



# THE MESSENGER

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

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## Ecumenical Prayer Cycle ~ Week of 6 June - 12 June 2010

### INTERCESSIONS

#### Give thanks for:

- The United Nations, especially the World Food Program, and other organizations that work to assist the people of Angola and Mozambique.
- The churches, which continue to provide hope to people battered by civil war.
- The efforts to keep open dialogue between opposing communities.
- Farmers who risk planting fields even when landmines might be present.

#### Pray for:

- Rebuilding these countries devastated by civil war.
- Those who have been left homeless or who have fled as refugees.
- The tens of thousands of people who have lost limbs to landmines, and for all people who must deal with them for years to come.
- Children who have never known peace, who have been traumatized and victimized by war.
- A balance of rain and sunshine so that crops will grow.
- Greater supplies of food and lower prices, so that the poor are able to afford to feed themselves and their families.
- Those suffering from HIV and AIDS, their families, and their communities.
- An end to international debt bondage.

### PRAYER

*We sincerely thank you, O God,  
for your powerful gift of hope  
in the face of seemingly hopeless situations.  
We thank you for your peace  
in the hearts and minds of men and women  
in this part of Africa*



### ✠Gathering & Centering

- Welcome & announcements
- Call to worship
- Opening hymns
- Opening prayer

### ✠Hearing & Reflecting on the Word

- Scripture reading
- Hymn of preparation –  
One Body in Christ
- Sermon

### ✠Responding to the Word

- Passing of the Peace
- Prayers of the people
- Offering + Prayer of  
Thanksgiving

### ✠ Holy Communion

### ✠Sending Out

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

**“Standing, Leaning,  
Stretching in God’s  
Promises!”**

**Pastor Emily Lin**

**1 Kings 17: 8 - 16**



*Great Thanks to worship  
participants this morning:  
Rich, Jane, Wendy, Jenny, Janene  
Greeters: Frances & Charlie  
Hospitality: Derek Lang*

### The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*View from the EMC Chair*  
*By Derek Lang*

*"She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah." [1 Kings 17:15-16]*



One thing I appreciate about following the Lectionary is that it brings us through the Bible to passages that we may not always go to on our own. I had forgotten about this story, but somehow reading it I knew this was a message that I needed to remember.

As Christians, we are often asked to give money. Every Sunday we give an offering. The past two months have been full of Special Offerings and fundraisers. We are asked to give of our presence, and it seems like almost every week there is a meeting to attend. We are asked to give our prayers. How many of us raise our hands immediately when asked if someone will give the opening or closing prayer? Give, give, give. Doesn't it seem like a lot? At some point, are they just asking to much of us?

There are often Sundays when we have long meetings after worship. At the end of the meeting, I am exhausted and am ready to go home. But if I do not have another commitment, I will stop on my way home to visit my grandmother who is homebound. Generally, I would be quite happy to avoid seeing anyone or talking to anyone after a long day at church; and I have to say that often I am not sure I have the energy to make a visit. In fact, I will sometimes find myself falling asleep in the middle of our conversations. But I value the time I can spend with her, and hope that my visits can bring a smile to her. And when I leave, I find a new source of energy and joy at the time we spent together. I am rejuvenated.

In several of our church discussions, we have been talking about spiritual formation and spiritual gifts. The differentiation I once heard about spiritual gifts versus talents is that if we do something just because we have a talent for it, we will eventually tire and burn out. Whereas if we do something because it is a spiritual gift (i.e., God calls us to the task), we will actually be energized by doing it. Just like the flour and oil that would not run dry, God somehow seems to fill us with a boundless spirit that says, "There is more that I can give."

***Worship with us Next Sunday June 13th, 2010***

Greeters: Brenda and Jane

Scriptures: Peter

Prayer: Charlie

Sound Techs: Jenny

Hospitality: YAF BBQ



***Upcoming News and Notes:***

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As we go to press, preparations are still being made for our Intergeneration Fellowship Night, Saturday, June 5th from 4:30pm to 8pm. The dinner theme was Japanese as the group plans to make sushi rolls and Inari. It's guaranteed to be an evening of fun! If you missed this, stay tuned to the Messenger for future events!

Sunday School Corner

Next Sunday, on June 13th, we will mark the closing of the "regular" Sunday School year. Sunday School will then "rest" for two weeks. On July 4th, we will kick off our summer intergenerational Sunday School series - Mission: Uganda! This will be a 9 week series designed and organized by Jenny and Wendy (yahoo for them!) to help us explore Uganda (food, language, culture, history), get to know Ugandan friends (Silver, Sheila, and more), and connect it all to our faith and call to mission. We are warmly encouraging ALL to be a part of this series...or as much of it as you possibly can. Sign ups are being taken - please pick up a purple form and return to Jenny or Wendy no later than June 20th! Thanks!

California-Nevada Annual Conference

The annual gathering of clergy and laity will take place Wednesday through Saturday, June 16th - 19th, at the Sacramento Convention Center. We give thanks for our wonderful lay delegates, **Jane Yin** and **Walter Chew**, for attending on our behalf and look forward to news and notes they will bring back. We also lift up the ongoing leadership of our very own **Burt Yin** who is the Conference Co-Lay Leader. Your prayers for this session are encouraged and welcomed. Please note that both Pastor Emily and Peter will be out of the office during Annual Conference. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Emily on her cell phone.

Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Peter and Family

We will be celebrating Pastor Peter's 17 years at CCUMC on Sunday, June 20th as he leaves us to embark upon his new calling. Beginning in July, Pastor Peter will be shepherding a new flock at New Vision United Methodist Church in Millbrae, CA. Come, as we gather to thank him for his wonderful years at CCUMC!