

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,



Greetings from Japan. In these tumultuous times, we praise the Lord for your partnership with us in sharing the hope of Christ to the Japanese people. He is the rock upon which we stand. Your generosity allows us to live in community with the people of Sanda, to touch lives and see the difference Jesus can make in a broken world. I (Wendi) regularly meet with a lady (Mrs. M.) who never ceases to be amazed when I speak of Jesus' love and grace. Let's pray that her amazement would turn to belief soon! WE love being your ambassadors here and thank you humbly for the sacrifices made which enable us to serve here.

This summer we are returning to the States for a short home assignment to report on what God is doing here. We look forward to the chance to see you all at that time.

In Christ's love,

The Thomson Family

Dear Congregation,

I am writing to introduce myself as one of the new members on the Staff Parish Committee. My primary responsibility is to be a liaison or a channel if you will for Pastor SonHye and you as a member of this Congregation. In this role I am available to any of you who may have a concern, question, suggestion or item you would like for me to present and discuss with Pastor SonHye. I am very honored to be able to assist Pastor SonHye and the congregation in this capacity. I can be reached by calling 714-418-3058 or by email at sachatman@verizon.net. I want all of you to know that I would love to hear from you and encourage you to feel free to contact me at anytime with any item. Remember no thought, suggestion or question is too small.

Blessings,
Sheryl Chatman

🌿 A TREAT FOR ALL LADIES 🌿

“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every
activity under
heaven.”

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ladies, there is a time set apart for you at our annual 1-day women's retreat. “But I'm tired” you say, “I'm too old,” “I'm too busy,” “It's not my thing,” “I need time for myself,” “I need..., I need..., I need...”

God's reply might be “I need you to spend some time with me, I want you to know me a little deeper, I want some ‘quality time’ with you, I want you to spend some special time with me so that you may feel my love more deeply.”

Then you, the “Apple of His eye,” how do I do this God? And the answer is:

Come to the women's retreat on Saturday, June 13th from 9 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church of Huntington Beach. Sing praise songs with the “In Spirit and Truth” musical group and hear Norma Guerront, pastor, speaker, faith servant of God as she reveals more of God to us. Donation is \$25.00 and lunch will be provided!

FINANCE 2009: Current Month & Year To Date

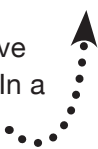
	February Budget	February Actual	YTD 2009 Budget	YTD 2009 Actual	YTD 2008 Budget	YTD 2008 Actual
Income	\$17,771.57	\$16,270	\$35,543.14	\$31,334	\$32,601.48	\$29,250.07
Expenses	\$18,423.46	\$18,314.11	\$36,846.92	\$34,217.08	\$35,282.27	\$35,410.43
Difference	-\$651.89	-\$2,044.11	-\$1,303.78	-\$2,883.08	-\$4,216.97	-\$6,160.36

Please note that the above table now reflects current month budget and actual, year to date totals budget and actual and 2008 Year to Date Budget and Actual totals. It was brought to my attention that in the March Beacon it showed 2007 YTD in the column titles. Thank you Lord, for observant readers.

Our Pledge offering in February was 107.63% of budget. However, our Non-Pledged offering was 77.29% of budget. We are getting closer everyday to a balanced budget. Thirteen (13) giving units have indicated that they are making the commitment to increase their giving by \$15.00 per month above their original pledge/non-pledged amount. That commitment has reduced the gap by \$2,340.00 annually. The new deficit is only \$5,282.49.

Remember, I need YOUR help! With the 50 42 now 37 remaining giving units in our congregation, that ends up to be under \$15.00 per month or 50 cents per day. God remains faithful and will provide to those who believe in Him. Please pray and if you will make a commitment of \$15.00 per month in addition to your pledge or amount you have committed to the church, the Finance Chair (guess who) has a special reward for you.

Simply say these special words – “Jesus is King” - to me and your reward will be delivered the following week. Together we CAN balance the 2009 budget.

