

Northridge United Methodist Church June 2024

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Commitment Sunday

Sunday, June 2nd
10 AM in the Sanctuary



The 40th Annual Conference

Wed-Sat, June 12-15 in Burbank





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Youth Pool Party

Sunday, June 23rd
4-7 PM at the Home of Mike & Nancy Easterly

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

Celebrations



Jazz Vespets on June 9, 6 PM in the Sanctuary

"Hear the Word of God through Music and Art."

Elephants Nda Park Quartet

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, Silvia Andresen,
George Bilenjian, Wayne Aller,
Saundra Blankenship, Jack Kister,
Mariebeth Delapenna,
Cari Banke-Warder,
Dr. Bruce Warder,
Darlene Averetta

Continuing prayers for the Ruiz
Family on the recent passing of
Dolores Fernandez. A Celebration
of Life Service for long time
member, Dolores Fernandez, will
be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024, in
the Sanctuary, immediately
followed by a reception in
Fellowship Hall. Please contact the
office for further information.

Upcoming Sermons

June 2 (Commitment Sunday)

"When Jesus Invites Jesus" Luke 19:1-10

June 9

"Knows No Bounds..." Luke 10

June 16 (Father's Day)

"Creation and Science Comingled"

Genesis 1

June 23

"Where Are You?" Genesis 3:1-9

June 30

"A Lamb's Offering..." Exodus 11:1-10

Pastor's Corner

It's hard to believe that graduation is here for so many of us! Eighteen years ago we welcomed our Theo into the world and now we're watching them move into their new phase in life—adulthood and career. There are always certain times of the year when we celebrate new times in life...Advent, New Years, School beginning...and so many more. While watching Theo

move into adulthood seems a little more daunting, every life change comes with a variety of

Pride in what we have seen accomplished, whether in the life of someone we love and cherish, or in the collective achievement of a group or community of people. When we see how much growth and newness there is around us, our hearts fill with a healthy (it's not a sin to feel this) sense of pride.

Hope for tomorrow as a new, and perhaps previously unattainable, goal becomes a possible if not probable future. This hope continues to feed and sustain us as we reach forward, sometimes only in faith, to make the new world a reality in our lives.

Grief for the loss that changes represent to us. As we embark on our new future or watch as others do the same, we look back to our lives together and appropriately grieve the loss of that part of life that we have known and in which we have found comfort. This kind of grief often confuses us when we experience it in the midst of pride, hope and joy. Grief serves to remind us that the past is to be honored because it is important to us and how we came to be where we are.

Fear of what tomorrow may bring and the uncertainty of how changes will impact us often finds its way into our experiences of life-changes and is completely natural. Despite many who see fear as a sin or doubt in God's grace, fear is a natural response to the unknown. The appropriate question is how we respond to fear. To allow fear to rule us or to disable our ability to move forward isn't healthy or helpful. However, using fear to inspire us to discover more, plan-ahead, and grow in our faith as we trust God in the midst of our anxieties and concerns will make us stronger.

This Summer is a time of change and growth for us here at NUMC. You will be hearing more and more about the vision, goals, and plans for moving into the tomorrow that we have been speaking of so often recently. Some of these changes may inspire hope and pride while others will bring grief and possibly even fear into our hearts. I want to encourage you to dive fully into what God brings to your heart as you read, hear, and discuss the new opportunities and exciting changes that prepare us for tomorrow's ministry and growth. Let's use this Summer to set the foundations for the future and to expand the tremendous impact that Northridge United Methodist Church has had in our community for the last 100 years!

-Douglas Dickson (Senior Pastor)

emotions.



Upcoming Events

Father's Day Celebration – Sunday, June 16th at 10 AM

We joyfully invite you to join us in celebrating
Father's Day as we honor and express our gratitude
to all fathers. We encourage you to share photos of
your father along with his full name, so we may
include them in our special service. Please send
electronic photos, if possible, to Suhyun at
Suhyun@northridgeumc.org by Wednesday, June
12th. Let us come together to give thanks for the
blessings of our fathers, reflecting God's love and grace.



