



# The Messenger

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December 7, 2018

## Events in Review

Friday, December 7

6p – Cub Scouts

Saturday, December 8

7:30a – Walking Group

8:30a – Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, December 9

*Second Sunday in Advent*

**Alternative Christmas this Sunday Only!!**



8:45a – Adult Christian Ed.

10a – Worship Service

1p – Charge Conference @  
 Wesley UMC Riverside

Monday, December 10

6p – Christian Education

Tuesday, December 11

9a – Faith Journey

6p – Trustees

7p – Finance

Wednesday, December 12

7:30a – Weds. Morn. Bible St.

5p – Girl Scouts

6:30p – UMW Executive Bd.  
 @ Linda’s

Thursday, December 13


6p – Scout Court of Honor

7p – Choir (in Conf. Rm.)

7p – Boy Scouts

Friday, December 14

6p – Cub Scouts

 <b>SHOPPING LIST FOR THE WORLD, 2018</b> Corona United Methodist Church <b>ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS</b>	
\$ amounts are suggestions only. Any donation is welcome. 100% of all donations go to the intended cause. Gifts of \$5, \$10, and \$20 are always appropriate and appreciated.	
<b>OUR MISSIONARY</b>	
<b>Mozart Adevu</b> - Regional coordinator for Sustainable Agriculture Development for UMCOR in 6 countries in Africa. The lives of 50,000 destitute people have been improved over the last 10 years through training and assistance. Advance #13996Z <span style="float: right;">\$10 or any amt.</span>	
<b>UMCOR Farm Animals and training in their care</b> Where Sustainable Agriculture is being taught in Africa, mal-nutrition has dropped from 80% among women and children to 5%. Advance #982188	
<b>Dairy Cow</b> - Gives up to 15 quarts of milk daily <span style="float: right;">\$10/ Share \$500 ea.</span>	
<b>Chick</b> - A chicken can produce 200 eggs a year <span style="float: right;">\$1 each \$20/flock</span>	
<b>Goat</b> - Adapts to small spaces, provides milk & meat <span style="float: right;">\$10/Share \$120 ea.</span>	
<b>Bees</b> - Provide honey and pollinate plants <span style="float: right;">\$10/Share \$30/hive</span>	
<b>UMCOR</b> United Methodist Committee on Relief	
<b>+ Emergency Relief</b> - For those affected by hurricanes, floods, fires, & other disasters anywhere in the world. <b>+ Programs</b> - Health, Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Education, Peace Building, Income Generation, Women’s Empowerment, Anti Human Trafficking, Civic Development Advance # 999895 <span style="float: right;">\$10 or any amt.</span>	
Make checks payable to CUMC (Corona United Methodist Church). The church will send the final total amounts to the appropriate organizations <span style="float: right;"><b>TOTAL</b></span>	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
For information or to make a donation, contact Diane Encino or Linda Faxon	

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### Saturday, December 15

7:30a – Walking Group  
8a – All Church Clean-up

### Sunday, December 16

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
8:45a – Adult Christian Education  
10a – Worship Service

### Tuesday, December 18

9a – Faith Journey  
5:45p – Staff Parish

### Wednesday, December 19

7:30a – Weds. Morning Bible Study  
5p – Girl Scouts  
7p – Midweek Gathering

### Thursday, December 20

11a – Pack Lunches @ Settlement Hs.  
7p – Choir  
7p – Boy Scouts

### Saturday, December 22

7:30a – Walking Group

### Sunday, December 23

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
8:45a – Adult Christian Education  
10a – Worship Service

## Our Attendance

### Sunday, November 18, 2018

10am: 84

### Sunday, November 25, 2018

10am: 99

### Sunday, December 2, 2018

10am: 111



## Pastor's Paragraph

*"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28 (CEB)

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? You aren't alone. That's what Jesus asked people as he traveled from city to city. He saw a lot of people who were worn out – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. That was true then and it's true today, too.

Jesus was talking to people who were looking for a quick fix, but finding no help. The latest miracle drug? Sign me up. The most popular diet? God the app. The best guide to parenting? Send it to me now. The new trend in worship? We'll try it.

We're always looking for ways to reclaim our energy, our passion, our looks, our love. That's because what we have seems stale, outdated, the same ol', same ol'. So we turn away from what we know to try out new things. Only to find they don't work or they grow old as well. Then it's on to the next thing...and the next...and the cycle continues.

