February 2014

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

REACHING ONE MORE FOR JESUS
Open hearts, open minds, open doors

WORSHIP AT OUMC

SUNDAY WORSHIP
AT 9:00 AM
IN THE SANCTUARY

Pastor Tom will lead a DVD-based six-session Bible Study for Lent, titled "The Way: Walking the Footsteps of Jesus." Participant's book is $15 each. Deadline for registration is Sunday, February 16, 2014. Sign up with Barbara Johnson or Manny Ferrer at church office (714) 526-8317

Monday Night group starts on March 10 at 7 pm in the church conference room (must have 4 or more) Wednesday Afternoon group starts on March 12 at 1:30 pm in the church conference room.

WANDERING WHAT TO DO ON FRIDAY NIGHTS?

Youth and Young Adults
You are invited!
To our Youth and Young Adults Meeting
Every Friday at 7:00 pm

Social Events
Bible Teaching
Praise and Worship

ORANGETHORPE—UMC
Heritage Room
and Chapel
Join us for
Food, Fun & Fellowship

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The newly formed group continues to meet each week on Friday evenings at 7PM in the Chapel/Heritage Room. The first night we had 13 youth and 3 young adults who were joined by 20 especially invited guests for a pizza party before the program began.

Yayo Morales was in charge of music, but unfortunately I don't think these kids like to sing; or maybe they were just shy for the first night. Pastor Tom's games went over well, and they just wanted to keep playing the 7-Up game.

When asked what they would like to see in the program, there was a variety of ideas, including inviting their friends - that's a good sign!!

The next week, the group had popcorn & drinks and watched the movie "Facing the Giants".

Friday, January 31 will be more games with Pastor Tom, and scripture verses turned into skits. This should be interesting.

Keep this exciting adventure in your prayers; and we thank Church Council for their support; and a particular thank you to John vanAhlers, Mike, vanAhlers, and Carly Tsuda for their valuable insight from the young adult perspective.

Sharyl Lewis for the Youth Ministry
Team of Rev. Tom Tran,
Pastor Sergio Camacho,
Donna Daniels,
Yayo Morales and Sharyl Lewis
The old man sat behind the counter of his gas station on a cold Christmas Eve. Business had been brisk with people gassing up their vehicles to visit relatives. He hadn't been anywhere in years since his wife had passed away. It was just another day to him. He didn't hate Christmas, just couldn't find a reason to celebrate. He was sitting there looking at the snow that had been falling for the last hour, wondering why he was still around, when the door opened and a man who looked homeless stepped through.

Instead of throwing the man out, "Old George" as he was known by his customers, told the man to come and sit by the heater and warm up.

"Thank you, that's very kind. I don't want to be a bother," said the stranger. "It's pretty cold out there.....but maybe I should just go."

"Not without somethin' hot in your belly." George said. He turned, opening a wide mouth Thermos and handed it to the stranger. "It ain't much, but it's hot and tasty. Stew.....made it myself. When you're done, there's coffee, and it's fresh."

Just at that moment he heard the "ding" of the driveway bell. "Excuse me, be right back," George said.

There in the driveway was an old '53 Chevy. Steam was rolling out of the front. The driver was panicked. "Meester, help!" said the driver. In halting English with a thick Spanish accent, he continued. "MI esposa....she have the baby. Mi car, she broken." George peered under the hood. There was so much steam that he couldn't see much of anything. His guess, though, was that the block had cracked from the cold. The car was as dead as a doornail.

"You ain't going nowhere in this thing," George said as he turned away. "Por favor, meester -- Ayudame! You can help me?" Tears stood in his frantic eyes.

The door of the office closed behind George as he stepped inside. He went to the office wall, got the keys to his old truck, and went back outside. He walked around the building, opened the garage, started the truck and drove it around to where the couple was waiting. "Here, take my truck," he said. "She ain't the best thing to look at, but she runs real good. You can bring her back after the baby comes. I'll see what I can do about your car."

George helped put the woman in the truck, and watched as it sped off into the night. He turned and walked back inside the gas station. "Glad I gave 'em the truck; their tires were shot, too. Not safe." George thought he was talking to the stranger, but the man had left. The Thermos was on the desk, empty, with a used coffee cup beside it.

"Well, at least he got something in his belly," George thought.

