

The Messenger

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Season of Giving

The Giving Continues as we Jump into Stewardship for 2024



What gift were you most excited to give this Christmas?

How did you feel when it was opened?

It's always fun to receive gifts, especially ones we aren't expecting. But it's true that giving gifts brings more joy. My favorite gift to give this Christmas was for my husband, Mark: A home cooked, gourmet meal and clean up by a visiting chef. Fun!

As we move past Christmas and into the New Year this January, as a church, we will take some time to focus on "Stewardship". This word, Biblically, means "good use of time, talent, material & financial resources for the service of God". January is a perfect time to evaluate what will be needed to continue and grow our ministry at Corona UMC in 2024 and find out how our current members and constituents can help support it.

Being good stewards means considering how we will use our time and talents to support our church in 2024. However, the reality is this church can't continue, and definitely won't grow, without EVERYONE also choosing to financially support it. The two largest items in our budget for 2024 are the \$8,000 monthly mortgage and staff salaries (including mine). We are working on paying off the mortgage by selling a portion of our land (the process continues). Your financial support is the crucial element that enables our church office to stay open during the week, Jeanne to lead us with beautiful music in worship and me to stay on as pastor.

Keep your eyes open for a letter and Pledge Card coming in the mail in the next few weeks. We are asking EVERYONE connected to Corona UMC to pray and think about your stewardship of this congregation.

Please keep in mind to return your pledge card in worship, by mail or bring to the office by Sunday, February 4.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Looking to the Future with YOU,
Pastor Susan

New Members at Corona UMC

We were blessed to receive three new members of our congregation on December 17: **Laura Prior, Carol Hilton, and Pamela Robinson.**

You might recognize **Laura** because she has joined our *God's House Band*, lending her beautiful voice, but she might also be familiar as she is a former member. She is also an extremely talented quilter, and was instrumental in starting our *Seams of Faith* ministry. She has been married to her husband Bob for 38 years, has two children and three grandchildren. Her father was a Methodist minister before he joined the Navy and served as a chaplain. Partly because as a Navy family they moved quite a bit, she put roots down in Corona and has lived here 30 years.

Carol Hilton shared some of her story with us during the service. An East Coast native, Carol moved to California when her husband got tired of the snow there and has been here ever since. She is a retired educator, having served as a teacher and administrator in Christian schools in Orange County. She loves working with children, and has taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at her previous churches. New to Corona, Carol lives with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, but has a total of six children and ten grandchildren, who live in various locations around the country.

Pamela Robinson might also be a familiar face if you are a long-time member, as she used to be a member here when she lived here in Corona in the 1980's when her children were small. She helped establish several programs, including *Mothers' Morning Out*. She recently retired from Cal State Dominguez Hills as the Chair of the Graduate Education Department. She has two children and a granddaughter, in Florida and Washington state.

Welcome to all of you!



Left to right: Laura Prior, Carol Hilton and Pamela Robinson

January Communion Offering

The **Corona Norco YMCA** will be the recipient of our January Communion Offering. This YMCA has been on River Rd in Corona since 1974. They serve our local communities through childcare, before/after school care, youth sports, music lessons, swim lessons and teen programs.

This is a non-profit supporting many activities, giving scholarships to the many regardless of their income, age or faith.



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2023 Trustees Accomplishments

Your 2023 Trustees: Karen Eagan Chairperson, Hugh Berkley Vice Chairperson, Ralph McGranahan Secretary, Mike Kelley, Jim Burrell, Tom Munoz, George Adiele, Nikki Cater, Frank Nelson

Chancel Rails – Chancel rails were fabricated, produced, and installed. **No cost to the church.**

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) – An AED was donated to the church. A new battery was purchased and installed. **No cost to the church.**

Golf Cart – A used Cart was found, and was paid for out of the Stanley Trust Fund, therefore not requiring any money from the general fund.

