



The Builder April 2016

Walteria UMC

April Mission Moment / Communion Offering

Dates To Remember

Prayer Luncheon 4/7 @ 12 pm
IHOP Restaurant on Crenshaw

Community Hot Meal

Sat. April 9th, 9am - 1pm
(2nd Saturday of each month)

Free Movie Night, WUMC 4/15

Show Times: 1pm and 7 pm
Feature Film: *The War Room*

Men's Prayer Breakfast 4/16

8:30am @ WUMC

VBS Steering Committee 4/16

1:00pm @ WUMC

Crop Walk, San Pedro 4/17, 1pm

www.crophungerwalk.org (pg. 3)

Dorcas Circle 4/19 @ 1pm

WUMC Social Hall (details: pg. 3)

WUMC Sharefest Work Day @

Walteria Elementary 4/30

Donate Life Walk 4/30 (pg. 4)

Food Collection

Office "Manna Bags"

The office continues to update our "manna bags" that we provide to the needy, hungry and homeless people in the South Bay. Please leave your items in the basket on the blue table in the Social Hall or the basket near the street door to the sanctuary. We welcome pop-top cans of meat, chicken salad, Vienna sausages, fruit cocktail, snack crackers, juice boxes, apple sauce, granola bars, mini cereals, handi-snacks, bottled water, etc.

Please don't forget to check the expiration dates!

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING TO SUPPORT ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK

Walkers from Walteria UMC have participated in our area's CROP Hunger Walk for at least five decades. This year's date, Sunday, April 17, conflicts with several of our faithful walkers' personal commitments, but our congregation still wants to support the endeavors of our local walk with our financial commitment. So... this month's Communion Offering will be designated for our local CROP Walk.

Half of the monies collected are given to local food programs and the other half is used to provide stable sources of nutritious food for folks all around the world through the auspices of Church World Service. In 2015 the number of global neighbors helped was 50,217!

Please prayerfully consider how God may be directing you to give to this special offering on Sunday, April 3. Please make your checks payable to Walteria UMC and write "*CROP Walk*" on the memo line. Shirley, our Church Treasurer, will then write a check from the church to send with Gloria Tang when she participates in the CROP Walk in April. If you are also sponsoring Gloria, your checks need to be given directly to her and the checks need to be made out to CROP Walk. Even if you can't walk the whole way, Gloria would welcome your company on that day. Thank you, Gloria, for your continued leadership in this endeavor.

And thank you, our congregation, for all each of you does to help alleviate hunger around the world and in our area.

Sara Dickens, Outreach

A Few Thoughts From Pastor Sid . . .

The months seem to be getting shorter and shorter. I've been really busy with my business. I had planned for it to slow down so I could pursue other things but that doesn't seem to be happening. I prayed to the Lord for more money but I forgot that it comes with more work. So, I thank the Lord for the work and for the opportunity to serve in the ministry as your Pastor. Serving as your Pastor has provided (almost daily) many opportunities for spiritual growth. I'm continually blessed by the opportunity to help others along in their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rick Okubo has been teaching me to play chess. He's a very good teacher of the game and I'm enjoying the fellowship. I've known the basic rules of chess for most of my adult life but I've rarely played. To play chess well, you have to play often with a partner who knows the game. It takes one afternoon to learn all the rules, how each of the pieces can moved and their limitations. Once you understand the rules, you are ready to begin to play and focus on learning the game.

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South Bay Village



The S.B.V. is part of the national village movement. Volunteers help Seniors stay in the security of their own homes, remain active and independent, and continue to do even more of the things they love in their communities. S.B.V. serves the senior population in Torrance and the surrounding areas.

They also provide transportation to and from medical appointments, grocery shopping, church and social functions, personal appointments, educational classes, etc. Their volunteers provide assistance with home chores, minor repairs, gardening, computer training, food preparation, pet care, games, walking and more. This group allows seniors a way to live independently, yet remain connected. To learn more about this local group, please visit their website at www.SouthBayVillage.org. You may also phone them at 424-271-2304. Thanks to the Director, Doris Herzog for briefly meeting with our UMW group last month to introduce the program.

