity that comes through Jesus Christ, both given by Fred and Noel Hafer. We apologize for the omissions in the bulletin and concert program.

Join a Summer Choir

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sutherland Family Music Center.



Soprano/Alto Choir sings July 14 through August 4 (9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services)
Tenor/Bass Choir sings August 11 through September 1 (9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services). No audition required!

You can sing for one or both services and for as many or as few weeks as you are

able. We dress in white tops and khaki bottoms for comfort during the summer months.

If you have considered joining one of our adult choirs, here's your chance to try us out on a short-term, relaxed basis.

Summer Sings

Perform choral masterworks with guest directors on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. on July 10, 24 and August 7 and 21 in Sutherland Family Music Center. Registration fee is \$15 per sing or \$50 for all four. No audition required! Contact Katie Englund, registrar, at kenglund@sandi.net for more information or pick up a schedule in the church office.

New Monday Book Study: Speaking Christian

Mondays, June 17-July 22 ~ 6:30 PM

Led by Greg LaDue and Nancy Sunday

A new book study, *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power - And How They Can Be Restored* by Marcus Borg, will meet for six weeks at the home of Nancy Sunday. Please call the church office, 297-4366, to register and for address information.

The book examines key words in our faith like: sin, redemption, savior, Bible, salvation. These words have a contemporary meaning that varies within Christian cultures, but what did they originally mean?

Obtain the book on your own and begin by reading the first 40 pages. Then come and join us June 17 as we examine the language we assume we all know and understand ... but perhaps not?

For more information contact Rev. Greg LaDue at gladue@fumcsd.org or 619-297-2571, ext. 132.

Mission Opportunities

Church Earthquake Repair Mission,

Mexicali, MX, October 24-28

The Methodist Church in Mexico has many needs. One church in Colonia ProHogar, which is located in Mexicali, was damaged by the earthquake of several years ago. We are putting together a work team to go to Mexicali and work on the church. It is located just over the border in Mexico. The work team is hoping to stay overnight at the United Methodist Church in El Centro which is about an hour and a half from San Diego.

We are tentatively planning to leave October 24, and return October 28. If you would like to join us or have further questions, there will be an informational meeting on Sunday, July 7, at 12 p.m. in Linder Hall 5. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested, please contact Rev. Jessica Strysko.

2013 South District Sandy Relief New York Mission Team, October 5-12

A team of up to 28 people from churches in our area will travel to Massapequa, a city on Long Island, NY, to offer our support. Cost will be \$900 per participant. This covers plane tickets, rental vehicles, food, and lodging. Deposit of \$200 is required, but scholarships are available. Call Jennifer Demaree, district team leader, at 619-540-5257, if you are interested.

IN MEMORIAM

Carol B. Prock passed away on June 6. She was received in 1981 by Mark Trotter and is survived by her children, Nancy Spaeth and Alan Prock. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Trotter Chapel.

San Diego School of Christian Studies Visualizing Social Justice

A Juried Photography Exhibition

SDSCS invites professional and amateur photographers, adult and youth, to submit images to jury August 1 to September 1 for the upcoming photography exhibit, Visualizing Social Justice, September 27 through October 27.

Images should illustrate an instance of social justice: a visual representation of a problem or the solution in our world today.

The exhibit will be judged by three professionals from the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park and prizes will be awarded. For details visit the Visualizing Social Justice web page www.fumcsd.org or pick up an exhibition brochure in the church office.

In Our Prayers . . .

Hospitalized (as of 6/10/13): Vickie Collins and Tom Myers

Prayer Quilts were presented on Sunday, May 26, for Barbara Brainard and on Sunday, June 2, for Katha Cato and Carolyn Sullivan and on Sunday, June 9, for Jim and Mary Lou Standiford and Laurie Tucker. Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

Remember in prayers those in our congregation deployed and their families: Sam Adams, Adam Beauregard, Doug Samples and Collin Sullivan.

Notices

Pastors Bible Study is on summer break.

Our "Just a Little Gift" Shop will be closed this Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day).

The 2013 Altar Flower Calendar has openings for June and July. Call Eleene in the church office at 619-297-4366 to make your reservation. Each bouquet is \$50.

Real Men's Christ Care group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Linder Hall 4. Join in as we cover various topics over the next six months including masculinity,

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Top row left to right: Collette Custin, Laurie Delk, Ben Kierulff and Edith Nichols received February 3. **Center row left to right:** Joel Tolson, Kristen Tolsen, Joe Tugaw and Kristen Tugaw received February 3. **Bottom row left to right:** Stephanie Mason and Luke Wiseman, Sarah Walters and Adam Walters, received March 3.

accountability, men at work, discipleship, attitude adjustment, and issues men face as we study various segments of the Bible.

