



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you"
2 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Friends,

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

It feels good to say those words. It is one of those moments we look forward to each Easter. After a time of preparation through spiritual practices such as prayer, fasting, acts of kindness, forgiveness and more, it's a pleasure to say "Alleluia" and give praise to our risen Lord.

Easter is also a signal the season is changing. Spring is in the air. You can see it in new growth in the plants, people going out for walks and even some spring cleaning.

We are in a season of change around the world. Vaccination rates are increasing, deaths due to COVID-19 are dropping and we see signs of re-opening. Praise God!

We aren't completely out of the woods yet, but recovery is a slow process. Healing takes time. There are other ills to address, but there is progress.

One of the distinctive beliefs of the United Methodist Church is grace. John and Charles Wesley had an amazing experience of God's grace. God "strangely warmed" their hearts, changing their lives forever. God's grace broke down walls of distrust and convinced them to live their faith in a new, vibrant way. We can do the same.

We are the children of God and children of the Wesley's. God's grace is freely and abundantly available. John Wesley held together two different ideas of how God's grace works – pardoning and healing. We need both. We need forgiveness for the wrongs we have done. We need to give forgiveness for the wrongs done to us. Pardoning and healing are two sides of the same coin of grace.

I encourage you to give it a try. Spend some time in prayer. Go to God. The antidote to fear is truth: truth with ourselves, truth before God and truth with others. Let's turn a new leaf in this season. Forgive and be set free.

Please forgive me as I forgive you,
Pastor Eric



April

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

4/2 Roger B

4/3 Marc T

4/11 Lyle W & Matt V

4/27 Mildred G

4/30 Merci K & Darlene S



Celebrating Volunteer Corner

Thank you, Steve Dempster! Please join Pastor Eric, the Council, the Trustees and the Worship team as we say thank you to Steve. Steve is part of our “dynamic duo,” serving as co-president of the Trustees. Steve also serves as liturgist, amazes us with his drama skills, and lends a hand without question. All while caring for his Mom in San Diego and all-around great guy. We are blessed to have Steve and his family as part of our church family.

(Want to recognize an unsung volunteer? Send us a picture and paragraph. We’re grateful to all who serve.)

Remote Office Hours

The church building and office are closed, but the church is alive and well. And so are the staff! You may not be aware, but the staff are keeping regular office hours as they work remotely. We are working virtually for our safety and yours. The normal office hours for the church office are 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday-Thursday. Cat regularly checks voicemail at the church (951-727-5225) and the email address, CoronaUMC@gmail.com. Pastor Eric is available at umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com and the Church Council president, Margaret Turner, is available at margareturner4@aol.com.

2021 Faces of Jesus – Where are the pictures/

One of the things people comment on during our worship services is the pictures of our church friends and family. We, too, love seeing your faces. It helps us to be connected and reminds us to reach out and touch each other. Please send us a 2021 picture. We’ve love to celebrate an occasion, joy or story with you. Please send your picture to CoronaUMC@gmail.com

Thank You, Worship Team!

Please join us in thanking the worship team for the good work during Lent and Holy Week. This is the high point of the church year and their dedication and hard work showed. Thank you Jeanne, Donna, Aaron, Karen, Sharon, Steve, Brian and Annilia! You help us remain connected to the Lord and each other week in and week out. We appreciate you.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance and Stewardship Wayne Vinyard wvinyard46@gmail.com

March 2021 Offering \$25,175.99

~\$26,000 per month is the amount required to pay all salaries and bills for the church.

If you have any question, please contact Wayne

Outreach & Missions

Thank you for the generosity of our church family.

Linda McGranahan, Christine Lum and Cheryl Lum delivered school uniforms to Parkridge Elementary School on Friday, April 9, 2021. We took 25 navy blue polo shirts, 9 khaki shorts and many pairs of white socks to be distributed to children in need. A big thanks to the UMM for their \$200 contribution to this project. THANK YOU!

If you would like to donate, please contact Linda McGranahan or Cheryl Lum

Linda McGranahan & Cheryl Lum

Outreach & Missions co-chairs

Corona United Methodist Women Book Readers Club

The Book Club read The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson for our choice in April 2021. We met via Zoom for our discussion.

This book is inspired by the real and historical Pack Horse library service provided to the people of Appalachia in Kentucky during the 1930's. And, it is about one person in particular, one of the book women, who was born with blue skin in the dusty hills of Troublesome Creek. Her nickname is Bluet. She is shunned as a "colored" person but loved by the many people she serves when she delivers books and magazines to them each week. It is a tough and challenging task, but she is determined that people learn to read and have something in their lives beyond hunger and sadness.

"Kim Michele Richardson has written a fascinating novel about people almost forgotten by history: Kentucky's Pack Horse librarians and "blue people." The factual information alone would make this book a treasure, but with her impressive storytelling and empathy, Richardson gives us so much more." New York Times

"This book is a hauntingly atmospheric love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave Pack Horse librarians who wove their way from shack-to-shack dispensing literacy hope, and, just as importantly, a compassionate human connection. Richardson's rendering of stark poverty against the ferocity of the human spirit is irresistible. Add to this the history of the unique and oppressed blue-skinned people of Kentucky, and you've got an unputdownable work that holds real cultural significance." New York Times

Margaret Turner, Book Club Coordinator

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Holy Thursday Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	2 Good Friday	3 Church Clean-up @8 am
4 Easter Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	5	6 Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	7 SPRC @ 10am via Zoom Jan Nichols	8 Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	9	10
11 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	12	13 Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F Trustees @6pm via Zoom Tom & Steve	14 UMW Exec @2:30 via Zoom Linda Faxon	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	16	17
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Please let us know if your ministry team or group has an activity for the calendar.