

# OUTLOOK

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## GFUMC Calendar

- 11/29 8 am Eye Opener Bible Study  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Free Health Clinic
- 11/30 9 am Exercise Class  
10 am Bible Study  
7 pm Bible Study
- 12/1 11:30 am UMW  
6:00 pm SPRC  
7:30 pm Cathedral Choir
- 12/2 12:30 pm Co-Weds  
6 pm Basketball  
8 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- 12/3 8 am UMMen Breakfast  
9 am Children's Pageant  
Rehearsal  
9:30 am Gardening  
9:30 am Church and Society  
4 pm Badminton
- 12/4 9:15 am Contemporary Service  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:45 am Traditional Service
- 12/5 6 pm Basketball  
6 pm Carillon Ringers  
7:30 pm Wesleyan Ringers
- 12/6 8 am Eye Opener Bible Study  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Free Health Clinic
- 12/7 9 am Exercise Class  
10 am Bible Study  
7 pm Bible Study
- 12/8 7:30 pm Cathedral Choir
- 12/9 6 pm Basketball  
8 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- 12/10 9 am Children's Pageant  
Rehearsal  
4 pm Badminton



You are Invited

to a delightful afternoon of holiday fun

## Cookies, Carols, and Crèches

Sunday, December 18

4:00 PM

Carlson Fellowship Center

Come and jump into the Christmas spirit!

The Cathedral Choir will share their gifts  
and lead us in some holiday favorites,

and we'll enjoy Christmas cookies  
and share our favorite nativity scenes.

If you would like to display your nativity scene and/or share  
some favorite holiday treats, please contact Nancy Person at  
[jknperson@hotmail.com](mailto:jknperson@hotmail.com).

## Las Posadas



On Sunday, December 11, we will be celebrating Las Posadas at FUMC Glendale. Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inns") is an Advent celebration which symbolizes Mary and Joseph's long, frustrating search for a place to stay where Jesus could be born.

All are invited to join the procession throughout our church campus. We will meet at the entrance to Carlson Fellowship Center at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 11.



Nina Person and the Christmas Tree in the Education Building lobby.

### Snacks for Christmas Play Rehearsals

The children of FUMC have been preparing their Christmas play, “Arrest These Merry Gentlemen” and will be rehearsing every Saturday morning until Christmas Eve. If you would like to support them by providing snacks during one of these rehearsals, please contact Michelle Park at [michelle@glendalemethodist.org](mailto:michelle@glendalemethodist.org) or 818-243-2105.

Thank you!

## Mission Opportunities during Advent

**Salvation Army:** Our church is adopting two families so that they may have a bright Christmas. We will purchase toys, household items, clothes, and shoes for the families. See Nancy Kachline to choose items to purchase. If you do not wish to shop, you may write a check, give it to Nancy, and the Missions Committee will do the shopping for you! All gifts must be dropped off at the church office by December 4.



We will ring the bell for the Salvation Army Kettles on December 13 and December 17 at the Ralphs on the corner of Stocker and Central. Sign up with Bruce Hinckley.

**Alternative Christmas:** Alternative Christmas will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the North Wing of Carlson immediately after each church service. Items from Third World Countries will be available for sale as well as items that benefit Habitat for Humanity and Heifer.

**Blankets, sheets and pillows:** This year we will be collecting new and gently used clean blankets, comforters and sheets. Twin sized items are particularly needed. Any pillows that are donated must be new.



**Mission Trees:** Trees will be decorated and placed in the sanctuary, the main office and Carlson with ornaments suggesting ways to participate in various mission projects. There will be everything from providing specific items to donating money for projects in our community as well as other national and worldwide Methodist mission opportunities.



Specific information about each project will be provided in the coming month. Congregants are encouraged to find project(s) and activities that will not only enrich their lives during this season but help others who are in need. If you have questions, contact Debbie Hinckley (818-244-9183) or Nancy Kachline (818-955-8164).

Hoping for a Lifeline

## MY MEMORY OF STEVE JOBS



[Greg Porterfield, one who grew up in FUMC Glendale and who is now a UMC pastor in Georgia was diagnosed with a reoccurrence of neuroendocrine pancreatic cancer. Hearing that Steve Jobs of Apple fame had the same affliction, Reverend Porterfield attempted to contact the famous inventor and entrepreneur. Just as surgery for the pastor was completed, Jobs called, inquiring about Reverend Porterfield's condition and providing both the name of Jobs' doctor and Jobs' telephone number should further help be needed. The following is an excerpt from a longer response published in the Wesley Church newsletter.]

The doctor's office in San Francisco said I could be seen in three or four months. Three or four months! I had just had two-thirds of my liver removed. In three or four months, would I even be alive? Another call to Steve Jobs' office. The next day, not the doctor's office but the doctor himself called: "When do you want to see me this week?" Thank you, Steve.

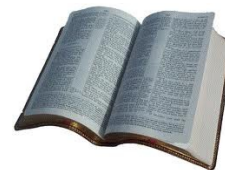
When news of Jobs' death arrived, people who knew of this connection asked me how I was doing; if I was alright. Oddly perhaps, I'm okay. At some point during all of this, I have resolved not to experience a "second death" to borrow a phrase from Revelations. The problem with cancer is not that it will kill you. It is that if you are not careful it can fill your existence with dread, taking away the life you have right now. I have come to understand that most of what I might imagine about cancer is just that---imaginary. When I dwell on it, I forfeit the here and now. The life I have now, with cancer, is certainly worth living. In some respects this reality of sickness provides a deeper, richer existence than wellness could ever have afforded. The prospect of death removes all those artificial constructs that separate us from one another---position, privilege, place---and we relate to each other essentially, truthfully and compassionately. In one of the conversations with Steve Jobs' administrative assistant she said, "People don't know. He is such a good man." I will always be grateful that I experienced, first hand, his goodness.

The day after the news of this death, I remembered some of what took place, now almost four years ago, to his administrative assistant in an email. She wrote back and thanked me. I wanted to say, "No, thank you---and him."

---Reverend Mr. Greg Porterfield

**NEW BIBLE STUDIES**

*First Letter of John* – Wednesdays: November 29, December 7, December 14,  
December 21 – 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Dining Room



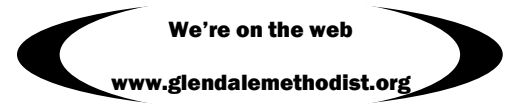
Continuing the traditional John materials in the New Testament, this short study takes up the *First Letter of John*, exploring its familiar passages as well as other challenging ideas supplied by the writer.

*The Apocalypse of John* – Begins Wednesday, January 11 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Dining Room

Commonly called the Book of Revelation (or "Revelations"), the *Apocalypse of John* explores the possibility of hope in the midst of threat and violence. How do we remain faithful in the face of seemingly overwhelming evil that seeks to destroy life? We will work to "crack the code" of this last book of the New Testament. Join others in gaining renewed understanding of this puzzling testament to faith.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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## **ADVENT CALENDAR**

Save the dates now for the following Advent fellowship and worship events:

Sunday, November 27, 2011 – Deck the Halls – 12 noon

Friday, December 2, 2011 – Co-Weds Holiday Festivities featuring the Verdugo Hills Women's Choir – 12 noon

Sunday, December 4, 2011 – Alternative Christmas Fair – 12 noon

Sunday, December 11, 2011 – Las Posadas – 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, 2011 – Carols, Cookies, and Crèches – 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 24, 2011 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 5:30 p.m.

