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FUMCHUB Vision

Statement:

God calls us to be a loving and growing church, reaching out and sharing the Love of Christ in the community.

Our Church Stewards

- Church Council on Ministries Chairperson: Lorian Titcomb
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- Communications – John Leonard
- Lay Leader - Kelly Frankiewicz
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- Membership Secretary – Peg Novkov
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- United Methodist Women – Teresa Anunciation
- Worship – Jack Niesley
- Pastor – Reverend SonHye Kim

Stewards are still needed to fill several positions. Will you answer the call?

FUMCHUB Mission Statement:

We believe God is calling us to introduce Christ to those we encounter and to nourish them and ourselves in faith through His Word.

Ring in the New Year!

by Crystal Nicholson and John Leonard

Ebeneser Scrooge in one of his last lines of the stage adaptation of “A Christmas Carol”, states “Quite myself? Quite myself And how, else would I be feeling? But I must confess ... I feel a little confused. I am more happy and elated than I have been for many a long year.” This is followed this chorus from all on stage, “Here’s a toast for Christmas Day. Here’s to those we love the dearest; may they prosper through the year; never shed a tear; be joyful everyone.” As we usher in 2008, let each of us remember the great hope we have in God, His Word which should serve as a reminder to hold those we love closely to our hearts and the gift of His assurance as to who we are.

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

- I am God's child (John 1:12)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
- I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
- I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
- I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
- I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5: 13-14)
- I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27)
- I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
- I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20)
- I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)
- I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
- I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom.8: 35-39)
- I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1: 21-22)
- I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)
- I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
- I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
- I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
- I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph.1:5)
- I belong to God
- Do you know who you are?
- Keep this bell ringing
- by using your talents for God
- "The LORD bless you and keep you;
- the LORD make His face shine upon you and
- be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you
- and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Dear Friends

from SonHye Kim

“Leaders thrive by understanding who they are and what they value, by becoming aware of unhealthy blind spots or weaknesses that can derail them, and by cultivating the habit of continuous self-reflection and learning.” (Christ Lowney, *Heroic Leadership*)

Two years ago I took a leadership development class at Fuller Seminary. Leaders are very important in the church as well as in the company. We, Christians, are leaders who are to lead people to Christ. I’d like to share four qualities of a model of great leadership that I learned from the class: Centeredness, Calling, Competence and Character.

1. **Centeredness:** Great leaders are centered. They center their leadership in strong values. Values served as gyroscope and thermostat to guide them in their decision-making their behaviors.

The ‘Who’ is more important than the ‘What’. The ‘Being’ comes before the ‘Doing’. The values you hold determines the way you lead. There are four important aspects to value. Values must be nurtured. Values are nurtured by living them out. Values are best seen in our behaviors. Values will be tested. Some of the most fundamental values that have been critical in leadership are: love, grace, respect for human dignity, courage, humility, thrift, honesty, learning spirit, and spirit of generosity.

2. **Calling:** Calling refers to the passion. Stephen calls it, “Finding your own voice.” It is finding purpose, meaning and fulfillment in life. Calling creates passion. It means understanding yourself, your passion, and your destiny. Calling has that God-given ability to do the job and God-given enjoyment in doing it. You have a passion in doing it. Of course, passion can be dissipated and has to be nurtured to keep its flame from burning.

3. **Competence:** Competency is the accumulation of knowledge and skills in what you do. It is both hard and soft skills. You must be familiar or at least have a working knowledge of what you do. Soft skills include developing others, conceptual thinking, and team leadership.

4. **Character:** Character is critical in leadership. Os Guinness writes, “Externally, character provides the point of trust that links leaders with followers; internally, character is the part-gyroscope, part-brake



that provides the leaders’ strongest source of bearings and restraints. In many instances, the first prompting to do good and the last barrier against doing wrong are the same-character. Character has two aspects: integrity and morality.”

If we have calling, without competence and character, we become demagogue. If we have competence, without calling and character, we become functional experts bereft of emotional intelligence. If we only have character, without calling and competence, we become moralists-dispensing spiritual advice and moral platitudes to our followers, with little credibility because we lack passion and competence in our leadership. If we have calling and competence, without character, we become destructive achievers. We have seen too many examples of this kind of leader, who have suffered this fate.

If we have character and competence, without calling, we become unmotivated under-achievers. If we have character and calling without competence, we become charismatic gung-ho. We are ‘eager-beavers’ but unable to lead the group forward.

Centeredness, calling, competence, and character: We cannot perceive these as techniques or strategies but four perspectives forming one way of living and leading. All these factors are important. The real power of leader lies not in the sum of the four aspects but in what results when all these factors reinforce one another in an integrated life.

