

# The Messenger

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**Corona United Methodist Church**



## **Preparing for LENT** **Ash Wednesday - March 5**

### **“13 Letters - The Gospel According to Paul”** *Sermon Series: March 9 thru Easter Sunday*

I'm ready for some reflective time and a chance to dive back into scripture during Lent. How about you?

I'll be resourcing the 13 letters of Paul, found in the New Testament, in my next sermon series during the upcoming season of Lent (the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not including Sundays), concluding on Easter Sunday.

Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 5 this year. You are invited to come by the church to receive ashes. On this day we take time to recognize our complete reliance on God for life, by receiving the mark of ashes on our forehead or palm. This is a reminder that we are created beings, made of key elements like carbon and water, and will return to the earth that way. As we say in church “We are made from dust, to dust we shall return.”

I'll also provide small containers of ashes and a prayer card you can take home with you the Sunday before (on March 2). You can pray and administer your own ashes, if you wish, early in the morning and wear them throughout your day as an outward sign of your commitment to Christ.

It is my hope and prayer that, together, we will journey toward the cross in this next holy season to strengthen our relationship with God through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

Repentant and Free,  
Pastor Susan







## TRUSTEES AUCTION - MARCH 22



Get ready for this year's Trustee Auction. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available for purchase starting Sunday March 2.

Dust off your boots and hats and join us for a night of fun, laughter, and fantastic auction items - including a weeklong vacation to Laguna Beach, wine tastings, dinners, handmade quilts and so much more.

Enjoy a delicious meal provided by our good friends at Cowboy Surfer Grill and make sure to bring a friend - it's going to be a night to remember!

If you have items to donate, we will begin accepting them at the church the week of March 16th.



**Mark your calendars and don't miss out!**



## CUMC Church Council, taking care of business





**BOUTIQUE LIBRARY** – We now have a Boutique Library located in the Narthex. These books are for your enjoyment. Please take them to read and either keep them or share them with others. We have so many books that we don't need these books back. Also, please don't bring books from home for our library. We have books that our Book Club has read which are very interesting and informative. Come look them over and take whatever you would like to read. **HAPPY READING!**

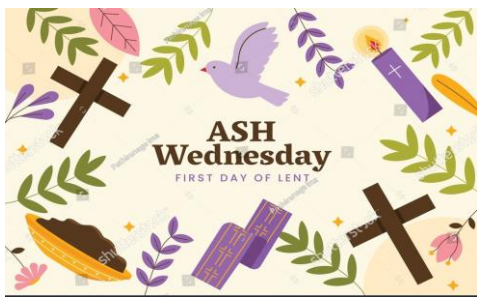
Thank you,  
Jan Nichols

## Welcome New Treasurer



**Jeannie Craddock** has lived in Corona for over 50 years. She was born in Long Beach into a military family, so they moved many times. She had one sister and one brother. Her favorite memory at the ages of 14-17 was when her father was stationed in Japan, and she learned to speak Japanese. At the age of 22 she studied to become a Licensed Psychiatric Tec and worked in the field 10 years. She was drawn to a nursing career because "I wanted to help other people."

She was a nurse on call for several years and spent 6 weeks in the summer at the Girl Scout camp as their nurse. She was a Girl Scout herself and a Girl Scout leader. She is a First Aid & CPR teacher. She has been a member of Corona UMC for over 38 years and says, "I love the church". When her husband had Parkinson's, she was not able to attend as she was his primary caretaker. Jeannie had 5 children. Holly, a graphic designer sadly passed away in March 2024. Her son Wink (Winston Jr.) sang in the church choir and lives in TX. Her 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Amber, was active in the youth group and lives in AZ. Robin, who attends Corona UMC, is an active volunteer and lives in Eastvale. Her son Joey also attends Corona UMC and is a willing & valuable volunteer. Jeannie's hobbies are reading, sewing, crocheting, and she knits hats for the homeless. She is our new Treasurer. She says her Faith Journey has been "rocky" with some ups and downs but clings to her Faith and believes in prayer and that God has a Plan. Please welcome Jeannie in her new leadership role.



◀ February		March 2025					April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						<b>1</b> <u>All Church Clean up</u> 8am	
<b>2</b> <u>Journey through Scripture Bible Study</u> 8:45am-9:45am  <u>Worship</u> 10am  <u>REACHurch</u> 5pm 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm Dinner  <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u> 6pm	<b>3</b> <u>Jelly Making</u> 9:30am-12pm	<b>4</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am	<b>5</b> <u>Ash Wednesday Drive - Thru &amp; Walk Up Ashes</u> 3:30pm-4pm	<b>6</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>7</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6pm-8:30pm	<b>8</b> Int'l. Women's Day	
<b>9</b> Daylight Saving Begins <u>Worship</u> 10am  <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u> 6pm	<b>10</b> <u>Seams of Faith</u> 10am-12pm	<b>11</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am	<b>12</b> <u>Trustee meeting</u> 6:30pm	<b>13</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>14</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6pm-8:30pm	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am  <u>REACHurch</u> 5pm 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm Dinner  <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u> 6pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am  <u>Finance Committee meeting</u> 1pm  <u>Church Council</u> 7pm	<b>19</b> <u>SPRC meeting</u> 7pm	<b>20</b> Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>21</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6pm-8:30pm	<b>22</b> <u>Trustees Dinner Auction</u> 5pm	
<b>23</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am  <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u> 6pm	<b>24</b> <u>Seams of Faith</u> 10am-12pm	<b>25</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am	<b>26</b> <u>UWF Executive Board meeting at Faxon's Home</u> 10am  <u>UWF Book Club meeting at Faxon's Home</u> 11am	<b>27</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>28</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6pm-8:30pm	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am  <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u> 6pm	<b>31</b>						





3/5	Judy Zimprich	3/19	Mason Park
3/7	Hugh Berkley	3/20	Jeanne Cadiente
3/8	Joseph De La Torre	3/23	Samuel Egbu
3/12	Don Duncan	3/25	Judi Christensen-Davis
3/13	Ellen Pepin	3/26	Earl Puzon
3/15	Nenita Galang	3/27	Peggy Smith

*Church Announcements*

\*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th February for it to be included on the next messenger.

**Sundays Worship**

10 A.M.

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9 A.M - 1 P.M.

Pastor: Rev. Susan Juergensen Email:  
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Jeanne Cadiente, Accompanist

Caren Encino, Staff & Leadership  
Administrative Support

East District Superintendent:  
Rev. Moonyoung Lee

California-Pacific Conference Bishop:  
Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank

**Finance Committee**

January Giving: \$24,728.00

February Month to Date Giving: \$31,357.79

Budget Needed: \$31,000

Attendance 1/26/25: In person - 72  
Online - 57

Attendance: 2/2/25: In person - 90  
Online - 39

Attendance: 2/9/25: In person - 100  
Online - 55

Attendance: 2/16/25: In person - 88  
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](mailto:Coronaumc@aol.com)

**Missions & Outreach**



Missions & Outreach **NEEDS YOUR HELP**

CORONA/NORCO

**SETTLEMENT HOUSE**

100 YEARS

**WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS TOO!**

Please bring groceries to  
church and place in the  
**SETTLEMENT HOUSE**  
WAGON that sits outside the  
church!

★ ITEMS OF THE MONTH ★

**March**

- ★ Brownie Mix
- ★ Canned fruit
- ★ Boxed potatoes