



Artesia-Cerritos United Methodist Church  
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*Where friendship and faith grow in a multicultural community*

The Rev. Dr. Brian Suk-Boo Lee, Pastor  
Ronda Benware, Editor

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### Farewell from our Director of Education

#### Care Corner

Art and Jeanne Culver's safe travel to Wisconsin.

Carroll Askland, father of Glen Askland, is under going open heart surgery. Pray for his faith to be restored.

Robert Johnson's safety while on his fishing trip.

#### Ongoing Concerns

Dave Adams, Anne and Archie Archibald, Laura Archibald, Donato Badar (Cynthia Aquino's father), Wilma Bomgaars, John Borg, Bob Bowman (Florence Hanson's cousin), Carol Brown, Joe Buckalew, Carl Buggs, Chichi Caes and Aunt Lundy Carolino (Arnel Carolino's cousin and aunt) Usha Christi, Joe Colavecchi, Jr., Charlotte Crawford, Richard Crawford, Betty Drake, Jerry Drake (Lynn Bundy's sister and brother-in-law), Betty Enderle, Josie de los Reyes, Max de los Reyes, Fely Fagaragan, Doris Fry, Bernie Galhoff (Arnel Carolino's brother-in-law) Bennie Gatdula, Joe Graper, Rosalie Henson, Helen Hinsdale, Nancy Howard, (Gwen DuPree's friend) Patricia Howie-Jones, Grady Hughes, Constance Jones, Irena (Laura Miculs' sister-in-law), Jamie, John, Troy and Tessa Karr, Alton King (Bruce King's father) Troy Kubinski, Fred Love, Patricia Mann, Betty McDougall, Rick McDougall, Edward Mattox, Janette Mitchell, Ben and Norma Navarro, Ike Nwosu, Judie O'Brien, Janis and George Oliver, Betty Padelford, Florence Parayno (friend of Lourdes Aquino) Barbara Pennacchio (a friend of Nancy Campbell), Joanne Roberts, Lauren Robinson, Susan Rolontz, Joyce Samuel, Ken Shim (Arnel Carolino's co-worker), Hermy Serna, Mary Slattery, Megan Stopher (Davis family friend), Rev. Paul Tangonan (Rachel Maranon's nephew,) Maralyn Terhune, Shelby Ullom, John Viksna, Spodra Vejan, Lucy and Tom Villegas (Connie Perez's sister & brother-in-law) Mary Jean Wheatley, Steven Wilson (Mary Slattery's nephew), Cindy Young, Sebastian Zavala (Annabelle Davis, 8-year-old neighbor) . . . Our community, our state, our nation and our world.

#### With deepest sympathy...

To: Linda Harp and family (a friend of Sandi Reynolds and Betty Mc Dougall) on the passing of her daughter Stefanie Atkisson, 37, who passed April 23. An avid Angel's fan and a caring, conscientious third grade teacher at Victor Elementary in Torrance, Stefanie touched the lives of many and will certainly be remembered and missed by all.

#### Praise God for...

Dave Adams is doing well since the passing of his beloved Dorothy. He is smiling, up and moving around with help from his caregiver. God is good!

Nancy Campbell is home from the hospital and recuperating well.

As many of you know I have had the opportunity to serve for this church as the Director of Education and Programming since 2005. During this time I have been able to work with some really amazing people.

First of all to the education department, who is probably the most supportive and caring group of people that I know. They attend planning meetings all year long, donate supplies, and come to all the events ready to help wherever needed. They also continually look for new ways to express the love of God to the children and youth of our church. This group includes more than those who show up at the committee meetings but extends to everyone who has helped in some way, teachers, assistants, those who have helped with vacation bible school, and those who make sure we have a roof over our heads and a place to meet.

Secondly I really enjoyed working with the children and youth of our church. I see amazing qualities in each and every one of them. (If you are one of the children or youth and you aren't sure what some of your amazing qualities are then let me know and I will be more than happy tell you.) Being a part of their lives and watching them grow in their faith has been an experience that I will never forget.

