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Worship the Lord with Us

No on-campus Sunday School, Worship Services, Fellowship or other meetings at this time. Join us online:

Sundays

11:30am Worship Online Service
1:00pm Zoom Lunch Fellowship Hour

Tuesdays

10:00am Zoom Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

10:00am Zoom New Life Fellowship - Seniors
7:30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

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

Friday Night Fellowship

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

Contact us for more info on Zoom/Discord meetings at this time.

Days and times are subject to change.

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Missions

Stacey Loy Wong

During the month of July, Pathways of Hope had a unique opportunity for the community. For every dollar donated to their organization in July, one of their ministry partners offered to match each donation up to \$15,000. Cornerstone's missions team decided this chance was too good to pass up, so we sent a check for \$550. Thanks to the generosity of our church family and the Pathways of Hope benefactor, our contribution helped twice as many people facing hunger and homelessness. The coronavirus pandemic has really hit families hard, and people are struggling. On behalf of our missions team, we appreciate your caring hearts and your dedication to assist those less fortunate.

The August mission offering will support the Homeless Intervention Shelter and House (H.I.S. House). H.I.S. House is located in Placentia, and they operate a 54-bed transitional housing program. They provide safe shelter and supportive services to the community's most vulnerable population. Residents in the shelter stay for 4 to 6 months, while working to establish themselves in a career and before transitioning to more permanent housing. At press time, the total amount collected for the August mission offering is not available. This information will be provided in the September/October newsletter. †

NEW! All Church Zoom Events

In August, Cornerstone introduced two new weekly events. Everyone is invited to join in to the following:

Sunday Lunch Fellowship Hour – Sundays at 1:00pm connect with our Cornerstone family for lunch fellowship following our Sunday Worship Service.

Zoom Prayer Fellowship Time – Find us online Wednesday nights at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer time.

Use the link below for both:

Topic: Cornerstone UMC's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/7859115325?pwd=QTVhK1ppUjZ2emZQdW1jdoRVcVFIZz09>

Meeting ID: 785 911 5325

Passcode: CUMC

Message from Pastor John Wang

July 2020

Dear Beloved Church Family,

In the last couple months, I have had the pleasure of leading our New Life small group through a six-week study on Psalm 23 utilizing the online resource – www.RightNowMedia.org. We meet weekly on Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM and were able to view content led by Pastor Matt Chandler while discussing one of Psalm 23's six verses each week. I am grateful for the New Life church members who attended regularly while we were able to reflect on the lessons together.

Psalm 23 is very popular and most often recalled during times of anxiety, uncertainty, and loss. For many of us who grew up Christian, we memorized this psalm as a spiritual discipline but rarely reflect on its meaning. The problem with rote memorization is words do not always seep into our hearts and transform our living. While we focused on the verses, a great reminder of God as our shepherd was better understood – we need not be afraid. This is true freedom, to know that God loves us and is present with us amidst "the shadow of death." In our most dire circumstances, the shadow of doom and gloom can feel overwhelming but God is with us!

The pandemic has been a difficult season of life. I never before realized how much I took for granted the ability to fellowship with the church. The "shadow of death" has been constant in the news and continues to add to anxious thoughts about the future. A source of relief has been our online church small groups and being able to share with one another openly. Though an imperfect substitute, gathering online is a valuable supplement that can benefit the health of our souls.

In our last session, we centered our discussion on the constant flow of God's goodness and love/mercy following us all the days of our lives. Really and truly, nothing separates us from the love and mercy of God. Pastor Matt Chandler reminded us several times in the sessions that we need not try to earn God's approval and acceptance because we will ultimately fall short each time, and instead we ought to rest in the unconditional goodness and love of God which we have received by faith in Jesus Christ. If ever we find ourselves filled with guilt and shame because we are not "good" enough, Psalm 23 reminds us that God's goodness, mercy, and love follows us the rest of our days because Christ took on our guilt and shame by his work on the cross. When we miss the mark, I hope we remember the promise of Psalm 23.

One of the great joys of attending weekly small groups is staying connected with one another online. I have learned so much more about the wonderful people of our church by sharing thoughts and laughter in small group. Since the pandemic began, I have grown to appreciate the amazing fellowship our dedicated church leaders have curated in all of our small group meetings, in addition to Sunday worship online. I encourage you, dear reader, to commit to attending one of our online small groups regularly and see how your love for God and neighbor grows!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John †

A Warm Welcome to the New Pastor of PUMC

July 5, 2020



Pastor Broghan Hunt

Pastor Broghan Hunt grew up in the United Methodist Church and in Southern California. She spent six years in Sacramento, studying Mathematics, Statistics, and Ethics before returning home to the Cal-Pac Conference. She graduated from Claremont School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity in 2019 and spent five years serving in Camp and Retreat Ministries. Pastor Broghan is active in our conference and district Young People's Ministries, as well as our conference council on Higher Education and Campus Ministry. In her free time, you can find Pastor Broghan sitting in the sunshine, drinking coffee, reading books and hanging out with her pup, Maggie. †

Pastor Broghan's First Sunday Service with Placentia UMC
was on July 5, 2020.

Here is the Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/gZnYPXZp360>

Cornerstone Worships Online

July 19, 2020



August 9, 2020



New Sunday Fellowship Hour

August 8, 2020



Our 1st All Church Zoom Sunday Fellowship Time!

EXTRA

By Katie Low

Despite not being able to have our weekly Friday night meetings in person yet, we have still been finding ways to connect and gather. In July, we continued our topical studies, and also had a special Quarantine Games night! We divided the group into teams and had them compete for prizes by playing Pictionary, hunting for items in a Scavenger Hunt, and testing their ability to solve riddles in an online Escape Room. We also had some socially-distanced gatherings at various parks. In August, we continued with studies and game nights. Thanks for reading! †



Park gathering!



Quarantine Games!

AM/PM

By Amy Wong

This past month, AMPM braved the heat to have a water balloon fight/picnic. We've also been playing lots of online games together and finishing up our study of Romans. †



Pegasus (Legend)
Time to vote!



New Life Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 10am

July 15, 2020



August 19, 2020

