

# Foothills' VIEW



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## October is time for re-connecting

As we recognize God's love, freely given to us, we re-connect to Him by...

attending church on Sunday,



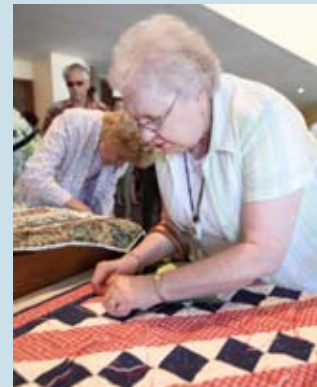
prioritizing our ministry

growing in our personal faith,



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reaching out to others,



and supporting our church with our gifts.



### Pledge Sunday, October 2

*As members together...  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries  
of the church  
by our prayers,  
our presence, our gifts,  
and our service,  
that in everything  
God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.*

*-Baptismal Covenant II*



*From  
the pastor's  
perspective...*



*Rev. John Farley*

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## *How thankful do you feel this year?*

by John Farley, lead pastor

As I left my mother's apartment not long ago, she kept trying to give me things. "Here, take a cold soda with you. Oh, do you need some money? Let me see what I have..." I responded, "Mom, I am fine. I really don't need you to give me anything." Her reply; "But, if I don't give to you, it feels like I'm not your mother..."

I grew up in a giving home. We never had much money. For the most part, my mother didn't work; that is, if you call raising four boys "not working." Actually my parents both worked from dawn to dusk, but there was only one income.

That has nothing to do with how much generosity there was in our home. I remember college students who lived in our trailer out back because they couldn't afford rent. I remember sponsoring an adoptive sister from Korea after the war there, and the pictures and letters we re-

ceived for years. I remember how every Sunday after church one or more friends showed up for dinner at the Farley's because they knew Mom always set an extra place "just in case."

My parents have always been highly respected and appreciated, even cherished by friends, family and colleagues; and through it all they remained more focused on giving than receiving. They humbly and genuinely believed God had blessed them with more than they deserved.

That is why my parents tithed. A tithe is the first action of a faithful and thankful heart. The tithe was the first priority use of what God had given them, and that went to giving to God's work and purpose in the world. For without this, all else had no meaning. For one particularly difficult year, they even took out a credit union loan to finish paying their tithe!

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## *Finding a solution for peace in community*

by Susan Naslund, VIEW reporter

In her approach to treating cancer, biochemist Beverly Emerson says that scientists should "view rogue cells not as individuals that must be killed (since they become drug-resistant), but as cells that must be re-integrated within their tissue community to reduce their stressed survivor behavior."

Let's think about this illustration with regard to how we ought to care for our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we fear those who deviate from what we consider to be "normal" or not at all like us. We might feel uncomfortable with folks who are heavily decorated with tattoos or piercings. We may not know how to respond to someone with mental or physical disabilities, or someone who has been incarcerated or is homeless.

Perhaps people with varied religious traditions, political perspectives, sexual orientation, or racial identity contribute to our unease. Maybe there are people in

our own families who have been excluded from our lives because we cannot see eye to eye. Whatever the reason, the stress others feel from being ostracized from community injures their spirit and diminishes their hope. How can anyone expect peace to prevail when even one of our brothers or sisters has been excluded?

When we invite others to be in healthy relationships with us, get to know each other intimately, and love each other unconditionally, tensions begin to ease. Understanding and compassion can begin to replace stress and anxiety, for both those who are welcomed and those who are welcoming. We can begin integrating others into our community, and ultimately diminishing tensions, by simply inviting someone to church to worship along side us.

Too simple? Maybe. But, just like finding a cure for cancer, finding a solution for peace in our communities will not happen if we are unwilling to experiment with an unexpected approach.

## Make a promise of support for Foothills UMC

by Steve Hable, lay leader

One of the annual fall events around here is the annual financial pledge drive for next year. Having served on the Finance Committee for several years, I can tell you that the major factor used in determining the budget for Foothills is your pledge, regardless of the amount. Your promise of support is the largest category for revenue. More importantly, it is the most dependable. We generally receive 100 percent of the pledged amount. It is extremely important for the operations of the church that we receive an annual pledge from you.

I don't care for the word "pledge" when it comes to supporting Foothills. It sounds too formal, too legal. Over the years, people have asked if church leadership will pursue people who do not fully fund their annual pledge. In reality, only a couple of people on the church staff (not the ministers) know the pledged and actual donated amounts.