George went back outside to see if the old Chevy would start. It cranked lowly, but finally caught. He pulled it into the garage where the truck had been, thinking he'd tinkered with it later on. When business dropped off around dinnertime, he discovered that the block hadn't cracked, it was just the bottom hose on the radiator. "Well, shoot, I can fix this," he said to himself. So he put a new one on.

"Those tires ain't gonna get 'em through the winter, though." The snow treads on his wife's old Lincoln were the same size. They were like new, and he wasn't going to drive that car anyway. So, he put them on the couple's Chevy.

As he was working, he heard what sounded like gunshots. He ran outside. Across the street next to a squad car, he found a middle-aged policeman lying on the ground. Blood was coming from his right shoulder. The officer was moaning, "Please...help....." His shoulder radio wasn't functioning.

Following the cop's instructions, George tried to raise someone via the police car's communication system, only to find that a bullet had left it useless. George remembered the training he had received in the Army as a medic. He knew the wound needed pressure to stop the bleeding. The uniform company had been there that morning and had left a bag of clean shop towels.
He wadded up a bunch of them and used duct tape to bind the wound. "Hey, they say duct tape can fix anythin'," he said, trying to make the policeman feel at ease.

Running back to the garage, he tried to call 911, only to find that his phone had no dial tone. Now what?! Blankets and something for pain, George thought. All he had was the Arthritis-Strength Tylenol he used for his back. He went back to find the officer sitting up. "These oughta help with the hurtin'." He wrapped up the policeman and handed him the pills along with a bottle of water.

"You hang in there, I'm gonna try to find somethin' to get you off this cold street." A few minutes later, he returned with a large 4-way dolly, and managed to haul the policeman over to the warmth of his shop.

"Thanks," said the officer. "You probably should have just left me there. The guy that shot me is still in the area."

George sat down beside him, "I would never leave an injured man in the Army, and I sure wasn't gonna leave you." George pulled back the bandage to check for bleeding. "Looked worse than what it was, I think. Bullet passed right through ya. Seems to have missed the important stuff, though. I think with time yer gonna be right as rain."

George got up and poured a cup of coffee. "How ya take it?" he asked.

"None for me," said the officer.

"Oh, ya gotta try this! Best coffee in the city. Too bad I ain't got no donuts to go with it." The officer laughed and winced at the same time.

George was about to head off to try to find a working phone when the front door of the shop flew open. In burst a young man with a gun.

"Give me all your cash! Do it....now!" the young man yelled. His hand was shaking, and George could tell that he wasn't a regular at this sort of thing.

"That's the guy that shot me!" exclaimed the officer.

"Son, why are you doing this?" asked George, "You need to put that cannon away. Somebody else might get hurt."

The young man acted confused. "Shut up, old man, or I'll shoot you, too. Now give me your cash!"

The cop was reaching for his service revolver. "Put that dang thing away," George said to the cop, "we got one too many in here already."

He turned his attention to the young man. "Son, it's Christmas Eve. If you need money that bad, well then....here. It ain't much, only $150 bucks, but it's all I got. Just put that pea shooter away."

"I'm not very good at this am I? All I wanted was to get something for my wife and son," he went on. "I lost my job, and our rent is due. The landlord said he was going to evict us if we didn't come up with at least part of the money we owe him. My car got repossessed last week. I've already sold every last thing I own that's worth a plug nickel...."

George handed the gun to the cop. "Son, we all get in a bit of squeeze now and then. The road gets hard sometimes, but we make it through the best we can."

He got the young man to his feet, and sat him down on a chair across from the cop. "Sometimes we do stupid things." George handed the boy a cup of coffee. "Bein' stupid is one of the things that makes us human. Comin' in here with a gun ain't the answer. Now sit there and get warm, and we'll sort this thing out."

The young man had stopped crying. He looked over at the cop. "Sorry I shot you," he said sheepishly. "I was so scared when you came up behind me that it just kinda went off. I'm sorry, officer.....really."

"Shut up and drink your coffee" the cop said.

George could hear the sounds of sirens outside. A police car and an ambulance skidded to a halt. Two cops threw open the door, guns drawn.

"Chuck! You ok?" one of the cops asked the wounded officer. "Not bad for a guy who took a bullet. How'd you find me?"

