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Duties of Leaders and Members – Lay Leader by Virginia Terry

The Lay Leader "serves as primary advocate for and representative of the



laity in the congregation and must be a professing member of the congregation." One of the goals of the lay leader is to encourage others to use their physical skills as well as their spiritual gifts to build up the church. He or she is also a member of several committees, charge conference, church council, staff-parish and finance. The lay leader at this time is Virginia Terry and she covets your prayers as she learns this responsibility. She will make herself available for any questions or concerns.

To Print or Not to Print by John Leonard

For the past three months I have taken on the opportunity of preparing, typing, laying out, and some of the printing of the Beacon. The last Beacon had several different colors used on the masthead and color printing on the outside cover.

There have been some obstacles along the journey from concept to the final folded copy that reaches your hands. For example, the outside color involved printing each copy on my ink jet printer at home because color copies on the tabloid paper cost about seventy-eight cents per side. The paper needs to be special ordered to obtain the twenty-eight pound paper necessary for inkjet color printing at a cost of \$12.53 a ream (500 sheets or about eight newsletters). The office copy machine is having difficulty handling the tabloid, 11"x17" paper. Hence, the cost of the June Beacon was about \$25 for 75 copies.

Besides the cost, it has taken many helping hands to collect the information to share with our congregation. Each article was written by a person and then passed onto me by email or hand written. Each hand written article had to be typed while the email articles had to be pasted into the Beacon copy. It takes about ten hours to assemble the Beacon. Depending to the form it takes another two hours to print and fold.

This brings up important questions to which you need to contemplate and

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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.

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respond:

- should there be a Beacon?
- should it be monthly or just six times a year?
- do you prefer some color or just black & white?

Pass on your comments to Virginia Terry, our Lay Leader.

If you would like to continue having a Beacon, please consider making a \$25 contribution to sponsor a month's issue of the Beacon.

Just a thought

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...
but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

From the Stewards - Counters by Tyler Brinker

Picture the accountants of Scrooge's money lending shop in "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Each week, assembling like the legendary accountants of this classic tale, FUMCHUB's four pseudo accountants, Tyler Brinker, Jack Niesley, Terry Trabant and Howard Woodstra sit surrounded by the stacks of tithing envelopes, cash and checks. These four are presently the counters for the Sunday offering. Together they tabulate and deposit all cash and checks made out to the church. FUMCHUB requires a minimum of two people to be present to count the offering and create the necessary reports. All funds are counted, reconciled twice, and a Financial Report created. One copy of this financial report is given to Pastor with additional reports given to committee chairs, the Finance Chairperson and the Treasurer.

Copies of all checks, except regular giving checks, are filed in the Church office for the Financial Secretary. All giving information is kept confidential. If you have questions about the process or would like to become a counter as your means of stewardship, speak to one of the money counters listed above.

Celebrating Anniversaries

7/27	Yonha and Alicia Kim
7/28	Howard and Gloria Woodstra

From the Discipline: Function of Church Council

by Virginia Terry

The various committees of the church meet under the umbrella of the Church Council. The task set before the Church Council is the planning, coordinating, and the administration of the programs of the church congregation. Mandated committees for council participation are Board of Trustees, Staff-Parish, Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee. Other committee membership is discretionary. This may include Missions, Worship, Education, and Communications. The Lay Leader also attends and there may also be Members at Large.

The purpose of this committee is to report on the activities going on in the church, make financial decisions, and determine what programs may be implemented. The committee is basically administrative, but also can give spiritual direction to the congregation. No meetings are secret and any church member may attend. This is a very brief summary of the function of Church Council. In future issues, synopses of other mentioned committees will be provided.

FUMCHB's Local Outreach Needs You

by John Leonard

The adventure of giving comes through sharing time, personal talents, and personal wealth, in other words, joyful Stewardship. Come share the adventure by volunteering to assist at the 52nd Annual Huntington Beach Distance Derby sponsored by the City of Huntington Beach which will benefit Project Self-Sufficiency. If you would like to share the adventure or shade with the other adventurers, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or contact John Leonard: <johnl@fumchub.org>.

We will be on duty at a location along the beach route from about 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. Our task will be to hand out cups of water to runners in the 10 mile run and 5 mile run/walk. How appropriate is that ... Methodists giving out water? Volunteers should bring a chair, sun screen, a hat, and wear their church polo shirt. We will have a portable canopy for shade. Last year we didn't have any sun but we had lawn chairs, a canopy, and our

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FUMCHUB sign as we waited for runners.

