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SMALL TALK



A couple of Sunday ago I mentioned the “hand shake formula.” That is the equation used to find how many relationships are able to be formed in a group. The formula is $n \times (n-1) \div 2$.

If we take our membership at about 450 and apply the formula we find that we can make 101,025 relationships! Most of us would find that it is

beyond us to form 101,025 meaningful relationships in our whole life time! It is much easier for people to know and to be known by a much smaller group. We can know one another much better in a group of 8, 10, or 15 people.

The Jesusita fire reminds us that it is much easier to care for each other when we are known and are known by a small group of people. That's how we can know where each other live (are they in the evacuation zone?). We can know how each other are doing (do you have a special consideration that would make it hard to evacuate?). Do they have an extra room to offer? Is their business affected by the fire? Schools are closed, do they need childcare? Can you join together for a meal and for support? How can we pray for each other during all of this?

Such questions and opportunities are met by knowing someone well enough. There is something special about belonging to a small group of people. These are the people who especially want to know “where are you?” Where are you in the fire grid, where are you emotionally, where are you spiritually? These groups—study groups, work team groups, committees, sports teams, prayer groups, etc.—keep us connected, keep us celebrating, keep us caring in ways that are manageable and personal.

It is the hope of Pastor Alan and myself that by this Fall Festival of Faith we will have a substantial number of groups and dedicated leaders to allow

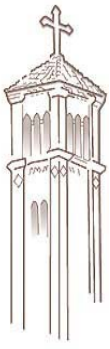
everyone the opportunity to find such transforming groups of people to add to their lives. As big things happen in our lives, let us continue to Think Small!

Parker Helary



JESUSITA FIRE RELATED THANK YOUS

The fires are still burning, although low, and there is ash along the side walks and window sills. People are discovering the extent of the damage and the joy of being able to return home. Thank you to all who prepared for fire by clearing out around your property. Thank you to those who opened your homes and hearts to those evacuated. Thank you to the volunteers with Red Cross, animal shelters etc. Thank you to those who kept contact with others to be sure we knew where you were. Thank you for evacuating when asked, not knowing if and when you could get back. Thank you for holding one another in prayer. **Thank you for being the Body of Christ in this place and in this time.**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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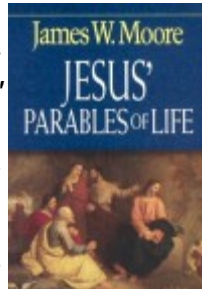
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WOMEN OF SPIRIT

Women of Spirit began a new study book on **Friday, May 8**, *Jesus' Parables of Life* by James W. Moore. Rev. Dr. James W. "Jim" Moore is a bestselling author of over 40 books. He is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. He served as Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston from 1984 to 2006. In 2006, after 50 years of active ministry, he retired from full-time ministry in the Texas Conference of the UMC and moved to the Dallas area. He is currently serving as Minister in Residence at Highland Park United Methodist Church. All women of the church are invited to join this spiritual group for a six-week study, Fridays 10:00- 11:00 a.m. in the Asbury Room.



HEALTH MINISTRIES

"HOW CAN I LIVE A MORE RELAXED LIFE?"

Submitted by Susan Plumer

- Think ahead about what may upset you. Some things you can avoid. For example, spend less time with people who bother you or avoid driving in rush-hour traffic.
- Think about problems and try to solve them. Talk with your boss about difficulties at work, talk with you neighbor if his dog bothers you, or get help when you have too much to do.
- Change how you respond to difficult situations. Be positive, not negative. Learn to accept things you can't change.
- Learn to say "no". Don't promise too much. Give yourself enough time to get things done.
- Engage in physical activity regularly. Letting go of the tension in your body will help you feel a lot better.
- Limit alcohol, don't overeat, and don't smoke.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES CALENDAR, MAY-JULY



May 15-17: All Church Retreat. San Marcos Camp. Special sessions for children, tweens, and youth. Songs, games, swimming, ropes course, family activities.

May 24 : 11:30 a.m., Sunday School Leaders Appreciation Luncheon.

May 31: Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost. 11:45 a.m. Lunch for confirmands and their families.

June 7 : 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday School BBQ and Pool Party for Sunday school children, tweens, youth and their families.

- Graduation Sunday
- Kari Neal's last day

June 13: 10:00 a.m. UMCOR sewing kits assembly.

June 14: UMCOR sewing kits dedicated in service.

June 27: Youth Car Wash to benefit youth going to Sierra Service Project

July 4-12: Youth and Leaders at Sierra Service Project in Loleta, California.

August 8-15: Arson Rebuild in Phoenix, Alabama , youth and young adult participants.

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SUMMER CAMP

Families are already confirming their summer plans. This church has a strong tradition of helping kids go to camps. Please note the following dates for the three District Camps. Registration forms and informational booklets are on the table in the office hall.

Younger Elementary:

- "Promises & Rainbows", **June 21-24** at Camp Colby Ranch for children entering grades 1 to 3 in the Fall. Cost: \$220.

Older Elementary:

- "We Are A Rainbow", **June 21-27** at Camp Colby Ranch for children entering grades 4-6 in the Fall. Cost: \$315.

