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Worship the Lord with Us

As we transition to in-person fellowship, meetings are subject to change.

► Sundays

11:30am Worship In-person/Online Service
1:00pm Zoom/In-person 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 Thursdays of the month

► Friday Night Fellowship

7:30pm TGIF Adult Bible Journaling Class
8:00pm EXTRA College/Career & AMPM Youth 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

In September, Missions supported the work of Project Independence with a missions offering of \$510. Due to the Covid pandemic and the rise of the delta variant, Project Independence cancelled their annual Independence Walk out of an abundance of caution. Even though walkers and their supporters were not able to gather in person, a virtual program was held instead. Project Independence continues to serve the community by assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to find jobs, develop friendships, and live independently.

In honor of World Communion Sunday on October 3rd, Cornerstone and Placentia UMCs held a joint worship service at 10:30 am with lunch fellowship afterward. Both churches created displays that presented missions information and descriptions of activities held during the past year in the narthex. The October missions offering will be contributed toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Global Ministries Advance #982450 for Afghans in need. UMCOR has developed partnerships in Afghanistan, as well as with local community Afghani efforts, to provide humanitarian relief for the most urgent needs for food, medicine, and/or shelter.

HUGS

Oct 29, 2021



Fun, Fun, Fun Friday Night Dinner!
Ruby's Diner in Brea

Message from Pastor John Wang

Sep-Oct 2021

“In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”
1 Peter 5:5-7 NIV

Dear Beloved Church Family,

May God’s peace be with you and fill you with the love of the Holy Spirit!

Today’s column will be my reflections of September and October and will be my personal blog entry in this edition’s newsletter. I hope you enjoy my musings!

The last couple of months have been a blur! It’s been a time of reflection and continual focus on what it means to be humble before God and depending on God more each day. Our church vision for 2021 is having “humble hearts dependent on God,” and undoubtedly this has been a tough season. Covid continues and, now that we have reached the Fall months, it has gotten cooler and darker each day with less sunlight. If you are affected by ‘seasonal affective disorder’ (SAD), then you can understand how moods can become depressed during these months. I am learning to grow in humility and dependence on God by spending more time communicating with God in prayer and staying present in the moment with loved ones as much as possible.

In September, I traveled to Flushing, New York to serve the Chinese United Methodist churches as a speaker and guest preacher. Rev. John Young of Flushing Chinese United Methodist Church hosted me with his lovely family at their parsonage and introduced me to many first-generation Chinese-speaking members who love God. I was able to share with them my experience of growing up in the first-generation Chinese church as a second-generation Chinese American and share the potential challenges that we faced, having the immigrant generation raising up the second generation of Chinese Americans. I shared about the success of the origins of Cornerstone UMC as a beautiful expression of how the second generation (and beyond) was able to raise up disciples of Jesus Christ through an Asian American context. Our congregation is a glimpse into the future for many Chinese United Methodist families. I answered questions from youth and their parents about the best way to navigate the pressures of the secular public school system, encouraging them to seek the mentorship of the young adults at their church. I also shared the importance of seeking a Christian fellowship while attending High School and College as the support system they can turn to in times of difficulty. God was with us in these holy moments together, bridging the generations in these multigenerational gatherings.

When October arrived, I traveled up north to Spokane, Washington to help officiate the memorial service of Margie Miyoshi, a beloved Lay Leader and disciple of Christ at Highland Park UMC. Margie was the kindest and sweetest lady, who always made you feel loved and encouraged. She lived her life with Christ as the Lord of her life and was full of compassion in the way she helped the church with her time, energy, and gifts. Margie was active in our Bible studies, every church event, and a servant of God in the Nine Mile Falls and Spokane communities, up until her last days on the earth. She was small in stature, but powerful in God’s love for all who entered into the church. I will miss her, but I know I will see her again in heaven. I carry her life lesson of love with me as I serve God and the church, and will never forget her.

Both of these journeys were unique and special in doing something new for God. The best lessons we can learn in life are when we say yes to the unknown, especially when it’s God-related. I learned from the Christians of Flushing Chinese UMC how important it is to work diligently and in collaboration with others. I also learned how difficult life can be for a non-native speaker in the country, since I found myself in every room where mostly Mandarin was being spoken. Although I was an American in New York, nearly every room and space I was in was Mandarin or Cantonese speaking. Now I know a small taste of how challenging it is for new immigrants in our country, and also know to be patient with those who speak English as their second language. In fact, those folks are so intelligent to be able to communicate in multiple languages!