If that sounds like your life, I invite you to listen to or, better yet, read Jesus' words in Matthew 11. People were coming to see him because they wanted to see miracles. They wanted the show. They wanted the next, big thing. They missed the point.

Jesus was offering an old thing, in a new way. He was reminding them that real life begins, continues and ends with love, God's love. The God who goes before us, who is with us and who sustains us loves us more than we could possibly imagine, to depths we will never plumb.

All we have to do is accept our role. God is God. We are not. Jesus invites us to walk with him, to watch him at work, to learn the rhythms of grace. Nothing heavy. Nothing that won't fit. Connect to Jesus and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

Walking in his footsteps ~ Pastor Eric

## Scripture Readings

### Week of December 9

Luke 21:25-36  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

### Week of December 16

Luke 3:1-6  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11

## 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

## Christmas Worship

**Sunday, December 23**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Monday, December 24**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Family Storytelling &  
Candle Lighting**

**Monday, December 24**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Traditional & Candle Lighting**

**Tuesday, December 25**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Christmas Day Worship**



## Among Our Family

We are sad to report the passing of our friend **Jerry Eagans**. Please keep Karen and family in prayer. Prayers as well for Joanne Hennessey, Ryan, Mary Ann Ebert, Lee -Ann Seeling, and Jennifer Price's family.

## Corona UMW Book Readers Club

For our October and November gatherings we discussed The Book of Joy written by Douglas Abrams after spending time with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

This book is the result of discussions/interviews with two spiritual giants over five days. The emphasis was on the question of Joy.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships, or, as they would say, because of them, they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness' eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?

They traded intimate stories, teased each other continually, and shared their spiritual practices. By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our times and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy.

This book offers us a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final good-bye. We get to listen in as they explore the *Nature of True Joy* and confront each of the *Obstacles to Joy*. They offer us the *Eight Pillars of Joy*. And they share the daily *Joy Practices* that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives.

The Archbishop has never claimed sainthood, and the Dalai Lama considers himself a simple monk. In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.

There are many books available in the church library; this is just one of them. I hope you will check out the selection of books in the narthex and inside the church office and decide to check one out for your reading pleasure.

**Margaret Turner**, Book Coordinator

**Thank You!** *“I was sick and you visited me. Thank you for cards, visits and prayers. I feel surrounded by love! A very special thank you to the ladies of “Seams of Faith” for the beautiful lap robe. I hope to see you in church soon! Love always – Naomi Thompson*

## An Invitation to a Cruise from Riverside First UMW

All the ladies of Corona UMC are invited to join a 4 day cruise being organized by Riverside First United Methodist Church’s UMW. **The cruise will be October 6 – 10, 2019 to Catalina and Ensenada.** By scheduling early, you can take advantage of reduced pricing.

Husbands are welcome to attend, although they need to know they will be seriously outnumbered! **Book your cruise by January 15 for the reduced price.**

Call **Jocelyn Smith to book at 1-800-764-7419 ext. 83267** to make a deposit and reserve your room. The non-refundable deposit is \$150. The remainder is due in August. **Our group number is 4XXK33. Email is [jsmith4@carnival.com](mailto:jsmith4@carnival.com)**

### SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10-6-19</b>	<b>Depart from Long Beach at 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10-7-19</b>	<b>Catalina Island Arrive 7:30 a.m. Depart 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10-8-19</b>	<b>Ensenada, Mexico Arrive 8:00 a.m. Depart 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10-9-19</b>	<b>Fun Day at Sea</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10-10-19</b>	<b>Long Beach Arrive 7:00 a.m.</b>

### CRUISE INFORMATION

Everyone needs a passport, even if they do not get off the boat in Ensenada.

Fares include taxes, fees, meals, entertainment and daily room cleaning.

Prices: Ocean view double occupancy - \$392.52 per person  
Interior room double occupancy - \$350.52 per person  
Interior, 3 to a room, \$270.04 per person

Gratuities are an additional \$55.80 per person.

Travel insurance is recommended and pays for sick bay on board, helicopter evacuation in case of emergency, or cancellations due to health, etc.

Determine your roommate before calling Jocelyn for your reservation. ***If you have any questions, call Lyn Knowles at 951-737-3541.***