



Bunco Party

Saturday, April 6th
in Fellowship Hall



Church Council

Tuesday, April 16th
7 PM in the Library & via Zoom

Youth Gathering

Sunday, April 21st
5-8 PM at Back Alley Bowling
(Leave from the church parking at 5 PM)



Family & Senior Ministries

Potluck Dinner

Saturday, April 27th
5 PM in Fellowship Hall

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*To celebrate God's grace and love
while inspiring disciples of Jesus Christ
for ministry in our community and the world.*

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- Sunday Custodian.....Salman Yates

Sunday Worships

10:00 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Korean)

Celebrations

Jazz Vespers on **April 14, 6 PM** in the Sanctuary

“Hear the Word of God through Music and Art.”

Richard Simon and Friends

No Tickets Necessary. Freewill offering.

Videos of all services are archived on YouTube.

<https://youtube.com/northridgeumc>

Prayer

Kaitlyn Wright, Anita Ruiz,
Carol Allen, Linda Kahmann,
Christine Coons, Sue Fritsche,
Ginny Johnson, Randy Wiafe,
Margaret Thomas, Jack Kister,
George Bilenjian, Wayne Aller,
Saundra Blankenship,
Cari Banke-Warder,
Dr. Bruce Warder,
Ardarita Konialian,
Darlene Averetta,
Silvia Andresen

Bill Margadant, a long-time member and former custodian, passed away in April 2023 in Arizona. Please hold his family in your prayers.

Upcoming Sermons

April 7 (Communion Sunday)

“Christ Is Alive!”

John 20:19-29

April 14

“Jesus in Our Daily Life”

John 21:1-19

April 21

“The Shepherd’s Power”

John 10:11-18

April 28

“Grace and Gratitude...”

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor's Corner

Easter is Here! He is Risen! Risen indeed!

As we share in the joy of Christ's victorious resurrection we have the opportunity to look at how Christ has been active in our lives —how we experience newness through the risen Christ. The early Church experienced Jesus and his resurrection in a myriad of ways: calling their name in the garden of Gethsemane, in the breaking of bread on the road to Emmaus, as a voice in the midst of blinding light on the road to Damascus, at the final gate during an escape from Rome. In all these cases, the people recognized the presence of Jesus, the crucified One, fully alive and present with them.



In the midst of your daily life, do you see or recognize the presence of Christ? Do you see the working of God in experiences that happen in or around you? How have you experienced transformation in your life through the work of God? How does the grace of God in Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit shape you in your daily life?

As you move throughout your days this Easter Season, I invite you to look around you and see the movement of God and how God leads and guides you through your days. I'm reminded of a Proverb that says, "In their heart one plans their course, but the Lord determines their path." (Proverbs 16:9) King Solomon understood that we find ourselves living in the midst of God's work in our lives and the life of our community and things change in us—unexpected and sometimes unwanted change.

As I look back on my own life there are countless changes in my path that I would never have expected back in High School when I planned to be a physicist studying the properties of light and time. Never in my wildest dreams would I imagine becoming a pastor. That is until God knocked on my door through a friend's sharing of God's grace. How did God bring you here where you are today? More importantly, where do you see God taking you from here?

I'd love to hear your story of God's work in your life. It may be a snapshot of a time in your life that God was particularly present for you; it may be a time when God drastically brought transformation or change, deliverance or forgiveness. How has the work of God in your life made you a different person? I'd love to know.

Send your story of God's work in your life to MyStory@NorthridgeUMC.org.

We'd love to hear from you.

—**Douglas Dickson** (Senior Pastor)



Upcoming Events

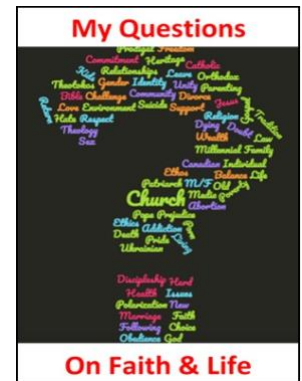
It's Time to Go Bowling!!!

