

# cornerstone news

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## Worship the Lord with Us

### Sunday Mornings

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

### Thursdays

7:30pm BASIC Fellowship for Young Adults  
 1st & 3rd Thu of the month

### Friday Night Fellowship

7:45pm TGIF Bible Buffet 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



### CUMC food donations displayed for Satellite Health Center Patients

In November and December, our church missions projects focused on helping those in need. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we held a food drive to benefit the low-income dialysis patients at Satellite Health Center where Cheryl Hasegawa works. Cornerstone held a similar food drive in 2018 with such blessed results that we wanted to do it again. We collected a variety of food items that are renal-friendly, such as canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, pasta and sauce, and cereals. The November missions offering of \$407 was used to purchase grocery gift cards and other food items for the dialysis patients. At her work, Cheryl filled the lobby table with the food that patients and their families could take as they liked. Discreet signage was placed at the table so that patients knew the items were gifts of love from friends at Cheryl's church.

On December 8th, Missions hosted a gift-wrapping party for all the presents that had been purchased for the Friendly Center's Adopt-A-Family program. Thanks to the helpful hands of many CUMC elves, we were able to wrap all the presents after lunch. We had raised over \$3,100 from the Spirit of Friendship Tea in September, which was used to buy gifts for our two adopted families. Through the help of EXTRA, the Tuesday Women's Bible Study, and Missions Committee members May Quon and Wei-ling Louie, we were able to buy wrapping supplies, grocery gift cards, and a great number of presents. Each family member received at least one shirt, pair of pants, pair of shoes, a sweat-shirt or jacket, and at least one other gift item. Both families had also requested a variety of household items such as pillows and blankets, towels, sheets, detergent, and dishware. Some of the larger items that we provided were a microwave oven, a toaster oven, and ironing board. Thankfully, we were able to provide all items on our two families' wish lists, except the one piece of furniture that they requested.

Out of the 700 families that the Friendly Center serves per year, 50 of the neediest families are selected for "adoption" at Christmas time. This year, we were matched with a family of five and a single mother with six children. There is so much that our church family is blessed with that it is a joy to be able to share some of what we have with others. We hope that our adopted families felt the love of Christ this holiday season and into the new year.

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In December, we submitted our final support gift for our student in China. For many years, we have provided annual sponsorship for Liu Yang through Threshold Ministries. In August, we received a letter from him stating that he had graduated from Baishan Technical School with a major in Nursing. He is now 19 years old, and he has decided to continue his studies in the area of medicine and hopes to someday become a doctor. In small ways, Cornerstone has made a difference in the lives of others, both in our local community and across the world.

**New Life Trip to the Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center**

*Oct. 2, 2019*



New Lifers visited the Anaheim Muzeo to see the special exhibit "I Am An American: Japanese Incarceration In a Time of Fear" revealing the experiences that affected and devastated families in Orange County from 1942–1945. The exhibit included testimonials and memorabilia of Japanese Americans from the local area who were shipped off to the World War II internment camp in Poston, Arizona. Ten families shared photos, personal possessions, and stories of their time at camp and their lives after they returned to Anaheim. The exhibit also included a replica of the barracks they lived in, complete with the newspaper-filled gaps in the exterior walls to keep out the desert sand. It was a relevant time in history seldom taught in school. Later, the group enjoyed lunch at the Anaheim Packing District.



**Jordan Wong Eagle Scout**

*December 2019*



Jordan Wong is now an Eagle Scout! He's the first one to rank in his troop for 2020! He made two cabinets for the boys and girls locker rooms at Marine View Middle School. It was a challenge to finish before his 18th birthday on December 30th! He did it and we are so proud of him. Thank you, Cornerstone family, for all your support!



Message from Pastor John Wang

January 2020

***“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”***

-John 16:13 (NIV)

Dear beloved Church,

Happy New Year! We are in a brand-new decade, is it not wonderful? I began this year with a winter cold but am still so thankful to witness the dawn of a new year back in Southern California. I am thankful to God that we do not have to worry about heavy snow – a true burden across the country during wintertime. Never take for granted the sunshine and brisk winter season here. It makes the gridlock traffic entirely worthwhile!

Although we have beautiful weather here in Southern California, there is a metaphorical storm which has been brewing for years within the United Methodist Church denomination. Many of you may have read about the United Methodist Church in the news recently regarding a potential split within our denomination. Do not fear, nothing has yet happened in regard to votes and passed legislation until later in May 2020 at the next General Conference. Rev. Karen Tannheimer of Placentia UMC sent out this message which captures the present situation with great clarity:

*As I mentioned to many of you yesterday at church, here is the link to read the full letter from the Council of Bishops and their proposal for General Conference in May 2020.*

*Please read this at your convenience. I want to assure you that we are still here as a Church, any proposed changes to the UMC polity or governance will never affect PUMC's mission and first calling to be Disciples of Jesus Christ. To Love God and Love our Neighbor.*

*Please note this is just a proposal; at General Conference in May, other legislation can and likely will be proposed; changes to this document will undoubtedly occur.*

*Simply said, "We still don't know what we don't know." But we do know that we serve a God that knows and loves us completely. Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have questions. I'm happy to talk to you one-on-one.*

*Click on this link: <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/united-methodist-traditionalists-centrists-progressives-bishops-sign-agreement-aimed-at-separation-13133654>*

Similarly, I am available to anyone from Cornerstone UMC who would like to discuss this topic in greater detail. Although there are difficulties in the Church, we always trust in God to guide us. May God continue to direct your journey in 2020 more than ever before!

