



Cornerstone
UMC
2050 Valencia Ave.
Placentia, CA
92870

January—March
2023

Worship the Lord
with Us

- **Sundays: 11:30 am**
Worship in person /On-line Service
- **Tuesdays 10:00 am**
Women's Bible Study
- **Wednesdays 10:00 am**
New Life Fellowship - Seniors
1st Wednesday of the month
- **Thursdays 7:30pm**
BASIC Fellowship— Young Adults
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
- **Friday Night Fellowship**
7:30pm TGIF
Adult Bible Study

8:00 pm EXTRA College/Career &
AM/PM Youth Group

Contact us for more info on
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Meetings at this time

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CORNERSTONE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Message from our Pastor John Mark Wang

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

-Romans 10:14-15



Share. Connect. Minister. Disciple.

These are the words that detail the process of discipleship for the church according to authors, Jim Putman & Bobby Harrington with Robert E. Coleman in their book, [DiscipleShift: Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples.](#)

These terms are important for us as a family church with deep ties through the generations.

We are a church of loving families who have nurtured and encouraged many disciples of Jesus over the years. We make disciples because we love Jesus and want to glorify Him.

I have often wondered how the church can reach more people for Jesus and deepen our faith. Often my initial thoughts as a Pastor are focused on writing and preaching a great sermon, producing the most exciting worship service, and being the most entertaining worship setting. While these thoughts are not wrong, it is not what Jesus teaches churches to do and is not the model of His life and ministry.

The terms ‘Share,’ ‘Connect,’ ‘Minister,’ and ‘Disciple’ is the method Jesus embodied to turn crowds into His disciples. Each of us, Christians, calls Jesus our Lord, and so we ought to follow Jesus’ method to make disciples in our own lives.

Share

Jesus shared who he was with others through words and deeds. During that time of sharing life together with his disciples, he taught them the truth about himself.

As his disciples today, we *share* our lives with other people, eventually also sharing the gospel—the good news about Jesus and what he has done for us and can do for them (DiscipleShift, 154).

Daily, we share our lives with our family and friends, but rarely are we actively thinking about forming and growing new relationships with people who aren’t following Jesus. An important aspect of our faith that is often neglected is the intentional sharing of our lives with those who need Jesus as much as we do. When we take on the challenge of sharing our lives with people we know who are living without Jesus Christ as their Lord, we can become more like Jesus.

Pastor's Message (contd.)

Connect

When people accepted his message, Jesus invited them to connect with him in a relationship.

We connect with those who accept the message of Jesus and help them connect with Christ and other believers in relationship through his church. Next, we help these new disciples take steps to grow, by supplying a place for them to learn how to *minister* in Jesus' name (DiscipleShift, 154-155).

Once we start a new relationship with a family member or friend, we can share the good news of our hope in Jesus Christ. As they grow and become more receptive to faith in God there will be opportunities to invite them into deeper relationship and new friendships at the church. The more connected they are to God the greater their involvement with the mission of God in their lives and through the church.

Minister

As his disciples grew, Jesus trained them to minister to the lost and to others.

Demonstration – Jesus showed his disciples how to minister. He cared for people. He spoke to people to whom nobody else would. He healed people who desperately needed healing. He read scriptures and explained them to people. His disciples could see his compassion. They watched, listened, and then tried to emulate Jesus. When they wanted to learn how to pray, Jesus demonstrated it by praying (DiscipleShift, 161).

Delegation – Jesus gave his disciples something to do. Jesus gave specific assignments to them, and allowed them to give their unique gifts and skills to prepare them for future leadership roles. Likewise, we supply people opportunities and places for people to do ministry. Each person has a kingdom purpose, and people learn best by doing (DiscipleShift, 161).

