



# The Beacon

Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God's life-giving love.

First United Methodist Church  
of Seal Beach

## From Pastor Tia

Greetings Friends;

On Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a churchwide stewardship program called "shiny gods, finding freedom from things that distract us." Over a four-week period we'll examine what happens when we truly put God first in all aspects of our lives. In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, "enough" seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? In our stewardship program and study "shiny gods", written by Rev. Mike Slaughter, we will have an opportunity to reassess our priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of giving with a special emphasis on missions.

The "shiny gods" series is to be thoughtful and a source of encouragement as you consider what it means to live a life free of the distractions of this world. The program includes a study book and a weekly bible study for those who wish to participate. The four weeks of study are entitled: "Naming Our Idols" – Money, Work and Debt - Be Faithful, Save and Give - Heart Giving." The study will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Thursday mornings at 10:30am. The first class will be on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Tuesday class will begin on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The books and syllabus are available in the Fellowship Hall.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the final Sunday of the series, we are asking those who call this church their home to return an Estimate of Giving card for the coming year. We ask you to fill out this card as a spiritual practice. Cards will be sent out the week before Thanksgiving Sunday so that

it will allow you to spend time in prayer and conversation about your income and the ways you spend and save money.

Here is what I have discovered: putting aside the wants over the needs is an ongoing process and is not always easy. It requires planning. It has to be a goal. It has to become a priority. The Estimate of Giving card is a starting point in that process.

Between now and November 19<sup>th</sup>, please pray about your financial situation, talk about what it means to have "Heart Giving," and take a moment to reflect upon what offering you plan to give to God through our church in the coming year.

Again, thank you for all you do to support God's work here at First Church. I am grateful for the ways you are living a generous life within our own church and beyond.

Shalom,

NOV. 2017

### Fantastic Folders

☎ (562) 431-0494. Jeanne Mignacca Fri. @ 11:00am.

### Lunch Bunch

☎ Dolores Wildermuth. (562) 594-6858. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am @ Shenandoah at the Arbor.

### Men's Breakfast Group

☎ Greg Fellers (562) 296-5889. Every Thurs. @ 7:00am @ Denny's on Westminster.

### Miracle Prayer Group

☎ Charlotta Butler (562) 431-8540 Sunday after service & on second Sat. @ 10:00am for Study.

### Mission Ministry Fellowship

☎ (562) 431-0494. First Thur. @ 10:00am.

### Music Ministry

☎ Anjanette Navarro (714) 305-2313. Children's singing @ YEBs. Choir rehearsals Sun. 8:30 & 11:30am. Bell choir Wed. 6:00pm.

### Prayer Chain Covenant

☎ Charlotta Butler (562) 431-8540 Or call office for information. prayerchain@firstchurchsealbeach.org

### Children's Ministry

☎ Jaime Lopez (562) 431-6340 & Beth Barinek (562) 596-8038, Renate Carnegie (562) 596-0202.

### United Methodist Women

☎ Call Kathy Fellers (562) 296-5889, Renate Carnegie (562) 991-5918. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. @ 10:00am.

### Young Explorers of the Bible (YEBs) Kindergarten - 6th grade.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. @ 4:30pm Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Group Middle School & High School

☎ Sue Dunbar (562) 260-1418 or email sldunbar@roadrunner.com for information.



**Brief Administrative Council Minutes – Oct. 14, 2017**  
*by Kathy Fellers*

**LAITY SUNDAY:** Greg Fellers reported that Laity Sunday will be held on October 22. It will celebrate all who volunteer to serve within the life of the church with 3 speakers sharing their answers “To the Call.” Beth Barinek, Vivien Irving and Greg have volunteered to share their stories. Others also volunteered to help present the service.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Renate Carnegie reviewed the Bank Account Analysis and Financial Status reports through September 30, 2017. Our income YTD totaled \$152,951 and expenses YTD \$149,273 for a difference of \$3,679. She noted the new financial Summary of Cash Activity page showing the general cash “in’s and out’s,” presently indicating a 4% balance increase over the beginning of the year. Renate also referred to the restricted account of UMCOR-Harvey Relief monies. We voted to divide the funds: Harvey - \$1,000, Irma - \$1,000 and Maria - \$1,200. Renate asked for funds to purchase a new printer and consideration of a WiFi extender. The council authorized \$500 from the general budget to upgrade items in the finance office.