We have referred to the annual pledge drive as next year's investment in Foothills. An investment implies a favorable return in the future on the money

given to someone else. The return we receive can easily be seen in tangible things like the Sanctuary, the Zerbe Building, and the beautiful campus.

I prefer to look at our annual pledge as a *promise*. A promise reminds me more of a personal commitment. When I promise to do something for my wife or children, I make that promise without expecting anything in return. I make that personal commitment because I love them.

My promise to financially support Foothills is not being made with the expectation of anything from Foothills. My promise is the result of my love for this community. The delight from hearing the music of the Chancel Choir and Witness is priceless. The inspiration and leadership we receive from the ministers and support staff cannot easily be found anywhere else. Finally, the relationship we have with each other in worship and service to others is something that is cherished.

When you make your annual promise, I pray that you will consider increasing your promise because of the special personal connections we have at Foothills.

## Foothills welcomes new members



We want to give a warm Foothills' welcome to our newest members who joined in August. From left to right are Julia Cole and her daughters, Sophia and Grace; Nathan and Molly Jarrell and their daughter, Eden; and Trudy Pennello. Not pictured are Laurie Brown and John and Carol Rehfus.

For more information about membership, contact [jeanetteham@foothills.umd.org](mailto:jeanetteham@foothills.umd.org). Our next Discover Foothills class is Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m.



As  
see it...



Steve Hable

### Foothills' VIEW

The Foothills' VIEW is published monthly by Foothills United Methodist Church. The due date for articles is the second Monday of the month. You may submit an article on events, fellowship groups, or persons related to the mission of Foothills. Email your article and picture (jpeg) to the editor.

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# LOOK at THIS!

*Nurturing  
communities*



Mary Lou Standiford

## October Calendar

- 10/1 Chancel Choir Retreat  
Common Ground Training
- 10/2 Pledge Sunday  
World Communion Sunday
- 10/3 Rummage Collection (Mon.-Thurs.)  
Writing thru Transitions (Mon.)
- 10/4 Disciple I (Tues.)  
Pastor's Small Group (Tues.+Wed.)  
Grief Class (EO Tues.)
- 10/5 Sarah/Ruth Circle  
Yoga (Wed.)  
Children's Choirs (Weds.)  
Jesus in the Gospels (Weds.)
- 10/6 UMW Rummage Sale (Thurs.-Sat.)
- 10/8 Wil-Mat
- 10/9 Children's Sabbath  
Going Loco for Local  
Roots&Shoots (EO Sun.)
- 10/10 Women at the Well
- 10/11 Storefront  
Men's 'Meating'  
Preschool Open House
- 10/12 Foothills Folks  
Kid's Exploration (Weds.)  
4th, 5th Fellowship (Weds.)
- 10/13 La Vida Real  
EarthCare (EO Thurs.)
- 10/14 Friday Friends (EO Fri.)
- 10/15 La Roca  
Welk Theatre Trip  
District Youth Fall Festival
- 10/16 Acolyte Recognition Sunday
- 10/19 Men's Lunch Coronado
- 10/20 Tender Loving Care Team  
Family Table
- 10/22 Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 10/25 Bridge Marathon
- 10/30 Music Sunday

## Art prints from The Saint John's Bible on exhibit

By Mary Lou Standiford, editor

How often do you pick up a Bible and read it? Do you remember your first Bible? Do you have a Family Bible with your family tree in it?

I can remember several Bibles: a picture one when I was little, a really nice one when I was confirmed, a large *King James Version Family Bible*, with beautiful pictures of famous art works, given to us as a wedding gift, *The Gutenberg Bible* on exhibit at the Huntington Library near Pasadena, the *New Revised Standard Version* found in my church pew, and a variety of versions that gave me a different perspective of the Word: *The Message*, the *Cotton Patch Version*, *Good News*, and most recently the *Wesley Bible*. For study, most people use the *New International Version*.

Even now, in our computerized society, there is BibleGateway.com. On this website you can read the Bible in different versions, in different languages, hear a reading of scripture, read daily devotions, and find related resources for clarification.

From looking at the Bible in this newest way, there is now, after 500 years, a Bible made in the old way. *The Saint John's Bible* is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. Master calligrapher Donald Jackson had a lifelong dream of creating

an illuminated Bible. Jackson discussed the possibilities with the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Saint John's explored the feasibility of the Bible project, Jackson created first samples, and theologians developed the illumination schema. *The Saint John's Bible* was officially commissioned in 1998 and completed in 2011.

