

# The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church

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## December 2021



### Pastor's Paragraph

#### Turning the Corner

I remember sitting in the living room of our new rental home with about 15 key CUMC leaders on Friday Night, July 2 - just one day after I had "officially" arrived as your new pastor. We all sat on camp and fold-up chairs as I didn't have furniture for that room yet. We met to plan reopening of worship (after 15 months being closed) and how to offer communion on July 4.

Praise God we've come a long way since then!

In fact, as I write this, I'm looking forward to our children's Christmas pageant on Dec. 12 during worship (you will be able to watch it online if you missed it) and having our church doors open for indoor worship twice on Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m. for a casual, children/family worship and 7:00 p.m. for a more traditional worship.

We've consistently had around 85 attending worship. My list of "new attenders", including some non-members who have returned, to help integrate into this community of faith is at 33, including 7 children. Wow!

On top of that, your response to our Pledge Drive only 4 weeks ago to provide support for our 2022 CUMC Ministry & Mission Budget is at \$199,000, which is more than half of what we need (about \$350,000 total expenses). Thank you so much!

AND YET - as we turn this corner and look to 2022, your help is needed to keep reaching out to this community and beyond. Especially our digital presence needs your support as we look to upgrade and improve our website (thank you David Valentine for your initial work on this) and other social media formats.

AND as always, I encourage you to invite people to worship or experience a small group or event - maybe especially on Christmas Eve. They say bringing a friend on your elbow is the best way to grow any community of faith!

This is all to say - GOD IS GREAT AND SO ARE YOU!!!

I'm beyond blessed to be on this journey with you.

With Love in Christ and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Susan

### experiencing GENEROSITY CORNER

#### From Finance Committee

December Month to Date Giving:  
\$20,961.17 Including Equitable  
Compensation Grant \$3,351  
Budget Needed: \$28,800.00  
Attendance 12/5/2021:103  
Attendance 12/12/2021:101

We wish to THANK you for your  
Tithes and Offerings. Your GIFTS  
support the Mission of this church.

#### Our Church Staff

**Susan Juergensen,**  
Pastor

**Jeanne Cadiente,**  
Pianist/Organist

**Cat Nunez,**  
Administrative Asst.

#### Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:30am to 1:30pm**

**Please call ahead and make an  
appointment when possible.**



## Alternative Christmas 2021



Here is a way you can give to the poor of the world in honor of your loved one instead of purchasing a material gift.

You can select a mission project for your donation, then send your loved one a card with an insert explaining what was given in their honor. Gifts that benefit others honor the birth of Jesus and show your concern for the children of the world

Just fill out the shopping list below with your selection and bring it to church or send the shopping list and your check to the church. Information slips explaining the mission project and inserts for your Christmas card are provided.

All donations go 100% to the intended cause.  
God bless you for your generosity in this time of great need.



### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST FOR THE WORLD, 2021

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\$ 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.

#### OUR MISSIONARY

**Katherine Parker**, UMC Missionary in Nepal - Katherine grew up in Mill Valley, Ca. She works with the United Mission of Nepal as a Health and Community Advisor. Her focus areas are: Adolescent empowerment, Maternal-Child health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. Her current project is in 3 remote villages of western Nepal with church and mother-based groups . Advance #15187Z. Give \$10, \$20 or any amt

#### OUR COMMUNITY

**Settlement House of Corona-Norco** Provides food, clothing, children's school supplies, lunches for the homeless, and Christmas food and gifts for families in poverty \$5, \$10 or any amt.

#### HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

<b>Dairy Cow</b> - Gives up to 10 quarts of milk daily	\$10/ share	\$500 each	
<b>Chicks</b> - A chicken can produce 200 eggs a year	\$1 each	\$20 per flock	
<b>Bees</b> - Provide honey and pollinate plants	\$10/ share	\$30/ per hive	
<b>Goats</b> - Adapts to small spaces, provides milk and meat	\$10/ share	\$120 each	
<b>Pigs</b> - Need little land, eat scraps, grow fast	\$10/ share	\$120 each	

Advance # 983532

#### WORLDWIDE DISASTER AID

**UMCOR** Emergency relief and long term rebuilding following floods, hurricanes, fires, & other disasters anywhere in the world. Advance # 999895 \$10 or any amount

Make checks payable to CUMC or pay by Zelle.. The church will send the final total amounts to CalPac Conference with appropriate designations for distribution **TOTAL**

**Your Name:**

**Date:**

If you are unable to attend church in person- PLEASE MARK YOUR CHOICE OF DONATION AND MAIL YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH ALONG WITH THIS LIST

# Church Announcements

\*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by Noon on Tuesday, December 21st for it to be included on the next messenger.