Let me keep you up to date on the correspondence from Dan Gara, Executive Director of Finance and Administration. In a letter dated March 13, 2009, Dan writes: 

Hello everyone. The Budget Hearing are behind us, and CFA (Council on Finance and Administration) has a 2010 budget ready to propose that reflects drastic cuts of over \$500,000 to the Conference operating budget despite adding \$1.3 million for Retired Clergy Health Insurance. So, cost cutting is everywhere, but that's only one side of the equation. Here's the question: Are we a people who have a theology of abundance or a theology of scarcity? And next questions is: Do we trust what the Bible says about our God's abundance or don't we? The new Stewardship Manual I have produced will answer those questions and many more. You will be getting a CD in the mail and the information is on the Cal-Pac website: www.cal-pac.org. Time to get going on your plan now. (Our Finance committee referred to the 2008 stewardship manual throughout last year)

Faith, not fear
Abundance, not scarcity
Giving, not receiving
Caring, not crisis
Long term, not short term
Spirituality, not materiality
Grace, not greed

Let me know how I can help. Have faith

Dan Gara
Executive Director of Finance and Administration

Dan included some interesting thoughts from a leading United Methodist leadership writer, Gil Rendle

- What you appreciate appreciates (Abundance)
- Change happens with courage and hope
- Getting better at what you already do will not be enough to walk the church through today's wilderness
- We don't have enough resources to do what we always have done but we have more than enough to do what we need to do.
- In many church organizations we are asking for leadership but only rewarding management.

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Announcements

Visioning & Revitalization Retreat: April 3, 6:30–9:30 PM, April 9 AM–4 PM

Pastor Tom Rothhaar will lead the retreat. We will be looking at who we are, why we are, where we are and how we are going to get there. If you are interest in attending this retreat, please RSVP with Rev. Kim.

Strategic Planning Meeting: April 5, Sunday, 4 PM

If you are interested in revitalizing our church, please join this Strategic Planning Team. Leslie Haugen was elected to be the Team Leader at the first meeting. If you want to contribute your ideas and inputs, please contact Rev. Kim or Leslie Haugen.

Joint Worship & All Church BBQ with Fountain Valley UMC: Sunday, April 19

Fountain Valley UMC will join us in Worship Service in our sanctuary followed by a BBQ lunch. FV UMC will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and soft drinks. Our church needs to provide salads, desserts and chips. Please sign up what you are going to bring. We also need people who will serve the food and clean up. We are expecting 120-150 people from two churches. Bring more than you usually bring for our church pot-luck. FV UMC and our church have been working on collaborative partnership in our ministries. It will be a wonderful opportunity to and get to know fellow Methodists of FV UMC. There will a bounce house for the children. Please mark your calendar and invite your friends and family.

Vine Club: April 11, Saturday, 3-5 PM

The children who come to the Vine Club will sing during Easter Worship service. If you want to help, please contact Rev. Kim or Melody Larsen.

Delaware Parking Lot Needs Your Car

In an effort to show the community that we are here to worship on Sunday, the Strategic Planning Committee is asking your to park in the parking lot on Delaware Street. We need fifteen cars in that lot for the next six weeks. Please help if you are able by parking there.

OFFICE NEEDS: USB Thumb Drives

The office needs five USB thumb drives (aka memory sticks). If you don't know what a USB memory stick or thumb drive is, skip the rest of this article. For those of you familiar with a thumb drive, the office needs five of 100 MB or larger to use as weekly backups for records. Recently through the help of Brad Leonard, a refurbished IBM computer was purchased for the Treasurer to use for accounting. Through the generosity of Joseph Stevens, a CD-R/W was donated for the computer which would allow CDs to be used for monthly and annual backups. For weekly data backups, the treasurer would like use memory sticks/thumb drives. If you have one to donate, please bring it to church and give it to Marge Mitchell or John Leonard. If you would like to donate some amount towards the purchase, just write "Office supplies" on your check or envelop. Small capacity thumb drives cost about ten dollars.

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- Anxiety encourages us to work harder at what we have demonstrated doesn't work
- Bruggemen – "When in the wilderness we need to agree how to work with each other again.
- When we can't measure our outcomes we go back to measuring our input.
- Management focuses on doing things right and Leadership focuses on doing right things.

*As always, if you have any questions regarding our finances, please contact one of the committee members.

Submitted by Marge Mitchell on behalf of the Finance Committee: Howard Woodstra, Jack Clapp, Terry Trabant, Jack Niesley, Ty Brinker, Marge Mitchell

STEWARDSHIP IS...

- *"working for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:10) Stewards work and serve for the good of all.*
- *servng one master faithfully. Many demands are placed on our time, energy and wealth. In the midst of all this, stewards remember who they are, whose they are and why they were put upon the earth.*

For your reference

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April Celebrations 

ANNIVERSARY

6 Howard & Virginia Terry

BIRTHDAYS

4 Tate Stonerock

5 Betty DeBoer

6 Troy Stonerock

8 Tony Treadwell

11 Sarah Melton

13 Jack Reilly

By the numbers – attendance

	Church	Sunday School	Children's School
Mar 1	63	7	2
Mar 8	48	6	2
Mar 15	60	7	6
Mar 22	50	5	–
Mar 29	50	6	6

