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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

Thank you, Cornerstone UMC family, for your gracious, thoughtful, and generous hearts. Every month, when we do our mission offering and when we periodically offer mission projects, our church family always enthusiastically responds to the call. The Missions team is truly touched by your willingness to give to others in need.

For the month of November, we held a renal-friendly food drive for the low-income dialysis patients at the Satellite Healthcare Center in Orange. Our own Cheryl Hasegawa works there as a social worker and serves as our onsite ambassador at the clinic. We collected cans of soup, vegetables, fruits, and dried goods that were set out on a table for patients and their families to choose from. Your generous contributions to the mission offering totaled \$720, which was used to purchase grocery gift cards for patients. Since the pandemic began, food costs have steadily gone up, so hopefully these grocery gift cards made having a special holiday meal possible for patients and their families.

In December, Missions hosted a Toy and Gift drive for the Friendly Center. We asked our congregation to donate a new toy or a \$25 gift card that could be given to a child from o-17 years of age. The Friendly Center set a holiday goal to help 400 families (including 1,000 children) and we wanted to help make that goal a reality. Our Missions team allocated \$650 from the Missions fund to buy presents. Between the gifts purchased by the Missions team and the donations we received from our Cornerstone church family, we were able to fill Santa's sleigh (aka May Quon's and Pam Fitch's cars) with 51 gifts valued at \$1,020, plus an additional \$275 in gift cards. Wow! Thank you to May Quon for purchasing Christmas presents on behalf of our church, to Pastor John, Pam and Richard Fitch, and May Quon for delivering all the gifts to the

Friendly Center's office in Orange, and to you, our church family, for all of your thoughtful and caring donations. All the items surely put a smile on many children's faces on Christmas day. As Christians, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are able to love others, because He first loved us. Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!



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Food Drive at the Satellite Healthcare Center

# Message from Pastor John Wang

Nov-Dec 2021

Dear Beloved Church Family,

The last couple of months of 2021 was a time of boundless joy together as we reviewed the teaching of the prophets Jeremiah, Malachi, and Zephaniah, and remembered the Christmas story. The prophets share about the constant need of repentance and returning to God, which led us into the harrowing journey of Joseph and Mary to travel far and wide to bring about the birth of our Lord Jesus. My favorite part of these lessons is the stories of the people who gave their all to listen to God and follow his direction even when it all seemed impossible. God is always reminding me that my hope is found in Him. His Holy Spirit and angels are at my side instilling peace, joy, and love, as our Advent wreath symbolizes. At times, I wish the Christmas season were around longer, and yet, it is, whenever I turn my thoughts to Jesus. He lives and loves me. He loves you, too!

November and December were also filled with wonderful festivities! We enjoyed Thanksgiving feasts together, Christmas meals, celebrations, and sharing gifts with one another at parties. I loved being with people and was so happy to be with our church family for so many occasions. The turkey, ham, and jook (rice porridge) with all the sides and desserts was soul-satisfying to my lips and waist-expanding on my hips. It is no wonder that, in the new year, we are always in need of a weight-loss resolution! I am grateful we have so many skilled and high-quality chefs in our church and families. Thank God for tasty food!

I drove frequently the past couple of months to carpool to and from my parents' home and visit friends over the holidays. Several of these trips were quite far, and there was quite a lot of night driving. When the road is dark and the drive is filled with twists and turns, our car's headlights shine a short distance to guide our way to our destination. Sometimes, on these midnight drives, there is little to light our way except our headlights, and so, we trust that short vision to go forward. On trips like these, we need to be careful and check our speed to stay the course guided by the light. This is the right mindset to take into 2022 while we chart the course for our lives, trusting in God's light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) Words to live by!

To God be the Glory, Pastor John

## **New Life**

Since most New Lifers are vaccinated and boosted, they felt comfortable about meeting at Sizzlers in Fullerton for a Christmas luncheon on December 9 (pre-Omicron!). It was a great turnout, with more than 30 people attending. Pastor John greeted everyone and prayed for us before our feast.

After a leisurely lunch and lively conversation, Lydia Chu did a wonderful job leading us in several Christmas carols. In addition to playing her ukulele, she was accompanied by Winston and Kay Wong. The finale was "12 Days of Dim Sum", a fun Chinese version of "12 Days of Christmas". Audience participation was required to hold up the 12 signs with drawings of the dim sum item, drawn by artist Courtney Chu. Everyone enjoyed a fun and festive afternoon and seeing each other in person!