\*Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 p.m. Children's Worship with candle lighting

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with candle lighting

## SETTLEMENT HOUSE

Thank you to all who donated food items for Settlement House, the wagon has been full, and it is much appreciated. The December Items of the Month are 4, canned vegetables, cake or brownie mix, mac & cheese. Your continual donations are sincerely appreciated, and your generosity is amazing. Missions & Outreach

## Corona UMC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We invite you to join us as we watch  
**The Polar Express** movie outside on our  
patio under the stars.

Bundle up and bring your favorite beach chair,  
blanket and dinner to enjoy while we watch this  
fun holiday film.



Hot chocolate and treats  
will be provided.



\*We invite you to bring your own travel mug\*

There will even be a special visit from the  
man who lives at the North Pole!

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Movie starts at 5:30pm

*Please arrive 10 minutes before-hand  
to set-up your chairs.*



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## Peace Pole Refurbished

Have you noticed the pop of new color on our newly refurbished Peace Pole on the East side of the church? A big thank you to Stan & Bev Swanson for taking care of this

important visual reminder of who we aim to be at CUMC and in the world. Also, the new red-capped pens behind our worship chairs are a wonderful gift from the Swansons. We have quite a few, so don't hesitate to take one or two and give them to others as you invite them to worship or just gift them with a pen.

We've been receiving prayer requests now after worship with the arrival of these new pens. Another praise to God!



## **Appreciation and Farewell - Ann & Wayne Vinyard**

With heavy hearts we presented this beautiful quilt from Seams of Faith to the Vinyards on Nov. 21 and prayed for their transition to Washington to live closer to their kids. We are so grateful to Wayne for his ministry as Finance Chairperson this past year and to Ann for being liturgist and providing pastoral care help. We will miss them and wish them many blessings.



December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <a href="#">Cub Scouts</a> @6:30pm	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Bible Study</a> @9am via Zoom Linda F. <a href="#">Scouts34</a> @7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Cleaning Group</a>
<b>5</b> <a href="#">Worship</a> @ 10am <a href="#">Prayer meeting</a> via zoom @7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Faith Journey</a> @ 9am Linda F.	<b>8</b> <a href="#">UMW</a> @10 Linda F's Home <a href="#">Trustees</a> @ 7pm Tom and Steve <a href="#">Cub Scouts</a> @6:30pm	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Bible Study</a> @9am via Zoom Linda F. <a href="#">UMW Book Club</a> @10:30 Margaret <a href="#">Scouts34</a> @7pm <a href="#">Special Charge</a> <a href="#">Conference</a> @ 7pm via Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <a href="#">Worship</a> @ 10am <a href="#">Prayer meeting</a> via zoom @7pm	<b>13</b> <a href="#">STAT</a> @ 6pm	<b>14</b> <a href="#">Faith Journey</a> @ 9am Linda F.	<b>15</b> <a href="#">Cub Scouts</a> @6:30pm	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Bible Study</a> @9am via Zoom Linda F. <a href="#">Scouts34</a> @7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <a href="#">Worship</a> @ 10am <a href="#">Prayer meeting</a> via zoom @7pm <a href="#">Children's</a> <a href="#">Christmas Party</a> @5:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Start of Winter (Winter Solstice) <a href="#">Faith Journey</a> @ 9am Linda F.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <a href="#">Christmas Eve</a> <a href="#">Service</a> 5pm-Children/Family 7pm-Traditinal	<b>25</b> Christmas
<b>26</b> <a href="#">Worship</a> @ 10am <a href="#">Prayer meeting</a> via zoom @7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <a href="#">Faith Journey</a> @ 9am Linda F.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <a href="#">Bible Study</a> @9am via Zoom Linda F.	<b>31</b>	