Friends, let us examine ourselves in those areas and ask God to help us build up and strengthen weak areas. Center yourself on Jesus, listen to His calling, let Him equip you and mold your character.

In His Love and Grace,

Your Pastor and Friend, SonHye

*Rich and poor have this in common:
The LORD is the Maker of them all. - Proverbs 22:2*

Celebrating January Birthdays

8 th Florence Treadwell	9 th Betty Steidinger
10 th Ryan Smith	17 th Renee Taylor
21 st Don Lyons	24 th Dani Mitchell
27 th Kristin Sarbeck	29 th John Leonard

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Youth Bible Study in Room 4 from 9 am-10 am

by Mario LeSueur

Every Sunday morning starting at 9 am all youth are welcomed to come and learn the word of life. We plant seeds so they grow and we eat food so that we grow. Come and eat the Word of life so that you grow to the abundant life of eternity that God has called all his children to have! The free gift of eternal life offered to you through the blood of the lamb, the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings: Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

And "What is the Word of Life?" you ask. The Word of Life is found in Matthew 4:1- 4:

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Come; hear; learn; and live more abundantly.

Your First 2008 History Lesson - The United Methodist Church: Our Story

- From UMC.org

On April 23, 1968, The United Methodist Church was created when Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. With the words, "Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church," the new denomination was given birth by two churches that had distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world. Theological traditions steeped in the Protestant Reformation and Wesleyanism, similar ecclesiastical structures, and relationships that dated back almost two hundred years facilitated the union. In the Evangelical United Brethren heritage, for example, Philip William Otterbein, the principal founder of the United Brethren in Christ, assisted in the ordination of Francis Asbury to the superintendency of American Methodist work. Jacob Albright, through whose religious experience and leadership the Evangelical Association was begun, was nurtured in a Methodist class meeting following his conversion.

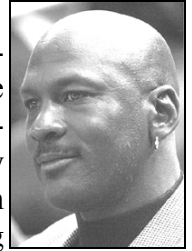
Next month: Roots (1736-1816)

Christian Fundamentals

by SonHye Kim

Fundamentals matter. Ask a great athlete. The difference between a great athlete and an average performer is in the consistency of execution. It is this constant and unequivocal focus on the fundamentals that will make the difference. Athletes spend many hours practicing their routines. Be it golf, gymnastics, swimming, or basketball. To be competent involves constant practice.

Michael Jordan, the world's greatest basketball player, emphasized the need to keep working on the fundamentals, "The minute you get away from the fundamentals, the bottom can fall out. Fundamentals are the building blocks or principles that make everything work."



What are the fundamentals of Christians? How do we work on the fundamentals? One way is reading the Bible and practice what you read in your daily life. When you read the Bible, don't just read it for knowledge. Try to find a way to apply that knowledge to your life in tangible ways. The purpose of reading the Bible is to transform our lives to be more like Jesus Christ.

A Bible Reading Schedule is enclosed in the newsletter. Read God's word everyday; listen carefully what He wants to say to you; and, what He wants you to do. Then practice what you need to do to obey Him. As you do that routine everyday, you will experience God's great work around you.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- Proverbs 3: 7-10

Youth: Mark Your Calendar

by SonHye Kim

The Monthly Youth Program starts again this month. Mark the first Sunday of each month for the program. The youth will meet 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and have activities that will help learn about God, have fellowship, and strengthen their faith. The first meeting of 2008 will be on January 6th. Mark your calendar and plan to be there! Check the Sunday Worship bulletin for details.

Meet our New Members

by SonHye Kim

The 2007 Beacon brought glimpses of the lives of members of our church under the heading: *The New and the Familiar*. Appearing in the 2007 Beacon have been Maurine Allen, Rik Buchas, Jack and Jeanette Clapp, Shashi Contractor, Betty and Jake Steidinger, and Sarah Melton. In keeping with the tradition of knowing thy neighbor, this issue brings you information about our newest members. If you would like to see this feature continued, please read the article: *Communication Help*.

On December 9 our church received five new members: Valerie and Dani Mitchell (by confirmation), Matt Doss and Leslie Haugen (by baptism), and Ruthie Kirkpatrick (by reaffirmation of faith). Their friends-in-faith are John Leonard (Valerie), Rik Buchas (Dani), Marge Mitchell (Matt), Kelly Frankiewicz (Leslie Haugen) and Sarah Melton (Ruthie). Let's meet our newest members.

