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Worship the Lord with Us

Sunday Mornings

- 10:00am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30am AMPM Sunday School
- 11:30am Worship Service
- 12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

Wednesdays

- 11:00am New Life -Seniors
1st Wednesday of the month
- 7:30pm Young Adult Ministry
3rd Wednesday of the month

Friday Night Fellowship

- 7:30pm Adults/Family Fellowship
& Kids Club
- 7:30pm AMPM Youth Fellowship
for Middle – High Schoolers
- 8:00pm Ext. 777 College Fellowship
Call church office for information

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Missions



Dear Cornerstone!

We've had a very busy summer, and all of you have been most generous with your time and your resources to help make a difference to the homeless, through the Blessing Bags and to underprivileged children, through the School Backpacks. Thank you to CASTeam #5 for their leadership in motivating our church to gather all the supplies needed to fill the Blessing Bags, and in donating them to facilities that serve the homeless, as well as to CUMC members to give to those in need. Handing out a Blessing Bag to a homeless person gives us a very real way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies such as toiletries and food.

We also had a special day spearheaded by CASTeam #2, dedicated to filling backpacks with school supplies for children who currently live at the transitional housing units at WTLC, H.I.S. House, and Pathways of Hope. They were thrilled to get brand new backpacks filled with new pencils, crayons, erasers, rulers, notebooks, and other school supplies. Thank you to CASTeam #2 and every one of you for your generous hearts.

Can you help??



Saturday, September, 24, 2016

8:00–11:30am at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa
(Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)

Project Independence is a non-profit organization headquartered in Costa Mesa that helps adults with disabilities by giving them training and opportunities to live on their own, to explore job opportunities, and to give them access to resources, meaningful community integration, and lifetime opportunities through special trips and programs. Pam and Richard Fitch, and their son Walter, are very involved in this organization.

Project Independence is hosting their 7th annual Walk for Independence and Health Fair on September 24th, 2016, which will focus on health, fitness, and increasing the quality of life for their clients.

We have 12 volunteers - Pastor Kim, Robert and May Quon, Patricia Gayle, Yin Lu, Christina Boyd, Adam Lu, Kate Lu, Peggy Lowe, Austin Lowe, Dick Chu, and Randy Wong. They will be helping on the day of the walk at the Ticket and Gift Station where all the walkers convene after completing their laps.

If you would like to get involved, you can still register to walk or form a team of walkers to raise funds for this great organization. Each walker receives a T-shirt, a goodie bag, and snacks when they sign up, all for a \$25 walker's fee.

You may also register to walk, online at www.proindependence.org.

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Dear Cornerstone Family,

Two months have passed since I came to Cornerstone UMC. It usually takes some time for a person to get settled and to feel at home in a new place and a new church with new people. Strangely, I feel very comfortable and feel like I have been here for a long time. That is because you have been very welcoming, friendly, kind, and caring. In addition to your kindness, you are eager to know and grow in God. So I have been encouraging you all to read the Bible every day, to memorize bible verses, and to pray every day. I am impressed by your positive attitude toward my suggestions and by your willingness to try them. I believe that becoming more Bible literate and praying more are all part of a disciple's training to do the work of God so that His vision for our church is fulfilled.

Ever since I found out that I was coming to Cornerstone UMC, I have been praying for God's vision. One of the visions that I discerned was reaching out to the community. From the first day I drove to church, I prayed this prayer, "God, visit each and every household and give them a thirst and hunger for you. Send those who are in need of God to our church so that we can help them to see and experience the living God in their lives." I prayed the same prayer at my previous church, Echo Park UMC, and God brought a singer/songwriter, Beth Hart, from our neighborhood. She was suffering from alcoholism and bipolar syndrome. The whole church and I prayed for her, and God healed her. She has been sober for one year and eight months, and has been witnessing God's healing power to her audience during her shows. It was a wonderful opportunity for the church

to see the power of prayer and the power of God.

