



The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church
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December 21, 2018

Events in Review

Saturday, December 22

7:30a – Walking Group

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10a – Worship Service

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve



6p – Christmas Eve Worship

8p – Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

10a – Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 30

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Worship Service

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year Day!

Wednesday, January 2

7:30a – Weds. Morning Bible Study

7p – Midweek Gathering

Thursday, January 3

10a – Seams of Faith

5:30p – *Bad Girls* Women's Group

7p – Choir

Saturday, January 5

7:30a – Walking Group

1p – Jerry's Memorial Service

@ Riverside 1st UMC

Join Us for Christmas Worship Services



**Monday, December 24 @ 6pm
Family Storytelling & Candle Lighting**

**Monday, December 24 @ 8pm
Traditional Worship & Candle Lighting**

**Tuesday, December 25 @ 10am
Christmas Day Worship**

**Sunday, December 30 @ 10am
Jesus' Birthday Party
Our Youth will lead the service!**

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Sunday, January 6

Epiphany

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Communion Worship Service

Tuesday, January 8

9a – Faith Journey

6p – Trustees

7p – Finance

Wednesday, January 9

7:30a – Weds. Morning Bible Study

6:30p – UMW Executive Board

@ Linda Faxon's house

Thursday, January 10

Noon – Book Club here @ CUMC

7p – Choir

Saturday, January 12

7:30a – Walking Group

8:30a – Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 13

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Worship Service

Monday, January 14

6p – Children & Youth Ministry

@ Denny's on Compton Ave.

Tuesday, January 15

9a – Faith Journey

5:45p – Staff Parish

7p – Administrative Council

Wednesday, January 16

7:30a – Weds. Morning Bible Study

5p – Girl Scouts

7p – Midweek Gathering

Thursday, January 17

10a – Seams of Faith

7p – Choir

7p – Boy Scouts

Friday, January 18

7p – Cub Scouts

Pastor's Paragraph

“Then they will see the Human One coming on a cloud with power and great splendor.”

- Luke 21:27 (CEB)

That's the second greatest promise ever made to humanity. The first: the gift of Jesus the Christ, our Savior, Messiah, Deliverer and Redeemer. Alleluia!

With these words, Jesus revealed to us a great, mysterious secret: he will return. Jesus will come to earth for a second time. When he does, the kingdom of God will come into its full power, authority and glory. That's the promise for all time. It's a time of victory, when all of the evil, injustice and oppression in this world will be overcome for once and for all.

What a great day that will be! But few, if any, of us will be alive to experience it in person. The Spirit revealed to Paul that we will rise from our slumber to join our Lord in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

So what do we do in the meantime? Party, shop, drink and have a great time? No.

Jesus gave us a gift when he came to earth for the first time. He brought the kingdom of God with him! (See Mark 4:11, Luke 4:43) It's here, now. It just isn't fully present. We know it's here when we see and experience God's grace at work: when a baby is born, when someone first believes, when a conflict is resolved and many more ways. We're to pray, watch for those things and tell others.

That's why the season of Advent is important. In the middle of the clamor for all our attention by those who want to sell us something, there's a small, quiet reminder of God's greater promise: Real life, in its fullest with the one who came to save us – Jesus.

Following the light,
Pastor Eric

Saturday, January 19

7:30a – Walking Group

8:30a – Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, January 20

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Worship Service

Scripture Readings

Week of December 23

Luke 1:39-45

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Week of December 30

Luke 2:41-52

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Week of January 6

Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Week of January 13

Luke 3:15-17

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Our Church Staff

Eric Schmidt, Pastor

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Jeanne Cadiente, Pianist/Organist

Diane Encino, Church Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday:

8:30am to 3:00pm

(Closed for lunch noon to 1pm)

Thursday: 8:30am to noon

A Memorial Service for Jerry Eagans

Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 1pm

at

Riverside First United Methodist Church,

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside 92506

A reception in the Fellowship Hall at Riverside First will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, a gift may be made to UMCOR – the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

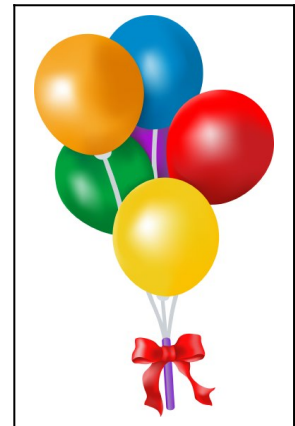
Among Our Family

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Doug DeWitt**, husband of **Barbara DeWitt**. Please keep Barbara and family in prayer.

Please pray as well for **Boots Walker, Mary Ann Ebert, Tim King, and Joel Cohen**.

January Birthdays

- 1/2 Louise B.
- 1/3 Ely G.
- 1/5 Nikki C.
- 1/6 Judy A.
- 1/8 Susan B.
- 1/14 Karen E.
- 1/15 Jonathan C.
- 1/20 Mary Ann H.
- 1/23 Joe A.
- 1/24 Ariel S.
- 1/27 Dana C.
Chris M.
- 1/28 Shaylee C.
Ray E.
- 1/30 Deanna M.



Our Attendance

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10am: 112

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10am: 101

◀ December		January 2019					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 New Year's Day	2 7:30a – Weds. Morn. Bible St. 7p – Midweek Gathering	3 10a – Seams of Faith 5:30p – Bad Girls Women's Group 7p - Choir	4	5 7:30a – Walking Group 1p – Jerry's Memorial Service @ Riverside 1st	
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