



# VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
Coronado, California

March 10th, 2017

Last Week Attendance:

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## FROM THE PASTORS PEN

### **Fishing for People: Opening Doors to the un-Churched and de-Churched**

In preparing for this Sunday's message: "Fishers of People" (Matthew 4:17-22), I came across some information in the book "Churchless: Understanding Today's Unchurched and How to Connect with Them." The book is based on extensive research conducted by The Barna Group – an organization which spearheads research focused on the intersection of faith and culture. In a 'sentiment analysis' of religious groups across the country, the Barna Group asked those not involved in a church about their impressions of major religious groups and the UMC had the highest favorability score (55% favorable) of any group in the study.

The Barna Group also offered 3 other significant findings:

- 1.) Personal invitations still carry the day – Of those not attending a local congregation, 47 percent indicated that a personal invitation from a friend would make them more likely to visit a worship service.
- 2.) Involvement in service to others is important – When asked what churches can contribute to their communities, the top two responses from those without any church affiliations were addressing poverty and serving youth/families/elderly.
- 3.) Supportive of Science – More than 29 percent of young adults who have left their church cite "churches are out of step with the scientific world we live in" as their primary reason. However, the UMC has never held antagonistic views of science. In fact, our Book of Discipline, says this: "We recognize science as a legitimate interpretation of God's natural world. We affirm the validity of the claims of science in describing the natural world and in determining what is scientific."

I hope to you see in worship tomorrow. During first service we welcome 10 new members, and the second service includes a service of baptism... and at least one other surprise!

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### WHO ARE YOU?

We will have many guests during the Lenten season. Wearing a nametag lets guests know that you attend regularly, and you may be able to answer their questions. It helps us learn each other's names as well. Let's all wear our nametags during Lent.

### SPUMC WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

As part of our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we are planning a tribute to the couples and weddings held at St. Paul's. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we are having a slide show presentation of these weddings that have been at St. Paul's. This will be shown at both Services. (Please email your photo, names and wedding date to Julie Gallagher [seojulie@aol.com](mailto:seojulie@aol.com)).

After the 10:30 Service at Noon, Pastor Robb has offered to have a "renewal of vows" for any couple regardless of where they were married and who wishes to renew their wedding vows. There will be a short ceremony, followed by a wedding reception in the Social Hall. Please email Connie Spitzer [spitzer@san.rr.com](mailto:spitzer@san.rr.com) if you would like to attend either as a couple renewing their vows, or as a guest at the ceremony.

Warm regards & many blessings, Connie Spitzer & Julie Gallagher, Co-Chairs of the 130<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

### "NO APOLOGY" LASAGNA SUPPERS' HAVE RESUMED

Sign up to join Pastor Robb and Jen for a 'No Apology Lasagna Suppers' at the parsonage on 3/23, and 4/6.

The menu is Grandma Kirkland's Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Champagne of the Desert (aka 'chilled water') and Ice Cream, all served on single use plates and translucent utensils. Each supper is scheduled from 6-8 pm.

Please call Marcie in the church office, 619-435-5691, to sign up. Marcie will provide the parsonage address when you RSVP. Please let Marcie know if you are vegetarian or gluten-free.

– Pastor Robb

## *Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)*

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) EVENTS

#### UMW Reading Group

Six of our 23 readers: Heather Allison, Lauris Boyer, Greta Coneway, Betty Douglas, Mary Ann Stevenson and Leone Wood received Reading Certificates from the District for the 2016 Reading Program. To qualify, they all read books from each of the 5 categories of Leadership, Spiritual, Nurturing, Missions and Social Action. The certificates were presented at a luncheon on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

#### Monday High School Pizza Lunch!

Every Monday at noon on the upper deck.  
(Sophomores and up)

#### Wednesday Night Youth Groups!

Jr. High: 5:30pm-7:00pm (dinner, games and lesson)  
High School: 7:30pm-8:30pm (snack, games and lesson)

#### Next Sunday is Youth Sunday!

Youth, please come to either service 15 minutes early to help serve our congregation during the service. (There will be no Youth Bible Study during second service this day.)

#### Sunday Youth Program

9:00am: Join Liz in the sanctuary 'Youth Pew' for donuts and worship with an interactive youth handout.

10:30am: Join Liz in the Youth Den for Youth Bible Study. Currently we are studying Paul's letters of the New Testament.

Any Youth Questions? Please contact Liz Flage..... [lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com)



## *Other Notes and Happenings*

### **HUGS & BAGS!**

All main events are held at 14<sup>th</sup> & Imperial Avenue in Downtown, San Diego & start at 8am and last until 12pm/1pm. We provide toiletries, free haircuts, snacks, water, freshly cooked food, clothes, shoes, baby supplies, toys, blankets, and free DJ music to listen and dance to. All of our supplies purely come from donations.

Please contact our founder or visit our website if you would like to volunteer or donate. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES - ON-GOING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. "Revelation" Bible Study (Floyd Ross) Room 202

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Lenten Study begins Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> -Jane New/Jeanmarie Bond Room 201

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. "Connect" 20-40's Lenten Bible Study Room 202

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. "Listening for God" Women's Bible Study -Choir Room

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Men's "Connect" Bible Study – Room 202

### **WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKEND RETREATS ARE COMING**

April 20-23 for Men and April 27-30 for Women. Please stop by our patio table for more information, to ask questions & get registration materials.

### **ST. PAUL'S T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE**

We have ordered a few extra St. Paul's T-shirts with our first order that was placed 2 weeks ago. If you did not order a shirt but would still like to, please see us on the patio when we are distributing shirts to see if we have the size you need. If we do not have your size, we intend to place a second order for additional shirts in a few weeks.

*Tacy and Rob Armstrong*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Lauris Boyer, Jean Lee Currey, Aubrie Carinder Ferguson, Mila Grieb, Kate Shanahan, Lauren Bradley, Felicity Bishop, Teresa Neil, Mark Cooper, Al Isaacson, Gerry Kowalski, Mark Peterson, Peggy Spence, Trish McHenry, Mary Mowry, Nicole Sciascia, Marianne Turnipseed, Lauris Boyer, Logan Sandoval, Emily Gruillon, Frank Conlon, Brian Clark, Connie Carrol, Leslie Perlis, Bette Decker, Gerry Sawyer, Ann Rutherford, Lynn Morgan, The Henrich Family, Sue McNary, Delma Dickson, Zhao Fu, Linda Nixon, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz

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