

Orangethorpe United Methodist Church: Latest News

This is an informal collection of recent news items about people and events in the life of our church. *Your* contributions are welcome.

- **May 13.** Today is Mother's Day. Don't miss **Fern McCallum's** inspirational article, [*Angels Without Wings*](#).
- **May 7.** Welcome home, Pastor Tom!
- **May 6.** Another Sunday with a lay member's message. You can read today's message by **Sharyl Lewis** [here](#).
- **May 2012.** Who's celebrating a birthday this month? Please visit our [birthday page](#).
- **April 30.** For quite a while, we've wondered what ever became of **Uncle Billy**, who used to attend our church, often bringing with him a half-dozen children from his apartment complex. Mystery solved. Today, a little girl named **Samara** enrolled at [Orangethorpe Learning Center](#). When your **webservant** asked her where he might have seen her before, she answered, "Don't you remember me? I used to come to this church with Uncle Billy!" Samara says Billy is now living in Apple Valley.
- **April 29.** This is the first of two Sundays when "the inmates take over the asylum", with lay people giving the message in Pastor Tom's absence. [Read today's message](#).
- **April 24 through May 4.** [United Methodist Church General Conference](#) in Tampa, Florida. Pastor Tom is attending as a member of the [National Federation of Asian American United Methodists \(NFAAUM\)](#) team. Please pray for the transformation of our Church and for its leadership as they consider many difficult questions.
- **April 23.** Pastor Tom leaves for Tampa. He'll be back May 7.
- **April 18.** It is with sadness that we report that **Ed Roberts** passed away this morning. Please keep Carol and the family lifted up in prayer during this difficult time. (His memorial service was Monday, April 23, 10:30am, at OUMC.)
- **April 1.** Vern Nelson presents *The Most Remarkable April Fools Concert... in recent memory!* Your favorite classical, rock and jazz – **and** his! – at Huntington Beach Central Library and Cultural Center, Talbert at Goldenwest.
- **April 1.** Palm Sunday was an exciting day, as OUMC Anglos and Latinos were joined by many brothers and sisters from Pastor Tom's "other congregation" – Bellflower First UMC – for a worship service and then brunch. Let's do it again!
- **March 30. Thank You** to members of the Latino Congregation! Thank you, **Alex** and **Jesús Zúñiga**, and other workers for all the painting, carpet laying and other work you have done in the Chapel, Heritage Room & Latino offices. And thank *you*, **María Cruz**, who worked very hard in the small kitchen. And let's not forget Mr. **Giovanni González** for his very hard work in the garage and alley. ¡Muchísimas gracias a todos! Thank you, everybody! Your hard work is very much appreciated.
- **March 28.** The families of Orangethorpe Learning Center thank all their friends for dining at SuperMex today in the Dining for \$\$\$ fundraiser. Your **webservant** saw several OUMCers there while he, Jeanette, Alice and Cayla were enjoying lunch. At OLC that afternoon, third grader Maryann informed him that she had gone right after school with her family. Beth said she rolled in at dinner time and had some great chimichangas. Watch for more opportunities to support *la escuelita* while enjoying a meal at a local restaurant.
- **March 25.** Thank you, **Jerry Martindale**, for the beautiful wooden window covers you made for the chapel. These covers conceal the planters which are full of dirt and have not been used for years. Jerry, your work is truly appreciated by Church Council and those who use the chapel. It adds so much to the "new look" we have in the chapel now. Also thank you for putting wheels on and fixing the table carts.
- **March 25.** And thank you, **Richard Shea**, for helping with the church office's recent email problems. What a blessing it is to have you as our IT guy!
- **March 18.** Your **webservant** and his wife attend a performance by the Buena Park Chorus this afternoon which includes a lot of interesting choral music. But the highlight of the show is OUMC's own [Beth Robinson's](#) recitation of [A. A. Milne's](#) poem, [Disobedience](#).
- **March 15.** Sharyl sends us her [message](#) from last October's Laity Sunday and we add it to our [lay members page](#). Don't miss it – it was worth the wait!
- **March 15.** **Joe Manson** and friends assemble the church chairs we received yesterday. Check 'em out in the chapel!