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COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HUNTINGTON BEACH



News and Happenings in the "Community"

November - 2017



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, November 4 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Get ready to come and shop for beautiful and wonderfully crafted items. Or you may want to buy and enjoy the yummy items in the "Goodies room" for cookies, candy, jams, jellies, etc., or enjoy the Coffee Shop that will be run by the youth to raise money for their mission trips.

The Boutique set-up and schedule:

- Wednesday, November 1 BOUTIQUE SET-UP 10:00 AM
We could use some manly men to help us move furniture
- Thursday-Friday, November 2-3 BOUTIQUE SET-UP CONTINUES 10:00 AM
Begin bringing items for sale
- Saturday, November 4 **BOUTIQUE!**
- 8:00 AM Priority number distribution begins
 - Coffee Shop opens
 - 8:45 AM Prayer Circle
 - 9:00 AM Doors open



MORE UMW NEWS

Celebrate GRATITUDE with us in November
You are invited to join our mission focused fellowship as we put
FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE into action!
We learn, laugh, pray, sing, read, support, and of course, eat!

- Monday November 6 MIRIAM CIRCLE 7:00 PM Hostess: Pam Blue
Program: Living as a Covenant Community, Chapter 5
- Wed. November 8 RUTH CIRCLE 9:30 AM Room 8/9
Program: A Faithful Heart and Counting our Blessings
- Friday November 10 MORNING GLORIES QUILT GROUP 9:30 AM Room 19
- Monday November 20 MONTHLY PROGRAM 7:00 PM Room 8/9
Program: BUNCO for UMCOR – BRING A FRIEND!!
ALSO–Don't forget to bring your World Thank Offering
- Friday November 24 MORNING GLORIES QUILT GROUP – **WILL NOT MEET**
SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER
Please have your donation in the kitchen by 9:30 AM
COMMUNITY CRAFTERS 6:00 AM Room 8/9
- Monday November 27 DEBORAH CIRCLE 2:30 PM Hostess: Sharon Murray
Program: Crazy Busy by Kevin DeYoung
NITE CIRCLE 7:00 PM Hostess: Vicky Shuttleworth
Program: Option B by Sheryl Sandburg
- Tuesday November 28 BOOK CLUB 7:30 PM Hostess: Anneke Dodg
Program: Emily and Einstein by Linda Francis Lee

THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL

Wednesday, November 8
7:00 PM in Room 8/9

All are invited to attend a presentation by Suzanne Morgan of her recent trip to Greece and Italy with Rev. Adam Hamilton on "A Journey With Paul" tour.



SHARING OUR FALL ADULT WORK TEAM TRIP - VIRGINIA 2017

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 PM in Room 8/9

Come, see, and learn about our September work team trip to Evergreen Virginia!



We helped three homeowners get a step closer to normalcy after the tornado hit in February 2016. It was an awesome trip and we want to thank you for support through prayers and gifts.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CUMC

Thanks for Giving

GHBIC.ORG
Find us on Facebook:
Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council

All invited...

An Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service

- Interfaith choir
- Children's choir
- Refreshments following...fellowship with traditional breads

Sunday, November 19, 7:00 PM

2017 Host: **Community United Methodist Church**
6652 Heil Ave, Huntington Beach, CA
- Parking available on site -

We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for distribution to the needy in our community.

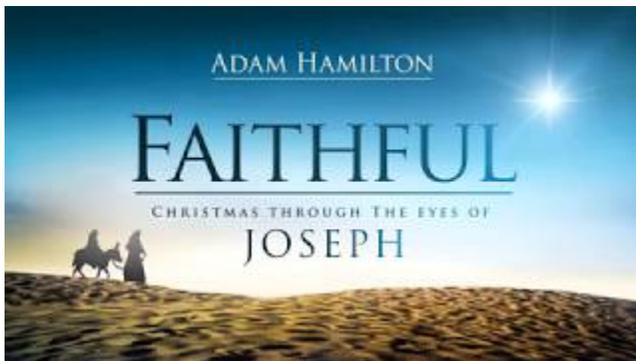
ADVENT STUDY

Our Advent Study will be offered on two separate days this year, beginning...