**Endowment and Investment Committee:** Pastor Tia reported the September 30, 2017 balances: Jubilee: starting value, \$865,772.10 and currently is \$880,747. Endowment Fund was initially \$101,761; currently it’s \$105,153. Memorials & Bequests: after taking out \$11,000, currently is \$169,909. Pastor Tia is well pleased with the diversified, socially responsible funds.

**Leadership Training Report:** Renate Carnegie reported on her trip to Leadership Institute at the UMC of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The Financial sessions emphasized “Transparency” and “giving as an act of worship.” They stressed the importance of paying Apportionments throughout the year. She learned that Online Giving showed a significant increase in income.

Emphasis on “Visuals” was the theme of her Children’s Sessions. The halls and classrooms were brilliant with color and scripture. Adam Hamilton’s classes centered on the question, “How well do you welcome everyone who comes to your church?” There were excellent speakers from throughout the nation, many delving into all aspects of social media. After some discussion, it was agreed to consider using a consultant in this area.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:**

**Worship:** Pastor Tia noted that we are having announcements at the end of worship now. The blue attendance cards are more streamlined and offer prompts for a mobile phone and text availability. November 4<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating All-Saints Sunday Day.

**Missions:** Carolyn Nicks shared that the last quarter of 2017’s Change for Change and Alternative Christmas Giving projects will be devoted to the Long Beach Rescue Mission, including their Thanksgiving meal.

**UMW:** Kathy Fellers reminded us that the Autumn Boutique is scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. They still need Granny’s Attic items, more baked and non-baked goods. Renate reported that they will be holding a Silent Auction for the first time.

**Trustees:** Dan Carnegie shared a handout on recommendations for a new, stainless steel Frigidaire. We voted to allot up to a \$2,000 limit to pursue repairing our present freezer or purchasing a new one. This would be a general budget cost. It was noted that the Trustees recommend purchasing a new, stainless steel model rather than spend money on repairing again. Darrel Stoskopf has been working on repairing the electric blinds. Spinitar finally came out to look at the recording abilities of our Fellowship Hall audio/visual system and submitted a proposal that would cost of \$7200. Pastor Tia reported that we need to continue to employ them

because their touch pad controls the system. We voted to purchase our recording system through Spinitar. Training and maintenance of the system needs to also be considered. Recording sermons and programs for the housebound and website possibilities are outreach and marketing tools that are important to pursue.

**LAY LEADER REPORT:** Greg Fellers reminded everyone that the Habitat for Humanity benefit concert “Raise the Roof” will be tomorrow from 3-5pm at the Los Altos UMC. This is a major fund raising effort of the Greater Long Beach Area Faith Coalition. Also, we have a team of 5 going to our monthly build day next Thursday. Greg will be working with the Missions Committee and the UMW to sponsor an Alternative Christmas Giving program that will support Habitat, the Long Beach Rescue Mission and Heifer Project International. He will man a table at the UMW Fall Boutique and after worship on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** Pastor Tia reminded us that our Stewardship program will be enhanced by Rev. Mike Slaughter’s study program entitled “shiny gods.” The 4 week program will start the first week of November. This year’s Messy Church annual conference will be held on October 21-22 at Huntington Beach UMC. Our monthly Messy Church attendance is slowly increasing. Pastor Tia is researching Electronic Giving and will share a report soon. Our Charge Conference will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Lay Leadership committee will be working on leadership positions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
We need volunteers to put on the Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**Next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, November 12, 2017 @ noon.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Fellers, Secretary



**Lay Leader**  
*by Greg Fellers*

This month we will celebrate our first Alternative Christmas Giving Program. At least it's the first one I'm aware of in this church. Maybe it was practiced years ago here, and I'm just not aware of it.