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us as we go bowling at Back Alley Bowling (formerly Matador) here in Northridge on Sunday, April 21st from 5-8 PM. We'll gather here at the church and then head over to the alley to have a blast knocking down pins! We'll eat as we bowl and the winner and best score will take home a secret prize compliments of Pastor Doug! Join us to have a blast!



A Simple Summer Series!

Pastor Doug will be hosting a Simple Summer Series on faith questions for "Real Life Issues." Send in your questions by jotting a note and placing it in the Simple Summer Series box in the Narthex! This Summer, our worship and a short Bible study after worship will discuss the topics you provide! Look for the Simple Summer Series box to be available starting in April and topics will be announced in May!



Church Council

Church Council will meet on Tuesday April 16th at 7 PM in the church library and via Zoom. The Church Council includes those involved in church leadership as well as anyone else interested in attending. We meet quarterly to discuss matters that are important to the life of our church. The meeting agenda and Zoom link will be shared via email blast. Have questions, concerns or ideas? You can share them with our Church Council Chair, Susan Shields at: aksusanshields@gmail.com.

NUMC Vacation Bible School: July 22-25 (Mon–Thu), 9 AM–12 PM



TWISTS AND TURNS
—FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME

Join us for a music filled, fun filled time with games, bible stories, crafts and fellowship. VBS will be held at NUMC. Price - \$40 includes t shirt, craft supplies and snacks. Look for follow up information on registration.

(Continued)

Family & Senior Family Potluck Dinner—Saturday, April 27th at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall

Don't know what to bring for our Potluck Dinner? How about bringing BRINNER? Who says you can only eat bacon and waffles for breakfast? Feel free to bring your favorite breakfast to dinner on Saturday, April 27th at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Growing up, I loved the breakfast my mom prepared like tortang talong (roasted eggplant omelet) topped with banana ketchup, and canned corned beef sauteed with garlic, onions and diced potatoes served over garlic fried rice. YUM! Today, I still enjoy these breakfast dishes for breakfast, for lunch, and for dinner.



Read what about what some of our friends enjoy for breakfast:

- Omelet with feta, Swiss or pepperjack cheese, any diced protein, garlic, fresh basil, and green onions (Janis P.)
- Chilaquiles (fried corn tortilla pieces simmered with salsa) with shredded chicken and scrambled eggs (Marco O.)
- Anything sweet (Ralph K.)
- Breakfast burritos (Douglas D.)
- Pancakes with jam and bacon (Eleanor S.)
- Egg white omelet with avocado and a side of waffles (Jenny D.)
- Avocado toast and overnight oats with berries and almonds (Hannah B.)
- Thinly sliced beef marinated in soy sauce and vinegar, fried eggs, and garlic fried rice (Nick M.)

Would you mind having any of these for dinner? Do you have a favorite breakfast food? For those who skip breakfast, I urge you to have some of these morning foods one evening. And let's not forget homemade cinnamon rolls with apple pie filling and moist and buttery coffee cake for dessert! Please come and share your favorite dish (breakfast fare encouraged) or simply come with an appetite. Please let us know you're coming by signing up in the Narthex or at the church office.

—**Hiyas Ambrosio** (Chair of Family Ministry)

Raise Right

Join us on RaiseRight to raise funds for the Church's operational budget. Sign up using the QR Code in your bulletin insert or click the button in the Email Blast. When you buy gift cards through the RaiseRight app or RaiseRight.com on your computer, the brands automatically give back to NUMC 2–20%.



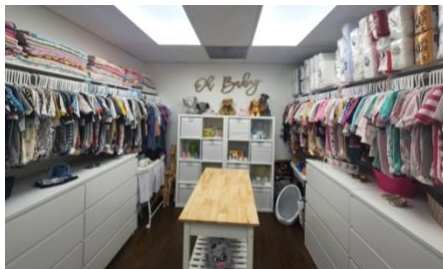
—**Mike Easterly**

In Our Community



What Is “Open Arms”???

Several weeks ago, we attended an open house at the Christian non-profit, Open Arms (newly expanded), pregnancy clinic located at Reseda and Plumber. This clinic assists clients facing unexpected pregnancies. The following are no-cost services offered: pregnancy testing, ultrasound, options consultation, pregnancy loss support, education and support on parenting, and help for men. All services are free and confidential.