At Cornerstone UMC, we continue the great work of discipleship through worship, fellowship, and mission activities. Our upcoming events in January are great opportunities to invite friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to participate in the life of our church. Please make sure the following events are in your calendar:

- Sunday, January 12 & February 9 - Volunteer Singing at Crescendo Senior Living, 351 E Palm Drive, Placentia, CA.
- Sunday, January 26 - Chinese New Year Luncheon following worship at Cornerstone UMC. Church members are invited to wear red or something festive and bring a special dish to share.

God bless you in the New Year!  
Grace and Peace, Pastor John

**EXTRA**

*By Katie Low*

Hello! In November, we went through a series on Gratitude, then ended the month with our annual Friendsgiving event – filled with food, fun, and friends! In December, we discussed the Advent Coming of Christ, and had our joint AMPM/EXTRA Christmas party! We had our usual white elephant gift exchange, as well as some icebreakers and Secret Santa. Other highlights of the month: watching Star Wars together, going to a shooting range for Alina’s birthday, watching Frozen 2 with the EXTRA girls, and ringing in the new year! Thanks for reading!



*Friendsgiving Event*



*Plaid Worship Service helpers*



*Christmas Party*



*Christmas Party*



*New Year's Eve*



*Paul and his charcuterie plate*

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**EXTRA**

*By Katie Low*

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*Star Wars*



*Shooting Range*



*Frozen 2*

**Adopt-a-Family**

*December 2019*



Thank you for your generosity and support for the Adopt-A-Family program this year. The many, many presents were dropped off at the Friendly Center in Placentia.

**Operation Christmas Child**

*Dec. 3, 2019*



Thanks to the volunteers who helped at Operation Christmas Child's North Fullerton warehouse to pack shoeboxes filled with gifts to be given to children worldwide.

**HUGS Holiday Bash**

*Dec. 6, 2019*



**New Life Christmas Gathering at Sizzler**

*Dec. 11, 2019*



**BASIC Christmas Party**

*Dec. 20, 2019*



Lighting of Advent Candle

December 2019

Advent Season celebrates the arrival of Jesus!



December 1st- HOPE - HUGS



December 8th - PEACE - New Life



December 15th - JOY - AM/PM



December 22nd - LOVE - EXTRA

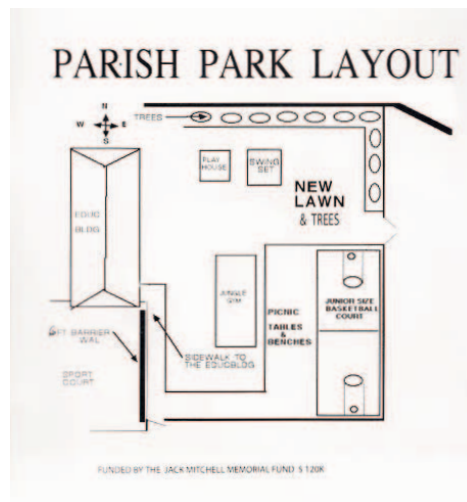
Christmas Sunday

Dec. 22, 2019



The Tuesday Morning Work Crew

By Cheryl Hasagawa



You may have been aware of our team of handymen who have, through the years, dedicated personal time and talent to make certain our church buildings are safe, clean, and in working order. They have taken on this ministry to ensure that our facilities are not only comfortable for our members and PUMC, but that they communicate hospitality, that they are inviting, friendly, and as open as our members are to our guests and visitors.

This New Year, Pastor John is leading us to focus on the **Five Practices of a Fruitful Church** (see book by Robert Schnase). It struck me while reading, that the "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" and many other members, reflect a heart of service, of "Radical Hospitality" - one of the practices in the book. There is a desire for excellence and a sense of pride as our grounds and buildings are meticulously cared for, with the ultimate goal of worshipping God together and sharing our church with others.