As for the celebration of Margie’s life, I learned that life goes by quickly. In the blink of an eye, a family raises up the next generation and then they birth a new one rather quickly. It can be a sad time for many of us who have lost loved ones to death recently. If anyone is experiencing anxiety or struggling mentally, you are not alone. Turn to God. Turn to your loved ones. Turn to your church family. God gives us many ways to relieve the burdens we place on ourselves, through anxiety and stress. Do not allow pride or ego to prevent you from humbling yourself and sharing your burden with God and trusted loved ones. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and support one another so that the Body will remain healthy. ‘Until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet!’

God bless you and keep you safe, always.

In Christ’s love and grace, Pastor John Wang

New Life

After taking a break over the summer, New Lifers resumed meeting on Zoom once a month. We know that some New Lifers don't participate in the Zoom meetings and haven't returned to in-person worship. We wanted to reach out to them and sent personalized "Hi" cards to let them know we are thinking about them and missing them. We received back some touching emails to thank us and let us know how they are doing. Our church family has been so important especially during the pandemic.

New Lifers also met for lunch to wish a fond farewell to Virginia Quon, a long-time member of Cornerstone, before she moved to Northern California. Virginia will be remembered for her kindness and her ever-present smile.

Hi!



From your New Life Friends!

Virginia, we will miss you!



From your New Life Friends!



Farewell Virginia until we meet again...we will miss you!

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



ALL SAINTS DAY • NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Absent from the body...present with the Lord!

Alan Andrews (*Friend of Cornerstone UMC*)

Eva Canche (*Mother of Erick Canche*)

Entry to Earth: April 14, 1953 • Homegoing: September 6, 2021

Michael Chao (*Cousin of Alex Yu*)

Entry to Earth: December 14, 1954 • Homegoing: February 24, 2021

Frances Chinn (*Sister of Eleanor Wong*)

Entry to Earth: May 20, 1930 • Homegoing: August 31, 2021

June Chow (*Sister-in-law of Richard Chow*)

Entry to Earth: June 20, 1925 • Homegoing: January 19, 2021

Concepcion Gonzalez (*Mother of Diane Chavez*)

Entry to Earth: December 8, 1927 • Homegoing: October 9, 2021

Alice Lou (*Sister-in-law of Charlie & Minnie Lou*)

Entry to Earth: 1935 • Homegoing: September 30, 2021

Larry Moy (*Nephew of Audrey Yee*)

Entry to Earth: May 5, 1961 • Homegoing: January 9, 2021

Christian Quimpo (*Husband of Carrie Quimpo*)

Entry to Earth: April 16, 1938 • Homegoing: August 27, 2021

Inaldo Longo Silva (*Son of Suzette Longo Davidson*)

Entry to Earth: May 9, 1966 • Homegoing: August 30, 2021

Mandy Soohoo (*Sister-in-law of Marietta Kin*)

Entry to Earth: December 28, 1937 • Homegoing: January 4, 2021

Colleen Wong (*Niece of Marietta Kin*)

Entry to Earth: September 21, 1963 • Homegoing: March 19, 2021

George Yamashita (*Friend of Myrna Chow*)

Entry to Earth: September 20, 1936 • Homegoing: October 3, 2021

Ward Yee (*Brother of Minnie Lou*)

Entry to Earth: January 24, 1933 • Homegoing: January 24, 2021

...and all whom we name in our hearts who now rest in God's glory.



CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EXTRA

From September 'til now (early November), we have been enjoying our in-person fellowships. We're happy to report that we've seen an increase in our numbers. We had two individuals join our group (John Park and Eugene Lee). Both individuals bring lots of joy, plentiful conversation, and overall perspective to the group. We also increased our bond as a group as we had a dinner fellowship at the Source mall in Buena Park, a trip to Tanaka Farms in Irvine, and our Halloween Party to name a few. While we are constantly growing, we also take time to pause and reflect, and thank God for all His abundant blessings upon our group, and we appreciate your support.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Oct 17, 2021



Pastor appreciation notes and a gift card lei were presented to Pastor John by Gary Low (Staff Parish Relations Committee)



A celebration cake for Pastor John Wang with love and gratitude Cornerstone UMC

Happy 70th Anniversary Bill and Helene!



Honoring this special couple on their sweetest day, October 20, 2021, celebrating their 70th Anniversary! Congratulations and blessings to Bill and Helene Chan