(Electronic photos are preferable.)

Annual Conference Is Here!



The week of June 12-15, Pastors Doug and Ralph along with delegates from NUMC will be gathering with United Methodists from around Southern California and Hawaii to vote on a wide variety of issues from our Conference Budget to ratifying the General Conference decisions made in April. The gathering takes place locally in Burbank with the theme, "Ending Spiritual and Physical Hunger". Please pray for our Conference, Pastors, and delegates.

Youth Pool Party-Sunday, June 23rd, 4-7 PM at the Home of Mike Easterly



Our youth are excited to gather for a time of fun and fellowship at Mike and Nancy Easterly's place! Bring your swimsuit, towel, and any pool games you enjoy as we dive into a day of joy and community. Let's make a splash and celebrate the blessings of friendship and summer! Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

(Continued)

Simple Summer Sermon Series: June 16-August 4th

Pastors Doug and Ralph will be embarking on a Summer Sermon Series every Sunday morning for eight weeks starting June 16th! The series is "Snapshots of the First Testament: Making Sense of the OT" Each week we will discuss key Old Testament passages and how they impact our understanding of Jesus and his message. Don't miss out on this in-depth dive into some texts that can be both confusing and difficult to fathom!



Nuts & Bolts Retreat



If you are a part of a church ministry or would like to join us in serving our community, you need to be at this retreat from July 12-14th! The retreat will take place at our fellow United Methodist Churches in Ojai! During this retreat we will be moving forward on plans and strategies for the vision of the church regarding new and existing ministries for the coming year. Pastors Doug and Ralph will lead us in prayerful

planning, meaningful worship, and some fun games as well. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of what NUMC is doing to lay the foundations for our future! Those who wish to stay nearby at a hotel can contact the church office for options or you can pick up the flier in the Narthex beginning June 2^{nd} . The cost for the retreat is \$30 which will cover snacks, lunch, and other retreat costs. Please RSVP through the office or Church Center App.

NUMC Vacation Bible School 2024

VBS is scheduled to take place from July 22-25 (Mon to Thu), 9 AM–12 PM at NUMC. The theme for this year is "TWISTS AND TURNS–FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME." We warmly invite you to join us for a time filled with music, games, Bible stories, crafts, and fellowship. The registration fee is \$40, and it will be available on our Church Center App



or in the church office closer to the event. Free to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to having you join us for this enriching experience. Stay tuned!!!

100 Years of Ministry!

It's a Birthday Party, Celebrating 100 Years of Worship, Dedication and Service.

You'd think we'd be tired after 100 years (well, some of us are from all of the celebration preparations), but we celebrate Sunday, May 19, with energy and joy. We press forward into a future of continuing many years of Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Dedication.

-Dusty Stiles (Chair of Trustees)





























Outreach



CSUN Foster Youth

Thank you to the individuals, families, and groups who are generously contributing to our CSUN foster youth's pantry. A special "thank you" to Don Brownlee for volunteering to transport our contributions to CSUN. To quote Kathy Calvin, CEO of United Nations Foundation, "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

That's us! We make a difference!

-Shiela Attarian & Committee





We Want to Eat Out Mondays Back!!!

NUMC needs to raise additional funds for the operating budget. Eating establishments need our support, as well. Take the family and friends out for lunch/dinner together. Would like to start Eat Out Mondays again, but need coordinator. Please volunteer! It could be any day of the week, but we might have to change the name. Contact the NUMC office.

Please Join Us in Prayer for Our Capital Campaign

"God, what do You want to do through me?"

It is only through God that we will successfully reach our goals in this campaign effort. Please take time to pray deliberately and consider how God wants you to respond, reflecting on His grace and love.

- NUMC's Projection/Video Team needs more hands to help. If you are interested in learning a new skill and being a part of this vital ministry, please feel free to contact the office.
- For those who would like to send an article for a monthly Newsletter, please send it to Suhyun at suhyun@northridgeumc.org by the 12th of every month.