No insurance or Medi-Cal needed. The medical services are offered by licensed professionals and each patient is treated with dignity and compassion as well as provided with information on all options. This was an informative visit with a “neighbor” just down the street from the church.

–Nancy and Mike Easterly

Save Gaza

During the Lenten season some of us give up certain food items, by choice, for a period of time and experience temporary hunger. It behooves us as Christians to stop and think of the people where daily starvation is enforced on them, as in the case of the people of Gaza. According to the World Health Organization, people in Gaza are dying of starvation as well as through the continued bombardment of their communities. It may come as a surprise to some that there are Christians in Gaza, as well as in the Holy Land. It is said that Gaza has the oldest church in the world, the Church of Saint Porphyrius in the city of Gaza. It is a Greek Orthodox Church. This church was used as refuge for people during the recent October 7 Israeli attack on Gaza. This church was attacked by the Israeli bombing, and several halls were damaged.



If you are interested or curious to know what life is like under Israeli occupation, you have the opportunity to come and listen to someone who lives there. There will be a guest speaker from the Holy Land at: Chatsworth West United Methodist Church, 10824 Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Chatsworth. The event will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 2 PM.

–Lulu Emery

Snippets of Campus Activity



We Have 22 Very Large Pines on the Property...

...and on a sunny Saturday morning in March, Trees 'N Things, who have been keeping our trees beautiful and healthy for more than 10 years, arrived on the campus to trim them.

They came with a team of 15 climbers and ground crew and 2 trucks for hauling the cuttings. Teamwork was clearly the name of the game. With 2 or 3 climbers with chain saws together in a tree at the same time and a ground crew of 2 or 3 more clearing the debris, branches fell steadily and were gathered swiftly and nobody seemed to get in anyone's way.

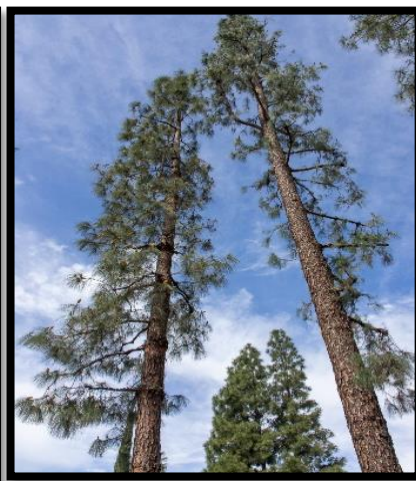
It was easy to tell where everyone was working because they were all wearing orange jackets.

When we asked how many loads of debris would be hauled out, we were told probably 3 loads, since pine cuttings are comparatively light and fluffy; they compress into the truck bed as more cuttings get piled on top.

In about 6 hours our 22 pines were skillfully thinned and the area was cleared. When we shot the group photo at the lunch break, 2 of the guys were still in the trees, so we made sure to get them, too.

This was a \$10,000 job which will probably need to be repeated in about 5 years.

—Dusty Stiles (Chair of Trustees)





Mission



PHILIPPINE MISSION 2024

A 10-person mission team from NUMC went to the Philippines from Feb 1 to Feb 7, 2024 to do outreach work at different mission areas in Nueva Ecija. The team including Pastor Doug Dickson helped in finishing the sanctuary and parsonage for the congregation of Blessed Harvest UMC in the rural village of Pinanggaan, Jaen, a few miles away from our sister church in Lambakin. We also furnished the parsonage with new appliances and furniture. The congregation with its Pastor Lendle Manliclic welcomed the group with a worship service participated in by 30 children. A certificate of appreciation was presented to NUMC.

Pastor Doug was guest preacher at Vesper Service at Wesleyan University-Philippines Chapel attended by its President, teachers, staff and students. Dr. Joseph Lee, NUMC organist, played the piano. A special interpretive dance was performed in sign language by deaf and mute students at SHARE during the service. A dinner reception given by University President Dr. Irineo Alvaro followed the service. A visit to Wesleyan gave us the chance to meet our previous scholars and the two deaf and mute scholars we currently support – Keithleen Guillermo and Ayesha Gevero, as well as their parents and the SHARE teachers. The team toured the SHARE classrooms to see first-hand how the program works for different grade levels.

