On Good Friday, our Chancel Choir presented “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Theodore Dubois.

Our Easter Sunrise Service on the patio

Our Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 am

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The Methodist is archived on the NUMC website. Please contact the church office for more information.

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Worship Services
Sundays
9 and 11 am

Sunday School & Nursery
9 and 11 am in the Kendall Building
Childcare available
For over 70 years I have sporadically gone to various churches and have never actively participated nor taken a real interest. On those occasions when I did go, my mind would wander. I could not wait until it was over as I had things to do.

More recently my wife and I have participated in the “Discipleship Groups” here at NUMC and have begun to learn what it really means to not only be a Christian, but to more actively engage in church fellowship.

The Discipleship Groups have opened up a whole new world of enlightenment and understanding. In addition to learning about the life of Jesus, we learn about ourselves and the purpose for our lives. We would highly recommend these Discipleship Groups to all.

– Frank and Charlotte Sciarabba (Thursday Group @ 10:00 am)

I was pleased by how well the group interacted in our weekly meetings; the respect shown each participant made for safe, meaningful discussions and allowed me to better understand the book than I could have on my own. – Ric Wilson (Wednesday Group @ 7:00 pm)

The class offered an opportunity for me to explore my personal beliefs and a chance to learn more about each person in our thoughtful and respectful group. It was an opportunity for me to explore what I do and do not believe, and a chance to think about and discuss different aspects of Christian beliefs and practices with our open-minded group.

– Barbara Shields (Thursday Group @ 10:00 am)

I very much enjoyed the class and am thankful that I was able to participate. Being in a small group allows for more involved discussion and sharing, and I think the guidelines of having each person share without too much interruption made sure that all of us could participate fully.

I would look forward to joining future classes to continue the exploration of what our faith means to each of us. I would encourage each of our church family, members or non-members, to participate in Discipleship Group. It helps to connect us with others we might otherwise not get together with (in our busy days), and connects us with both our faith and our connection to being NUMC Methodists.

– Valerie Hunter (Wednesday Group @ 7:00 pm)
Bible Study at NUMC

Sundays at 7 am
This Bible study sets aside time each week to read and reflect, using The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide. Issues of The Upper Room are available in the Narthex and online at www.upperroom.org.

Sundays at 8 am

Discipleship Groups
Next one will be in July for 5 weeks.

Videos of all services are archived YouTube. https://youtube.com/numcvideo

Last month at Jazz Vespers

From left to right are: Ethan Emerson, Benjamin May (top), Janice Anderson & Ray Bergstrom

Artist Erika Wain Decker with her work

Jazz Vespers
Northridge United Methodist Church
April 10 at 6 pm
Lanny Morgan – Alto Sax

From left to right are: Ethan Emerson, Benjamin May (top), Janice Anderson & Ray Bergstrom.

From left to right are: Doug Webb – Tenor Sax; Matt Harris – Piano; Bob Summers – Trumpet; Chris Colangelo – Bass; Paul Kreibich – Drums.
Children from the church were joined by Weekday Preschool families for NUMC’s Annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!

Waiting for the hunt to begin!

Children’s Palm Sunday Parade concluded with praising Jesus in the courtyard.

Children of NUMC usher in Holy week with a procession of palms on Palm Sunday.

Reminders

Children’s Offering collected during Sunday School will go toward helping a new Sunday School get started at the United Methodist North Hills Mission site nearby. Our children will be helping to give the gift of Sunday School to other children!

**Sunday, April 3:** Family Worship & Communion (Children Stay in Worship!)

**Saturday, April 16:** 12th Annual North Valley Caring Services
Bike-A-Thon (Ride to Read) starts at 8 am & Walk-A-Thon starts at 9 am
Location: Valor Academy Middle School, 9034 Burnet Ave., North Hills [www.nvcsinc.org](http://www.nvcsinc.org)

**Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day):** Family Worship (Children Stay in Worship!)

**Sunday, May 22:** Weekday Preschool Sunday (Children Stay in Worship!)
**ONE SERVICE at 10 am** Breakfast & Craft after the service in Fellowship Hall
CAL-PAC Bishop Minerva Carcaño made an urgent announcement on Imagine No Malaria. She is requesting each church to raise an additional $4,500 in 2016 to meet the conference’s commitment to INM. May 1 is the target end date for the INM campaign.

The NUMC Missions Team is asking each of you who have not yet supported INM to consider giving at least $40 before May 1. If you have supported INM in the past, we are asking you to consider a second gift in 2016. NUMC has been generous in its support of INM since 2013 and we pray that our response by May 1 will help our church and our conference reach their goals.