Junior High:

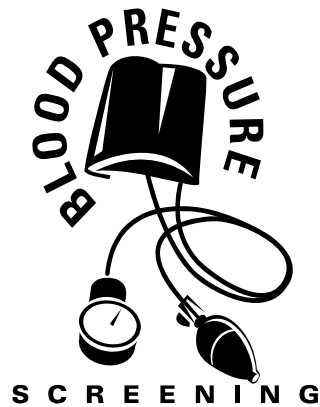
- "Delicious Surprise", **July 12-18** at Camp Colby Ranch, for youth entering grades 6-9 in the Fall. Cost: \$315.

Senior High:

- "One on Three With God", **July 26-August 1** at Camp Colby Ranch, for youth entering grades 9 - senior graduates in the Fall. Cost: \$315.



An exciting variety of new ideas are bubbling for new groups in the Fall season; everything from Bible studies, to Film and Faith, to volleyball, to service groups. Teresa and Pastor Alan are leading a workshop, Friday evening and Saturday Morning, May 29-30 for those interested in helping to organize and lead a group. Several have already expressed an interest. Please contact Teresa or Pastor Alan for details.



BLOOD PRESSURES

Health Ministries offers a monthly blood pressure screening and collection for used eye glasses and expired medications collection. The next opportunity will be **Sunday, June 14**, from 10:00-10:30 a.m. in Wesley Chapel. Those bringing medications should pour them out into a plastic bag for disposal.

The vision of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara is to provide a welcoming place where the congregation encompasses multiple generations, diversity is respected and celebrated, and commitments of faith lead to acts of mercy, social justice, and compassion. We encourage and support each person on their Christian journey of faith and offer a variety of ways of connecting with God through:

*Fellowship and Caring Ministries,
Understanding through teaching and learning,
Mission and Outreach,
Creative expression of Christian Faith.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15: Women of Spirit. A new study has begun, Fridays, 10:00 a.m., the Asbury Room.

May 15-17: All-Church Retreat.

May 16: Armed Forces Day

May 20: WNFT, "Questions of Faith", dinner 6:30 p.m., program 7:00 p.m. See page 5

May 24: New Members Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Asbury Room.

May 29-30: Small Group Leader training. Contact Pastor Alan or Teresa for more details. See page 3

May 31: Pentecost—wear red!

June 10: Workteam Wednesdays Begin.

June 11: UMW General Meeting, lunch 12:00 Noon. Contact Carol De Waay for reservations.

June 21: Happy Father's Day!

June 28: Forum, Disaster Preparedness.

HOWARD HUDSON RECOGNIZED FOR 35 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

On Sunday, May 2, 2009, Jack Schlothauer and Carol Schlerf presented Howard Hudson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service.



Jack: Aloha! Since so many important events took place in 1947, Carol and I would like to share just a few of the most noteworthy occurrences. Why, you ask? Well, you will soon be on to our scheme. First: aviator Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier in the x-1.

Carol: Some people claim that a UFO crashed in Roswell, New Mexico.

Jack: Jackie Robinson was the first African-American to play in modern major league baseball.

Carol: Tennessee William's play *A Streetcar Named Desire* opened on Broadway.

Jack: But the most important event of all occurred on July 30, 1947 when someone we are honoring today was born.

Carol: It all began in Pasadena, California where our honoree grew up. He attended the Pasadena Presbyterian Church and upon graduation from high school he enrolled at the University of Redlands where he received his degree in business administration. It was at Redlands where he became friends with fellow student, Jim Standford who, after graduation from divinity school, was appointed assistant pastor at First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara.

Jack: After our honoree received his degree from Redlands and following several interviews, he accepted a position with the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson and Co., primarily because one of the perks was a parking space. When he later accepted an accounting position in Santa Barbara, Jim Standford invited him to visit our church and he soon became a member.

Carol: Because of his accounting background, it did not take long for staff parish to hire him on as church treasurer, but not without a great deal of trepidation on his part because he was concerned that the congregation would not trust him because of his youth. Soon after, Reverend Robert Weirbach became senior pastor of our church and moved his family to Santa Barbara. Our honoree met Lynn and rest is history. Since that time our honoree has been greatly revered and totally trusted by the congregation with his handling of church funds.

Jack: Ok, by now you are surely on to us, so let us now show our good friend and church treasurer, Howard Hudson, our great appreciation for his 35 years of faithful service to our church, the conference, and our community as well

Carol: We hope that you will join us at the coffee hour between service to celebrate Howard's 35 years of service to our congregation, the conference, and our community as well.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP TIME "QUESTIONS OF FAITH"

The program continues **through Wednesday, June 3**. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. (\$4.00) with the program from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Each session includes open conversation about the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith. This is ideal for *anyone* wanting to know more about the Christian faith, to meet new people, and make new friends. It is a wonderful opportunity for you and someone you know who has questions—new to Christianity, or a Christian needing a refresher! Video and discussion topics include:

- **May 13:** *Can I trust God?*
- **May 20:** *If I Don't Feel Lost, Why Do I Need to be Found?*
- **May 27:** *How Can I Make a Life and Not Just a Living?*
- **June 3:** *Why Should I Join Any Group that Will Have Me as a Member?*

WANT TO BE A DELEGATE?