Sunday, November 26, 11:15 AM in Room 9

and

Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 PM in Room 8/9



From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked, but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines ***Christmas through the eyes of Joseph.***

Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter

circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

We hope you can join us. Books will be available soon for \$15 in the church office or you can purchase them wherever you buy books.

Mark your calendars!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 PM

Community UMC Music Department presents:

“A Festival of Lessons and Carols”

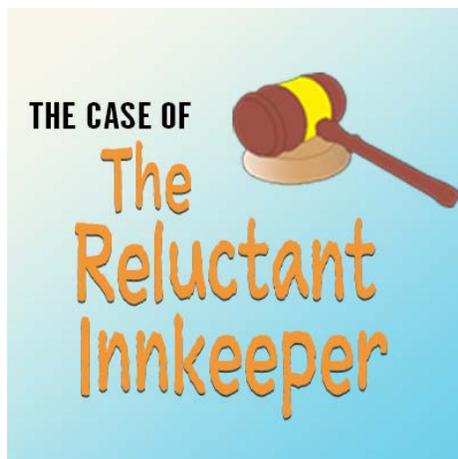
by Jonathan Willcocks

Plus other songs of the season featuring The Chancel Choir with instrumental ensemble

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – THE RELUCTANT INNKEEPER

Sunday, December 10

Two Services, 8:30 and 10:00 AM



Announcements

MISSIONARY NEWS

Dear Friends of Community UMC, Huntington Beach, CA

Greetings from my family in Ghana.

We have been devastated with news of the deadliest mass shooting in US history that occurred in Las Vegas last Sunday and our hearts go to the families that have lost loved ones and the whole of the US. We are in prayer with the wounded and pray for God's speed for their recovery. We also pray for the US to find unity and peace even in these difficult times.

We have also been praying for the people of Houston, TX and Florida over the recent hurricanes and flooding from Harvey and Irma.

I bring to you some good news from Ghana. My most recent newsletter painted a very dismal picture of Ghana as she was engrossed in massive destruction of forests, lands and water bodies through the greed and avarice perpetuated through illegal mining of Gold, diamonds and some precious minerals. I wish to inform you that the situation has changed and Ghana is now enjoying some relative environmental restoration but this was not without very high handed enforcement of mining laws and Government's commitment and resolve to stop illegal mining.

The [current newsletter](#) highlights the measures undertaken to curb the practice of illegal mining and to bring sanity into the mining industry. It is our prayer that the situation is sustained.

I wish also to inform you that plans for my itineration in the US have been finalized and although the notice may reach you rather late, I believe we all will be excited to meet once again and for some for the very first time. I look forward to communicating with you in the coming days and also when we arrive in the US. God willing, two of my children, Toni and Selma will travel with me to the US, but Selma may have to return to Ghana within six weeks to complete her compulsory National Service and may not be available to itinerate with me during visits to your Church. Selma is currently serving with the University of Health and Allied Sciences in Ho, Volta Region We will explore the possibility of getting Toni to join me during the visit to your Church in Huntington Beach so hopefully you will have the opportunity to engage him too in discussions.

I hope to get my third newsletter to you ahead of my visit.

See you all soon. Blessings

Your Missionary,
Mozart Adevu

SUPPORT THE HOMELESS AND THE LOW INCOME IN HB

Services to the homeless and neediest low-income families in Huntington Beach are being threatened. The City Council will formally vote on the **eviction of [Beach Cities Interfaith Services](#)** to be effective on **January 8, 2018**. The eviction stems from increased homeless unlawful activities and disturbances, in the area of BCIS, where it is believed that many are receiving services. The city believes that the churches could do more, but most of the churches and organizations in Huntington Beach are doing a lot to help those in need, and refer to BCIS for additional homeless and low-income help. It is also thought that churches and organizations could each take on different parts of the BCIS services, but if you are on foot, a bicycle, or your car is about to break down and it is your home, it is difficult to go to many places for many services, and it is a more humane approach to receive your needed services in one place.

Approximately 50% of BCIS clients are men, some of whom are housed, some seniors, some veterans, some disabled, some with families and some are homeless. It is important to know that over 1,000 clients we serve

are Huntington Beach residents. That means that 1000 people per year who are trying to stay housed and put food on their tables for their families will no longer have the help BCIS offers.