There is joy as we create spaces for activities and celebrate God. For the last 12 years, Dick Chu and friends have made up a "Tuesday Morning Work Crew." Whenever asked or when a need arose on our church campus, Dick handled it! He enlisted the "Work Crew" which included Richard Fitch, Bock Louie, and Winston Wong, and previously, Tom Lou, Art Yee, Henry Wong, and Bill Chan. Over the years, Dick and crew have:

- Made and hung directional signs to help guests locate the restrooms and kitchen
- Made and framed closing instructions for the Education classrooms
- Designed and installed frame for Trunk or Treat and other banners
- Installed a junction box by street sign to provide power for lighting the banners
- Installed timers for parking lot lights and front lights, dusk to dawn with sensors
- Removed dead bushes and secured plants by sanctuary
- Repaired tire on wheelbarrow
- Tightened toilet seats in women's restrooms main building
- Cleared cabinets in storeroom for extra office supplies
- Hung pictures in PUMC's office
- Changed sprinkler controls from battery operated to electrical
- Installed a baby changing station in women's restroom.

When Nell Mitchell generously donated funds to complete our Parish Park, Dick volunteered to manage the extensive project. This included planting trees around the perimeter and interior, adding a new lawn, swing set, junior-size basketball court, picnic table, and bench area. We asked Dick what inspired him to step in and use his gifts in this way. He answered, "God told me to do it." Thank you, Dick and friends, for giving your time and attention to creating a welcoming and ready church home.

The crew meets "as needed" now, but if you notice a need on campus, be sure to let Dick and friends know! You can fill out a work order kept in the church office.



**Cornerstone United Methodist Church - Lay Leadership 2020**

**Administrative Council: Chair:** Jon Chen/Bock Louie  
**Secretary:** Katie Low

**Lay Leader:** Kevin Hasegawa

**Lay Member of Annual Conference:** Betty Loh-Chen

**Finance Committee:**

**Chair:** Al Wong **Treasurer:** Joyce Wong **Secretary:** Robert Quon  
**Payroll:** Judy Hayakawa **Bookkeeper:** Al Wong  
 Lay Member of Annual Conference, SPRC Chair, Lay Leader, Trustee Chair

**Staff Parish Relations Committee: Chair:** Betty Loh-Chen  
 Pat Gayle, Crystal Lee, Katie Low, Pam Fitch, Steve Louie,  
 Yin Lu, Robert Quon. Lay Leader: Kevin Hasegawa

**Trustees: Chair:** Matt Chai

Richard Chow, Dick Chu, Richard Fitch, Benson Fong, Jeff Hasegawa,  
 Charlie Lou, Marcus Phung, Allan Wong

**Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations): Chair:** Pastor John Mark Wang  
 Stacey Ying Lei Wong, Benson Fong, Minnie Lou, Wei-ling Louie, Lay Leader: Kevin Hasegawa

**Worship Ministry Team: Chairs:** Anita Lee/Cheryl Hasegawa

**Attendance Recorder:** Selina Yee **Prayers & Praises Recorder:** Wendy Yu

**Communion Preparers:** Mary Lynn O'Boyle, Stacey Ying Lei Wong

**Audio System Team:** Andrew Fong (**Coordinator**), Kevin Hasegawa, Jeff Hasegawa, Matt Chai

**Head Usher:** Byung-Mee Choung **Bulletin Publishers:** Bob & Selina Yee

**Power-point Team:** Andrew Fong, Jillian Yee (**Coordinators**), Jordan Wong

**Praise Team Leaders:** Alex Yu, Brad Chinn, Katie Low, Cheryl Chen, Sheree Low, Ryan Low, Jon Chen, Amy Wong

**Communion Choir Leaders:** Lydia Chu/May Lou

**Missions: Chair:** Stacey Loy Wong

Wei-ling Louie, May Quon, Pam Fitch, Pat Gayle, Cheryl Hasegawa

**Caring Ministry:** Minnie Lou & Pam Fitch (**Chairs**), Lydia Chu, Pat Gayle

**Communications: Chairs:** Gary & Sheree Low

**Newsletter Co-Editors:** Audrey Yee, Charlene Wong **Website:** Allan Wong

**Education: Adult:** Ed Joe **Children:** TBD

**Lunch Coordinator:** May Quon

**CASTeam Leaders:** Mabel Joe, Anita Lee/May Lou, Sherrie Fong/Dianna Wong, Pam & Rich Fitch/Linda Fong,  
 Pat Gayle, Judy Hayakawa/Bob & Selina Yee, Matt Chai/Amy Wong

**Joint Parish (CUMC & PUMC) Administrative Council for CUMC (5 Votes\*)**

Ad Council Chair, Lay Leader, Finance Chair

**Joint Parish (CUMC & PUMC) Board of Trustees for CUMC**

Pastor, Board of Trustees

**New Lifers:** Betty Loh-Chen

**EXTRA:** Katie Low, Nick Cota, Jon Kwalk, Steven Farren

**BASIC:** Jon & Cheryl Chen

**AMPM Youth:** Amy Wong, Matt Chai



**STAFF:**  
 Betty Loh-Chen - *SPRC*  
 Wendy Yu - *Secretary*  
 Matt Chai & Amy Wong -  
*Co-Youth Directors*  
 (Amy Wong - not pictured)  
 Pastor John Mark Wang