I am hoping that we will see such a power here in Placentia, and I have been praying for our neighborhood. God answered that prayer last Sunday, September 4. After church, I bumped into a Korean woman, Mrs. Kim, in the courtyard. She lives in our neighborhood, and is a member of a Korean church in Anaheim. Her son was attending the AA meeting that meets in our church. She was broken-hearted because her cat was dying, and her son, who was sober for 100 days, began drinking again the night before. Out of desperation, she felt the need to pray, and to cry out to God for help. She was thinking of going to her church to pray, however, a thought came to her mind, "My church will be too crowded. Why don't I go to the church where my son attends the AA meeting. It is closer."

I took her to the sanctuary, and asked her how I could help her. She began to sob, and told me what happened. She felt that it was a spiritual battle, and the enemies were attacking her family. She felt so hopeless and helpless. After I prayed for her, I told her that I would go to her home, and pray for her cat and her son after I was done at the church.

Thinking that this was a spiritual battle, I knew that more "prayer warriors" were needed, and asked Pastor Ewin to come with me. He was talking to Kimberly at that time. After sharing the story, and requesting his assistance, Kimberly suggested that we pray together. I didn't know Kimberly could pray so strongly and fervently. After we were covered with prayers, we went to Mrs. Kim's. First, we went to see the cat, Chanel. Chanel is a five-year-old cat that was healthy and had no health concerns. On Saturday, she screamed in pain, and didn't eat or drink; her body was getting cold. When she was taken to the vet, the vet said that there was no hope for her, and did not recommend any diagnostic tests. He suggested that she be put to sleep, but Chanel

was like a child for Mr. & Mrs. Kim, so they did not want to do that.

The cat did not look good; she was so weak, and her face and legs were swollen. Her body wasn't warm. It was so obvious that it would take a miracle from God to heal the cat. So we anointed the cat with oil, and cried out to God for healing for a long period of time.

After we prayed for the cat, we talked to Mrs. Kim's son, Micah. He went through so much, and his soul was so very troubled and lost. He goes to church with his parents, but doesn't believe in Jesus. He felt helpless and hopeless; he was condemning himself as a loser. Pastor Ewin and I anointed him with oil, laid our hands on him, and prayed. We cried out to God for the healing of that lost and broken body, mind, and soul. We also prayed for Mr. & Mrs. Kim, and for the whole house. As we were leaving, we promised them that we, together with our church, would pray for him.

Since that visit, Chanel and Micah have been on my mind, and I have been praying for them. When I texted Mrs. Kim to check on Chanel's condition, she said that Chanel began to eat from Monday afternoon. After running some tests and staying overnight at the vet, Chanel was diagnosed as being totally okay; the vet said, "Nothing is wrong with her." She sent me pictures of Chanel, playing and eating; she looked so good that one would never suspect that she almost died. God healed this cat. When I sent the pictures to Ewin, he knelt and thanked the Lord in tears. "I don't cry that often, but I couldn't help but cry when I heard of God's miraculous healing power," he said. This assures me that God will heal Micah, too, in His own time. Pastor Ewin and I have been praying for Micah, and we ask you to join with us in praying for his healing and transformation.

I also ask you to pray for our neighborhood. God put us here for His purpose; He wants to save and heal people. As we look around our

CASTeam #5 - Blessing Bags



In July, CASTeam #5 led the assembly of "Blessing Bags" for our members to distribute to people in need. Each bag contained basic necessities, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

FREE:

There are still more bags available in the church office, if you'd like to keep them in your car for the next opportunity to help someone in need! Grab a few. They're free! And when those run out, Brad has a few more at home.

CHALLENGE:

We challenge you to step outside of your comfort zone, and engage yourself in a conversation. One of our CASTmates did just that. He spotted "David" sitting on the sand in Huntington Beach, just off the board-

walk, in ragged clothes, with long disheveled hair, facing directly into the shallow wall that separates the sand from the asphalt. David was staring catatonically at the wall, with little movement or expression, his face merely inches from the wall.