Finally, the church as a whole. I have observed many churches, but this church has a real family feel to it. Once someone walks through the front door they instantly gain an extra set of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, etc. We may come from different backgrounds and experiences but we all join together with the single goal of sharing God's good news with others.

I want to close by thanking everyone for all the support and love that I have experienced at this church. I also want to encourage you to invite someone new to visit our church and give them the chance to experience all that this church has to offer.

Best wishes to all of you , Eric Huff

Roy Boncato will serve as Dir. of Ed. and Youth Ministries.



The Rev. Dr. Brian Suk-Boo Lee, Preaching  
**Sermon Series: "Experiencing God Today: The Holy Spirit"**

**May 13**

**Sermon:** Jesus and the Holy Spirit  
**Scripture:** John 14:15-24

**May 20 (Ascension Sunday)**

**Sermon:** The Leading of the Holy Spirit  
**Scripture:** Romans 8:9-17

**May 27 (Pentecost Sunday)**

**Sermon:** I Will Pour Out My Spirit On All People  
**Scripture:** Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21

**June 3 (Trinity Sunday)**

**Sermon:** How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:15-18

#### Sharing is Absolutely Caring

We have again shared our blessings with the ABC School Teen Parent Program. Baby items were delivered April 25. Many thanks to all who helped and especially to Ann Archibald who again crocheted many baby blankets. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Church in the World Committee



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**First Class**

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*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

**Is Mother's Day A Christian Holiday?**

The religious and deeply Christian origins of Mother's Day reflect the faith of the woman credited as its founder, Anna Jarvis.

The Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, is called "the Mother's Day Church" because Anna Jarvis was active there; her former home in Grafton is a national landmark. Anna Jarvis was inspired by her mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis who organized "Mothers' Work Day Clubs" in the 1850's in the area. The clubs provided medicines for the poor, inspected milk for children, provided nursing care for the sick, and shelters for children with tuberculosis.

When the Civil War broke out she called together several of her clubs and asked them to make a pledge that friendship and good will would not be a casualty of the war. In a remarkable display of courage and compassion the women nursed soldiers from both sides and saved many lives.

As if that weren't enough, Anna Reeves Jarvis became a genuine peace marker after the war. The wounds and animosity between families who fought on either side were deep. So Anna organized "Mothers' Friendship Days" to bring together families across the Mason Dixon line.

Anna Jarvis was born in 1850 and was an impressionable child and teenager when her mother was at the peak of her courageous work. So in 1907, two years after her mother's death, she organized the first "mothers' day" in Grafton so that the work of peacemaking and the war against poverty which her mother waged would not be forgotten.

If Mother's Day has become too commercial, Anna Jarvis would have been the first to object, indeed, she did protest the profiteering that had become part of Mother's Day even during her lifetime. The remedy for the excesses of this popular holiday, is not to ignore them, but to lift up the story of its founder, and her own mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis, both of whom exemplified the very best that the Christian faith has to offer.

An excerpt from The Olive Branch Newsletter

**Mother—Daughter Luncheon  
Saturday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m.**



**À Teddy Bear Picnic**

**Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day**

Each Mother's Day one of the ways we celebrate is by encouraging the women — and girls — in our congregation to wear their favorite hat to worship that morning. The men in the congregation give the women of the choir the day off as they sing a special anthem



**An Evening of Praise May 22 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meaningful worship including an inspiring message from a member of the congregation and upbeat music from our Praise Team create a service to lift your spirits each time our monthly contemporary service is held. This month's service is Saturday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. After the service, a light meal is shared around the tables in the hall.



is Sunday, May 27. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to wear red to church that day.



Betty McDougall has requested that anyone needing to contact her please call her via cell phone at 562-715-4887. Thank you.

**"DIABETES & YOU"**

**Saturday, July 21, 2012 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Come to a free seminar/lecture at Artesia-Cerritos UMC, Saturday, July 21 at 4 p.m. Hear Linda Kerr a Certified Diabetes Educator, Nurse, Practitioner, and Director of Diabetes Programs from Long Beach Memorial Medical Center discuss diabetes facts, risk factors, basics and its complications. All are welcome.

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