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## Worship the Lord with Us

### Sunday Mornings

- 9:00am Prayer Meeting
- 10:00am Adult Sunday School
- 11:30am Worship Service
- 12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

### Tuesdays

- 10:00am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesdays

- 10:00am New Life Fellowship - Seniors  
1st Wednesday of the month
- 7:30pm BASIC Fellowship for Young Adults  
1st & 3rd Wed of the month

### Friday Night Fellowship

- 7:45pm TGIF Adult Bible Journaling Class
- 7:30pm AMPM Youth Fellowship  
for Middle - High Schoolers
- 8:00pm EXTRA College/Career Group

Contact church office for meeting locations.  
Days and times are subject to change.



## Missions

Stacey Loy Wong



Gideon International Representatives  
from the Yorba Linda chapter

Missions kicked off the New Year with a canned food drive to help restock the pantry at Pathways of Hope's food distribution center. We asked CUMC's congregation to bring a can of soup to service in the month of January. Through your generosity, needy members in our community will have something warm to fill their tummies during these cold winter days. In addition, our church was able to donate the mission offering of \$612 to further support Pathways of Hope's efforts to fight hunger and homelessness. Since Pathways of Hope is based locally in Fullerton, our support directly impacts our less fortunate neighbors.

On February 10th, we were privileged to hear about the work of Gideon International. Representatives from the Yorba Linda chapter shared a couple of testimonials about how their bibles, placed in hotel rooms across the country and throughout the world, have changed lives. February's mission offering of \$542 was donated to the Yorba Linda chapter and will be used to purchase 430 testaments that will be handed out at schools and at the fair. In a friendly and respectful manner, these materials are given out to anyone willing to receive a pamphlet. One tract at a time, our Gideon brothers and sisters are planting seeds so that others may know about Jesus Christ. †

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**Message from Pastor Kim**



Most of us have a favorite holiday season. For some, it's Christmas with the family get-togethers and presents. For others, it's summer with the planned vacations or Thanksgiving Day with a big banquet of food and warmth. But at just about this time of each year, very few people would pick Lent as their favorite season.

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

The season of Lent also offers us a great opportunity to reflect on our faith and our Savior. Lent is a time for us to acknowledge our shortcomings and our need for transformation. It is vitally important to admit that we have fallen short of God's expectations for us, but it is even more important to be reminded that God's love never ebbs, even in the face of our lack of commitment or action. Redemption, renewal, and transformation are eternal, unfulfilling promises.

Lent can be considered to be a yearly "second chance" for us to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desire for us. Since all of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance to return to God with our whole heart.

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. God wants to have a deeper and intimate relationship with us. He calls to us, "Come back to me, with all of your heart."

As we journey together, we are reminded that we are not alone and that we have a community from which we can draw inspiration, support, and hope. I hope that we will take some time during Lent to listen to God's encouraging words, and that we will not only recognize the benefits to our lives, but we will also have the opportunity to share those moments of encouragement and transformation with others. As we journey through this annual "second chance," remember that each step brings us closer to the welcoming arms of our loving God. I pray that we will experience the deeper, wider, and bigger love of God this Lent, and hopefully, we will be able to say that Lent is our favorite season this year.

In His Love and Grace,  
Pastor SonHye †

**"Souper" Sundays**

Cornerstone had a Soup Can Drive every Sunday in January through Super Bowl Sunday in February. Thank you to EVERYONE who donated one or more cans of soup to help re-stock the Food Pantry at Pathways of Hope Food Distribution Center in Fullerton. Our January mission offering was directed to the HUB of Hope Food Distribution and Resource Center run by Pathways of Hope personnel. †

**Tuesday Women's Group Jan. 15, 2019**



The Tuesday Women's Group met off campus at the Lifeway Christian Book Store in Irvine and then to Class 302 for a boba tea. †

**"Celebrating Women" PUMC Fundraiser**



Tuesday Women's Group met at IHOP in Brea for brunch and fellowship on Feb. 26, 2019 in support of PUMC's fundraiser for the homeless in our community. †

### New Life Chinese New Year Luncheon

Feb. 6, 2019



To celebrate the New Year, New Lifers enjoyed abundant food and fellowship at Four Seasons Buffet in Cerritos.



### All-Church Labor Day Weekend Retreat



SAVE THE DATE! Aug. 31-Sept 2, 2019  
Come join us for a Labor Day Weekend  
Renewal...more details to come!

### Cornerstone's Chinese New Year Lunch

Feb. 10, 2019

Happy Chinese New Year 2019! Gong Hay Fat Choy! Our annual potluck lunch was a wonderful time for us to share a favorite Chinese or ethnic dish (and colorful traditional attire). We all loved the full variety of foods. Afterwards, we enjoyed a fun time of "Year of the Pig" Trivia Questions and a terrific Dragon Dance organized by Minnie Lou. †