Our CASTmate approached David, sparked up a conversation, and offered him a blessing bag. David accepted with sincere gratitude. When asked about his life, David explained that he had suffered a brain injury in a car accident a year ago. It left him unable to focus and function as he once did. It became quickly evident that, although he spoke very slowly, with long pauses, and he sometimes lost his thoughts, David was remarkably intelligent. He earned a degree in Psychology, once had a respectable career, and surfed regularly as a Huntington Beach local. After the accident, he recovered the best he could, and eventually worked at Home Depot. But, that didn't last. He actually wasn't homeless, and somehow was able to stay in a hotel for a bit.

He spoke fondly of his daughter in San Diego, and how she just visited

him the previous weekend. David described his plans to return to Indonesia on Sept. 5th to resume his simple life there. So, while he wasn't homeless, and he appeared to have some financial resources available to him... He was definitely in need.

He appreciated the blessing bag, for sure. But, what did he really need? He needed human interaction and love. He appreciated another human being reaching out to him, talking with him, listening to him, hugging him, and praying for him. It was most rewarding to see his facial expression switch from catatonic to warm friendly smile. His speech became more animated. He said that this human exchange was the best thing to happen to him in a long, long time. It totally made his day.

But, our CASTmate walked away with the true rewards. It totally made HIS day. Will you take the challenge? †

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neighborhood, it looks peaceful and quiet, but there are many people who are quietly suffering, struggling, and dying without knowing God. I hope to reach out to our community with some programs in the future. Until then, we can still reach out to our community with our prayers. No prayer lifted up in Jesus' name is wasted. God answers our prayers in His time. If we don't plant any seeds, we cannot have a harvest.

Sisters and brothers in Cornerstone UMC, let us embrace our neighborhood, and pray for them. Let us plant the seeds of prayer, and anticipate the miraculous power and work of God in visible and tangible ways. I am so thankful to God for sending me to this wonderful church as a pastor, a friend and a sister in Christ, a prayer partner, and a co-laborer in His field. I am so thankful to you for your loving-kindness, understanding, and willingness to grow in faith. †

Your Pastor & Friend,
Pastor SonHye

Missions - Cont'd from Page 1

**Operation Gratitude
Saying "Thank You" to All Who Serve**

The October Mission Offering will be designated for **Operation Gratitude** to help the organization prepare Care Packages and send them to a deployed soldier, veteran, wounded warrior, first responder, or new recruit.

CASTeam #6 is asking everyone to write a personal thank you letter, note, or postcard to these special heroes. Kids can send drawings or pictures, too! These letters will be sorted by the staff at Operation Gratitude and enclosed in a Care Package for these special heroes.

Operation Gratitude sends 200,000+ Care Packages each year to deployed troops, veterans, new recruits, first responders, and wounded warriors. Of all the items included in these packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation! Our goal is to include several letters and colorful drawings in every Care Package to tell our heroes "WE CARE!" Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for all who serve. It only takes five minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to the recipients. CASTeam #6 will be sending out instructions soon!

Cornerstone UMC has always had an open heart for missions, and I hope that some of these projects will help spark a United Methodist flame in us all to make a difference in people's lives. †

Blessings to you all,
Wei-ling Louie, Missions

Extension 777

July-August 2016

July and August were busy months for Ext.777! We celebrated the 4th of July at Ryan Fukushima's house with fireworks and delicious food. Later in the month, we had our annual lock-in, wrote encouragement letters to the incoming freshmen and Laura and Michael Terasaki, and finished up our 1 Peter study!

In August, we had our beach

bonfire and our biggest event yet—an "Up"-themed surprise appreciation party for Jon & Cheryl! We decorated the room with tons of balloons and a photo backdrop, and had lunch and even a fancy dessert table! We gave Jon and Cheryl an adventure book with pictures and written letters, sashes, a video with thank you messages from many of the Ext.777 members, a

gift card, and a shadowbox. We wanted to thank them for their dedication to the group for the past 10 years, and we all had a wonderful time appreciating them! Currently, we are starting to plan for our annual Ext.777 Sunday on October 16! We are looking forward to what God will teach us through the end of the year, and we are praying for you too, our church family. :) †



4th of July!