*The Saint John's Bible* is divided into seven volumes and is two feet tall by three feet wide when open.

It is made of vellum, with 160 illuminations, and has cost \$4 million to produce. The seven volumes are Gospels and Acts, Pentateuch, Psalms, Prophets, Wisdom Book, Historical Books and Letters and Revelation.

Twenty-five art prints from *The Saint John's Bible* will be on exhibit at First United Methodist Church of San Diego in

Mission Valley during the month of October. The prints will be displayed in Trotter Chapel with viewing hours on Saturdays from 10:00-4:00, Sundays from 9:00-2:00 and other times by appointment. The opening event will be on Saturday, October 1, with registration beginning at 4:00 p.m. and the program from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Speaking will be Abbot Charles Wright from the

Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside and former senior pastor, Rev. Mark Trotter. They will introduce the exhibit and highlight some of the symbolism of the prints. More information is available at [www.fumcsd.org/St.JohnsBible](http://www.fumcsd.org/St.JohnsBible).



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I do not believe anyone should ever give beyond what they can afford. I do believe the more thankful you are the more generous you are. So, my question to you is not, "How generous do you feel?" this year as you make a pledge for next year. My question is, "How thankful do you feel?"

Our children were raised here, my brother's life was remembered here, my father's ashes rest here, my mother continues to be cared for here by a faithful and loving community. I am so thankful God has placed me here to be in ministry with you. Sue and I are thankful for the ministry of Foothills and we are invested in Foothills' future. Our pledge will reflect that thanks.

# Birdies, Bogeys, and Books—let's play!

By Valerie Sachs, ministry assistant

Sunday, November 13, Foundry UMC is teaming up with the Chula Vista Public Library Foundation for a fundraiser golf tournament and banquet at EastLake Country Club in Chula Vista. All are welcome to join this opportunity to golf on a beautiful course in the South Bay as well as the chance to meet new friends from this community.



Pastor Christian calls *Birdies, Bogeys & Books* a great collaboration resulting from the relationships he has been building in Otay Ranch. “We’ve spent months getting to know the needs of our new home community. The eastern part of Chula Vista does not have a dedicated library building. So, teaming up with an organization working towards that goal is an easy decision.” One half of all monies raised will go to the library foundation.

Interested golfers can sign up on either the Foothills or Foundry websites or by contacting Valerie Sachs by email, [Valerie@foundryotayranch.org](mailto:Valerie@foundryotayranch.org), or by phone at

619-670-4009 x233. Participant fees are \$125 each for a foursome or \$135 for single registrants. This includes a golf cart and range balls; lunch and dinner; contests and prize opportunities; and a golf shirt and goodie bag.

If golf isn't your game, but you'd like to help support Foundry and the Public Library Foundation, please consider attending the banquet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the East-Lake Clubhouse after

the tournament. Your \$25 reservation includes a delicious meal, live entertainment and a live auction.

If your organization would like to be involved, several sponsorship opportunities are available. We are also collecting auction items and soliciting contributions. Donations above \$100 will be acknowledged with tournament signage and in *My Hometown Magazine*.

Finally, it takes many hands to make an event like this successful. If you are willing to help out on Sunday, November 13, we would love to hear from you!

# Roots&Shoots youth help Moving Planet San Diego

by Jeanette Ham, welcome and pastoral care

Foothills youth Taylor Zachary spoke in front of 350 people at a rally in Balboa Park on September 25 to promote clean energy for San Diego.

“I call upon all of you, on behalf of my generation and future generations, to make change happen now,” said Taylor, age 11, and a member of Foothills Roots & Shoots group.

Taylor joined Foothills EarthEare small group in the march/rally that drew people of faith, environmental groups and elected officials to speak out on caring for our environment.



“The current people in charge of the country need to act now, so please help us by advocating for clean energy and a sustainable economy. I cannot vote, but most of you can.”



*Look to serve others...*



*Rev. Christian De-*

## Foundry Opportunities

- Faith on Tap
- Out-and-About Walking Group
- Conversations of Faith
- Small Group



*Valerie Sachs*



*As we  
grow...*

## The teacher...

by Theresa Erb

Molly Jarrell, her husband, Nathan, and daughter, Eden, have been attending Foothills for about a year. A few weeks ago, Molly led the three- and four-year-old class during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. I remained in the classroom for awhile and immediately observed Molly to be a loving leader and experienced in working with small children. I was impressed with how comfortably she talked to the kids about Jesus.

