



Christmas 2013

Life changed drastically for us on June 28th. After 37 years, Dale's position at Kawasaki was eliminated. He is currently transitioning into early retirement. This has allowed him to spend more time at church working on updates to the sound system and he has been appointed to the Board of Trustees at church for the 2016 class.

Matthew is still living in Burbank and looking for a job in animation. He checks in on his parents from time to time and meets them at Disneyland. He is still going with Cassie and that makes us happy!

Sharon was temporary Pastor at West Covina UMC for the month of April, including Easter. She continues as the Facilitator of the Cal-Pac DisAbilities Ministries Task Force. She was elected Chair of The United Methodist Committee on DisAbility Ministries at this year's meeting. This is the denominational committee, working on behalf of United Methodists with disabilities all over the world. She has been busy participating in conference calls and preaching at churches around the conference.

In February Sharon went to Mexico with her mother. In July Dale and Sharon went to New Orleans for vacation. Along with seeing the sights and hearing lots of good music, we took a lunch cruise along the Mississippi River aboard the Steamboat Natchez. We continued on to Biloxi, Mississippi staying at the retreat center across from the ocean that was the supply depot for the first (of four) Hurricane Katrina rebuild work teams that Sharon participated in. Next we went to Montgomery, Alabama, visiting Dexter Avenue Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was pastor and a hub of the civil rights movement. We then attended the United Methodist Committee on DisAbility Ministries annual meeting at the Methodist conference center in Birmingham. Returning home, we spent some time at the Heifer Project booth at the Orange County Fair. In October Dale went along with Sharon and the district work team to Long Island NY on Superstorm Sandy rebuild. Later Dale stayed with Matthew while attending the SynAudCon Sound Reinforcement For Technicians Training in Burbank. Sharon and Dale are still singing with the choir at UUMC and providing special music occasionally.

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