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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.

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Missions

Stacey Loy Wong

Cornerstone Supports Overseas Missions

March's mission offering of \$743 supported Esther Chan and her work in China with BOL Harvester Foundation. In February, Esther and her husband, Chin Lee Chan, came back for a visit at Cornerstone. A former ROCK (Representatives of Christ's Kingdom) leader in the 1990s, Esther was recently called to serve in China. She shared with our congregation about the restrictive conditions by the Chinese government and about the difficult social pressures faced by the Chinese people and their families. Many people have moved to the cities and away from their villages and families for work, which has strained marital and familial relationships. Esther's work with the underground church is helping to provide social support, which is a great unaddressed need in the Chinese society.

The April missions offering of \$1,416 will support our very own Ryan Low. Ryan is a senior in col-

lege at Cal State Fullerton, and he is a leader with the Epic Movement Christian group. Earlier this year, he was selected as a missionary with EPIC/Campus Crusade for Christ to minister overseas in East Asia. His mission trip will be from May 23 - June 14, 2019. During his mission trip, Ryan will attend language classes and have a chance to engage with college students. During his missions moment presentation, Ryan shared how God has put a desire in his heart to share the gospel with other college students. Knowing what God has done in his own life, Ryan wants to be able to share his faith and experiences with his peers.

Thank you to our Cornerstone family for your generous support for missions. In addition to your financial support, please remember to pray for Esther and Ryan for safe travels, and guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit as they minister to those they meet. †



Esther Chan



Ryan Low

Message from Pastor Kim



United Methodist pastors are in an itinerant system. This means that they go wherever the Bishop and the cabinet send them. Like any other man-made system, it is not a perfect system with its many human errors. However, our perfect God uses imperfect systems to accomplish His perfect will.

In July, I will be sent to Ala Lani UMC on the island of Maui in Hawaii. I have served seven churches in nineteen years of ministry as an ordained pastor. Even though I have moved many times, it is always very hard to say "Good-bye" to the loving and caring people whom I nurtured and who also nurtured me. I believe that a pastor grows mature along with the congregation's growth. I became a better person as well as a better pastor than when I came to Cornerstone UMC three years ago.

Many challenges and hardships revealed my lack of faith, my lack of

love, my lack of patience, and my lack of wisdom. Again and again, I realized how weak and unwise I am. Again and again, I experienced how deep God's love is; how wise His ways are, and how mysteriously He works. Looking back over the past three years, I truly feel overflowing blessings from God. I feel so privileged to serve the wonderful people of God at Cornerstone UMC.

People at Cornerstone UMC have a beautiful heart that is full of love and kindness. God blessed Cornerstone with many capable and dedicated people who are willing to serve the Lord. Cornerstone UMC has so much potential and so much room to grow and to fulfill God's vision. I have witnessed more of God's miracles through prayer at Cornerstone than at any other church where I have served. You all were my faithful prayer partners.

Sisters and brothers in Christ at Cornerstone, my words are not sufficient to express my appreciation to you for your love, support, and encouragement. I am grateful for your understanding when I had to

spend more time to care for my mother. Because of your understanding, I was able to provide my mother with the care that she needed which resulted in her miraculous healing. Thank you for your faithful service to the Lord. It made it possible for me to fulfill what God wanted me to do. It has been a pure joy to build God's Kingdom on earth with you all. Thank you for being such a caring and considerate congregation. I thank the Lord for all of you. Each and every one of you was a channel of blessings from the Lord to me.

I will be your former pastor from July and you will have a new pastor. I believe that you will love him/her as you loved me, will support him/her as you supported me, and will embrace him/her as you embraced me. I have confidence in you and the new pastor working together towards God's greater vision and plan for Cornerstone UMC. Cornerstone UMC and its people will be in a very special place in my heart. I will keep you in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers, too. †

In His Love, Pastor SonHye



Thanks to Lydia Chu for leading CUMC's Prayer Quilt Ministry.

For several years, Lydia Chu has made (and taught how to make) many prayer quilts for those who are sick or have lost a loved one. Many are so touched and grateful to receive such beautiful quilts. "May your hands be an extension of your heart and may you do the work of love with them. The hand expresses what the heart already knows."

Joy and Blessings!

Hugs 'N Stitches Quilting Day

April 6, 2019



The new name for our quilting group is "Hugs 'N Stitches." Our group of friends had a productive and fun day under Lydia's guidance. We enjoyed the fellowship and delicious lunch. Thank you, Lydia, for your dedication, creativity, and hard work in spreading God's love.

Not shown in the picture are other quilters: Pastor Kim, Linda Shen, and Peggy Lowe, who have also been supportive. †

New Life Event - Carlsbad Flower Fields

April 3, 2019

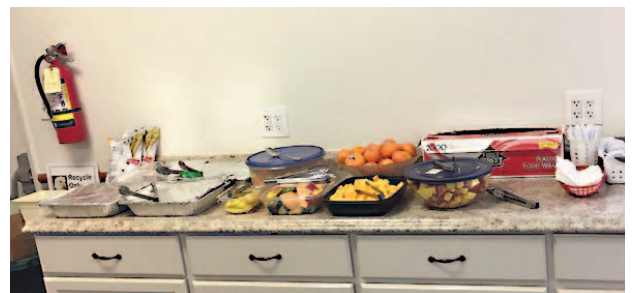
A "Baker's Dozen" (13 people) drove down to Carlsbad to marvel at the famous Flower Fields. The New Lifers were delighted that Mary Lynn O'Boyle took the day off of work to join them. There was a 40% chance of early showers, but we were blessed with comfortable weather, a little overcast that evolved with some sun peeking through the clouds at midday. Everyone was amazed at the variety of flowers in the manicured gardens. A few rode the wagon around the rows upon rows of ranunculus, while most took a leisurely walk to view the colors up close. Lastly, we enjoyed a scrumptious meal at a nearby restaurant. †



CUMC Easter Service and Potluck Luncheon

April 21, 2019

We had an amazing Easter Celebration worship service. May God bless all who came to this awesome Celebration of the Life, Teaching, and Resurrection of Christ! Thank you to the coordinators, speakers, musicians, and all who participated in this truly blessed and inspirational program. After the service, we enjoyed a delicious meal with our many visiting friends and family. Hallelujah! He is Risen! †



EXTRA

From Katie Low

It's been awhile since we've given an EXTRA update, so here is a quick one! We finished our Mere Christianity book study and have gone back to regular Bible studies. We are currently going through both the Old and New Testaments to give a well-rounded history of the Bible. Jon and Nick are taking us through

Genesis, and Katie and Steven are taking us through 1 John 5! Our March event was a park day – we had a picnic, played sports, and walked through the giant Craig Park! In April, our group participated in the church game night. We also celebrated a few birthdays in March and April! †



Giant Craig Park



Craig Park



Cheryl, Jon & Gloria Chen



Jon Kwalk's Birthday



Katie Low's Birthday