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His Spirit Still Amazes

by Ana E. Gan

I'm still astonished by the amazing things that are happening at FUMCHB. In the last few days, I have seen how the Lord is bringing results from the work that I have been doing in the past two months and from the work that many of you have been doing for the past several years.

Three weeks ago we had the Harvest Festival that was put on by the whole congregation. Rosalinda Jaime came because she heard that we were going to have a Mariachi Band. During the event, I had the opportunity to speak with her and invite her to meet me the following Wednesday at the church. During our visit, as we walked through the church campus, she said that she was very open and excited to participate with us in the future plans.

This past Sunday, her two daughters came to the worship service for the first time. Monday afternoon, she came to the church office and shared with me that she had a wonderful experience last week as we walked through the church campus and into the sanctuary. She said that she felt a warm feeling in her heart as she entered into the House of God. Through our conversation, I had the privilege of leading her to the Lord and seeing the first new confession of faith as a result of the Harvest Festival outreach ministry.

I wanted to share this story with you, so that you can see what the Lord is currently doing at FUMCHB
Grace & Peace for *"It is the Word of God that has the power to set people free"*



These are some of the current events that are now happening on FUMCHUB's Campus. I would hope the Lord leads you to support these outreaches. Please let me know if you can come and assist me. I really am in need your help to greet, to read, and to help with the adults and the learning of English. This effort will help them in their work, with their self esteem, and in communicating with their children's teachers.

Currently, these activities are scheduled in Room 34.

Mondays	6:00 pm ESL
	7:00 pm aerobic class
Fridays	5:00 pm Bible study

As the Advent season is approaching, a Las Posadas, the Hispanic version of Joseph's and Mary's journey from Luke (2:1-9). This festivity is being planned for December 19, 20, 21, 22, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Las Posadas is a nine-day celebration with origins in Spain beginning December 16 and ending December 25. It symbolizes the trials which Mary and Joseph endured before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born. The neighborhood children and adults are the pilgrims, who have to request lodging by going house to house singing a traditional song about the pilgrims. All the pilgrims carry small lit candles in their hands, and four people carry small statues of Joseph leading a donkey, on which Mary is riding. The head of the procession will have a candle inside a paper lamp shade. At each house, the resident responds by refusing lodging (also in song), until the weary travelers reach the designated site for the party. In some places, the final location may be a church instead of a home.

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
Coastline School – Virginia Terry
Communications – John Leonard
Lay Leader - Kelly Frankiewicz
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Kelly Frankiewicz
Prayer Ministry - Virginia Terry
Staff/Parish - Sally Valentine
Treasurer - Marge Mitchell
Trustees - Greg Smith
United Methodist Women – Sally Olson
Worship – Jack Niesley

Stewards are always needed to do God's work. Will you answer the call?

New Leadership has been formed for 2011 and will be announced at a later date.

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.

Influenza (Flu) Update

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent influenza is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

There are over a dozen locations in Huntington Beach to obtain low cost (\$24) or free flu shots. **For the current 2010-2011 flu season, the seasonal flu vaccine also includes protection against H1N1 flu.** That means that, most Americans will be able to return to having one flu vaccine to protect them against the major circulating flu viruses, including the H1N1 virus.

As is always the case with seasonal vaccine, younger children who have never had a seasonal vaccine may need two doses. Talk with your doctor about protecting yourself and others against the flu.

Californians can also take steps to prevent themselves and their families from getting flu and other respiratory infections by washing your hands frequently, covering your cough with a sleeve or a tissue, and staying home if you are sick.

Save the Date - 4 December 2010

by Virginia Terry



Make sure you schedule our annual Progressive Dinner on your calendars! It starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$12.00 per person. We need table hostesses and homes for appetizers and salads.

We welcome all of you to participate! It's a great way to start the blessed Christmas season and a great time for fellowship, too!

Sign ups will continue through November 24th.

What to do with that old...

As part of our commitment to the Coastlines education program, there is a need to modernize the classroom equipment. Each classroom should be equipped with a display device, a playback device and/or a DVD capable computer. Using visual media to supplement the current program, the children will begin to use different modalities of learning. If you are getting ready to replace your computer, purchase a digital TV, or retire a VCR, consider donating your current one to Coastline. In addition, money may be contributed for wall mounts for the televisions and player mounts (~ \$60 each). Contact John Leonard or any school board member with your donation information.

Beacon Articles Guidelines

by John Leonard

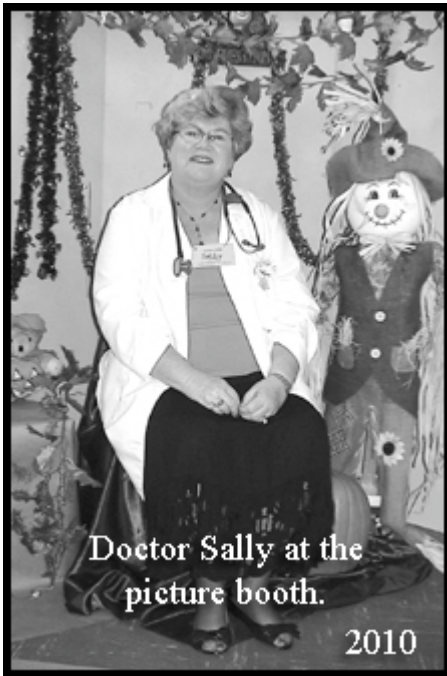
The Beacon and newsletter text are set in Times New Roman font in a 12 point size. Titles are done in Lucida Handwriting font, bold. You may word process using any word processor and save in either a Word or RFT format. The email your article to info@fumchub.org. You may also give a hand-written article to Meghan in the church office.

