

# OUTLOOK

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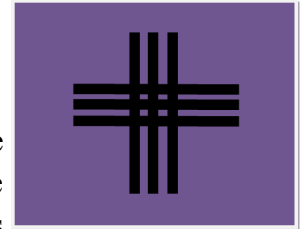
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GLENDALE

No. 3

## GFUMC Calendar

- 2/7 8 am Eye Opener Bible Study  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Free Health Clinic
- 2/8 9 am Exercise Class  
10 am Bible Study  
7 pm Bible Study  
7:00 pm Camera Circle
- 2/9 7:00 pm SPRC  
7:30 pm Cathedral Choir
- 2/10 10 am Book Club  
6 pm Basketball  
8 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- 2/11 4 pm Badminton
- 2/12 9:15 am Contemporary Service  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:45 am Traditional Service  
12:00 pm FMBA  
12:15 pm Missions committee
- 2/13 6 pm Basketball  
6 pm Carillon Ringers  
7:30 pm Wesleyan Ringers
- 2/14 8 am Eye Opener Bible Study  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Free Health Clinic
- 2/15 9 am Exercise Class  
10 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm CV Alumni Chorale  
7 pm Bible Study
- 2/16 7:30 pm Cathedral Choir
- 2/17 6 pm Basketball  
8 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- 2/18 6th graders to Disneyland
- 2/19 9:15 am Contemporary Service  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm FMBA
- 2/20 Church Office Closed
- 2/21 8 am Eye Opener Bible Study  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Free Health Clinic
- 2/22 ASH WEDNESDAY

## LIVING LENT – *Preparing for Easter*



As the days lengthen (thus Lent), we anticipate God’s redeeming activity in resurrection. Easter will be celebrated on April 8<sup>th</sup> this year. We prepare for this great festival of faith by “living Lent”---opening ourselves to the experiences of the 40 days prior to Easter.

As Christ was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, so we explore personal wilds through worship, study, prayer, preaching, and service. **Ash Wednesday** will be marked on Wednesday, February 22 with services in the chapel at 7:00 a.m. and in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This **Service of Repentance and Reconciliation** will include the placing of ashes on the worshipper’s forehead and the sharing of the bread and wine of communion. A pancake supper will be served on Ash Wednesday preceding the service, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the North Wing of Carlson Fellowship Center.

Throughout Lent, we will be considering immigration, something of importance to us all, particularly those of this congregation who have come from other countries. **Five Wednesday evening supper gatherings** will explore immigration from Biblical, personal, and political points of view. The two Wednesday Night Bible study groups will be part of the ongoing conversation and all are invited to participate.

A **Lenten study** of *House of Sand and Fog* will be offered on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the movie based upon the book being viewed as well. This book, authored by Andre Debus III, explores the experiences of people who are drawn to a particular house that is put up for auction in the Bay Area of California. The dust jacket from the book indicates that the action “turns both the traditional immigrant success story and a modern love story upside down with a heartrending outcome, in a masterpiece of American realism and Shakespearian consequence...an American tragedy, and a shockingly true picture of the country we live in today.” Books will be supplied courtesy of the Glendale Public Library reading program.

During Lent, we will recognize the ways by which the fabric of our lives has been torn and tattered by events, whether they be personal or global. We will wonder how God is already reweaving this fabric into new designs for faith. Each Sunday, a weaver will be present to express how it is that torn pieces of fabric and be woven into a design of Easter triumph. Small pieces of torn fabric will be offered to all to be placed in pocket or purse, on dresser or

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## Thank You & Thank You

### *It Looks Beautiful!*

On behalf of the Youth Group thank you for all your support as we completely refurbished the Youth Room. Under the direction of Youth Group President, Sarah Hill, the room was almost completely plastered (thank you, Sheldon!), sanded, painted, new shades purchased for the windows. Cupboards were sanded and stained and the rug cleaned. All in all, it looks great.



