

THE MESSENGER



PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November/December 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I'm excited about a few things as we look to November and December. The first being our Annual Stewardship Campaign. Yes, I know it seems odd that a Pastor would look forward to that series but giving is the life blood, the very foundation of our Christian life. Giving a small amount back to God from the blessings that He has bestowed on us is a great honor, and a vital part of our faith walk. Giving is an act of obedience and should be done freely with pure motives. In other words, we give without expecting anything back in return. Giving teaches us to be stewards of what God has already given us. In November we will be reflecting on giving to see what small portion God has asked us to give back.

In December we will celebrate Christmas through the eyes of the world. I'm always happy that Christmas has become a bit commercialized. Yes, I know that's also not what a Pastor should say, but here's why: Everyone knows the Christmas story even if they have never come to church. People know about the Angels and the Shepherds, they know about the manger and the star. They know about Mary

and Joseph and how this young couple all alone bring a baby son into the world, a child that will change history.

Over the last 2000 years Christians have sung songs, told stories and even tall tales have emerged about this amazing event, each of them proclaiming the Good News to a hurting world. In the 20th Century a new medium has come of age; "The Movies", and like the carols, plays and stories of history, the Holy Spirit has used that new medium to tell the story of Jesus as well.

This year we will take a look at these stories of Christmas and see if we can uncover the Gospel; the story of our King's birth and the lessons of hope and grace in each one. You might take a moment to program your TV, Subscribe to Netflix or go to YouTube and watch the following films before Church in December:

Sunday December 1, 2019:
It's a Wonderful Life - \$2.99

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojrzugs9a3w>

Sunday December 8, 2019:
Scrooge - Disney's A Christmas Carol - \$2.99

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le-eVsuHk4Y>

Sunday, December 15, 2019:

White Christmas - \$2.99

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nl7Mr3udO7I>

Sunday December 22, 2019:

Jesus is Born - The Nativity Movie - \$2.99

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=120aXGKvZL4>

The Gospel Message is for the whole world, Jesus came so that we might all know Him. The Bible message, the stories of Jesus and His Gospel teachings come to life in these films. Let us rejoice that for a brief month every December the world stops, listens, and turns their hearts toward Bethlehem hoping that they can believe and feel the Christmas miracle too.

See you all in Church!

Pastor Karen



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

Prayer Service: 8:00am

Bible Studies: 8:30am - 9:15am

Children Sunday School: 8:30am

Worship Service: 9:30am - 10:30am

Afterward, you are invited to
join us for refreshments

Coffee Fellowship: 10:30am - 11:30am

Childcare is provided.

First Sunday of the Month

Communion Service: 9:30am - 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service - 7pm

NEWS FROM OUR TEAMS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Our deadline is Friday, November 15 To reimburse Patrice for the items in the starter boxes, please make your check out to Patrice Porter or cash will work as well. The reimbursement cost will be \$11. The shipping fee continues to be \$9. You may write your \$9 check to the church and our treasurer will cut one check to Samaritan's Purse at the end of November. See Patrice with any questions.



CELEBRATING LIFE AT PLACENTIA UMC

Art Studio B Creative is fun, friendly, and a independent painting studio in Fullerton. It welcomes all ages and skill levels! It's was the perfect place for this outing!

CELEBRATING WOMEN PAINT DAY



SERVED SMOOTHIE'S CELEBRATING PASTOR KAREN



ATTENDING CORNERSTONE UMC FRIENDSHIP TEA



HALLOWEEN EVENT - NURTURE GROUPS



UPCOMING MEETINGS

—November

Trustees Sunday 10:30am

Nov-Cancelled Conference Room

SPRC Sunday, November 10,
10:45 Blue Room

PBOT Sunday 1:30pm

Nov-Cancelled Conference Room

Finance Sunday 10:45am,
November 17, Conference Room

Leadership Council

Monday 7pm, November 18,
Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8am, November 9
Fellowship Hall

—December

Trustees Sunday 10:30am
Conference Room Dec-TBD

SPRC Tuesday, 7pm,
December 8 Purple Room

PBOT Sunday 1:30pm

December-TBD
Conference Room

Finance Sunday 10:45am ,
December 15 Conference Room

Leadership Council

Monday 7pm December 16

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8am, December 21
Fellowship Hall

Messenger Deadline

Friday, December 27

Joint Parish Council

Sunday 1:15pm , Purple Room
November /December– TBD

Watch for details!

*Please be aware that above
dates may changes.*

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Resident Readers - November Meeting Cancelled. See you in December!