Supervision – Jesus made his disciples accountable. This is a challenge. After we connect people and get them involved in ministry, we are to hold each other accountable by following up with the people to find out how they're doing. Discipleship with supervision allows people to hone their abilities to overcome their weaknesses so they can become more focused and effective. Jesus shared times of review with his disciples. He asked them questions. He confronted negative attitudes and character traits. He affirmed their strengths and reinforced their identity in God (DiscipleShift, 161-162).

Disciple

After Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus sent his followers to disciple others.

When Christians are ready, we deploy them, releasing them to *disciple* other people in the same way (DiscipleShift, 154).

Mature disciples learn to help transform other disciples. Disciples who are growing in faith and love of God naturally minister to others. But the shift happens when they are intentional in helping people come to Christ, and be all that he or she can be. Christ *personally* made disciples and if we seek to truly be *like Christ*, we also need to personally make disciples ourselves. A mature disciple is a person who makes other disciples who are released to *disciple* others (DiscipleShift, 163).

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Two reminders (DiscipleShift, 162-164):

1. Anticipate fruitfulness in Christ. Be hopeful and do not be discouraged.
2. The Holy Spirit is with us wherever we are. If we abide in God we will bear much fruit.

I hope to implement these teachings throughout the life of our church with the vision of intentional discipleship making. There will always be opportunities to reach others for God. May we (take) grab hold of these moments and trust God to bear much fruit.

In Christ's Grace and Love,

Pastor John Mark Wang

Missions . . . Stacey Loy Wong

For our Mission Outreach in December 2022, our church assembled 60 winter kits for the homeless being served by Project Phainos. Each kit contained an adult-size hat, scarf, gloves, socks, umbrella and hygiene items, many of which were donated by our church family and/or purchased from the December Mission offerings.



We collected \$1,210 for the January and February 2023 mission offerings and it was donated to **UMCOR** to assist the international disaster relief efforts after the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. To date, the UN estimates that at least 50,000 people have been killed and many more are still missing. UMCOR has partnered with International Blue Crescent (IBC) to establish a community center in Elbistan, Turkey, where earthquakes have destroyed two-thirds of the city. The community center will focus on the most devastated areas. In North Syria, plans are in place to establish a community center in Nazas. Health centers there would provide health assistance and psychosocial treatment by emergency relief distribution. IBC also has a mobile health center in Al Bab that will move around the region to provide health care for affected people. Updates about UMCOR's work in Turkey and Syria (including the information provided above) can be obtained on Facebook at UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Missions . . . Stacey Loy Wong

Cornerstone church members came out on March 18th to help the shower ministry by distributing blankets, and scarves and also served lunch to the homeless at the Fullerton First UMC parking lot. In addition to other donated blankets, March missions funds were used by the Missions committee to purchase twin size blankets. We gave away over 70 blankets to people in need, just in time for the upcoming cold and wet weather that is forecast in the coming week. The shower ministry is a wonderful ministry that pools the support and resources of various churches in a united effort to share God's Love with the un-housed.

Thank you Cornerstone Family, for contributing to the Missions offerings and/or donating items.



Thanks for Donating!

HUGS . . . Cheryl Hasagawa

HUGS Friday Night Fellowship –

Jan – March 2023

We are finishing up a book study by CS Lewis called “The Great Divorce”. It is a theological dream vision, an allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. Through the journey we’ve wrestled with and talked about good and evil, and human characteristics that might keep us from walking through the heavenly gates; gluttony, pride, anger, self-consciousness. As with all the books we’ve read together, and our Bible journaling, we learn more about each other through our sharing. God has truly blessed us with friendships, and our new friend Ronnie. Together we can help each other identify our strengths and talents, and support each other where we’d like to grow.

Starting Friday, March 17th, HUGS began watching an exciting series on Netflix called “The Chosen”. It is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. The series allows us to see Christ through the eyes of those who knew and loved Him. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall, bring your pillows and snacks. We’ll talk about each episode, and this Friday we’ll also discuss our next plan for a book study or a return to Bible Journaling. Come join us and suggest a book if you have a favorite!