Afterwards I spoke to Molly and asked how the experience went for her and asked if she would prayerfully consider teaching in the fall. I'm happy to say that Molly said yes and will be leading the four-year-old/Kindergarten class with Bella Ham as her class



*Anthony Aranico*

## A Sunday school teacher shares a story

An email message to Theresa Erb from Molly

So, you were in class with us for “rug time.” During that time there was a lull, and the kids seemed a little hesitant still as a group, so I asked, “Can someone think of a really happy time?” The kids came up with happy times, and I said, “Jesus loves you always - even during happy times!” And we repeated for sad times, hard times, silly times, etc. It didn’t mean much to me; I was just trying to make conversation and tie it back to the story we had just read, and to our craft.

Now fast forward to last night. Eden and I were playing school in her room, and I forget exactly how this came about, but she said, “I am sad when I am at school, but Jesus loves me there.”

Now, I’ve grown up in church, and I’m an educated person, so my intellect is not surprised one lick that she made the connection. But all that aside, my heart thrilled and I got goose bumps that something I said (unplanned, and really off-the-cuff) had enough impact on her heart and mind that she made the connection to fill a need of her own. (She loves school, but has always been very vocal about her feelings of “missing us” while she is there).

So I took it a step further and said, “I get a little sad when I miss you while I’m at work, too. I ask Jesus to be with me in my heart so that I can be happy even when I miss you.” To which Eden said, matter-of-factly, “I pray for Jesus to be with me, too. [She closes her eyes and folds her hands.] God, be with me at school when I miss my Mommy.”

Then she opens her eyes and tells me, “Now Jesus is with me! He’s not with you anymore.” [I try to suppress laughter.] I said, “Did you know he can be with everybody because He is REALLY BIG!” She looked at me for a moment, weighing my words and rocking back on her heels. Then she said, “He IS???” Then, “Mommy, want to play hide and seek?”

It was one of the cutest, most poignant conversations I’ve had. I know it’s not a unique situation or conversation, but seeing it in my home really impressed upon me the value of raising our kids in the faith, of teaching them basic truths about God and how He interacts with us on earth, and guiding them in their own growth in faith.

Everything we do and the time we give—it is worthwhile.

## Fall Youth Program has exciting changes

by Anthony Aranico, youth ministries

Foothills has some new and refreshed programming for the youth at Foothills. The first is small groups on Sunday mornings. During the first service, all-youth (grades 6-12) are invited to the Youth Lounge at 8:30 a.m. sharp to have a discussion based on the Lectionary. During second service, there is one for middle school and one for high school students. Middle school students are using the same curriculum as the first service group, and the high school small group delves into deep discussions on living a Christian life as a teenager.

Another change to our youth programs is the format of FUMY. It is still on Sunday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. starting in

the Youth Center, but we’re including opportunities for worship and fellowship.

On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a youth-lead worship with all the components—song selection, decoration/setting up the worship space, leading prayer, and giving the message. There will be discussion on the meaning of worship and the many ways we can worship. The last Sunday of the month is set for fellowship with a “Cupcakes and Games Night.”

“Sound Faith,” the youth choir, has moved to Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45 p.m. After rehearsal, they will have an opportunity to have a light dinner right before youth group starts.

## EarthCare goes organic on trip to farm

by Karen Rausis, EarthCare small group

On Saturday, August 13, members and friends of the FUMC EarthCare small group headed south to Suzie's Organic Farm. It was an incredibly beautiful morning that God seemed to have created just for us. We were prepared to learn about the farm, pick up some organic veggies and, of course, have some good fellowship with each other. For many of us, it turned out to be everything we expected and more.

As we walked past the rows and rows of crops, our guide invited us to take vegetables with us. It was amazing to think of the bounty God prepares for us each day, as we placed the fresh-from-the-vine, brightly colored squash, peppers and tomatoes into our bags. He also brought together the perfect mix of people for the tour we were on—some were first-timers, some repeat customers, kids with their Mom and Dad—and it was clear that everyone was there to enjoy the experience.



Suzie's Farm grows certified organic vegetables; meaning they use no manufactured pesticides. They sell their produce at ten farmer's markets located

throughout San Diego county, to a long list of restaurants and stores, and to individuals through their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

If you've ever thought about "going organic," or even just trying organic produce, check out the Susie's Farm website ([www.suziesfarm.com](http://www.suziesfarm.com)), then go on a tour or try their CSA program. It's a great way to do something good for your body and it will be a heartfelt tribute to this beautiful planet we live on!