Ruthie Ann Kirkpatrick

About half of her family calls her Ann while the other calls her Ruth. She answers to either. She was born in southeast Missouri, in the boot heel, pretty close to the Mississippi River, and in the heart of the Ozarks. She accepted Jesus as her personal savior at the age of 10. As with many other people she has not always listened to the small voice of the spirit, but for the most part she has. She married at 20 and lost her husband to cancer 15 years ago. She has three children and nine grandchildren.

She received her bachelor's degree at 40 and her master's degree at 46. She has been teaching for about 30 years. She retired from teaching in New Mexico in 2002 and moved to California to be near her daughter. In New Mexico she taught special education, elementary education, and now in California she is teaching adult ESL in the evenings.

She has had and is having, a beautiful life in Christ and she is so happy to have found a church so full of love. It truly feels like home to her.

Leslie Haugen

Leslie lives in Huntington Beach with her 14-year-old son, Devin. She was born in Puyallup, Washington and raised in El Cajon, CA. Leslie is an Executive Assistant for a bio-med and pharmaceutical Contract Research Organization. She also enjoys spending time with her son and being involved with church activities and strengthening her relationship with Jesus. Leslie

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continues to be amazed by the changes in her life since she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Valerie Mitchell

Valerie Mitchell is 17 years old and a senior in high school. She is Aunt Valerie to two nephews and one niece. She has been dating Nick for one year, three months, and three days. Valerie spent three years teaching children's Sunday school for the 9:00 am and children's church. She loves kids. After high school, Valerie will be attending Golden West College.

Danielle Mitchell

Danielle Mitchell is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. She has enjoyed singing as long as she can remember. Danielle has been in chorus all throughout elementary school, middle school and now high school. In 7th & 8th grade she auditioned for Gate Chorus and was accepted both years.

Matthew Doss

Matthew just turned 15 and is a freshman at Edison High School. He is in Model United Nations (MUNI) and enjoys going to conferences that other school's MUNI programs sponsor. He's also a Boy Scout having achieved the rank of Star Scout. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games and hanging out with his friends. He is happy to be a part of a great church.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

- Proverbs 3:3

New Afternoon Small Group Fellowship

by SonHye Kim

Our church started two evening small groups last year September. Some church members have expressed a need for a morning or afternoon small group. A new small group will meet on January 16th, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at Kelly Frankiewicz's, 200 Pacific Coast Hwy. #245. Fern Burgess, Pat Mercier, Peg Novkov, Sarah Melton, Lorian Titcomb and Kelly Frankiewicz will be in the group. If you are interested in joining a small group, please let Reverend Kim or Kelly (849-6747) know.

January Small Group Fellowship Schedule:

January 10, 7:00 p.m. @ Rev. Kim's

January 16, 2:00 p.m. @ Kelly Frankiewicz's

January 16, 7:00 p.m. @ JoAn Allison's

January 31, 7:00 p.m. @ Rev. Kim's

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Charles Dowdell, Former FUMCHUB Pastor

by Bette Dowdell

Charles Dowdell is one of the pastors who served FUMCHUB. Our chapel is dedicated in honor of him. Bette Dowdell wrote the following article in remembrance of her parents and will preach on January 13, 2008.

Young children see their parents as giants, capable of anything. We five Dowdell children still see it that way. Our parents, Charles and Josephine Dowdell, were amazing people, and we still speak of them with wonder.

Daddy was a large man, with a booming bass voice. He had opportunities to pursue careers as a professional athlete or a professional musician. He was the most intelligent person we kids have ever known. A great raconteur, he made people laugh. In other words, he had what it took to swagger through life, but lived, instead, with great humility, focused on others instead of himself.

One story: Daddy arrived at FUMCHUB early one Sunday, as usual, and saw a young lady dressed all in red, obviously pregnant and holding the hand of a young child. Introducing himself, he learned that her husband had abandoned her the previous day. She didn't know what to do or where to turn. So, for the last two years of his life, Daddy encouraged Little Red Riding Hood, as he named her, and helped her find the help she needed. And that's how he lived his life.

When my parents arrived at FUMCHUB, the Merry Methodist class was down to two or three members and about to be disbanded. Mom took the class under her wing and had it roaring along in just a few months. When her Parkinson's Disease made teaching too difficult, Daddy did the teaching, while Mom glad-handed everybody who came anywhere near the doors.

Daddy enjoyed teaching, but he loved to preach. What nobody knew is he didn't have the energy to do both on the same day. A heart attack several years before he arrived at FUMCHIB had severely damaged his heart, leaving him with insufficient energy to both teach and preach on the same day. Once I moved to Arizona, I volunteered to teach the Merry Methodist class whenever he had an opportunity to preach. I don't know if anybody figured out why I kept showing up to teach, but the arrangement gave me an opportunity to get to know the people of FUMCHUB and realize how special they were.