Each year in the United Methodist Church our Conference area meets at the University of Redlands to worship, do business, ordain new pastors, celebrate retirements, and to remember those who have passed away since the last Conference. We eat, sing, vote, discuss, pray, shop, and connect over a four-day period. If you are interested in representing our congregation we have three delegate positions available. Please see: <http://cal-pac.org/conferences/annual.cfm> for more information ,or speak to Patty Bellinger, Pastor Alan, or Pastor Hillary about this great experience!

Ann Williams, and all her family, wish to thank you, The Church Family for the many kindnesses both individually and collectively, shown to them following the death of Kermit. Thank you for helping to make Kermit's funeral service memorable and consoling—for your prayers, the stories, the music, the flowers and for the reception. You have taught us a greater meaning of the word "Family" and we sincerely thank you.

"OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS"

Submitted by Bob and Lois Miller

When we first entered this church, we felt at peace. We knew right away that this beautiful place would be our new church home. The padded cushions on the pews clinched it! The music, respectful service, and friendly people welcomed us.

We came from varied church backgrounds, including Episcopal, Covenant, and Methodist, so knew what we were looking for in a church. We've been members here for four years.

We both attend the Wednesday Night Studies when possible. Lois is in the Esther Ruth Circle of UMW, helps with Holly Faire, Treasure sales, and preparing food for Coffee Fellowship on Sundays. Bob helps with the counting of the offering Monday mornings, ushers, and is on the church's Finance Committee.

This is the first Methodist Church we've attended that preaches the Bible. Instead of social issues as the overwhelming focus, we talk about people helping people, and living the messages of the Bible. We appreciate Pastor Hillary's timely message that are not just quotations and that can be applied to everyone's daily life. When Bob, was in the hospital in Los Angeles, and in the Health Center at Valle Verde, Pastor Alan called or visited every day to see how I was doing. We both appreciated this so much, as it made us feel part of the church family.

We love this church, and our feeling is that "if we belong to something, we want to support it with our time, talent, and tithes".



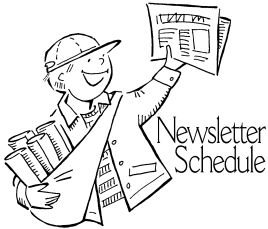
The *Parish Care, Faith and Society, and Health Ministries Committees* continue to work on a Disaster Preparedness Plan for the home, church and community. A next step will be to encourage preparedness in the home. Toward that end, Health Ministries has arranged for a **Sunday Forum, June 28**, led by the Red Cross. For more information, see Susan Plumer.

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The next submission deadline for the *Carillon* is **Thursday, May 21, 2009, no later than 5:00 p.m.** Send your submissions to Deb Looker via email at Deborah@fumcsb.org or put them in the *Carillon* inbox in the church office hallway.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN JUNE LUNCHEON/PROGRAM *Submitted by Gerry Mason*

The **June 11** UMW General Meeting will feature some real treats. Lunch at noon will be catered by Renato Moiso of Via Maestra 42. Renato promises a menu as memorable and outstanding as the one he offered at last year's luncheon. Following lunch, speaker Laretta Patterson will be sharing some thoughts with us. Laretta is married to Westmont College Campus Pastor Ben. She and her husband have served churches and schools throughout the country. In addition to being Ben's partner in ministry, Laretta is a mother of four, a speaker, a teacher, and a writer. The title of her presentation is "View from the peak...keeping the long view."

Make plans now to attend this special meeting. Cost of the lunch is \$18.50. Carol De Waay will take your check in that amount made out to United Methodist Women. Hope to see you on June 11.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Vacation Bible School on Wednesday nights
Work Team Wednesdays
June 10 - July 29

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The results of the first quarter are in and envelope giving has a \$17,000 shortfall from the pledged amount. Obviously if this continues at this rate we will have a \$68,000 shortfall for 2009. When you receive your individual quarterly statement, please look it over carefully and notify the church office if you need to change your pledged amount or change your giving schedule. This will allow us to plan for our reduced income and adjust our spending accordingly for the rest of 2009, a process which has already begun. We would also like to thank the 75 members who have given more than they promised.



CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

*Jack Aknin; Julia Brooks; Rev Carey;
Melissa Hempel; Anne Hunter-Gogel;
Rev. LLOYD Saatjian, Jean Stieglitz; the Talt family;
Elizabeth Truesdail; Pam Washburn;
police, fire, and emergency professionals
and volunteers,
and all those recovering from the recent fires;
those facing loss of home and employment.*

IN MEMORIAM

Jamie Talt, died May 1, 2009

SERVICE PERSONNEL

*Damon Belanger, Neiland Cota, Kyle Jones,
Sean Jones, Ted Kozlow, Carter Langlo,
Adam Lawrence, Adam Loomis, David Mangers,
Kyle Marcum, Jeffrey Powers, Gary Warkentin*