"GPS locator in the car. Best thing since sliced bread. Somebody called 911, reporting shots fired over this way. When you didn't answer the dispatcher, she put 2 and 2 together. Who did this?" the other cop asked, looking suspiciously at the young man.

Chuck answered him, "I don't know. The guy ran off into the dark. Just dropped his weapon and ran." He handed over the now wiped-clean pistol to his fellow patrolman. George and the young man exchanged puzzled looks.

"This guy work here?" the wounded cop asked, eyeing his shooter. "Yep," George said after only a brief hesitation. "Just hired him today. Boy lost his job last week."
The paramedics came in and loaded Chuck onto the stretcher. The young man leaned over the wounded cop before he was wheeled away, and whispered, "Why?"

Chuck just said, "Merry Christmas, kid..... You, too, George! And thanks for everything." "Well, looks like you got one doozie of a break there. That oughta solve some of your problems anyhow."

While the young man sat with his head in his hands, George went into the back room, and came out with a small box, which he handed to the boy.

"Here ya go, son.....something for the little woman. I don't think Martha would mind. She said it would come in handy some day."

The young man looked inside to see a good-sized diamond pendant. "I can't take this," said the young man. "It's gotta mean something to you."

"You're right....and now it'll mean somethin' to you," replied George. "I got my memories of Martha. That's all I need."

From under the counter, George pulled out another box holding a car and a tanker truck. They were toys that the oil company had left for him to sell. "Here's a present for that son of yours."

The young man began to cry again as he handed back the $150 that the old man had handed him earlier. "And what are you supposed to buy Christmas dinner with -- or pay that rent? You keep that, too," George said. "Now git on home to your family before you git yerself into more hot water!"

The young man turned with tears streaming down his face. "I'll be here in the morning for work, if you really meant that job offer."

"Sorry. That won't work. I'm closed on Christmas Day," George said. "See ya the day after."

George watched the boy head off down the street. He turned to lock up the garage, thinking, "Whew, what a day! Nobody would believe it." When he entered the shop, he was surprised to see that the homeless man had returned.

"Hey! Where'd you come from? I thought you left?"

"Oh, I've been here all along. In fact, I've always been here," said the stranger, to the old man's confusion. "You say you don't celebrate Christmas. Why is that?"

"Well, after my wife passed away, I just couldn't see what the big to-do was all about. Trimmin' a tree seemed like a waste of a good pine tree. Bakin' cookies like I used to with Martha just wasn't the same by myself, and besides I was gettin' a little chubby."

The stranger put his hand on the garage owner's shoulder. "But you DO celebrate the holiday, George. You gave me food and drink and warmed me when I was cold and hungry. The woman with child will bear a son, and he will become a great doctor.

The policeman you helped will go on to save 19 people from being killed by terrorists. The young man who tried to rob you will make you a rich man and not take any of the fortune for himself. That is the spirit of the season, and you keep it as well as any man could."

George was taken aback by all this stranger had said. "And how do you know all this?" asked the old man. "Trust me, my friend, I have the inside track on this sort of thing. And when your days are done, have no fear. You will be with Martha again."

The stranger moved toward the door. "If you will excuse me, George......I have to go home now. There's a big celebration planned." The room was suddenly bathed in a golden light.

"You see, George...... it's my birthday. Merry Christmas!"

George fell to his knees and replied, "Happy Birthday, Lord!" Isn't this story better than any greeting card?

Passed to you by Pastor Tom Tran
Following a recess in December, the Church council is "back in action". The following people will be on the 2014 Council with six representatives from the Latino Ministry: Jan Ault, Jan Oerkhe, Janice Fowler, Jo Menely, Pat Houck, Jeanette Carey, Chuck Carey, Barbara Johnson and newcomer, Donna Daniels. Donna is on the Youth Program Committee, and is hoping our groups will be successful in the lottery for a fireworks stand this summer.

The cleaning service was evaluated by a committee and representatives from Priority Cleaning did a walk through, The service has given us good service and will be correcting any neglected items. Please continue to notify a council member if you find something not being cared for properly.

"Coins for Camp" totals almost $350 and will continue until June.

Vacation Bible School will be held the third week of June. The E-waste drive was busy both days and we will know our profit in about six weeks.

Barbara Johnson, Chair of Church Council

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For the next two or three months, the clinic will not be held at Orangethorpe United Methodist Church. According to Lisa, the coordinator, the participation during the winter months is not what they expected because many of guests are being housed at the Armory and there are some services there.