Trustees Create Office Space

Gregg S. and Bob V. have been working to convert Room 31 into an office and classroom space for Ana Gan to use while she is on campus. Jack N. replaced a broken ladder to aid Bob's painting and arranged to replace the broken window many of you noticed on Sunday, 14 November. Remaining to be done are the wiring for phone and internet.

5th Annual Harvest Fiesta

by Kelly Frankewicz



The Harvest Fiesta was a great success! Guests were greeted on the street by Pastor John McFarland, Ty Brinker and the wavy Green Giant. A huge 4 in 1 Noah's Ark Jumpie-Obstacle Course marked the Fiesta entrance. From the moment our 180 guests entered the Fellowship Hall, they each received from greeters Lu Bailey-Trim and Ron Novkov a "Jesus loves (my name) this I know, 'cause the Bible tells me so" name tag on a string which Alicia Kim had prepared ahead at her home. The Hall had been transformed into an orange and black seasonal Harvestland by set-up and decorating crews: Rik Buchas, Jack Niesley, Nancy and Dave Hoffman, Virginia Terry, Marge, Valerie and Danielle Mitchell, and Ted Frankewicz who also served as runner throughout the evening.

The children loved the games and activities. Dr. Bob the Vet ran the Ring toss, Betty deBoer the Bean Bag Toss. Don - Indiana Jones - Trim showed kids how to shoot "poison darts" through a straw to pelt the ghastly mylar balloons. Lorian Titcomb and Edrie Brinker paired up again on the Go Fish Booth where the catch was tiny toys and bags of

fish crackers invaded by icky spiders. Crafts included Nurse Sally Valentine's ever popular Decorate a Cookie, Ava Taylor's Holy Ghost Pops, Ann Borchard's Thanksgiving Turkey centerpieces complete with Grace in Spanish and English and Renee Taylor's Salvation Witness Bracelet Kit (also assembled at home by Alicia K).

But wait, there's more! Bozo's and Hershey's total environment photo portraits (John and Barabara Leonard), Alice-in-Wonderland - Anson's Artful Face Painting, and Psalm Reader Kelly Frankewicz's Wisdom from the Word of God readings of each person's birthday verse with personal applications.

Everyone enjoyed the foods, candies and Mariachis. Jack Clapp supplied hotdogs and all the fixings. McDonald's at Seacliff provided their igloo of orange punch. Peggy Novkov and her crew, Tim Durham and Denise Vosepka, served the foods and kept the candy bowls full at all the tables. Ana Gan arranged for the Mariachis and donations from Polly's Pies, prepared the survey of needs registration slips, and circulated among the guests to graciously welcome them in the language of their heart.

Never at a loss for Godly counsel, Pastor John explained, in Spanish and in English, the Christian heritage of All Hallows Eve, reclaiming it for today's population. He also joined in singing along with the Mariachis and led the costume parade judging.

A grand time was enjoyed by all from 6 to about 7:45 pm. All clean up, repack and reset of the Hall was complete by 9:30 with thanks for Greg Smith's help.

So, here are the stats:

- Over 200 people attended including guests and staff
- 150 hotdogs and 10 pies were consumed
- 50 photo portraits were made for home visitation delivery for follow-up
- 32 church members cheerfully volunteered
- 8 businesses donated goods or gift cards for supplies
- Many members donated candies, supplies, and money for supplies

As the 2010 Chairman, I extend a huge thank you to all those who helped out, donated supplies or prayed from home. Everyone had a great time. The Lord provided all that was needed for us to *reach out and share the love of Christ in our community* and to *introduce Christ to those we encounter*. Praise be to the Lord whose yoke is easy and burden is light!



Operation Christmas Child

FUMCHUB and Coastline collected and dedicated fifty shoeboxes for children around the world. While these boxes have been delivered for processing, we will accept boxes for OCC through December 5th. Some cash donations are needed to complete several boxes as there were some turned in without shipping donations and contained unacceptable items, i.e. chocolate, liquids, and some food stuffs. Please contact John if you can help (714-536.8644).

Peg Novkov has reserved Tuesday, 7 December from 2-6 p.m. at the Orange County collection center for a work day of service to help prepare the boxes from all over the western states for shipment to children. If you are able to donate four hours of your time, contact Peg Novkov via the church office: 714-536.3537 or by email <pnov930@yahoo.com >.

... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. *-1 John 1:7*

Layout Editor Needed

A person with some computer skills is needed to format articles for the Beacon. Please contact John Leonard if you can help: 714-536.8644

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