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The Power of Prayer - Points from the Pastor by SonHye Kim

Dear Friends,

I had wanted to have my own church and prayed to God that He would lead me where He wanted me to be. Coming to Huntington Beach UMC was like my dream come true. I was so excited and thrilled about what God would do. For me, it was like entering in to the Promised Land which God promised to the Israelites. Yes, it is a beautiful church with wonderful facilities and beautiful and kind people. There, however, just as with the Israelites were giants here too. There are challenges and problems that made me feel helpless, frustrated and anxious.



Honestly, I didn't know what to do and where to start to solve the problems I, like the Israelites, encountered. I tried my best to listen to God and followed His guidance. Through many different channels God inspired me to fast for six days. My expectation for the fasting was that He would speak to me and guide me in coping with challenges; He would make ways to solve problems; He would free me from frustration; and, He would strengthen me so to enable me to stand firm in Christ even if nothing changed.

On my first day of fasting I prayed for three hours in the morning. I repented a lot and cried out to God. I realized during my transition time that I didn't really spend time with God. Moving, getting settled and learning about a new people, new church and new area took a lot of time and I didn't really have time for God. Getting things done and getting settled as soon as possible was my goal. I somehow accomplished that goal, but tried to do it on my own. Unknowingly, I was walking by sight, not by faith, and got very weary.

During the fasting I centered myself in Christ with prayer and His words each day. I went to God vulnerable. I lifted up everything that burdened and pressed on me. He reminded me how He pulled me through difficult situations and circumstances in the past. He made me focus on His greatness, love, grace, mercy and power. Toward the end of the fasting I did more praising of Him than asking. I felt His renewing and cleansing power in the core of my soul. Finally, I was able to see the God who was much bigger than the giants that faced the Israelites.

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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Wow from United Methodist Women

by Pat Neisley

Wow! Your August donations filled Jack's trunk with canned food for the OC Rescue Mission. But your generosity will not go unchallenged because the need continues. In September, UMW will be collecting those 'hotel/motel' freebies (soaps, shampoos, and lotions) that you may have picked while on trips. If you didn't travel, Target and the 99Cent stores have bins of trial sizes that are ideal for personal care kits for the homeless.

Throughout October, we will collect gently used coats and warm sweaters for the mission. So as you purchase a new coat or sweater, plan to donate the older ones here at church during October. Please consider asking your children or grandchildren to recycle their outer wear. Yes, we take all sizes: children through adult.

I just received a notice they really need athletic shoes for 'motel kids' so if you are in a buying mood, consider purchasing a second pair. They will be loved.

We need to have all these donations as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your caring generosity.

Greetings from Coastline School!

by Michael Santillan

I bring you good tidings! The school continues to grow, with enrollment expected to be well over 100 students this year and may soon be near maximum capacity. The teachers' lounge is being converted into another classroom to accommodate the growth.

As we've continued to do over the years, the school works to improve the school and churches physical environment. Here are just a few of the recent improvements:

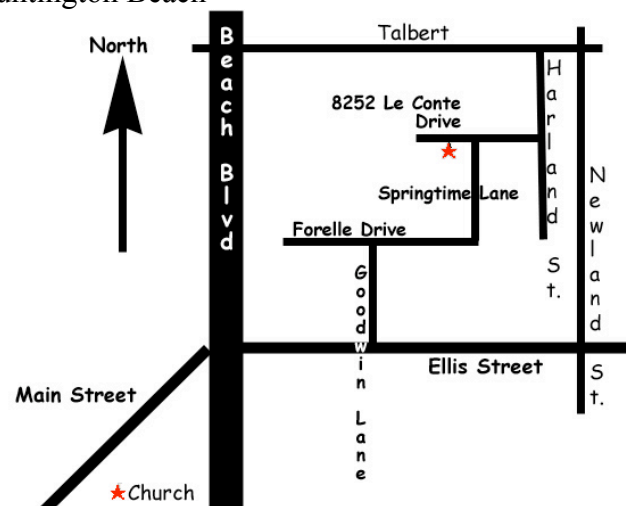
Several months ago, the school "went digital" by getting a high-speed internet connection (DSL line). With John Leonard's and Jack Niesley's help in "wiring it up", the school now shares the DSL line with the church, at no expense to the church! In fact, it's a savings to the church, because they no longer have to pay a monthly fee to America Online. The Church office area has four internet connections

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Pastor Open House

by SonHye Kim
Reverend Kim will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 - 6 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. All church members, guests, and friends of FUMCHUB are welcome. You will have the opportunity to meet other FUMCHUB friends and look over the improvements the trustees made to the parsonage. Causal dress is mandatory and Hawaiian shirts are recommended. Please RSVP for this Open House by September 17 by calling the church office at 536-3537.

Address: 8252 Le Conte Drive
Huntington Beach



From FUMCHUB, go north on Delaware Street to Main Street. Right (north) on Main across Beach Boulevard. Main becomes Ellis Street. Continue east on Ellis to Goodwin and turn left (north). Turn right on Ferelle Drive and left onto Springtime Lane. Turn left on LeConte to the Parsonage. As an alternate, you can go south on Harland Street off Talbert Avenue and turn right on LeConte.

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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(drops) and room 34 has one while the school office has all three of its computers connected to the internet.

The far back corner yard, which had been a dirt yard and hardly used, has been cleaned up, with new grass added, and is now being used as an additional play area for the kids.

With summer school winding down, we've been sprucing things up for the upcoming school year. Eight rooms have just been painted and the exterior end walls outside the chapel and room 34 will also be painted. Even the broken church signage will be repaired.