Irrigation Leaks - Throughout the year there have been many leaks in our irrigation system. These were repaired by the Trustees. **No cost to the church.**

Riding Mower – A fairly new riding mower was found and purchased. Trustees and church members donated to pay for the mower and maintenance. **No cost to the church.**

Booster Hot Water Heater – Due to the fact that it was taking approximately 10 minutes to get hot water in the kitchen, a booster heater was purchased and installed. **No cost to the church.**

Bushwhacker – This is a gas powered walk-behind trimmer, which we have named the “Bushwhacker”. This is a great help to the Trustees. This was purchased and donated to the church by a private party. **No cost to the church.**

New bark by the front roses and peace pole – This was donated to the church by a private party, and was installed by the Saturday workday group. **No cost to the church.**

Gardeners – Two private parties have asked their gardeners to help maintain the grounds of the church. Trustees work closely with the gardeners to coordinate tasks. **No cost to the church.**

Solar Light on Flag Pole – A solar light was purchased and installed on the flag pole so the flag could stay up 24/7. **No cost to the church.**

Garbage disposal – A new garbage disposal was purchased and installed. **No cost to the church.**

All Church Cleanup – The first Saturday of each month is an all church cleanup Saturday, setup by the Trustees. **No cost to the church.**

Miscellaneous - Throughout the year there have been many times when a light bulb or light fixture needs replaced, a toilet needs repaired, or some other minor job needs done. Rather than call a repair person, a Trustee is usually called and the problem taken care of. Most times if the repair needs parts, the parts are not charged to the church. **No cost to the church.**

Blessing Bags

Faith Journey friends donated items and then assembled 30+ Blessing Bags. This mission has been very successful and we will be making more bags in the future. A good time was had while thinking about those that will be the recipients. Thanks to all who participate making bags and then giving them to those in need.



Coronita Christmas Adoptions

Many, many gifts were taken to Coronita Elementary School for the four families with ten children that our church family adopted. The response from all was incredible; we know these families will have an extra special Christmas. Games, clothing, shoes, jackets, toys, a skateboard, books and grocery gift cards were given and the school staff was very appreciative. Without the response that you all continue to give Missions and Outreach, this special outreach would not happen. Thank you.

Thank you,
Missions & Outreach Committee



CORONA/NORCO
SETTLEMENT HOUSE
100 YEARS



January Needs:
Rice • Beans
Canned Meats
Granola Bars

Please place any non-perishable food item donation for Settlement House into the wagon by the front door. *Thank you!*



January 2024						
◀ December						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	3	4 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	5 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	6 8am <u>All Church clean up</u>
7 10am <u>Worship</u> <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 th - 12 th 5:30pm Dinner 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	8	9 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	10	11 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	12 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	13
14 10am <u>Worship</u>	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Office Closed	16 9am <u>Faith Journey</u> 1pm <u>Finance Committee meeting</u> 7pm <u>Church Council meeting</u>	17 6:30pm <u>Trustee meeting</u>	18 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	19 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	20
21 10am <u>Worship</u> <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 th - 12 th 5:30pm Dinner 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	22	23 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	24	25 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	26 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	27
28 10am <u>Worship</u>	29	30 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	31			

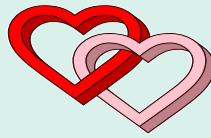
January Birthdays

1/1 Chris W
1/2 Louise B
1/3 Ely G
1/5 Nikki C
Wing L
Alan S
1/6 Judy A
1/8 Susan B
1/11 Dave
1/14 Karen E
1/19 Diane F
1/20 Mary Ann H
1/23 Joe A
1/24 Ariel S
1/27 Dana C
Chris M
1/28 Shaylee C



Anniversaries: Pat & Mike January 26

Happy Anniversary



Church Announcements

*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 2nd January for it to be included on the next messenger.

Finance Committee

November Month to Giving: \$27,696.33
(Including Equitable Comp Grant for Pastor's Salary \$2,870.14)

December Month to Date Giving: \$37,848.98
(Including Equitable Comp Grant for Pastor's Salary \$2,870.14)

Budget Needed: \$28,900

Attendance 12/10/23: In person - 121
Online - 40

Attendance 12/17/23: In person - 88
Online - 33

Attendance 12/24/23 10 a.m.: In person - 90
Online - 37

Attendance: 12/24/23 6 p.m.: In person - 96
Online - 38

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

How to Give

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!
Please place them in the offering box located in the back of the sanctuary, send by mail, or use Zelle by going to Zellepay.com or download the App.

Use Coronaumc@aol.com