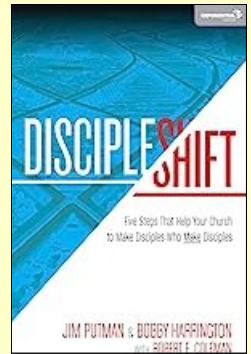
Please also join us the last Friday of every month as we gather at various locations for Friendship Dinners. In place of our month end dinner outing, several HUGsters gathered to see an exciting new movie “Jesus Revolution” at the Starlight Cinema City Theater in Anaheim. The movie is based on a true awakening, starting in California in the late 1960’s and spreading to Europe and many other countries around the world. Called the “Jesus Movement” it was a natural blending of “hippie counterculture” and Christian evangelism and faith. The movie was inspirational and encouraging, as we could be part of our own movement now, and one day look back to see the impact a few simple words can be... “come with me”, or “come and join us!” Go see it if you get a chance; we hope to purchase a copy to show at church.



Cornerstone UMC Vision for 2023— Building Disciples

Cornerstone’s Vision for 2023 – Building Disciples among us

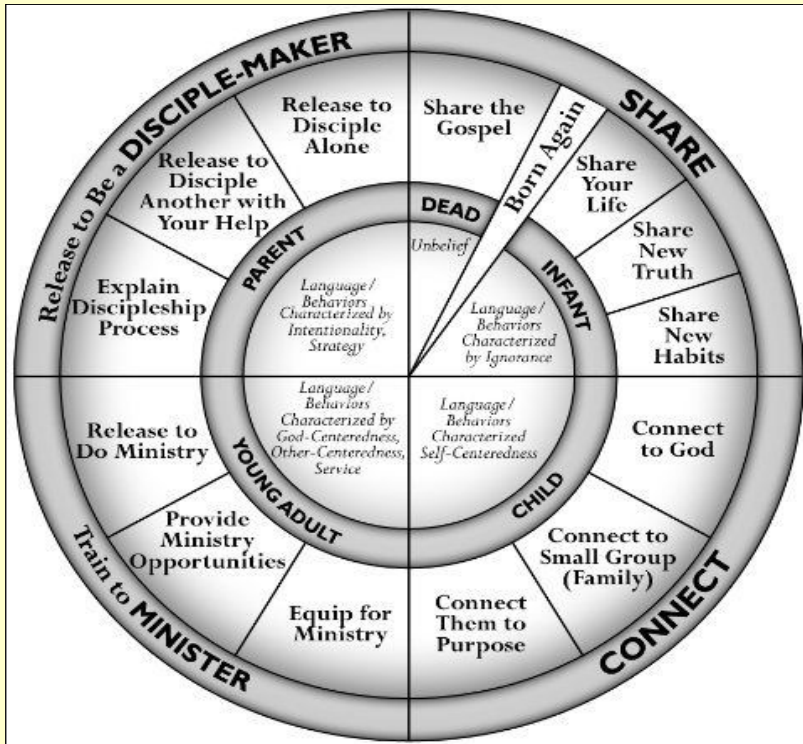
What does it mean to be a disciple of God? Pastor John is guiding us and we are reading “The DiscipleShift,” and “Real-Life Discipleship: Building Churches that make Disciples” both by Jim Putman. Our next Visioning Meeting will be April 16th, 9-12 am. Come and see what this is all about!!



As a disciple, we are growing in a balanced way with our **Head, Heart and Hands**.

- 1) We are learning and studying the Bible, gaining knowledge with our minds
- 2) We are being changed by Christ in our **Heart**
- 3) We are sharing God’s love to others with our **Hands and Feet** (missions and conversations and outreach)

This is a nice illustration of Five Stages of Discipleship in a circular chart. It helps us to know where we are, and where we’d like to be.



This is an exciting journey we can embark on as a church, by just becoming more aware of and intentional about what we are already doing! So many good things are happening in our church already. It is not about “doing more” but being more aware and intentional in our goals to become disciples together.