### **Youth Fill ‘er UP!**

Pictured are some of the members of our Youth Group presenting a filled up bottle of drink tabs to Sylvia Loftus, Director of our Free Health Clinic. Each bottle that is filled and taken to the recycling center represents enough money to provide a patient with a full year of blood pressure medication. Support our Health Clinic by saving your tabs and placing them in the collection jars located around the Church campus.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to you, the First United Methodist Church of Glendale finished out 2011 in fine financial shape. Your generosity helped close our books with a positive balance—quite an accomplishment in these difficult economic times.

More importantly, your gifts helped change lives. Your gifts have made a difference in the global community through apportionment giving. Your gifts have made a difference in our own small community as we provide a safe haven and hospitality to homeless families struggling to get back on their feet or provide a hot meal and a word of hope to folks who are still living on the streets of Glendale. Your generosity made all of this possible.

Your generosity is a visible sign that giving is central to Christian discipleship, a grateful response to all God has given to us. Giving simply makes us feel good.

As we move through 2012, you are encouraged to think about your generosity—why you give, how you give, how giving makes you feel. Perhaps the following will help you in your thinking:

*“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”*

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)



From the Finance Committee: Abraham DeLeon, Roy Tomlin, Linda Andrews, Sheldon Haase, Beth Maglaque, Chuck Schafer, Howard Fallman, John Bartoo and Jan Berentsen



*Los Angeles Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
Presidents' Day Organ Festival in Glendale*

Monday, February 20, 2012

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

All events free of charge!



**Artists**

Cherry Rhodes    Alexander Frey    Ladd Thomas  
Jay Brunot    Marija Lončar Strohm    Kyle Black



**Schedule**

9:30 am -- *Salem Lutheran Church*

Jay Brunot -- Kyle Black

10:45 am -- *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

Marija Lončar Strohm -- Alexander Frey

1:30 pm -- *First United Methodist Church*

Ladd Thomas -- Cherry Rhodes



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table to encourage us to be mindful of the rending that is taking place.

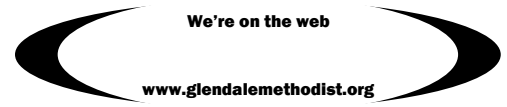
**Fauré's Requiem** will be offered by the Cathedral Choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra on Sunday, Mark 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Special features in worship will include the learning of a **new hymn, congregational singing of the Lord's Prayer, a sung response to the benediction, meditative organ voluntaries,** and **communion** offered after the second service. Holy Week will offer several evening services, a Passover Seder, and an interactive Saturday vigil. The opportunity to purchase lilies to decorate our Easter experiences will be provided later in Lent: these lilies can be taken home following the festival service on Easter.

During this season, in addition to the ongoing **mission table** invitations, several other events of mission will be opportunities to extend ourselves into the world in the name of Christ. Each of us may consider whether we will support such giving through prayer, the support of funding, or personal participation. We will again be hosting **Family Promise** here on the campus from February 26th through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the annual **CROP walk** will occur here in Glendale. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, several will join others in a week-long **Mission to Mississippi** to continue the repair of homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> will feature several riding in a 24 mile **bike-a-thon** to support the ministries of North Valley Caring Services. A special meal can be enjoyed on Sunday, March 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the **Empty Bowl** event to support Family Promise. On the day before Palm Sunday, children and others will come together to create Easter baskets for Salvation Army families, using the generous donations that will be called forth from the congregation.

Finally, a **confirmation study** will be offered to junior and senior high age youth who wish to prepare to take up the vows made at their baptism and to commit themselves to ministry in the Christian tradition on the celebration of Pentecost.

Living Lent challenges us to grow in faith throughout the coming weeks with the sure knowledge that such increased faith will cause our Easter "alleluias" to be ever more joyful.

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*We mourn, but not as those  
without hope...*

Dorothy Snodgrass  
Richard Snodgrass

Jean Allen



## Co-Weds

February 24, 2012

Jimmy Weldon will do a *Flag Program*. He is a great speaker and will have lots to talk about. Please bring your table service and a favorite dish to share. Lunch is at 12:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