We also find that with the time change, some of those who were coming now headed out earlier to find places to eat and sleep before darkness set in. The Clinic was open between 5 and 8 pm.

So hopefully, the clinic will return to OUMC Patio Lounge on the 4th Tuesday of April. Watch for further notice and details in future NET editions.

Sharyl Lewis, Coordinator.

Clínica Comunitaria de Buena Park, patrocinada por Illuminations Foundation

Para los dos o tres próximos meses, no habrá clínica a nuestra iglesia. Según Lisa, la coordinadora, la asistencia durante este invierno no ha sido como esperaban, debido a que muchos de los clientes están siendo hospedados al Armory, donde se ofrecen algunos servicios.

También encontramos que, con el cambio de tiempo, muchas de las personas que venían aquí, ahora salen para buscar lugares para comer y dormir antes de la oscuridad. La clínica estaba abierta entre las 5 y las 8 pm.

Esperamos que la clínica vuelva a la OUMC, en la Sala del Patio, el 4o. martes de abril. Estén pendientes para noticias en las ediciones futuras del NET.

Sharyl Lewis, Coordinadora

...the ultimate Valentine!
1 John 4:9

Weirdly Compatible

We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness — and call it love — true love. —Robert Fulghum, True Love
**February 2, 2014**  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Scouting Sunday**

- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)  
  Psalm 112:1-10 (UMH 833)  
  Hebrews 2:14-18  
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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
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**February 16, 2014**  
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Scouting Sunday**

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
  Psalm 119:33-40 (UMH 840)  
  I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
  Matthew 5:38-48

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**February 23, 2014**  
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Scouting Sunday**

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
  Hebrews 2:14-18  
  Luke 2:22-40

**Suggested Readings for February 2014**

February 2, 2014  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Scouting Sunday**

- Micah 6:1-8  
  Psalm 15 (UMH 747)  
  I Corinthians 1:18-31  
  Matthew 5:1-12

February 2, 2014  
**The Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas**

- Malachi 3:1-4  
  Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
  Hebrews 2:14-18  
  Luke 2:22-40

February 9, 2014  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Scouting Sunday**

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**PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

“When one member suffers, we all suffer; and when one member is honored, we all rejoice.”  
I Corinthians 12:26

Beth Robinson, healing  
John Hildebrand, healing  
Vern Story – healing  
Kay Snook, healing from surgery  
Sharyl Lewis – healing  
McAllister Family, loss of Ruth  
Louise Adlolf – healing at home  
John Taylor - home after surgery  
Joe & Pat Manson – comfort for the loss of grandson, Bob Peck  
Pat Warner family – loss of Pat  
Susan Pratt – loss of sister, Lori

The safety of our troops deployed around the world  
The renewal, unity and growth of our OUMC Church  
UMC Global Methodist Mission  
Christians in Muslim countries  
The leadership of our country

**Please note:**  
Names will be deleted from the above list after one month unless an updated request is received.

**If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary during the worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Wendy 714-525-1205 or Manny at the church office at 714-526-8317**

**Heifer International gratefully recognizes Orangethorpe United Methodist Church for our contribution $815.00 of health animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.**
**Learning Center**

**Lenaburg's Home**

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7:00 pm Zumba - FH

Yoga H

7:00 pm Parish Board Meeting CR

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12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

10:00 am Senior Exercise Class FH

24:5 pm Learning Center FH PL YR

5:45 pm Hatha Yoga H

7:00 pm Parish Board Meeting CR

7:00 pm Zumba - FH

13 24:5 pm Learning Center FH PL YR

6:30 pm Praise Team PL

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal PL

7:00 pm Zumba - FH

14 Valentine's Day

6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Fellowship - C & N

15 8:00 am Food Distribution BPL

16 8:00 am Food Distribution BPL

17 PRESIDENT'S DAY

Washington's B-day

7:00 pm Zumba - FH

18 24:5 pm Learning Center FH PL YR

5:45 pm Hatha Yoga H

7:00 pm DLC Learning Center Board Mtg. PL

7:00 pm Zumba - FH

19 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class FH

24:5 pm Learning Ctr

4:00 pm Book Muse Group—Jeanne Lindsay's home

7:00 pm Latina Praise & Worship C

7:00 pm Spiritual Healing Class FRM

20 24:5 pm Learning Center FH PL YR

6:30 pm Praise Team PL

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal PL

7:00 pm Zumba - FH

21 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class FH

6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Fellowship - C & N

6:00 pm Women's Meeting Reunión de Damas C

22 9:00 am Healthy Eating Class HR

23 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class FH

24:5 pm Learning Center FH PL YR

5:45 pm Hatha Yoga H

5:30 pm Buena Park Community Clinic PL

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting CR

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| 8 | 8:00 am Food Distribution BPL |