This program developed from the desire to do something more meaningful with the dollars we spend at Christmas. When we really have little idea of what to get for a family member or friend, we will instead donate funds to a well deserving cause, in that person's name. I know when I have received a card telling me that such a donation has been made in my name, I was truly grateful that someone thought that much of me.

So I invite you to consider whether this might work for you with people you love this Christmas. Celebrate the joy and hope of Christmas with a gift of love that will make a real difference in someone's life.

We have chosen 3 organizations where our collective gifts can make a real impact, both here locally and around our globe:

First is Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, which is partnering with the Greater Long Beach Area Faith Coalition in a project to eventually build some 50 homes for deserving families in the Washington neighborhood of Long Beach.



The second is the Long Beach Rescue Mission which has been serving the needs of the least among us in downtown Long Beach for decades.



The third is Heifer Project International which brings the hope of better nutrition and sustainability through the care of livestock and farm animals to rural families in many countries around the world.



The idea is to "shop" and consider which option might best match with your loved one. Or maybe it has more to do with you and what you want to support. Either way, we will have a spread sheet that can be filled out to your wishes. You can write one check to the church and the church will distribute those funds according to your wishes.

We will have cards and stationary to give you so that you can send a card to each of your loved ones that you have chosen to honor. There will be a spot where a description of what that gift will purchase, so that a monetary gift is transformed into an actual gift of love bringing hope into the lives of the less fortunate.

I will be manning a table at the UMW Fall Boutique on November 11<sup>th</sup> and then again after worship in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. If neither one of those dates works for you but you want to participate, please contact me. We can make it happen!

Thanks for your consideration of an alternative to the same old way of doing Christmas and thanks for your support of these worthwhile endeavors.

Greg Fellers  
Lay Leader

**Trustees**

The Trustees have been working on pending projects in October.

The Fellowship freezer issue was discussed at the Administrative Council meeting. Administrative Council authorized the Trustees to spend up to \$2000 for purchase of a new stainless steel freezer or repair of the existing one. Decision will be made soon.

Security for the outside Office door has been installed and is working well.

As always, please notify one of the Trustees if a repair is needed.

Mike Strawn  
President, Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees:  
Lynn Adkins  
Dan Carnegie  
Daniel Carnegie  
Richard Irving



**UMW**  
*By Kathy Fellers*

**UMW – NOVEMBER NEWS**

In our November 13<sup>th</sup> UMW meeting we will continue our educational program, "Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor" and learn through Charlotta Butler's presentation on *World Thank Offering: the Sacred Space of Sharing Food*. We hope to develop a deeper understanding of the significance of food and fellowship in scripture and to create a sacred space of sharing food and thanksgiving. You are welcome to join us at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be evaluating our Fall Boutique and would appreciate any input toward improving the event.

In reference to our **FALL BOUTIQUE** it looks like **Granny's Attic** will be overflowing with antique and new treasures. Again we will not be pricing items but allowing you to choose a fair donation. Our chefs have several ideas for the **Luscious Luncheon** so you will get to have food choices also:

**Main Course:**

Slow Cooker Hawaiian Pineapple Chicken with crispy chicken thighs, fresh pineapple chunks, onions, & red bell pepper – served over tender jasmine rice

**OR choose:**

Farro and Feta Stuffed Peppers – a delicious vegetable dish with farro, chickpeas, scallions, cranberries, feta and delicate spices