Mike Easterly
Missions Team Chairman

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Church & Society Movie Night

On Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Kendall Building, Church and Society will screen "Merchants of Doubt" a 2015 documentary which is based on the book by Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway, how public opinion is formed in this country, how spin doctors and media manipulators — often the same people working across a whole range of issues — get people to ignore science at their own peril. Specifically, this film shows how the same tactics which were used by the tobacco industry and flame retardant manufacturers in the 1950s are being used to cast doubt on climate change. This 2015 documentary is rated PG-13 and runs for 93 minutes.

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Do you have books cluttering your shelves? Take them to the $10 or Less Used Bookstore at Tampa and Nordhoff behind Chi Chi’s. Tell them they are to credit the account for Northridge United Methodist Church. We can then get more children’s books for NVCS.
The committee has been very busy planning activities of broad interest through PRIMETIMERS (everyone of any age is welcome) and we present the following activities and dates for your future planning:

**April 8** – Art of the Vatican at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley. This much acclaimed art exhibit features treasures that have never been on loan from the Vatican in this country. Almost as good as being in Rome! **$38 includes Bus & Admission.**

**August 5** – The Getty Villa in Malibu. The exhibits are the collection of ancient artifacts belonging to the J. Paul Getty Museum trust. Visit and view 7000 years of exquisite artwork set in a Roman villa overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

**October 8** – Van Nuys Airport tour. Learn how Bob Hope, Marilyn Monroe, Amelia Earhart, and the space program all have ties to this Elder of the Flight Industry (1928).

**November 11** – Union Station in downtown L.A. Built in 1939, this opulent Mission Revival/Art Deco is still one of the busiest train hubs in the world. Statesmen and celebrities have trod its gorgeous galleries.

**SAVE THE DATES for Senior Lunchees**
*April 30, May 21, June 25 and July 16*

Give future generation a good look at your life, your likes, your loves. Question guides provided, but what you write is up to you, and only you! Join the fun.....
Mexican Dinner

Benefits the NUMC
Costa Rica Mission Team
(Construction Materials & Local labor)

Saturday, April 16, 2016
5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
Tickets $20 per person

Featuring Matthew Withers
and his ………

Famous Chili Rellenos
Beans and Rice
Enchiladas
And other surprises!

Tickets available
in the church office

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Mary Farish, Jody Wali
Christine Coons, John Turner
Yvette Hartley, Pearl Adams
Claudia Wagner, Yoshi Yamawaki
Edie Silvey, Gordon Short

Prayers for former members Sylvia and the family of Roger Baumgartner who passed away recently.

Congratulations to David and Neeka Sanchez on the birth of their son Wyatt Jameson Sanchez on March 19. Grandparents Dawna Sanchez and the late Jim Sanchez

All Church Hike

Saturday, April 2
Meet at 8:30 am in church parking lot to carpool
Where: Corriganville Park, Simi Valley

This 3-mile trail features a shady oak grove, a green creek bed, and interesting rock formations. See the film locations of many great Hollywood Westerns. This hike is appropriate for all ages and abilities. Dogs on leash are welcome, so bring your furry family members, too.

Spring Concert
by our Chancel Choir
Sunday, May 15
4:00 p.m.
12th Annual Bike-a-thon & Community Fair!

ADDED this year: WALK-A-THON

Ride to Read
Raising funds and awareness for Family Literacy

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Bike-a-thon starts at 8:00 a.m.
Registration opens at 7:00 am

Walk-a-thon starts at 9:00 a.m.
With the Fair following at 10:00 am

Location:
Valor Academy Middle School
9034 Burnet Avenue
North Hills, CA 91343

For more information or to register for the ride go to www.nvcsinc.org or call Manny at 818.891.0481, Ext: 20

20-mile route through the San Fernando Valley
5K walk around neighborhood.

Children's Book Collection
for NVCS Community Fair

Donate Children’s Books ~ new or slightly used~
to Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
by Thursday, April 14

For more info., contact www.nvcsinc.org or call at 818-891-0481
April Events and Meetings

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**Worship Services at 9 and 11 am**

Childcare available at all services

Coming in May

- **Sunday, May 1**  Weekday Preschool Annual Spring Fling (4 to 6 pm)
- **Tuesday, May 3**  Church Council 7 pm Library
- **Sunday, May 15**  Spring Concert 4 pm

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