**Location Key:** PL: Patio Lounge / S: Sanctuary / FH: Fellowship Hall / CR: Conference Room/ C: Chapel/HR: Heritage Room/BPL: Back Parking Lot/ FPL: Front Parking Lot/PO: Pastor’s Office / YR Youth Room/FRM: Fullerton Residential Manor/Narthex N

**Orangethorpe Learning Center**

Dining for Dollars ALL DAY Salt & Pepper Restaurant

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• **Patio Lounge renovated:**
  - New windows and doors.
  - Completely repainted.
  - New flooring.
  - New covers for overhead lights.
  - Air conditioner installed. This includes a heater.

• **Electrical upgrades on campus:**
  - Two floodlights installed in front of the Chapel, they light the wording "Chapel"
  - Two floodlights installed in front to light our two flags.
  - Two new flags purchased.
  - All outside lights are in working order.
  - Installed motion light, on the corner of Education building.
  - Installed new electrical box in Kitchen to accept larger electrical needs.
  - Overhead fans were repaired in Kitchen.
  - ** Light over corner of Sanctuary which lights the parking lot is being replaced.
  - ** Light over OUMC office is being replaced.

• **Education Building and Chapel:**
  - Chapel was carpeted.
  - Chapel repainted.
  - New flooring was added to the Narthex in front of the Chapel.
  - Lace panels were installed in the Chapel windows to stop the glare on the video screen.
  - Small kitchen was painted.
  - Small kitchen had new flooring.
  - Heritage room was painted.
  - Heritage room was carpeted.
  - Nursery was re-carpeted, painted, and new furniture was purchased. New toys were purchased.
  - Privacy screens in Fellowship Hall were recovered by Barbara Johnson and her brother. Parish paid for the fabric.
  - Toilet was purchased for women's bathroom in the Fellowship Hall.
  - New projector and screen purchased for Sanctuary, old screen was installed in Fellowship Hall.

• **Outside Improvements:**
  - Parking lot was slurried and striped.

• **Projects for consideration in coming year:**
  1. Redo men's and women's Bathrooms in Fellowship Hall. They will have to be ADA approved.
  2. Redo Fellowship Hall (flooring, paint, windows, doors.)
  3. Re-carpet Sanctuary.
  4. Refurbish pews.
  5. New roof on Fellowship Hall.
  6. Replace roof on garage.

Janice Fowler
January 2014
Read Luke 18

In Luke 18 there is a wonderful teaching story about a widow who wouldn’t give up with her prayers! She got what she wanted because she wouldn’t quit.

Back in 1932, a composer’s wife died while she was giving birth. A few days later the baby also died. The musician was brokenhearted and just sat at his piano, musing upon the hymn, “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone.” That song asks, “Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there’s a cross for everyone, and there’s a cross for me.” As he modulated the chords, the Holy Spirit interceded. New chords and new words began to emerge in his mind. And at that point, his grief began to yield to faith.

And so Thomas Dorsey wrote a new tune, “Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

Thomas Dorsey is much like the persistent widow – who hung on – and through music and faith and the movement of God’s spirit, found hope and comfort.

May you hear God’s words of comfort today …in the music …in your life!

God’s blessings to you this day!

Manny
Their Love Is Here to Stay

Happy 61st Anniversary to Al & Janice Fowler
Married February 14th, 1953

Special recognition to our friends, Al & Janice Fowler, on their 61st Wedding Anniversary on February 14th, 2014. Little did they know what was in store for them when they began their lives together. They have had their ups and downs throughout the years, but have remained faithful to God and to each other. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great grandson. Al and Janice have given us a Godly heritage and a living example of true love and commitment.