**Side dish:**

Beet, fennel & arugula salad and a fresh Hawaiian roll

Dessert and drinks: ice tea, coffee, water included

Luncheon tickets (\$8) will go on sale this Sunday and include a main dish, salad, beverage and dessert. Again, depending on our marvelous Southern California weather, we will be offering patio dining. We have first-time **vendors** and many returning crafters offering personal and holiday gift items. New this year are our **Silent Auction** presentations, check them out:

1. **Authentic Russian Applique quilt**



1925 Red Square scene wall hanging \*Value: **\$350**

2. Homemade **cozy cuddle quilt**

Gingerbread Christmas \*Value: **\$175**

3. **"Cat's Meow" Baking basket**

goodies - variety of kitchen aides \*Value: **\$150**

4. **Tastes of the Town**

Gift certificates to several unique restaurants \*Value: **\$130**

5. **Collectors 1980's Baseball trading cards** - complete



sets in original wrappers \*Value: **\$125**

6. **South Coast Repertory**



presents: Charles Dickens "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" 4 premium seat tickets for a December Sunday performance at 4pm – TBA. \*Value: **\$360**

7. **Huntington Harbor Duffy Boat Cruise**



a sparkling 2 hour evening cruise of harbor Christmas lights during the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> Cruise includes picnic dinner for 6 \*Value: **\$200**

8. **Prep Kitchen Essentials** in Shops at Rossmoor – 2 vouchers for a hands-on, top-rated cooking class or purchase cooking merchandise. \*Value: **\$180**

9. **Hand-crafted reclaimed rustic wood table centerpiece box** adorned with Thanksgiving theme flowers and vegetables – size 17x6" \*Value: **\$80**

10. **Lopez Family** luscious 10" round layered carrot cake to be baked fresh for your family – one of a kind! \*Value: **\$50**



11. **Large, professionally decorated Christmas Wreath** – gifted by Jeff Lopez \*Value: **\$150**



12. **Harbor Holiday Cruise** 2.5 hour Huntington Harbor and coastal cruise for 6. Capt. Sonne's power boat voyage includes a picnic dinner. \*Value: **\$250**



13. **"Enchanted Seashore" Fairy Garden** – unique seascape planted in wooden, hand-crafted box \*Value: **\$50**





**YEB'S~~READY-SET-GO  
to the UMW FALL BOUTIQUE!**

This year the YEB's again joined with the UMW to further our mission projects by helping to prepare and sell Baked/No Bake goods. Please join us on **November 11<sup>th</sup>** for **"YUMMY YEB's COCOA!"**



**Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Thanksgiving Potluck  
following worship service**

We need volunteers to help prepare this traditional event. Let's all come to First Church to celebrate the bounty that God has given us. Plan on bringing a dish to share (vegetables, rolls, desserts, etc.) Sign-up sheets for; food, decorating, set up and serving are in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone helps cleaning up!

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - All Saints Sunday**

On Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints Sunday in worship. Those who have gone on before us will be remembered with the saying of names and lighting of candles. This is a time to remember all whom have joined the great cloud of witnesses.

**#givingtuesday2017**

On Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Gifts made through The Advance program make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. [www.umcgivingtuesday.org](http://www.umcgivingtuesday.org).

**Passion for Cuba book**

Tom Clasby, has written a book "Passion for Cuba." Tom has generously donated several copies to the church. There are autographed copies in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like one please see Pastor Tia. The suggested donation is \$10.00, donations will go to "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."



**Youth Group  
Middle School & High School**

The Youth Group meets once a month for social activities, work related projects, community service and religious studies. The group is open to all middle school and high school students regardless if they are a church member or not.



The 2017 Altar Flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to commemorate a special person or event. Your gift of flowers for the altar on Sunday morning really adds beauty and meaning to our services. We have several openings for flowers including Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.& 31<sup>st</sup> If you'd like to provide flowers for any of the above dates and state it's in honor or memory of a special person or occasion. You can sign up on the flower calendar in the Fellowship Hall, call the office or send an email: [office@firstchurchsealbeach.org](mailto:office@firstchurchsealbeach.org) Thank you.