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FUMCHUB members returned all the love and honor my parents poured into them when, at the luncheon following Daddy's funeral, they asked if we would approve the building of the Dowdell Chapel. We agreed—both astonished and delighted with the idea. On the first day of raising money to make the chapel happen, all the needed money – and more – came in to support the building of the chapel.

Thank you for honoring my parents in such a wonderful way. I'm looking forward to being with you on January 13, 2008.

Needed: Communications Help by John

Four people are needed for at least the next four months, January through April, for these tasks: (1) interview members for Beacon articles; (2) duplicate CDs of the service; (3) help format and print the master copy of the Beacon; and (4) create a podcast version of the sermon for the website.

For task (1), the person will be responsible for the material in the New and Familiar section of the Beacon. The volunteer only need to contact the person, give them the questions, and do a follow up in a week. The list of people and suggested questions to be used has already been created but someone needs to be responsible to make the contacts and deliver the material to the office in a timely manner.

For task (2), a volunteer is needed to make copies of the service CD for distribution to those unable to attend worship services. The Trustees authorized the purchase of a CD recorder to record the service on Sunday mornings. Blank CDs are available, all one needs is a computer and the ability to duplicate the service CD.

A task (3) person will format and print a master copy of the Beacon for distribution at the beginning of February, March, and April. The person should have a computer, Word, and email. Word is the software used to compile the completed articles. The email is used to collect articles and communicate with Alan in the office.

The final task, (4) creating podcasts, requires a little more skill and some specialized software. Currently, John Leonard is doing this task using a Macintosh computer with OS 10.4, a fifth generation iPod, and GarageBand. With the addition of the CD recorder to the sound board, the iPod will not be

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I am the light of the world. Whomever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
- John 8:12

What I Learned

by Dani and Valerie Mitchell

After an eight-week Confirmation Class, the participants wrote about some of what they learned. This is how Dani and Valerie responded after reflection.

Dani Mitchell

I've learned a lot over the last eight weeks. I've learned more about Christianity and what it means to be a Methodist. I have realized just how much God cares. He basically had his son killed, just so we could go to heaven, and know what we can do to keep us from straying away from Him. For this reason I thank him for loving everyone so much. He had done all he could to show people the way to God.

I have had my questions about God, and some of those questions have been answered either by pastors of other churches I have gone to, or by old family members. One question I had was about how God wanted us all to praise him. As I grew up in this church, I have been told that being selfish is wrong. It is not what God wants. But I thought that it was selfish for Him to want everyone to praise him, or we'd be condemned to hell. But after all I've learned about all He has done for us, I know we should have a desire to be closer to him and thank him for the chance to have eternal life with him in heaven. As I type this out, I realize just how much I didn't really understand what I already knew. I think asking these questions and getting different views on the answers they have actually helped me 'put the pieces together' to see the bigger picture here. I'm glad that I know this now because if I didn't, I wouldn't have been sure how much I'd believed.



Valerie Mitchell

Valerie Mitchell

Growing up in this church has really made me a better person, and taking confirmation class has only made me understand this world more. This class has changed me. I

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realized how little I really did know about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Even the basics, why we pray, and the correct way to pray became clearer to me after being in the class. I mean I knew the jist of everything, but I never knew the true meanings.

I used to question myself about God. It seemed that when I prayed for something I never would get what I had asked for. But I now realize that I might not have gotten exactly what I wanted but it was either for the better, or I got something even better than what I wanted. I am really glad I ended up taking this confirmation class. I thought it would just be a waste of time and not be interesting but after the first class I was hooked. Something that was said or something I read, really got my interest. I look more forward to church now. I like to learn about what has happened and I really look forward to find out the reason God chose to put me on this earth.



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needed only the computer and software that will read the files on the CD and convert them to a podcast for the website. Once the podcast is created, it will be uploaded to the website.

If you are willing and able to do one or more of these tasks, please contact Reverend SonHye, Lorian Titcomb, or John Leonard.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- Acts 2:42

Bi-monthly Church Potluck Luncheon



There will be a pot-luck luncheon on January 6th after worship. Please sign up on the insert in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or contact Sally Valentine who is in charge of January's luncheon. Bring a main dish, salad or desert to share. Please let her or church office know what you are going to bring. This will be a big help for the planning.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it -Psalm 118:24

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Wisdom Is Supreme
Listen ... to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. - Proverbs 4: 1-4

By the numbers - attendance

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>Sunday SCHOOL</u>	<u>Children's CHURCH</u>
December 2 nd	64	11	NA
December 9 th	71	17	7
December 16 th	70	11	8
December 23 th	75	0	0

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