Join Us for Hike and Dine

Come join us for Hike & Dine at the Oak Canyon Nature Center! Saturday, April 15, 2023.



Oak Canyon Nature Center is a 58-acre natural park nestled in the Anaheim Hills. A year-round stream meanders through the park. Consisting of three adjoining canyons, four miles of hiking trails traverse one of the few remaining areas of oak woodland and coastal sage scrub in our region. Native wildlife makes the canyon their home and is just waiting to be discovered. Also located on site is the John J. Collier Interpretive Center, a small museum with live animals and regional natural history exhibits.

New Life Fellowship . . . Betty Loh-Chen

New Lifers celebrated the Christmas holiday with a lunch at Ma's House, a Chinese Halal restaurant in Anaheim. Nearly 30 people enjoyed a banquet meal of chicken with snow peas, beef with assorted vegetables, honey walnut shrimp, eggplant in brown sauce, and tofu hot pot. It was wonderful seeing the usual, faithful group of New Lifers and also some old friends.



After New Life's wonderful Christmas holiday lunch at Ma's House in Anaheim, we returned there in January to celebrate Chinese New Year. There were 2 large tables filled with new gourmet dishes for everyone to enjoy. There were also 2 guests, neighbors invited by Wei-ling Louie.



To top it off, **Suzette Davidson** made some delicious Brazilian chocolate candy that were savored while the conversation continued for another hour beyond the meal. What a wonderful way to welcome the Year of the Rabbit.

In February, after Pastor John shared a devotion using Proverbs 3:5-6, **Lydia Chu** led a discussion about the award winning book "Watercress", by noted author Andrea Wang. Wang wrote that this autobiographical story is "both an apology and a love letter to my parents." It's a bittersweet, delicate look at a Chinese American girl and how she comes to terms with being both Chinese and American. New Lifers shared some of their own childhood experiences growing up Chinese in America.



In March, New Life had a delightful day visiting the Fullerton Museum to see **Manzanar: The Wartime Photographs of Ansel Adam**. First, we met at the Rutabegorz restaurant for a delicious lunch of eclectic, healthy meals. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for the short walk to the museum. A knowledgeable docent met us for a private tour of the Manzanar exhibit. We were impressed by the resilience the 110,000 men, women, and children who were incarcerated there for more than 3 years during World War II, many of them Japanese American citizens.

New Life meets the first Wednesday of each month. If anyone not officially part of New Life but would like to participate, please let Betty Loh-Chen know and she will send you the email announcements.

EXTRA . . . Sarah Eng



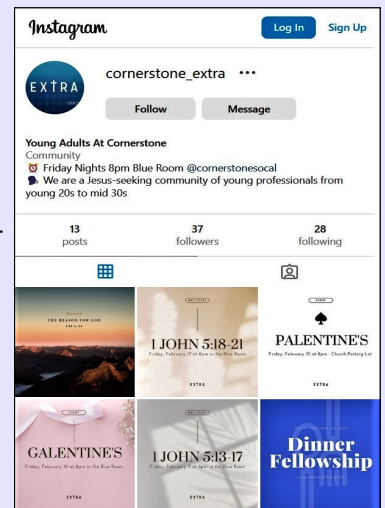
November and December was a great time of being able to serve, learn, and have fun together as a group. Together, we were able to come together to donate items and pack 17 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This activity was a hands-on way for us to put in to action what we learned through our studies in 1 John, about following the example of Jesus' sacrificial love for us and letting our love for God not just be something we talk about but something we demonstrate through our actions (1 John 3:16-18).