Annual Lock-In



Bonfire at Huntington Beach



Jon and Cheryl's Appreciation Party



Dessert table



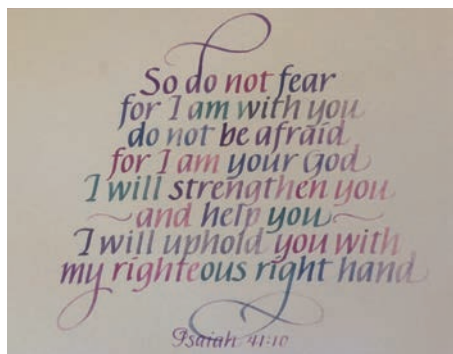
Adventure Book and shadow box



Giving speeches during the pinning ceremony

CUMC Prayer Quilt Ministry

September 2016



Did you know that CUMC has personally touched over 200 individuals and families during the past five years, many of them outside of our church family? That's how many prayer quilts have been given to people who have been lifted up by church members during our "Prayers and Praises" time. The quilts are all hand-made by ladies in the Prayer Quilt Ministry. The ministry was started in 2012 by Nell Mitchell and Lydia Chu. In the beginning, they met monthly at Nell's home, where Nell and Lydia taught the women the basics of quilting. That first year, 7 quilts were given out. Efforts quickly ramped up.

The following year, 50 quilts were made and distributed! The popularity of the quilts continued. In 2014 and 2015, 61 and 46 quilts, respectively, were given out. Thus far, 40 quilts have been distributed this year. With her exquisite calligraphy, Celeste Wong personally inscribes each quilt with the person's name and "With Love and Prayers from CUMC".

Over the years, numerous people have gotten involved in this ministry, some for a short amount of time and others for several years. These dedicated ladies include: Myrna Chow, Lydia Chu, Pam Fitch, Crystal Lee, Lily Lee, Clarice Lew, Betty Loh-Chen, Peggy Lowe, Nell Mitchell, Linda Smith, Celeste Wong, Ruth Wong, and Kay Wong. Fabric has been purchased with funds from the Jack Mitchell Memorial Fund, and donated by Lydia Chu, Lucy Lee (Art Yee's sister), Bobbie Pitts, Judy Smith (Joyce Wong's sister), Carol Vizenor (PUMC), and others.

Some of these ladies have also been involved with Caring Companions, which is part of the non-

denominational FISH Ministry in Fullerton. Twice a year, that organization provides the fabric, and CUMC members have sewn them into large bibs and lap robes for local convalescent homes. In the past 2 years, over 55 lap robes and more than 150 bibs have been made and donated.

In 2015, the Prayer Quilt Ministry started offering a Prayer Card as an alternative for a quilt, appropriate for a casual acquaintance or someone who has already received a quilt. Celeste Wong created this beautiful, hand-crafted card, shown in the photo.

We are always looking for more people to get involved. Quilting experience is not required. You just need a sewing machine and a willing heart. If you are interested in learning more about the Prayer Quilt Ministry, please contact Lydia Chu or Peggy Lowe, the current leaders of this ministry. †

Young Adult Ministry

Find out all about our Young Adults group!
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AM/PM Youth

August 14, 2016



Some past and present AM/PMr's got together for Laura's last day as our Youth Director on August 14, 2016. Laura, Michael, and baby Link moved up to Wilbur, Washington

where Laura is set to serve as Senior Pastor for 2 churches with a yoked-parish community. May God be with their whole family for this exciting opportunity to serve the Lord! †

May God Be With You!



CASTeam #2 - School Backpacks

August 21,

We had a special day dedicated to filling backpacks (purchased with July missions offering) with school supplies (donated by the CASTeams) for children living in transitional housing

units at WTLC, H.I.S. House, and Pathways of Hope. The children were thrilled to get brand new backpacks filled with new pencils, crayons, erasers, rulers, notebooks, and other

school supplies. Thank you to CASTeam #2 for organizing the event, and to all who gave of their time, monies, and hearts for this special project. †