“Roof Over Head Program”

ROH clients, our expectations, and meeting the client's objectives . . .

Submitted by Roy Currence

Prior sharing of our expectations of those participating in WUMC ROH: In the November Builder, we shared that our expectations of the ROH clients we help is that they are diligent in helping themselves, honest in sharing with us, reliable in paying their rent on time, and being good neighbors to fellow tenants. We do not require our clients be WUMC members or WUMC participants, or share our belief regarding God or the Bible. We are concerned about their general health, and particularly at 2219 PCH, we know that safe food storage and preparation needs diligent cleanliness to be healthful for the tenants and unsupportive of the insects. We believe and share that budget planning and discipline are important in meeting present and future needs, just as it is important to have friends and to develop positive relationships with their neighbors. WUMC and individuals have often provided \$ or other assistance on occasion, with some return of assistance encouraged (or in some cases required), when that is feasible, so that other ROH clients might be helped in the future.

On going help and involvement: The above expectations are shared verbally (and often in writing) during the initial period of working with a client. Once the initial challenges have been met, we continue to relate to these friends, to be aware and to offer guidance if needed, although guidance is not wanted by some. Even if some of the above shared expectations might not be met, it is our intent to let clients make their own decisions and live with the present and future consequences. How best to achieve sharing, health and sustainable independence is a balance we are still seeking to develop, for our ROH clients and for WUMC.



Family Promise of South Bay: WUMC has been a supporter of the Family Promise program and has been asked to meet with our leadership to discuss further cooperation. We look forward to a shared discussion, and anticipate some continuing participation in this important program.



April Birthdays

Doris Wenzel (8)
Ruth DeHart (17)
James Sonada (20)
Travis Reinhardt (21)
Sara Dickens (22)
Anita Yox (25)



Words of Wisdom

Selected by John Dean, written by Bradley Whitford

Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen. Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love. And whatever your beliefs, honor your creator, not by passively waiting for grace to come down from upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen... yourself, right now, right down here on Earth.

April Meeting of United Methodist Women-Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will be holding their April meeting on Tuesday, April 19, at 1 pm in the church Social Hall. Laura Wilson will be hosting. Our program will consider the meaning of Jesus' instruction, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" from Matthew 5:7 and explore how that applies to our every-day living out of our faith. Interesting facts: the word *mercy* appears in the Bible over 200 times. *And* we need to realize that mercy and justice go hand-in-hand as we consider together what this Beatitude means for our every-day lives. All women are welcome to come and join us. Call Sara for a ride. Sara Dickens, UMW President

Thoughts From Pastor Sid continued (from page 1): I've found prayer to be like that. We all know how to talk and in a very short time we can know the traditions of prayer, but prayer requires practice. It requires many conversations with God to see how your prayers are being answered. We can pray every day, but are we keeping up with what we are asking for and looking to see if those things are happening? Find a quiet place and a time to listen to the Lord. Write down what you want to pray for in advance; keep this list and come back to it often. Remember, prayer takes continual practice like anything else. Our family film this month is "The War Room." This is a powerful story about the power of prayer. We are joining Wayside UMC so we can enjoy a potluck and film together.



CROP Walk—April 17th

ATTENTION ALL CROP WALK WALKERS AND SUPPORTERS

CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, April 17 at 1 pm. Gloria will be handing out the envelopes to prospective walkers very soon. Circle the date, folks!

Altar Flowers — A Big Thank You to Lina Shim!

We just wanted to express our gratitude for Lina's ministry to both our congregations here at WUMC. She has committed to making a fresh bouquet for the altar each Sunday and they certainly are lovely and dramatic. We've all enjoyed their beautiful arrangements; thank you!

* From Sara Dickens and the WUMC congregation



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Worship & Study

Sunday Adult Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Torrance Korean UMC worships here
each Sunday at 11:45 a.m.

For information about A.A./Alanon/
Alateen, contact the church office.



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"Small enough to be
personal, *big enough to
make a difference!*"

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Donate Life Run/Walk!

April 30th

Registration at 7am



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<http://www.donatelifec.org/>

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