Please Note: There are some changes in the reading schedule.

On December 3rd we will review "Dear Committee Members" By Julie Schiemachen
Meet at the Johnson's Home, Rachel Sweet will lead discussion.

We are looking for ladies interested in reading for fun in a wide variety of genre. Join us you'll be glad you did! We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!! The group is open to anyone. This is not a "Club" in the usual sense. If a book title looks good to you, get it, read it, and join us for a 2 hour discussion.

Introducing Wang You may have seen a tall kid sitting with the Adams family in church for the past few months - it's time we introduced him. His name is Wang (rhymes with strong).



Wang is a native of Fujian, China. At age 17, he applied for asylum after being continually harassed for his involvement with a home church. ICE temporarily housed Wang at a Crit-

tenton home for undocumented and unaccompanied minors in Fullerton.

Jessie Conaway and Dianne Adams met Wang while they were volunteering to lead recreational activities at the Crittenton house. He stayed in the Crittenton home for 10 months, but on his 18th birthday, Wang was transferred to ICE detention in Adelanto. The cinderblock and razor-wire prison did not seem like a good fit for Wang, so Gerry and Dianne bonded him out, and agreed to sponsor him in their home until his asylum case is

completed.

While waiting for a hearing, He's also been receiving weekly one-on-one tutoring from our own Rachel Sweet. Wang's English skills have improved by leaps and bounds - but curative writing is still a mystery to him.

Thank you to all who have been helping out with rides to and from school and ICE check-ins, and with gifts of clothing and books! Wang enjoys computer games and Flamin' Hot Cheetos. Please feel free to introduce yourself when you run into him!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rylen Jones - 8
Lillian Blaschke - 9
Laurie Cobb - 10
Pastor Karen - 14
Eleanor Barbour - 15

NOVEMBER CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Sue Lacko - 47

Simon & Anne Mui - 38

Bonnie Heffner - 33

Margie Simmermacher - 22

If you have a birthday this month and your name does not appear on our list, please contact the church office with that information.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Adams - 16
Victoria Johnson - 23

A Birthday Card Campaign for Mary Lent who turns 90 years old on January 12th.

Mary Lent is going to be celebrating her goth birthday this January 12th, and her daughter, Kathy, would like to ask those who knew her well when she attended PUMC to send her a card, since she was always so great about remembering her friends and family on their birthdays. She is collecting cards from old friends and family far and wide.

Please write your birthday wishes or favorite memory of Mary on your card and mail to: If you can add a brief note to help her remember how she knows you, that would help make it even more meaningful.

Please send the cards addressed to:
Kathy Mozingo in a separate envelope to:
115 Alydar Place, Paso Robles, CA, 93446

One of the best things about a birthday is getting all those birthday cards in the mail. Imagine the surprise and delight that Mary will feel when getting birthday cards from practically everyone she knows! We know that Mary will be thrilled to get her mail and see so many birthday cards from her Placentia UMC family and friends.

Thanks in advance for your help in making Mary's goth birthday extra-special!





UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

It's Coming, Time Change: Get Ready! Don't forget to set your clocks back.

All Saints Day - Sunday, November 3rd - Honoring and remembering those who have gone before us - Please send in your loved one's name, and photo to the church office .

Veteran's Tribute Breakfast - Saturday, November 9th at 8am. Calling All PUMC Family and Friends, We will again feature our special traditional SOS Military breakfast prepared by Bev and Craig Green. Please join us for this special annual event. Service veterans are encouraged to wear a hat and/or other apparel to honor their branch of the service. We look forward to great traditional food, good fellowship and an opportunity to honor our Veterans.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS...

	†Dorothy Dayhuff	†Paul Gilbert Johnson
	†Gary Fromer	†Peter & Helen Platero
†Aurora & Jose Batista	†Rev. Kent Fromer	†Carol Yvonne Rathbun
†Alva T. & Rena Bebout	†Lillian Garza	†Charlene Marie Riggins
†Glenda Bridges	†Miguel Gonzalez	†Edwin Seher
†Leroy & Leota Cheney	†Cornelia & Howard Harry	†Gene & Peggy Vincent
†Bob Cooper	†Terri Harry	



IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, the church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29.

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

PUMC MEN'S GROUP: Men's White Elephant Gift Exchange Breakfast
Saturday, December 21st at 8am. Bring an interesting gift you would like to re-purpose. Come and join us!

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, "Let the Whole World Sing"
Sunday, December 22nd, during service, in the Sanctuary.



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