The school recently shifted some of its' savings monies to The United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF), which is a fund specifically designated to provide low-cost loans to Methodist churches for new churches or re-building existing churches. FUMCHuB's mission in action.

From my observations, the school is a well run, well managed facility, with a good emphasis on Christian education and values. I believe it to be one of the best schools in the city and county. Thanks to the entire staff for making it so!

There's more, but I don't want to boast too much. The school is clearly one of the most successful missions of the church. Please pray for the school, its' staff, parents, and the kids. We look forward to another successful, growing year.

Finance Update

by Marge Mitchell

God is great; God is good, Let us thank Him! What was yesterday, applies today and also tomorrow. God is Great!

Our financial health is improving week by week. While we had some leftover invoices from June to pay in July, our income and expenses are leveling out.

2006	Income	Expenses	Difference
July	\$15,555.00	\$15,752.62	(197.62)
Year to Date	\$91,529.65	\$99,466.90	(7,937.05)

The committee is well in the throws of planning our "Louisiana Style ~ Shrimp Boil & Beef BBQ" on Saturday, October 21, 2006. The community is invited and we encourage everyone to bring their friends and family. The proceeds will go toward the 2006 Apportionments.

If anyone has questions regarding FUMCHUB finances, please contact one of the committee members.

God's blessings, Finance Chair

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. – Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

Memory Verse

by SonHye Kim

Directions: Use a pencil for this pastoral memory challenge. The following verse is taken from 1 Corinthians 13.4-7 (NIV). Each underlined space represents a word for you to fill in with the correct word. The first letter of some words has been given as a hint. No peeking at your bible until you have all spaces filled. Now erase any mistakes, correct, and read twice. Wait two days and go to another copy of this verse on page 5 to try again. Repeat the pencil process.

Love ___ p_____, l_____.
 i_____ envy, _____ n____ b____,
 ___ n____ p_____. It ___ r____, it
 ___ not s____ - _____, it ___ e_____
 a_____, ___ keeps no r_____ of w_____.
 Love d_____ n_____ d_____ in e____ but
 re_____ with the t____h. It al_____ pro____,
 a_____ t_____, a_____ h____,
 a_____ per_____.

Around Huntington Beach

by John Leonrd

There are many events happening each month in our community. Each of these events provides you with the opportunity to go and let your light shine as one of God's children. The following is a sampling taken from the city web site under 'Events' <www.surfcity-hb.org>. Similar lists and descriptions appear the free Huntington Beach newspaper, *The Wave*, under the sections titled "Briefly" and "Around Town".

September 3, Sunday:

Civil War Days : Description: *Experience Civil War Days with costumed actors and vivid displays of life in the 1800s. Huntington Beach Central Park is transformed into a battleground between the Artillery and Infantry with combat, cannon fire and encampments. Also on site will be vendor booths featuring books, period costumes and other items of interest. The event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Historical Society. Location: 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach Central Park and Cultural Center.*

Boardfest 2006 – Also, Monday, September 4:
Description: Boardfest 2006 is a surf-inspired festival just for girls that showcases music, fashion and interactive exhibits related to health, beauty and charity. It includes professional and amateur competitions; surfing and skateboarding clinics; makeovers; live bands; education; games; and numerous other attractions Location: 315 Pacific Coast Highway

Concert: Surfin' Sundays at International Surfing Museum - Description: *Come enjoy the museum's tenth year of free outdoor musical concerts featuring authentic surf bands at the Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum. Scheduled to perform today are the Surf Kings from Oceanside and The Kilaueas - a dynamite, killer band from Germany. Location: 411 Olive Avenue*

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 through the 9th
The 2006 SoCal Independent Film Festival
Description: After a successful debut here in 2005 with personal appearances by Andy Dick and others, the SoCal is back for 2006. Bringing unique and entertaining movies that truly are independent; featuring the next generation of stars and entertainers! Location: 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach Public Library Theater

September 7-10
Surfing - NSL California Cup Championship Game
Description: Called the Orange County Octopus

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Children and Youth Ministries

September Sleep-over! by SonHye Kim

Mark your calendar and post on your refrigerator. There will be a **Children**, preschoolers through 5th graders, at parsonage on Friday, September 29th starting at 6:00 p.m. and finishing up at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30th. Pizza, games, crafts, Bible stories and songs are all part of the evening planned. RSVP for Children's Sleep Over by September 17 to Rev. Kim at 842-1249 (home) or 475-4960 (cellular phone).

Please bring your sleeping bag, pajamas, pillow, permission slip and Bible. Invite your friends.

Volunteers are needed for Sleep Over.

Christian Education by Amy lammers

I have met with Rev. SonHye, and we are both excited about what the fall brings for the kids at FUMCHB.

We, the children and me, are excited to continue our growth, and exploring youth activities. We are looking to visit Sunrise Assisted Living, as well as, looking into other needs our community. These needs can be seen as an opportunity for our kids. I am still verifying a Thanksgiving "Help to feed those in need in HB"; so stay tuned for more information!

We have had a fun summer, and everyone is looking forward to fall, returning to school, seeing all our school friends, and back to our "routines". Our lesson this past Sunday was "Cheerful Chores", and helping out around the house by doing chores with willing hearts! We are also memorizing the books in the Old Testament! It is so much fun to have such a challenge! Go kids! Remember, when we have them all memorized, we have a party!

God bless our upcoming Christian year!

By the Numbers: August Attendance

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>Sunday Children's SCHOOL CHURCH</u>	
August 6 th	52	14	Did not meet
August 13 th	43	13	3
August 20 st	50	14	7
August 27 th	46	12	7