



The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church
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September 7, 2018

Events in Review

Friday, September 7

6p – Cub Scouts

Saturday, September 8

7:30a – Walking Group

8:30a – Men's Breakfast @ Faxon's

Sunday, September 9

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Worship Service

Noon – Lunch with Married Couples

Monday, September 10

6p – Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, September 11

9a – Faith Journey

2:30p – *Recharge* in the Youth Room

6p – Trustees

7p – Finance

Wednesday, September 12

7:30a – Weds. Morning Bible Study

5p – Girl Scouts

Thursday, September 13

Noon – Book Club @ Pat Harns'

2:30p – *Recharge* in the Youth Room

7p – Choir

7p – Boy Scouts

Saturday, September 15

7:30a – Walking Group

8a – All Church Campus Clean-up

Sunday, September 16

8:45a – Adult Christian Education

10a – Worship Service

Noon – Follow-up lunch with 55+ group



**Invite your Families & Friends
to join us at this free event for all ages!**

*Featuring musical acts from the Circle
City Chorale and Circle Children's Choir,
Echoes of Faith, Sweet Adelines,
Janet Becker, Sal Morano, Chris Morano,
and the Royal Blues Band!*

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Tuesday, September 18

9a – Faith Journey
2:30p – *Recharge* in Youth Room
5:45p – Staff Parish
6:30p – Administrative Board/
Council on Ministries

Wednesday, September 19

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

Thursday, September 20

10a – Seams of Faith
11:30a – Pack lunches @
Settlement House
2:30p – *Recharge* in Youth Room
7p – Choir
7p – Boy Scouts

Friday, September 21

7p – Cub Scouts

Saturday, September 22

7:30a – Walking Group

Sunday, September 23

Ministry Fair Sunday
8:45a – Adult Christian Education
10a - Worship Service

Our Attendance

Sunday, August 19, 2018

10am: 95

Sunday, August 26, 2018

10am: 109

Sunday, September 2, 2018

10am: 82



Pastor's Paragraph

*“What must we do to have eternal life? ...love
the Lord your God ...with all your soul”*

Luke 10:25:27

Wewe ni mtoto wa Mungu. You are a child of God.

The love of a child is wonderful. Few of us are not filled with joy when we feel the unconditional love of a child. From the first smile, step and words of a baby, to the refrigerator art lovingly crafted, to our first “I love you”, children endear themselves to us.

When we receive the love of a child, we want to return that love with hugs, kisses and in other acts. Sure, we loved them first, even before they were born, but the connection we feel when we are in a relationship with children is deep. In fact, it's soul deep.

That's because true love is from God. When we are connected to God – heart, mind, body, we know God's love. Our soul is united and in harmony with the Spirit of our Creator, Savior and Sustainer. We are made to be in relationship, a reflection of the divine relationship of God, who is three-in-one.

God loved us first. God loves us now. God will love us throughout eternity. God offers a great gift, if we're ready to accept it: eternal life. All we have to do is have faith and believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The rest will follow.

I don't know about you, but that gives me confidence. And it calls me to action: I want to share God's life-giving love with others.

Do you hear the call? The invitation is clear. Let's go and spread the good news, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Yours in Christ ~ *Pastor Eric*

Scripture Readings

Week of September 9

Mark 7:24-37

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Week of September 16

Mark 8:27-38

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12



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

Our Vision

We are a church of blessings, changing the world through words and deeds of grace, showing others how to follow Jesus Christ.

Among Our Family

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our former church member, **Steven McVey**. Please keep Steven's wife, Lee Ann and sons, and all their family in prayer.

Please keep the following people in healing prayer: **Cheryl Ueno, Naida, Gladys and Donnie Hernandez.**



Music News

We had a wonderful summer of special music. Thank you to everyone who participated. We have such great talent!

Choir has had the summer off and will begin singing at the worship service on **September 9th**. Choir practice will start on **Thursday, September 6th at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend!

On **Sunday, September 9th**, we will start with a pick-up choir. If anyone wants to come and sing with us, please come at **9:15 am**. We will sing "Amazing Grace". Music is a wonderful part of the worship experience! Join us!

Could It Be Jelly Time Already?

Thank you to all who have returned jars to the church kitchen, you are amazing! Recycling these jars not only helps Mother Earth, but helps to cut expenses for our annual Jelly Sale at the Bazaar. If you still have any jars, please bring them to the church; we will be making jelly on **Mondays and Wednesdays at church from 9am to noon during the month of September**. If you are interested in making jelly, please give me a call, **Linda McGranahan 951-858-4572**. Once again, the UMW sincerely appreciates your support!

Coffee Servers Needed!

We are in need of a few more people to serve coffee & goodies on Sunday mornings! If you would like to help, please contact **Jennie Ferrette at 951-317-1431**. Thank you!

For Our Children

We would appreciate donations of gently-used **Highlights** magazines for the children's table in the Sanctuary. Our little ones will enjoy these magazines to go along with the coloring books & stickers on their table! Thank you!

News of the *Bad Girls of the Bible*

The *Bad Girls of the Bible* (yes, we know the name is a bit strange!) are excited to extend this invitation to join with us in exploring and learning together in a community of faith and love. We meet the **first Thursday of the month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** at the Corona United Methodist Church, 2880 California Avenue, Corona, CA 92881.

We will be discussing and praying together as we read Adam Hamilton's book, *Unafraid*. We'll start our study on the first Thursday in October (**October 4**). Since we meet once a month, this study will carry us into the beginning of next year. But don't worry if you can't make every meeting, we'd love to see you when you can make it! Here is a general description:

'Americans are anxious people. A recent study found that one in five of us has an anxiety disorder and we spend over \$2 billion a year on anti-anxiety medications. Often our life events play a significant role in our worries and fears.

In this study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today. He considers practical steps for overcoming these fears, and reflects upon fear in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we don't need to live in fear. We can live with courage and hope.'

How many times does Jesus say, "Do not be afraid"? We hear his words over and over but find them so hard to apply. Please join us as we accept the challenge to be Unafraid!

Questions??? Contact Karen Eagans kkeagans@aol.com



Family Camp at Pilgrim Pines – September 1st



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 23 at 10am Worship – Church Ministry Fair Open House

**Saturday, October 13 from 4pm to 7pm – “Open Hearts Community Event”
Music, Arts, Food & Games here at CUMC**

Saturday, October 20 at Noon – “Pet Blessing” at Wesley UMC in Riverside

**Sunday, October 21st at 10am Worship Service - Small Groups Match-up!
Learn about our church small groups! Join a group!**

**Saturday, November 3 from 4pm to 7pm
UMW Bazaar & UMM Turkey Dinner**

“Commission on the Way Forward”

BISHOP GRANT HAGIYA

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14; 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: UMC of Cucamonga
7690 Archibald Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Bishop Grant Hagiya will be meeting with clergy and laity in the East District regarding the “Way Forward” decision. He will be speaking to the district and will listen to your concerns and questions. All are welcome to join the gathering.

Registration forms will be sent out by email when ready and will also be available by request. Please make sure to register as a church for this important event.

More information on the Way Forward can be found at this link:

www.calpacumc.org/prayer-2/prayer-for-the-way-forward-2017-cal-pac/