**Mission Ministry Fellowship**  
*by Renate Carnegie*



**2017 Thanksgiving Campaign  
for Long Beach Rescue Mission**

Stock the shelves for Thanksgiving by donating the following items:

- Turkeys
- Stove top stuffing
- Elbow macaroni
- Velveeta cheese
- #10 can corn
- #10 can green beans
- #10 can sweet potatoes
- #10 can cranberry sauce
- Turkey gravy
- Boneless ham
- Brown sugar
- Butter

Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Hall from; Sunday, Oct., 29th to Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Your Mission team will drop them off the food items to the Long Beach Rescue .

**Food for the Hungry**

Sunday Nov. 5th is food donation for ready-to-eat food for the homeless. Suggestions are pop-top cans of fish, chicken, fruit, etc., small juice boxes & water. Health items like toothbrushes, soap, small bottles of shampoo/conditioner and lotion are also appreciated.

*Please no glass containers, they break.*

**THE PANTYRY NEEDS  
RESTOCKING**

Since the last Beacon we have given out **25** lunches, **24** peanut butter sandwiches & toiletries.



**November Birthdays**

- Tommy Jordan
- Tom Curd
- Daniel James Carnegie
- Harlene Goodrich
- Janice West
- Mike Strawn
- Emily Curd
- Fred Crosby
- Nicolette Dunbar
- Lauren Everson
- Jeff Lopez
- Charlotta Butler
- Richard Irving
- Suzie Morgan



**November Anniversaries**

- 1st Devin & Sue Dunbar
- 7th Russ & Pam Cross

**Parking Lot**

By the way if you park in the parking lot, during office hours, please pop in and say "Hi." You can also call or email the office. Reminder please pull all the way forward. If there are multiple cars in your group please double park. Frequently there are meetings during the day in the Fellowship Hall.



**Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 5th. Remember to change your clocks back an hour Sat., Nov. 4th.**

**HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING**

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

In September 1620 a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers seeking a new home. They were lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast, now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving" - although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time - the festival lasted for three days.

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration centers around cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple has become all but synonymous with the holiday. Nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.



**Small Groups @ First Church**



**Men's Breakfast Group  
Thursdays @ 7:00am**

The Men's Breakfast Group meets at Denny's on Westminster. For more information please contact Greg Fellers @ (562) 296-5889.



**Mission Ministry Fellowship  
Thursday, Nov. 2nd  
@ 10:00am**

Your Mission Ministry Fellowship is tasked with supporting local, national and international missions for First Church. They meet for discussion and fellowship on the first Thursday @ 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. They also sponsor some events throughout the year such as Souper Bowl Sunday, food drives and fundraisers. Everyone is welcome at our Thursday meetings!



**Miracle Prayer Ministry  
Sundays after Service**

The Miracle Prayer Ministry Group is available every Sunday in the Sanctuary after the service for your prayer needs. They also meet on the second Saturday @ 10:00am for study. They pray for your special concerns. If you are interested in being a part of this team or have need of prayer, please see the prayer team after a Sunday service.



**United Methodist Women  
Monday, Nov. 13th @ 10:00am**

The UMW is a group of First Church women who serve their church and its missions through study and fellowship. During their meetings they study God's call for good works and pray for those in need. For more information, call the office @ (562) 431-0494 or Kathy Fellers @ (562) 296-5889, Renate Carnegie (562) 881-5918.



**Lunch Bunch  
No lunch in Nov.**

**Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 11:30am  
@ Shenandoah @ the Arbor**

This is a group of restaurant goers who meet once a month, usually on the last Thursday to give support to each other and encourage each other in their Christian walk. We meet for devotion and fellowship. Please call Dolores Wildermuth @ (562) 594-6858 to make your reservation.



**Music Ministry**

Children's singing @ YEBs. Choir rehearsals Sunday @ 8:30 & 11:30am. Bell Choir Wed. @ 6:00pm.

