



LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST

For the transformation of the world, we make disciples of Jesus Christ. -Bishop Roy Sano



Welcome New Pastors



Avanti!

The Japanese poet Basho, creator of Haiku, wrote:

Each day is a journey
and the journey itself, home.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that we are followers of the Way, as believers in Jesus.

John Wesley spoke of Methodists as a Movement, going on to perfection.

A journey on the Way, going on, moving toward perfection in loving God with our hearts, souls, minds, and all our strength and all our neighbors as we are loved by God.

Not static, nothing stationary.

That's who we are and Whose we are.

Our Church becomes a Mission Station, moving quickly and decisively to meet the needs of the entire Family of all ages, with absolute inclusion, both inside and outside our walls. For we will not live in Monuments to past accomplishments however positive they were. The only permanence that we have is that Christ is the solid rock upon which we stand, with all else being sinking sand, because Jesus loves us, just as our hymns witness to us.

The direction of our time together in ministry? Here it is, Sisters and Brothers, nothing more and nothing less.

So our opportunity now, is to try all that is good news as we move forward, remembering the constant message of the angels, "Do not be afraid!"

See you in Church to recharge!



Phil

Phil enjoys Mondays off;
he will be in the office
Tuesday—Friday
during office hours,
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



Vacation Bible School 2017



July's "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible School was a huge hit! 62 kids from preschool to 5th grade learned about our incredible Creator God, who made us "fearfully and wonderfully," is always with us, and has a purpose for our lives. We made crafts and learned Bible stories, shared snacks and sang songs some of which are still stuck in our heads! Every morning we learned a new "Bible Point" — a bite-sized lesson about who God is, and explored that point through all our different activities during the day. We also contributed \$161 to our Change for Chicks project in support of Heifer International.

We couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers. From leading crews of kids, to supervising learning and activity stations, to playing games, to singing and dancing, our 25 volunteers did it all! I am so grateful to everyone who stepped up to give their time, talents, and resources to help Maker Fun Factory to be a success.

Our children and family ministries continue to grow, and all our volunteers are so important to that—even now that VBS has concluded. If you are interested in volunteering or contributing to children's ministries in any way, please contact Pastor Lea at lbooth@lajollaumc.org.



Youth Ushers Needed: The church will carry on the tradition of youth ushering during Sunday service for the month of August. On Sunday mornings, please have your youth touch base with Lee Dionne (youth group leader for Sunday services & Youth Up Front) before service for a quick run-down of ushering."

Youth Group is on summer break and will not be meeting outside of Sunday service until the start of September 2017.

California Auto Driving Law Presentation

by Ted Todd

On Sunday, August 20, 2017 immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service attorney John Hanson will present a fascinating lecture on Automobile Driving Law. His presentation will include rights and liabilities of automobile drivers in the state of California. John has practiced Commercial Law for the last twenty-one years and is a consummate expert in the rights and liabilities of automobile driving in California. I have reviewed his material and am convinced every person who drives an auto, rides in autos or who walks through our auto intersections and streets should hear John talk.



We will convene right after church in Memorial Hall where morning coffee will be available.



Welcome Events for New Pastors

The LJUMC Membership Committee is busy organizing a series of welcome events for our new pastors Phil Wood and Lea Booth. A wonderful group of members have volunteered to host Phil, Elsa and Lea in homes and other venues so that our members have a chance to meet them in more personal, social settings over the summer and early fall. Please look at the following list of events, and find those that you and your family could attend. (Note: We are still working on dates and times for some events, and will announce that information as it becomes available.)

Confirmed Events:

August 11: An evening event hosted by Charles and George Ann Wurster at their home at 10738 Passerine Way, in the Sorrento Valley area. Invitees will include the Boomers, but others are welcome. Please call Charles or George Ann directly.

August 13: a patio party and potluck lunch hosted by Gerry and Harry Gray and Margie Herrick, at the Gray home, 5815 Cactus Way, La Jolla, immediately after church. Invitees will include members of Los Casados and Los Amigos, but the Grays may be able to accommodate a few others if contacted well in advance.



REGISTER FOR THE 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Life is a journey, full of ups and downs, joys and challenges. We all enjoy seasons of ease and abundance and all of us experience times that can shake us to our very cores. How do we stand strong, in the midst of personal, national and global changes? How do we -- not simply endure -- but navigate through challenging times in a way that helps us to emerge, on the other side, with a deeper and more abiding sense of peace?

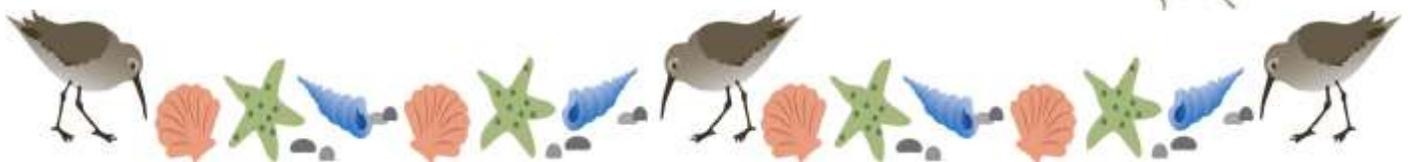
No matter the season of your life, we hope you will come and join us as we explore our theme of spiritual resilience. We'll plant ourselves in the presence of God and one another to celebrate the many ways we are resilient. We'll explore how our faith keeps us grounded as well as gives us the capacity to adapt and change. We'll share tools and practices that will help us to continue to grow as spiritually resilient Christians.

February 2-4, 2018, at the beautiful Sycuan Golf Resort.

Presenter: The Reverend Lori Leopold-“Spiritual Resiliency”

Brochures and registration details now available.

Call the office 858-454-7108 or email Theresa: terb@lajollaumc.org
to request a brochure.



Save the Date! United Methodist Men's Retreat: Friday evening,
October 6 through Sunday morning, October 8
Senior Pastor Phil Wood will be our retreat facilitator.

Bulletin and Journal Deadlines

The deadlines for articles and announcements are:

Sunday bulletin: By noon on Wednesday.

Sunday's bulletin is printed on Thursday.

Journal: By the **15th of the month** for the following month's newsletter.



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