### Going Loco for Local

Join us on Sunday, October 9, from 9:30 to noon at Foothills for our "Going Loco for Local" fair. We'll have a variety of organizations representing local eco-conscious community groups.

## Music ministry at home and in the community

Thank you, **Witness**, for worship leadership all year long, and 'welcome back' **Chancel Choir, Harmony Ringers and Sound Faith** and the children's music programs; **Sounds of Joy, Alleluia Singers and Genesis Ringers**. It is good to know that more than 120 men, women and children are actively participating in the music leadership at Foothills.

Foothills recently enjoyed a very special concert presented by the **Chancel Choir** that raised over \$3,000 for the replacement of the sanctuary roof.

October is going to be a very active time for this Chancel Choir. On October 1, they will spend time becoming familiar with the music for Christmas called, "Lead Me

Sound Faith



Back to Bethlehem." Then, on October 6, they will travel downtown to St. Paul UMC to sing for their annual Revival Week.

October 30 is Music Sunday at Foothills. All choirs will participate in our services. Children's choir members will be awarded certificates and pins and our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive United Methodist Hymnals.

The invitation is extended to anyone who is interested in singing specifically for the Christmas season... children, youth or adults. Come and join us in October to prepare for this extraordinary experience.

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at THIS!

*Nurturing  
communities*



Carol Paton



Harmony Ringers

**Good Reasons  
to Sing in the Choir**

### #11

In music, a mistake is a mistake; the instrument/voice is either in tune or not, the notes are either well played/sung or not, the entrance is either made or not. It is only with much hard work that a successful performance is possible. Through music study, students learn the value of sustained effort to achieve excellence and the concrete rewards of hard work.



Chancel Choir

## *Raising the Roof!*

The word “sanctuary” refers to the most sacred space in every church. In the non-religious sense, “sanctuary” means a place of safety and refuge. No matter how you look at it, the sanctuary is a special place.

At Foothills, we have spent 26 years gathering in the beautiful sanctuary for inspiration and refuge. We have celebrated baptisms, confirmation, weddings and memorials for thousands. Each week, hundreds enter for strength and assurance.

Our sanctuary has cared for us well, and now it is time to return the blessings. The sanctuary needs a new roof, updated lighting and some exterior work. The cost for the roof alone will be \$40,000.

This year you have received two cards in your pledge mailing. One is for the ongoing Budget of 2012 and the other for a one-time gift to help us care for our sanctuary. If each pledging member just gave a one-time extra gift equal to their monthly pledge, we would raise over \$72,000! We can do this! Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help your church family in “Raising the Roof” this fall.

## *Pledge drive striving for eight percent increase*

by Ken Bryan, finance chair

On September 11, I informed the congregation that the Foothills 2011 Budget was tracking right on schedule. In fact, the match between our budgeted and actual income is uncanny. It is a testament to our strength as a congregation, our integrity to meet commitments, and our outstanding leadership.

The recession of 2009 and 2010 forced Foothills to make bold decisions on how to manage with reduced resources. We have stayed the course throughout; saving everywhere we could from office supplies to conference apportionment payments. To use multiple clichés, we have: tightened our belts, pruned back our garden, and weathered the storm. While we are not yet ready to loosen our belts, we ARE ready for the growth of our ministries and our ship to hoist its largest sail.

As we did in 2010, the month of September began our Stewardship Campaign. The benefit of a September campaign is to get the message out early, in concert with the start of Foothill’s classes,

small groups and other ministries. It also allows the Finance Team more time to finalize next year’s budget.

You have been hearing about the Irresistible Invitation to grow in our spiritual relationship with God, with Christ and with our Foothills’ family. We are being invited into something irresistible; a personal relationship and partnership with a loving God. A partnership we experience through our community of faith, our family of faith at Foothills.

My hope is for everyone to accept this invitation and reflect on its spirit while making your monetary commitment to Foothills for 2012. Pledges will be received during worship services on Sunday, October 2 and 9. By the middle of November, the Finance Team will be able to map out a tentative 2012 budget. **My hope is to be able to report back to the congregation with a balanced budget that is at least eight percent larger than 2011.** To put this in perspective, 2011’s pledged giving increased a modest four percent over 2010.



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