Project Self-Sufficiency in Huntington Beach

Project Self-Sufficiency assists low-income, single parents in achieving economic independence from governmental assistance through a network of community and county services. It is coordinated through the Community Services Department and both public and private agencies are involved in the program. The public sector, involved through the Project Self-Sufficiency Task Force/Single Parent Network of Orange County, coordinates access to resources, such as housing subsidies, child care, education, job training and a variety of other benefits. The private sector is involved through the Project Self-Sufficiency Foundation, a nonprofit organization with non-profit 501(c)3 status. The purpose of the foundation is to raise funding for child care, transportation, tuition, job training, and other needed services. Rental assistance is provided through the Orange County Community Housing Corporation (OCCHC), while job training and educational resources are provided by a variety of public and private entities. Project Self-Sufficiency began in 1985, when the city participated in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's national Project Self-Sufficiency Program. Since then, the Huntington Beach program has gained national recognition as one of the best in the country.

The Participants

Project Self-Sufficiency parents must be single, underemployed, and highly motivated to work toward achieving a career which will support their family. Applicants must live or work in the City of Huntington Beach or be

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referred to the program from a shelter in Orange County. Each Project Self-Sufficiency parent benefits by defining their goals and building a reasonable strategy with their staff representative. These strategies include education, job training, employment, housing, child care, finances, and addressing personal issues. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the community and support each other by attending monthly meetings where guest speakers share information and support. Participation in the program's committees is also encouraged. Project Self-Sufficiency participants usually realize new self-esteem on their way to becoming economically self-sufficient. Eventually participants no longer need public assistance for food, housing and child care. Their ability to contribute acquired skills and efforts to the overall community increases resulting in substantial savings for taxpayers.

The Community

To ensure the success of Project Self-Sufficiency, it is vital that the community play a role in its implementation. Private and nonprofit agencies and individuals can assist in the following ways:

- Child care scholarships
- Clothing donations
- Education scholarships
- Food donations
- Furniture donations
- Job training and placement
- Mentor programs
- Volunteer services

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by the law

If you need to contact former Pastor Steve Isenman, you will need to use his email address until his move is complete. His home email address is < sisenman@aol.com >.

From the Stewards - Finance Update by Marge Mitchell, Finance Chairperson

In 2005, the Church Council approved the purchase and use of Shepherd Staff, a computer program that is specifically designed for the United Methodist Church. The Finance Committee used 2005 as a training period. While the committee is still learning every day and week, Shepherd Staff is generating financial reports beginning January 2006. The second quarter giving reports will be available for pick-up on the patio the second week in July.

2006	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$9,992.44	\$13,745.81	-\$3,753.37
February	\$12,608.72	\$13,909.76	-\$1,301.04
March	\$11,647.16	\$13,410.18	-\$1,763.02
April	\$14,294.35	\$17,925.12	-\$3,630.77
Totals	\$34,248.32	\$41,065.75	-\$10,448.20

During the year, our expenses have been greater than our income. This trend may continue through the second quarter of the year. However, our congregation is strong in our giving to the Lord. Our offerings are 105% of our pledges for the first quarter 2006. We will continue to watch our expenses to bring them in line with our current income levels.

The Parable of the Carrot, Egg, and Coffee Bean
from a friend via cyberspace

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl; pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl; and, then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the daughter replied.

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Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity -- boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is

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By the Numbers: June Attendance

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Children's</u>
		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
June 4 th	96	19	10
June 11 th	68	15	9
June 18 st	xx	xx	xx
June 25 th	xx	xx	xx

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the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

ACTS Model for Prayer by John Leonard

In the Upper Room Prayer Center two models for prayer are described by Mary Lou Redding, editor of the Upper Room. One model described for prayer is built on the acronym ACTS:

- A - Adoration (worship, praise)
- C - Confession
- T - Thanksgiving
- S - Supplication (requests)

"We begin by adoring God, (A) acknowledging who God is. Then we (C) confess our failures and our need for God and ask for forgiveness. Next we express (T) thanks, acknowledging God as the source of all we have, all our blessings. Finally, we state our requests, (S) supplications*, to God for what we need and want. This model can help us to pray more freely by giving us a way to search our hearts for what we want to say to God. Patterns like

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this can encourage us to exercise the privilege of prayer and to pray more freely and faithfully." To read more about this, you may go to our Church web site, <<http://www.fumchub.org>>, and click on the Upper Room button.

*Supplicate *v.t.* To ask for humbly or by earnest prayer.