These months were also a great opportunity for us to invite friends and introduce them to our group through the fun events that lend themselves to us during the holidays. In November, we had our annual Friendsgiving potluck, where we got to enjoy lots of amazing food and hang out together. In December, we got to go to the Tree Lighting in Old Towne Orange where they present the Christmas Story using a full orchestra, a hand bell choir, and multiple choirs. We also got to see **Pastor Jerry Owyang and Aunty Julie**. Afterwards, we braved the rain and walked to Bruxie's for dinner, where we witnessed the power of friendships as we worked together to find a "dry" place to sit and continuing to get to know the new friends who joined us. We also hosted our annual Christmas Party, which included our white elephant gift exchange, a secret Santa gift exchange, cookie decorating, and a trivia game.

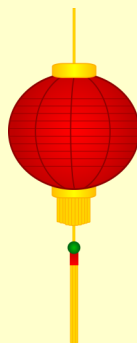


As we look back on 2022, we are grateful for the opportunities to deepen friendships through events like holiday parties, day trips, game nights, and, getting dinner together. It was exciting to see David and Jamie join us as leaders to help guide us in methods of deeper inductive Bible study through our message series in 1John. We were also privileged to be able to get to know and glean wisdom from other members of Cornerstone through the Hike-and-Dine events, financial panel event, dinners, and game night.

As we look ahead to 2023, we are excited to see what God will do in the coming year. One of our goals for this year is to intentionally invite friends to our group, who may not be plugged in to a church or young adult group. One way that we have started to do this is by creating a new Instagram page (https://www.instagram.com/cornerstone_extra/). This allows anyone who is interested to see what we are up to and has been an excellent tool to invite people. If you know of anyone who may be interested in checking out our group, we invite you to send them the link!



Happy Lunar New Year—Year of the Rabbit



Cornerstone UMC Lay Leadership 2023

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Tuesday Women's Study



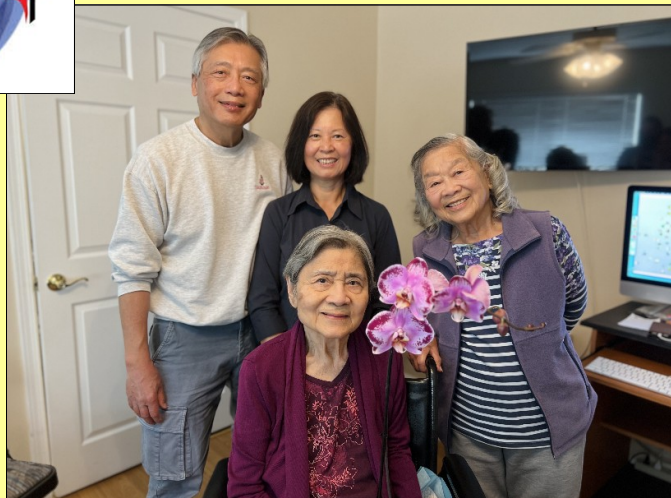
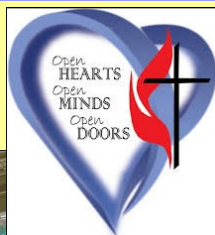
Our group of ladies meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 am-12 pm in the Purple Room and on zoom during the year with a break during the summer months. We help to support and encourage one another through our fellowship study and prayers. We are studying the

book, "Finding God in Broken Places" by Patsy Clairmont. We also enjoy outreach projects for our church family and community. Thank you to **Clarice Lew** for gifting us with the beautiful reupholstered chairs in the Purple Room. In February, we had a delicious birthday brunch for **Debbie Westcott** at Nikki's Kitchen in Yorba Linda.



Come join us on Tuesday mornings ladies...all are welcome!

Cornerstone Photo Gallery





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April Calendar

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Sunday Apr. 2		Palm Sunday 11:30 am Worship Service
Thursday Apr. 6		Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm with PUMC
Sunday, April 9		 Easter Sunday 11:30 am Worship Service Special Easter Lunch
Saturday, April 15		Hike and Dine 10 am Oak Canyon Nature Center Anaheim Hills
Sunday, April 16		Vision Meeting 1:30 pm Purple Room Read "Real-Life Discipleship" By Jim Putman