5 WAYS TO GIVE



Giving via Our Website

NUMC can receive one-time or recurring gifts through the E-Giving services provided by our servicer – Vanco. The current DONATE option on NUMC's www.northridgeumc.org website home page. Gifts can be one-time or recurring from credit card, debit card, checking or savings. You will be asked if you want to add 2.75% to help offset processing fees.



Giving via Text Message

NUMC also has a text option using the 10-digit Vanco Text # **833-906-1867**. Text '**Funds**' to receive a list of NUMC's Give by Text Funds.

Giving via In-Person

Drop your gift into the offering basket on Sunday morning.

Giving via Mail

You can also support our ministry by sending a check via mail. Please mail it to us:

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Korean Ministry





6월 교회 소식지

- 1 장-6월 교회 행사를 소개하는 장입니다. (오른쪽: 사역자 명단)
- 2 장- Jazz Vespers 연주가 6 월 9 일 (주일) 오후 6 시 예배당에서 있습니다. / 6 월 설교 제목, 성경 본문 / 중보 기도 명단
- 3 장- 담임목사님의 목회 칼럼입니다. 이번 여름은 우리 교회 사역에 큰 변화와 성장을 이루는 시간이 되리라 믿습니다. 앞으로 더 많은 비전과, 목표, 계획을 가지고 미래로 나아가 하나님께서 우리에게 주시는 마음으로 기도하고 준비하여 새로운 사역과 성장을 이루고자 합니다. 우리 교회가 지난 100 년 동안 지역 사회에 큰 영향력을 미치며 성장해 왔듯이, 이번 여름, 미래를 위해 든든한 반석을 준비하는 시간이 되시기를 소원합니다.
- 4, 5 장- 교회 행사를 소개하는 장으로, 6 월 16 일 주일 은 "아버지 주일"로 지킵니다. 아버지의 성함과 사진을 아래 이메일 주소로 보내주시기 바랍니다. / 2024 연회가 6 월 12-15 (수-토)일 부터 Burbank 에서 열립니다. Doug 목사님과 권현섭 목사님을 위해 기도로 함께해 주시기 바랍니다. / 우리 교회 청소년 Pool Party 가 월 6 월 23 일 주일 오후 4 시부터 Mike Easterly 집에서 열립니다. / Doug 목사님과 권현섭 목사님께서 여름을 맞아 Simple 설교 시리즈로 말씀을 전해 주십니다. / 우리 교회 수련회가 7 월 12-14 (금 오후- 주일 오전), Ojai 연합감리교회에서 열립니다. 참가비: \$30 아버지 성함과 사진 보내실 이메일 주소: suhyun@northridgeumc.org.
- 6 장-5월 19일 100 주년 기념 예배 사진과 친교 시간 사진입니다.
- **7 장** CSUN Foster 학생들을 위해 꾸준한 관심과 참여 부탁드리며, 도움 주신 모든 분들께 감사드립니다. / 외식을 함으로써 우리 교회에 기금 모금에 도움이 되는 Eat Out Mondays 를 다시 운영하고자 합니다. 재개를 위한 봉사자를 모집합니다. 관심이 있으신 분들은 사무실로 연락해 주시기 바랍니다. 현재 진행중인 기금 모금 캠페인을 위해 기도해 주시기 바랍니다.
- 8 장- 헌금할 수 있는 방법을 소개하는 장입니다. (웹사이트, 문자 메시지, 우편, 모바일 앱 Vanco, 예배 헌금)
- 10 장-교회 운영 기금 모금을 위한 Bunco 게임이 6월 30일 주일 오후 3시 친교실에서 열립니다. 참가비 \$20
- **11 장** 2024 년 여름성경학교가 7 월 22-25 (월-목) 9 AM to 12 PM 우리 교회에서 열립니다. 참가를 희망하시는 분들은 사무실이나 Church Center 앱을 통해 등록해 주시기 바랍니다.

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