Coming Events

Friday Night Singles (50+ or -) meets Fridays at 6:00 p.m. for a meal (\$6.00) followed by various activities. Contact Karen at kmaczka@dslextrime.com or 619-263-3743 for more information.

Explore First Church You are invited to gather for a meal and time with the pastors and staff on Sunday, July 21, at 12:15 p.m. in Linder Hall 2. It will be a fun time to break bread, make some new friends and explore membership. New members will be received on Sunday, July 28, at the 9:30 service.

Free Neighborhood Family Meal: Help provide and serve food and enjoy

fellowship with families, teens, seniors and people in need of a nutritious, hot meal on Monday, June 24, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Normal Heights UMC, 4650 Mansfield St. Volunteers prepare a main dish, salad or dessert. Contact Brenda at 619-297-4366, ext. 125 or bblake@fumcsd.org.

UMW Hope Circle will meet Saturday, June 15 in Linder Hall 5 from 10:00 to 11:30. The program will be led by Joanna Iliw and devotions given by Marion Davis. Please remember to bring UMCOR Bucket Items. Questions? Phone June Chairperson, Karen Anderson, 619-225-9136.

Save the Date!

UMW Fashion Show and Catered Salad Luncheon, Saturday, July 20, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Fashions by Chico's. Tickets are \$20 and go on sale Sunday, June 23.

Church Photo Directory

There are still opportunities for you to have your photo taken for the new Church Photo Directory. Appointments are available four additional days this month—Saturday, June 22, Sunday, June 23, Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. To make an appointment, click on the link on the church's website at www.fumcsd.org or call the church office, 619-297-4366, during the week.

Father's Day and Burger Night at Bully's with F5

Sunday, June 16 ~ 5 PM ~ Linder Hall

What better way to make an impression

F5

on Dad or a friend, than to take him to an image-rich, fun worship service with rockin' praise music?

Then treat him to a burger at Bully's Restaurant with some friends. RSVP to our Facebook Event at [Facebook.com/f5church](https://www.facebook.com/f5church).

Cleaning Buckets for UMCOR

In response to the Tornadoes in Oklahoma, please join us to assemble Cleaning Buckets for UMCOR.

Here's how you can help:

1. Make a donation to UMCOR. Checks may be made out to FUMC marked for UMCOR.
2. Donate any of the items for, or a completed Cleaning Bucket (<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>). You can bring these donations to the church office or to the patio on Sunday June 16 and 23.
3. Join us on Sunday, June 23 any time between 10:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to assemble and package the Cleaning Buckets!

Currently UMCOR West is experiencing large numbers of volunteers but a shortage of supplies to build their disaster relief kits. Located in the Western Jurisdiction, UMCOR West Office and Depot has been a vibrant place of mission work for the last four years. Groups from across the United States have come to spend a week at a time assembling, shelving, and sending disaster relief materials domestically and abroad. In short, UMCOR West is a wonderful way to be in mission around the world by serving right here in the Western Jurisdiction.

Graduates recognized this Sunday, June 16, at 9:30

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Vacation Bible School—“Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God’s World Comes Together”

Monday, July 22-Friday, July 26 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



Wow, the whole world is coming together! At Everywhere Fun Fair we will meet neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico, in addition to neighbors from Biblical times. Everyone we meet will remind us that Jesus teaches us to love God by loving our neighbors. What does it mean to be a good neighbor? Join us at Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together for Vacation Bible School

2013 to find out! Mark your calendar July 22 to 26. Don't miss out on our Early-Bird Special! The cost is \$25 per child if you register by July 1 for five days of Bible study, games, crafts, music, worship and more! Please sign-up online at www.fumcsd.org/vbs or contact Pastor Jessica in the church office or at JStrysko@fumcsd.org.

Extended care is available from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 noon until 5:30 p.m. by advance reservation only. The cost of extended care is \$15/child, each day, and must be included with the registration fee. Please plan to send a lunch with your child if staying for extended care. Please register online at www.fumcsd.org/VBS.

Interested in volunteering? For more information contact Pastor Jessica at jstrysko@fumcsd.org or 619-297-4366 ext. 131.

Summer Wednesday Night Class Schedule

This summer on Wednesday Nights come worship with us at Vespers, then have a meal with friends and attend the summer classes that will begin June 5. In June and July we will be looking at the Great Leaders in Biblical history. Wednesdays in July we will examine the leaders that will be the focus of the sermons in July by our new Senior Pastor Rev. Craig Brown, so this will give you some background on the sermon for the following Sunday.

First Church

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