Without any facts or staff reports proving their allegations, the city staff has decided that BCIS is the cause of crime in Huntington Beach. They ignore the facts that there has been a huge increase in sober living homes in Huntington Beach WHICH EFFECTIVELY import addicted people into the city. When they fail their program, guess where they end up? They also ignore the fact that a recent law allows the early release of prisoners who then have to return to the city where their crime was committed. They return with no money and no means to support themselves. So, BCIS is being scapegoated and defamed and, in Police Chief Rob Handy's own words, the reasons we are being blamed is "anecdotal evidence."

Here's what you can do:

1. Read a full update of BCIS Services (see below)
2. Please come to the City Council meeting **November 6 at 6:00 PM** - Wear Red which means Stop the Eviction. (If you would like to speak to the issue, arrive by 5:30 to sign up)
3. Call the City Council Members before the November 6 meeting. Flood them with emails of your displeasure. It's our only hope. This "City of Compassion and Kindness" is ruthlessly turning their backs on the most vulnerable among us. Go to [City of Huntington Beach](#) for a list of phone numbers and emails.

The Reverend Karen Maurer, Executive Director,
Beach Cities Interfaith Services

Services and Focus of BCIS

Prevention of homelessness is far more humane and cost effective than allowing families to spiral downward into homelessness. Of people we served with permanent addresses, 81% were from HB in 2016.

Services include monthly groceries, utility assistance (through our partnership with United Way), hygiene items, gas cards, bus passes, clothing and any other assistance we can offer. 81% of these family groups are Huntington Beach Residents, people who are most at risk of losing their housing. **Prevention is what we do--for about 1,000 residents per year!** The people we serve include

- Family groups of single females with children under 18--24%
- Disabled individuals in a household--19%
- Seniors in all households (60+)--17%

We give food to those who need it, particularly residents (6/2016-7/2017)

- H.B. Residents--31,565 pounds alone, just from the Orange County Food Bank
- All eligible for CalFresh--we signed up 89 families, which translates to 82,486 meals
- All in need--we collected between 10-15,000 pounds from local churches, individuals and congregations.

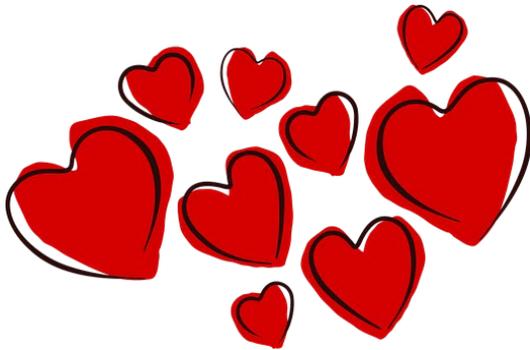
Monetary Value of Services Rendered:

- Valued at about \$500,000 per year to clients
- Volunteer time--about \$166,000/year **at no cost to the city of Huntington Beach**

Celebrations

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Golobay	1	Rebecca Rozint	16
Joe Thelander	1	Jose Ramirez	18
David Hattersley	2	Scotti (MaryLouise) Davis	19
Robert Tuell	2	Elizabeth (Liz) Smilor	19
Zack Langew	4	Normajean Janssen	22
Roberta Cook	5	Hannah Wagner	23
Patricia Haber	6	Major Bowles	24
Marilyn Kanaske	6	Dale Deffner	24
Elijah Michael Lane	6	Bill Fugard	24
Ross Stewart	6	Elizabeth (Liz) Hyatt	24
Donna Freker	7	Rachel Waldenfels	24
Nancy Grove	9	Brett Vardeman	25
Joseph Hazelett	9	Helen Madland	26
Barbara Maul	9	Donald Dodge	27
Karen Hohl	11	John Fleming	27
Phillip Luth	11	Maxine Wilson	27
Jim Van Houten	13	Patricia Falzon	30
Richard Farmer	16		



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Donald & Karen Hohl	1	54 years
Dale & Sherry Skerik	3	38 years
Marty & Bobby Drake	13	32 years
Shirley Nielsen	19	51 years
Vince & Marsha Sipkovich	20	46 years
Binh Van & Anne Vu	21	55 years
Fred & Jo Carrozzo	23	70 years