



## Congratulations to Brian Alba for his Selection for Boys State!

Brian Alba, one of our talented youth in our church, was recently one of two selected from Grossmont High School to attend Boys State at Cal State Sacramento, June 20th through June 27th, 2020.

Fifty-nine boys from San Diego County are attending, bringing the total from California to a little over a thousand. They will learn about the operation of local, state, and federal government through presentations, legislative sessions, court proceedings and campaigning, with one young man being elected governor.

Boys State alumni include Bill Clinton, Tom Brokaw, and Neil Armstrong. The program is sponsored by the American Legion and was started in 1935.

Submitted by Lois Knowlton

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## Worship-Wise

Special Worship days in March:

3/1 – First Sunday of Lent, Communion Sunday

All March – Continuing Sermon Series on the Ten Commandments

Worship-wise Question of the Month:

*Tell me what I might not know about Lent?*

The English word “Lent” is a shortened form of the Old English word “lencten” meaning Spring season.

Though uncommon in much of the U.S., religious objects in churches may be veiled in purple (the seasonal color of Lent) for the entire season. They are hidden away from the congregants until Easter.

The “forty days of Lent” begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter but do not count Sundays.

Singing of the Gloria and Alleluia hymns are omitted during the season of Lent as both are joyous and celebratory. They appear again in the liturgy at Easter.

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## Rummage Sale Coming in May

Our annual rummage sale will be Sat. May 2nd. Time to put aside those items around your house that are collecting dust. Please remember, clean things sell and dirty, stained, or torn things don't.

Some items we do not accept: Furniture, including outdoor furniture, electronics, and medical equipment. If you have medical equipment to donate, please contact Carol Klipp at (619) 697-2255 to have your items evaluated for the medical supply library program.

The church will be accepting drop offs beginning Sunday, April 26th through Thursday, April 30th.

Please contact Cathy Danielson at [danielsoncathy@gmail.com](mailto:danielsoncathy@gmail.com) to volunteer. Help is needed to sort and price items the week before or help the day of with sales.

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## What is a Trustee at the La Mesa First United Methodist Church?

In basic terms, the Trustees are members of the La Mesa First United Methodist Church. They are volunteers. Their jobs include:

1. Handling all the official documentation for the Church.
2. Handling any contracts with outside services.
3. Hiring outside contractors to work on the facility
4. Keeping the property clean, safe and in working order for all who use it.
5. Making decisions on any physical changes to the Church before taking it to Church Council.
6. The Trustees are the only legal body for the Church.

Now, what does a Trustee do?

At La Mesa First United Methodist Church, the Trustees try to tackle the smaller projects on their own like leaky faucets, small electrical jobs, clean up of areas and rooms but there are many projects that require professional contractors and outside services to handle the work. Here are a couple of projects currently going on:

1. Solar installation: At the time of this writing, we are only waiting for SDG&E to allow us to turn on the solar system. This is called Permission To Operate (PTO). This project is moving into its second year to complete! It has been a long and grueling task. We persevered and soon we will no longer be paying SDG&E. For the next 25 years, we are paying a loan off through our Tax Bill which is the equivalent of our electrical usage. Along with that we have also have new roofs on both the Education building and the Social Hall for the same price as our SDG&E bill was!
2. Potential Land Sale: We just had our first congregational meeting on Sunday 2/16/2020 where we told the Church that the Trustees have been in contact with a land developer who wishes to purchase our Fireside Park to develop it for multi-family dwellings. So far, the Church members that were there agreed to allow the Trustees to continue the conversation. This is just the beginning of many meetings. Make sure you are a part of the decision in this opportunity!
3. Social Hall remodel: During our solar installation, we had one rain day that brought so damage to the Social Hall and Education buildings. The Trustees decided this damage was God telling us, "Fix my Social Hall into a place for all to use!" We heard God and used the money to put in a drop ceiling and new LED lighting. Unfortunately, that is all we had from the repair money. Now its time for the congregation to step in and step up to make the transformation complete. In the coming weeks, the Trustees will reveal a Capital Campaign to finish the Social Hall. We are confident that the congregation will get behind this project and make it as reality. Be sure to be a part of this transformation. More news to come!

There are a couple of other things we are looking at as well but for now, that should whet the appetite and give an understanding of what the Trustees do at our Church. If you would like more information or have a desire to serve on this committee, be sure to get in touch with the Trustees at Church on Sunday or by e-mail, [trustees@lamesaumc.com](mailto:trustees@lamesaumc.com) . We can't wait to see how many great things will happen in 2020.

Your Trustees are:  
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