



Center for Children News

Stage 1

Greetings from Stage I!!

We'd like to bid a fond adieu to all our babies who have moved on to Stage II and we'd like to say Thank You to their parents for your kindness, support and generosity. We'll miss you, but we look forward to and will enjoy seeing you all from time to time!

Congratulations to the young graduates of the center. We're so proud of you!! Best Wishes for your continued success! Have a fabulous summer everyone! Any new moms interested in being our room mothers? We'd love it!!!

Kris, Melanie, and Janet

Stage 2

We would like to extend a hearty goodbye to our friends moving up to Stage 3, or are spending the summer with family and friends. We will surely miss you!!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new friends who will be joining Stage 2 in July. It will be a pleasure teaching and growing with you! Have a fun and safe summer!!

Stage 2 Teachers



Stage 3

We say goodbye to Madeline, Bianca, and Vincent; and welcome our new friends Sanjna and Milani to Stage 3. This month our theme is red, white, and blue. Stage 3 will focus on self-help and language skills.

Our water play days will be on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, starting in July as long as the weather permits. Please bring in swimwear, water shoes, towel and sunblock. Please clearly mark your child's name on each item. Make sure you have signed a permission form so that we can use the sunblock.

Happy July 4th!!!
Lynnette, Alex, and Jessica

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

- ☺ **July 2nd**— Independence Day Picnic for the children during lunch
- ☺ **July 5th**— School Closed to celebrate the 4th of July
- ☺ **August 20th**— United Methodist Night at the Dodger Game. Tickets are \$20. Contact Pastor Rachel for more information!!!
- ☺ **September 3-6**— Single Parent Family Camp. More Information to come!!! If interested talk to Pastor Rachel!
- ☺ **September 10th**— Back to School Luau and Open House
- ☺ **September 19th**— C4C Teacher Appreciation Sunday/BBQ

Transition 1&2

Ms. Mary and Ms. Shay will be joining together to create our summer program. Transition I and II are looking forward to wonderful, fun, and fantastic activities. Ms. Lauren will be assisting Ms. Shay with the classes from July 12th to July 26th because Ms. Mary will be teaching Ms. Lupe's class while she is on vacation during these days. Thank you!



Yours Faithfully
Ms. Mary and Ms. Shay

Mayola's Corner

The 2010 year is off to a great start. As sad as it is to see families move on, it is equally exciting to meet new families who are entering and sharing their experiences with us. We will begin with our Fourth of July picnic on Friday and our "Open House Luau" in the month of Sept. Camp Crossroad has begun and the children are excited about all of the adventurous trips and activities planned. Don't forget music/drama, Spanish, and piano lessons will still be offered during the summer too. Spaces are still available if you are looking for childcare for the summer.

Our P4C committee had many wonderful plans last year and we are hoping to continue with them in the 2010 year. We are in the process of looking for a 2010 president if you are interested contact me or your child's teacher. All P4C meetings are cancelled in July and August we will resume in September.

If you are planning vacations during the next two months please inform the office to help me make consistent staffing patterns and be sure to stay within our ratio guidelines for all classes.

For all parents who have not returned your updated or an earthquake packet please do so now. Let's not get caught without being prepared living in California.

I will be on vacation July 26th-August 7th. Ms Mal, Sharon, Kris, Lyda, and Pastor Rachel will be here to keep the place intact during my absence. Don't hesitate to go to any of them for assistance.

Room 5

It has been a wonderful year filled with excitement and fun learning. It's time to say goodbye to our students of Room 5. Best wishes to: Aaliyah, Ella, Jacob, Jia Li, Juan, Lukas, Nick, Sofia and Tristan they will be missed and I wish you the best. We welcome our new students: Alex, Amanda, Ava, De'Andre, Kinsey, Madeleine and Sydney as they will be joining us for the 2010-2011 school year.

Beginning this summer, Room 5 has set thrilling activities to welcome our new comers. This summer we will enjoy creative art, lunch picnics, nature walks, and water activities to cool us down. I'm looking forward to a fabulous summer!

Ms. Lupe

Room 3 Welcomes:

Aaliyah Czernin. Lauren Davis. Vivian Diaz. Jacob Gonzalez. Sofia Lucy. Ella Njonjo. Juan Ojeda. Lukas Seli. Brandon Talbert. and Jia Li Wang!

We're ready to get our summer off to a fun-filled learning adventure.