“In life there is nothing as important as making a lasting commitment to someone you love.” - George Gershwin

After worship service on Sunday, February 16th all are invited to the Fellowship Hall where everyone will get to enjoy a piece of the anniversary cake and extend their greetings to Al & Janice.

9 "Verses" that aren't in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- “Money is the root of all evil.” (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”)
- “Cleanliness is next to godliness.” (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- “God helps those who help themselves.” (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- “God moves in mysterious ways.” (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- “Spare the rod, spoil the child.” (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- “This, too, shall pass.” (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- “Love the sinner, hate the sin.” (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- “Charity begins at home.” (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- “God will never give you more than you can bear.” (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

The Greek letters that begin the words "yesterday," "today" and "forever" remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV).

Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord’s "steadfast love endures forever" (e.g., Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What a reassuring message when life seems troublesome and fleeting!

What if Bible characters had “theme songs”? To the right are some well-known Bible characters and what might have been their theme song.

Noah: “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head”
Job: “I’ve Got a Right to Sing the Blues”
Jezebel: “The Lady is a Tramp”
Samson: “Hair”
Daniel: “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: “Great Balls of Fire!”
The Three Kings: “When You Wish Upon a Star”
Methuselah: “Stayin’ Alive”
In the early 1990s, the people who made up Orangethorpe United Methodist Church’s Local Organizing Committee were very concerned about a number of problems in our neighborhood, such as:

- Gang activities
- Vandalism of private and public property
- Gilbert Park not safe for children to use
- Apartments run down, needing repair, and sometimes occupied by gangs

Several of us started attending meetings of the Orange County Congregation Community Organization, learning about community outreach. We heard about projects which other churches had carried out in their own neighborhoods. We walked our neighborhood knocking on each door, asking people what they felt was a need. We invited neighbors to OUMC to continue this dialogue about needs and problems in more depth and to explore possible solutions.

Among the many needs which our neighbors expressed to us, they said their children needed help with homework. Many of the parents in our neighborhood didn’t speak enough English to help their children, or worked long hours and couldn’t spend enough time at home with them. We decided this was an issue we could do something about immediately, and that an after-school homework center would address the problem. We undertook even more research, visiting similar programs in Costa Mesa and La Habra and meeting with representatives of the city and the school district to hear their assessment of the situation. Concerned members of Orangethorpe Christian Church and Cornerstone United Methodist Church also became involved in the planning.

February 14, 1995, was opening day. We decorated the Patio Lounge with balloons and streamers and bought some punch and cookies. Nine of us volunteer tutors were ready for the many students who needed our help. But only two children came. We weren’t discouraged though. The next day seven kids showed up and, within two weeks, an average of 25 students were coming in each day.

When we opened Orangethorpe Learning Center, we did it on faith that we would be able to meet the needs of the families of our neighborhood. We didn’t have a penny for supplies and no personnel except volunteers. We didn’t even have a name for it until a few days before it opened. We raised some money by grants and donations from neighborhood businesses to buy supplies and were able to hire one of OLC’s founders, Norm Todd, as director. We developed contacts at local high schools and colleges to obtain student volunteers.

As time went by, we strove to involve our students’ parents more in the management of OLC and in our fund raising. One of the parents who brought her child the week we opened, Margareta Iancului, is still active as a board member. She and other OLC moms work hard in the kitchen each Christmas season to make tamales to sell to our congregations. Her daughter, Kristina, is an honor student at Fullerton High and is also a volunteer. Another of our “first moms”, Bertilia Solares, was an active leader until moving out of the area a year ago. Her sons, Willie and Jesse, are achieving 3.5 GPAs at Rialto High School.

We have learned as we went along. It hasn’t been perfect and we are still learning, but we have been very proud of our students’ progress in academic improvement and proud of our parents that have stepped up to volunteer daily and to raise funds for our center. We’re very proud of our students’ progress and of the family members and church members who have put in many hours of volunteer efforts.

– Martha Hyde

Bible Quiz

One theme of Epiphany is to share the Gospel with others and lead them to faith. To whom did Jesus say, “Go therefore and make disciples”?

A. Peter, James and John
   (his “inner circle”)
B. The women at the empty tomb
C. A crowd, beside the Sea of Galilee
D. The 11 disciples (Judas had committed suicide)

Answer: D (See Matthew 28:16-20.)
We are a Christ-centered welcoming Community and we invite you to join us!

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Where the staff is well qualified.
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