12 Days of Dim Sum (12 Days of Christmas) - Only Won & Larissa Lam (feat: Lil' Won) - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iv9VyPWL\_qM









## **EXTRA**

By John Park

The months of November and December were EXTRA festive for our young adults. To start off, EXTRA hosted HUGS for a game night where they played games such as White-Elephant-Bingo, Mahjong, and other board games. It was a wonderful time where two generations got together to fellowship. The night was full of joy and laughter, a wonderful sight to behold indeed! I am reminded of the verse by the Psalmist King David from his 133rd psalm:

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

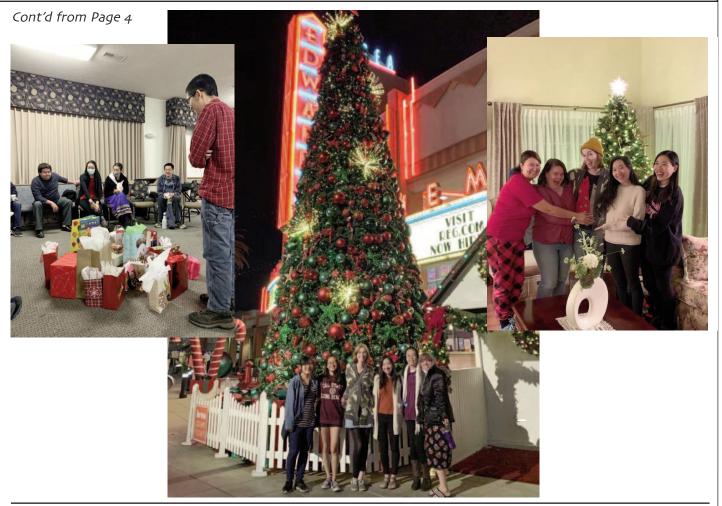
There were many more festivities including: Men's Brunch, Thanksgiving Potluck, Girls' Night at the Theatre, and the Christmas Party, to name a few. Not to mention the weekly meetings on Fridays, and the occasional basketball game. These past two months were full of good, wholesome fun.

I'd like to end with a greeting from 1 John 3: "To my dear friends at Cornerstone, whom I love in the truth. Dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your souls are getting along well... I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth..." I hope you, dear reader, are joyful to hear that EXTRA is walking in the truth!

May the Lord keep you and bless you with His bountiful love and protection, Your friends, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters at EXTRA.



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**BASIC** 



Christmas Cocktail Party on December 16, 2021

# Cornerstone United Methodist Church - Lay Leadership 2022

## **Administrative Council**

Pastor: (non-voting) John Mark Wang

Administrative Council Chair Jon Chen
Finance Al Wong
Trustee Chair Steve Louie
Betty Loh-Chen

Worship Anita Lee, Cheryl Hasegawa
Caring Ministry Minnie Lou, Pam Fitch
Missions Stacey Loy Wong
New Lifers Betty Loh-Chen
BASIC Jon and Cheryl Chen

EXTRA Ryan Low, Sarah Eng, Marcus Phung, Paul McGill

Marketing and Communication Gary and Sheree Low

Administrative Council Secretary Katie Chai

**Lay Leader** Kevin Hasegawa

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference Kevin Hasegawa

## **Finance Committee**

Finance Al Wong
Treasurer Joyce Wong
Secretary Robert Quon
Bookkeeper Al Wong

Payroll Judy Hayakawa

Administrative Council Chair Jon Chen

Lay Member to Annual Conference Kevin Hasegawa SPRC Betty Loh-Chen Lay Leader Kevin Hasegawa Trustee Chair Steve Louie

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

2022 Dick Chu, Pam Fitch, Robert Quon

2023 Andrew Fong, Gary Low 2024 Betty Loh-Chen, Byung Chinn

Lay Leader Kevin Hasegawa

## Trustees - (Chair elected by Trustees)

2022 Richard Fitch, Matt Chai, Benson Fong

2023 Bock Louie, Joshua Yu

2024 Charlie Lou, Steve Louie (Chair)

# Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations)

2022Wei-ling Louie2023Katie Chai2024Minnie LouLay LeaderKevin HasegawaPastorJohn Wang

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## **Worship Committee**

Worship Chairs Anita Lee, Cheryl Hasegawa

Attendance Recorder Selina Yee
Prayer & Praise Recorder Wendy Yu
Communion Preparer Anita Lee
Bulletin Publisher Bob Yee

Audio/Visual System Coordinators Jon Chen, Andrew Fong, Kevin Hasegawa,

Joshua Yu, Jeff Hasegawa, Marcus Phung

Lyrics Coordinator Jillian Yee

Praise Band Team Coordinators Cheryl Chen, Brad Chinn, Katie Chai, Ryan Low,

Sheree Low, Alex Yu

Missions Committee Stacey Loy Wong (Chair)

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

Caring Ministry Minnie Lou and Pam Fitch

Lydia Chu, Pat Gayle

**Communications** Gary and Sheree Low

Newsletter Editors TBD Website TBD

Education

Adult Ed Joe

Children Celeste Wong

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

Pastor (non-voting) John Mark Wang

\*Administrative Council Chair Jon Chen

\*Lay Leader Kevin Hasegawa

Chair of Parish Council PUMC
\*Finance Committee Chair Al Wong

\*Parish Board of Trustees (elected by Trustees)

\*Administrative Council Appointee Rotating CUMC Member TBD

Treasurer (non-voting) TBD

# Joint Parish (CUMC & PUMC) Board of Trustees for CUMC (5 votes\*)

Pastor (non-voting) John Mark Wang

\*Board of Trustees Richard Fitch, Bock Louie, Charlie Lou,

Steve Louie

\*\* Dick Chu would like to be a representative from CUMC for any Trustee unable to attend

the meeting.