At the Medical Mission at Lambakin UMC we had a medical doctor, dentist, optometrist and dietician. Glen Dardashti was the dietician who counseled patients on healthy diet lifestyle. Nurses and medical technicians provided mobile blood testing for cholesterol, glucose and uric acid. Results helped the doctor prescribe medicines donated by team members and Eleanor's friend, Flor Ventanilla. Team members brought toothbrushes, toothpaste, first aid kits and over-the-counter medications distributed to patients during the day. Glen's cousin, Dr. Michaela, gave free eye tests and prescriptions for glasses along with free frames. The Medical Mission served over 156 adults and children. The local barangay captain and his council provided tents and chairs and the municipal government of Jaen sent a health center dentist, dental supplies and use of the municipal ambulance on standby.

The group visited two other churches. Soledad UMC in Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija is in the process of building a new sanctuary around the old one. Eleanor Serrano presented a donation for construction from funds donated by NUMC friends in memory of Bob Serrano. The second church, Christ Above All Methodist Church in San Rafael, Tarlac – is a newly established congregation worshipping in rented space. They plan to build a sanctuary nearby complete, with a Senior Center. Its current pastor is former District Superintendent Rev. Igmedio Equila. He will be guest preacher at NUMC before General Conference in May.

We visited Philippine historical landmarks: the Bamboo Organ in Las Pinas, Metro Manila (Dr. Joseph played the 300-year-old organ); Pangatian Memorial in Cabanatuan City where

American POW's during World War II were rescued by joint forces of US Army and Philippine Underground Forces; and Death March Memorial in Capas, Tarlac where the horrific Death March of American/Filipino POW's from Bataan ended. Eleanor found the name of her father-in-law, Roberto Serrano Sr., on the listing of marchers who survived or perished during the March.

Members of the mission team will report on their experiences during future services. Support of our church for mission trips enables us to be Christ's church outside the US, learning other cultures, establishing friendships and seeing first-hand how our outreach is making an impact to the kingdom of God in these places.

-Eleanor Serrano



Lambakin UMC



Blessed Harvest UMC



SHARE Students at Wesleyan Chapel Service Office.



Mission Team at Wesleyan President's Office



Soledad UMC



Christ Above All Methodist

Coming Up Soon



Hollywood Revisited

NUMC is hosting a “Hollywood Revisited: A Tribute in Costume and Song” on Saturday, June 1st, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Join us for an evening of singing and dancing along to classic movie clips, featuring performers in dazzling costumes from the 1930s to 1960s! Tickets are only \$30 per person.



You won't want to miss this joyous celebration of music, cinema, and community! All proceeds from this event will benefit the ministries of our church, helping us spread God's love throughout our community. We hope to see you there!

CSUN Foster Youth

The number of Foster Youth at CSUN is growing, so are the needs of the foster youth pantry. We are the only group supplying those needs. If each individual or family could donate one item per month, we could make an even greater difference.

– Snacks and Microwavable Foods

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2 장- Jazz Vespers 연주가 4 월 14 일 (주일) 오후 6 시 예배당에서 있습니다. / 4 월 설교 제목, 성경 본문 / 중보 기도 명단

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4 장- 교회 행사를 소개하는 장으로, Youth Gathering 이 4 월 21 일 주일 오후 5-8 시까지 Back Alley Bowling 에서 있습니다. 오후 5 시 주차장에 모여 함께 출발합니다. / 임원회가 4 월 16 일 화요일 오후 7 시 도서실과 Zoom 으로 모입니다. / 2024 년 여름성경학교가 7 월 22-25 (월-목) 9 AM to 12 PM 열립니다. 등록비: \$40

5 장- 가정 & 시니어 사역부 주관, Family & Senior Night 이 Potluck 으로 4 월 27 일 토요일 오후 5 시 친교실에서 있습니다. 나누실 음식을 사무실에서 등록해 주시기 바랍니다. / Gift Card 를 구매하실 분들은 RaiseRight 을 통해 구매하시면 카드에 따라 2-20%가 교회에 기부됩니다. (4 장에 QR 코드를 스캔하셔서 등록해 주시기 바랍니다.)

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