**Friday Folders @ 11:00am**

On most Fridays some wonderful people come to fold your bulletins and Beacon. The Dec. Beacon will be folded on, Wed., Nov. 22nd. Please call the office @ (562) 431-0494 for information.



**Prayer Needs**

Continued prayers for Jeanie Barnett, Jane Barrett, George Thompson, Virginia Haley and their caregivers and others in our church family in need of healing.

Friends of John & Suzie Morgan; Steve & Karen Recker are experiencing health issues. Please pray for the Recker family.

Linda Smith requests prayers of continued healing for her daughter, Andrea. And prayers for this land and our soldiers.

Please pray for Sue Dunbar's friend, Tracy Blum, whose cancer has been gone for 10 years but spots have appeared in a recent evaluation.

Direct our prayers toward the Anaheim and Northern California fires. Carolyn Nicks' son is a firefighter fighting the Northern California fires. May all the folks who lost their homes & businesses, the first responders, the many colleges (Dan & Renate Carnegie's granddaughter, Abby, attends one) that were evacuated - may they all feel your glory through out these devastating events.

Prayers for all citizens of Puerto Rico and all families affected by the recent hurricanes.

Prayers for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

We continue to pray for our military, the homeless (especially children) and our leadership of the country.

We continue our prayers for world peace so that all can work together with God for the common good and our leadership of the country.



Life at First Church

Finance Report as of October 18, 2017

	Monthly	Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
	1/1 - 10/18/17	1/1- 10/18/17	1/1-10/18/17
Income Totals	10,569.00	255,060.29	181,954.00
Expense Totals	7,166.17	248,456.53	181,930.00
Difference	3,402.83	6,603.76	24.00

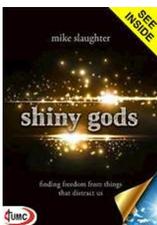
**Administrative Council & Team Meetings**  
**Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm**  
**For Church Officers, Team Leaders & Team Members**

All Team Members except the Lay Leadership Team are asked to attend.

  
**Messy Church**  
**Sunday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30-6:30pm - Fellowship Hall**

Theme for the day is "Messy Christmas" Messy Church is a multi-generational gathering which will be the last Sunday of every month. There will be activities, worship and dinner. Consider inviting your neighbors, families and friends.

  
**Annual Charge Conference**  
**Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Charge Conference @ 9:30am at First Church. SPPRC @ 9:00am.

  
**Stewardship Program Adult Study**  
**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Tuesday @ 7:00pm**  
**& Thursday @ 10:30am**

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**November/December Upper Rooms Available**  
 The daily devotional *Upper Room* is available in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall. They do enrich your life.

  
**November Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship Services 9:30am

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 All Saints Sunday  
 Communion, Stewardship  
 Matthew 16:24-28  
 "shiny gods - finding freedom from things that distract us"  
 "Money, Work and Debt"

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 Stewardship  
 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
 "shiny gods - finding freedom from things that distract us"  
 "Be Faithful, Save and Give"

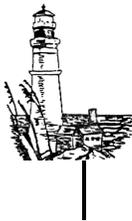
**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Thanksgiving Sunday  
 Stewardship Sunday  
 Matthew 6:19-21  
 "shiny gods - finding freedom from things that distract us"  
 "Heart Giving"

**Rev. Tia Wildermuth, Pastor**

  
**"Young Explorers of the Bible" for Children Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 4:30-6:00pm  
 Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

Food, Games, Singing and Bible Study

The **YEBs** meet to explore the Bible and join together in Christian community. There are also games, singing and dinner. Everyone is encouraged to bring friends.



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11:00am Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

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**Autumn Boutique**

First UMC Seal Beach  
Saturday, November 11, 2017  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch served 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Hand-made Arts & Crafts  
Holiday Gifts  
Freshly Baked Goods  
Fashion Jewelry  
Clothing