♥♥♥ Ms. Mal

Camp Crossroad



Camp Crossroad is off to a great start. We would like to welcome our new families to the center! Our first field trip to the movies was excellent. We have many great activities planned for the summer. We invite parents to come check out our program. If you have friends who are looking for summer programs for their school aged children, we offer a great summer of activities!

Ms. Sharon

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Rachel's Ramblings

Welcome to the first edition of our Church/Center for Children newsletter. Our goal with this newsletter is to provide our families with as much information as possible. Families both from the Church and Center. We figure that providing as much information as possible is important.

Over the course of the year, this section of the newsletter will be used to share with you my insights and pon-

derings. I know that sometimes I do ramble, thus the name of the article. Some months, this will have some spiritual or Scriptural reflections. Other months, I will use this space to share with you observations I am making while being a part of this community.

I feel so blessed to be entering into my second year of ministry at La Tijera, sharing my time between the

Church and the Center for Children. The members of our congregation are so loving and hospitable. The children in our center bring such light and vitality to our campus. Our teachers lead with passion. Our parents are fantastic. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives!

Blessings!!!

Pastor Rachel

Music & Spirit . . . Songs from the Taizé Tradition—by Lyda Eddington

One passes through Taizé as one passes close to a spring of water.
- Pope John Paul II

Okay . . . what is Taizé anyway? Most of us have heard of Taizé style worship services and there are even "Taizé" songs in our Faith We Sing Hymnal . . . but what are they and where did they come from?

Taizé is a village in the Burgundy Region of France. Roger Schutz, son of a Swiss Protestant minister, was 25 years old when he came to Taizé in 1940. In the war years that followed, he sheltered Jewish refugees and began praying in the village church.

Others joined him and soon a small community of brothers was formed. Roger and his followers committed themselves to a ministry of reconciliation.

Taizé worship is contemplative in its style in that it gives the worshiper time to focus on God's presence. Much of the praying is in silence. Taizé music uses a short, simple phrase repeated many times. The prayer and spirit of the music stays with you long after the singing is over. In our over-booked lives, Taizé music is community, prayer, silence, peace, and a heart-freeing experience.

As Brother Roger put it, "Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer, far from exuding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth."

Open your hearts to the surprise of Taizé music and contemplative prayer. I think you will enjoy the journey.

Church News Vacation Bible School

at First UMC Santa Monica—August 2-6
All children are invited to attend on August 2 - 6, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The camp is open to all 4-year-olds through 5th grade. This year's theme is Galactic Blast. Join us for a week of Summer day camp where kids learn about God. You'll hear unforgettable music, experience Bible stories, enjoy creating art projects and play exciting games, and sample tasty snacks. There are many opportunities for youth and adults to participate too. This takes place at FUMC, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Registration fee: \$30 per child (\$80 max per family). Register early, space is limited. For more information: Claudia Flanders, claudia.flanders@gmail.com, or Camille Mattick, camille.mattick@santamonicaumc.org, or call the church office at 310-393-8258. Visit www.santamonicaumc.org to view/print the registration brochure.



Dodger Night —August 20

United Methodist Family Night at Dodger Stadium is Friday, August 20, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. vs the Cincinnati Reds. It's also 90's Night & Andre Ethier Poster Giveaway to the first 20,000 fans. Remember the stadium seats over 50,000 so get there early. Our seats are on the Reserve level behind home plate to third base. Tickets are \$20 each (a \$32 face value). Parking is \$15.00 and if your church is renting a bus, parking for buses is \$35.00. Dodger Stadium handicap parking is in parking lot N. Additional parking information and directions are available on the Dodger web site at: www.dodgers.com/parking. Tickets available by contacting Joyce Zirkle at jjzirkle@calpac.org or 800-244-8622.



Single Parent Family Camp

Single Parent Families - Mark your calendars for Single Parent Family Camp, planned for Labor Day Weekend 2010. Our theme this year is "The Care and Feeding of You and Your Family." Our program will center around the physical and spiritual journeys we undertake as Single Parent Families. We have a great time meeting new friends and renewing old friendships each year. Our camp includes programs for Single Parents and their families (including children of all ages) and is open to ALL Single Parent Families - no matter how you arrived into Single Parenthood. Please plan to join us in 2010. We will post additional information as camp approaches. See you there!

For more information contact Cindy Poore, Coordinator of Single Parent Family Camp, and put Single Parent Family Camp in the subject line, pooregal@aol.com.