A Musical Opportunity by John Leonard

This past May 6th, Dianne West, a local piano teacher, held her student's spring recital in our sanctuary. In the fall, she will be scheduling another student piano recital in which she plans to feature duets. Having tried out the sanctuary's second piano and found it in need of repair, she has graciously offered to donate \$1 for every \$2 the congregation donates to repair and tune the console piano. An estimate from a local piano tuner and repair technician for the adjustment and/or repair of the console piano's action and the tuning of the two pianos to each other, came to about \$300. If you would like to participate in this Musical Tune, put your donation into a pew offering envelope and mark "Musical Tune" next to the amount you are donating.



What Blue Notebook? by Jaynee Trautman

FUMCHUB likes to honor everyone's birthday and anniversary with a special cake served on the patio after the service on the second Sunday of every month. But if no one knows when your special date is, it cannot be celebrated, hence, the Blue Notebook on the narthex desk. Sign up so we can all have an excuse to celebrate with a cake or treats. If you know someone who is shy, sign up for him or her. That way you will be sure to be included in the write up in the bulletin, Beacon, and our patio celebration. Besides, it is said there are no calories in someone else's birthday cake.

Thanks to the first four people who have donated inkjet and toner cartridges for recycling. Just drop your inkjet cartridges in the box in the Narthex and have a "kiss" from Jake. The toner cartridges may be left in the church office or given to one of the ushers. If you are purchasing an inkjet cartridge and would like to purchase one for the Church office, Jaynee has a HP Deskjet 960c which uses these print cartridges: Black, HP 45 (equivalent to HP 51645 series) and a Tri-color HP 78 (equivalent to C6578 series). Next month there will be an update on the response to this recycle program.



If you are donating inkjet cartridges for our recycle-for-office paper program, Office Depot will not accept cartridges from Brothers, Cannon, or Epson printers. Staples, however, will provide a \$3 off coupon good for your next cartridge purchase.

Celebrating Birthdays

- 7/2 Leah Smith
- 7/4 Davis Smith, Yonha Kim
- 7/8 Shashi Contractor
- 7/10 Almada Didio
- 7/11 Faith Singleton, Virginia Terry
- 7/13 Edrie Brinker, Vicki Doss,
Harriet Davis Krueger
- 7/15 Ellen Trabant
- 7/26 Don Boger
- 7/28 Cheryl Trabant
- 7/29 Helen Allen
- 7/31 Pat Niesley

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Coastline CORNER by Olivia Woerz

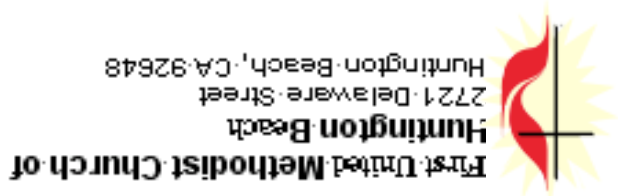
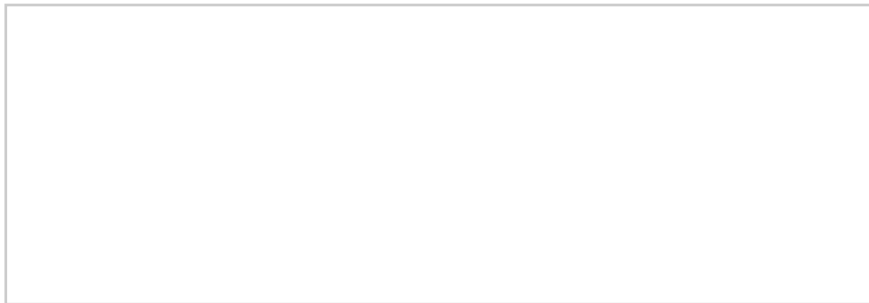
COASTLINE HAS FALL OPENINGS

Help spread the word. First day of school is September 5th. Olivia reports there will be some openings. Check out **Coastline Christian School** on the web at

www.coastlinechristianschoolofhb.com

Flower Calendar:

Please sign up in the narthex on the flower calendar to provide flowers on any Sunday of your choice. This is a great way to celebrate or honor a person's birthday, anniversary or special occasion. After you sign up you will be contacted by Virginia Terry to find out if you are providing the flowers or want her to order them for you. The costs of flower arrangements are: \$26.94, \$32.23, \$37.71 and \$43.10. A notice will be posted in the bulletin on the Sunday the flowers are placed with a message of your choice.



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