



The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church
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February 2020

Our Attendance

January 5, 2020

10 am - 105

January 12, 2020

10 am - 93

January 19, 2020

10 am - 91

January 26, 2020

10 am - 105



February 2020

2/7 Rhyan G.
2/9 Barbara A.
Cameron P.
2/10 Herman S.
2/12 Joey C.
2/15 Katie Z.
2/16 Mary Lou A.
Brian E.
2/17 Steven B.
Rufus R.
2/19 Lisa M.
2/21 Martha H.
2/23 Patricia B.
2/25 Rosemary K.

Our Church Staff

Eric Schmidt, Pastor

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Jeanne Cadiente, Pianist/Organist

Cat Nunez, Administrative Asst.

Susan Park, Household Ministries

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:30am to 1:30pm



Pastor's Paragraph

"Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you"

Romans 12:2 (The Message)

Have you ever seen the movie Groundhog Day, featuring Bill Murray?

I encourage you to invite some friends over and watch it. Bill plays a character named Phil, who is a rude, cynical person. Phil's self-interest governs his life and drives other people away.

One day, Phil wakes to find himself reliving the same day, Groundhog Day, over and over again. This baffles him. Phil doesn't know what to do. At first, he goes all out, indulging in every desire. But, after a while, thrill seeking loses its appeal. That's when depression, anger and darkness set in. Phil tries to harm himself in different ways, all to no avail.

That's when Phil's life begins to change. He begins to improve himself. Over a LOT of days, Phil learns he has gifts and skills. His self-improvement is initially to fill his loneliness, but as the days pass, Phil finds himself making connections with other people. He learns French to talk to Rita, a co-worker. He learns medicine to care for an elderly man. He learns to play the piano to be able to entertain.

Phil's life changes when his attitude changes. From that point on, he begins to develop relationships. He begins to care more for others than himself. His life begins to get better.

Aren't we the same? While we don't wake up to the exact same day each day, it can feel like we're living life in the same, monotonous pattern all the time. We can focus on self-interest and new highs, but we'll probably find ourselves disillusioned, disappointed and depressed if that's all we seek.

Jesus calls us knowing what we need: relationship. We need a relationship with God and with other people to be healthy. When we develop the spiritual gifts God has given us with an intent to care for others, we find our lives becoming better. The lives of those we care for are made better. Life is richer, fuller and more complete.

How are you improving? Only God knows the number of days of our lives. I encourage you to try something new: prayer, read the Bible, try a small group or class. Or, you could take an exercise class, learn Spanish or learn how to sing or play an instrument. Use your imagination.

Life is about who we become, not what we do. I invite you to join us on the journey to become more like Jesus.

Following in His footsteps ...

Pastor Eric

Prayer Corner

Home Bound Members

Roger and Mary Lou Brown, Doris Collins and, Mary Ann Ebert,
Diane Foster (Ernie's wife), Georgianna Kelly, Pat Pisani,
Byron and Yvonne Powell, Shirley Smiley, Judy Stevenson, John and Boots Walker



UMM

Please consider joining the United Methodist Men's organization of the CUMC. This organization is open to ALL men (young or mature), Christen or non. We exist to serve God by bringing fellow men to Christ and enable them to grow in their knowledge of God's grace. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast, devotion and fellowship. Please consider joining. If you have any questions please see me at church or call me at 919-345-7518. Wayne Vinyard

Children & Youth Ministries

Hello CUMC Family!

Your Children & Youth Ministries (CYM) Committee is beginning to plan your 2020 Easter Egg Hunt.

We are in need of plastic eggs and small wrapped candy (i.e. Tootsie Rolls, fruit flavored Tootsies, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, etc..) All is well once it fits in the egg.

Please no chocolate or unwrapped candy.

Donations can be dropped off in the workroom at church.

Thank You

VBS



All Aboard

Mark your calendar to join the ride!

VBS will be

June 15-19th 2020

8:30-11:30am

MORE INFO TO COME!

We need volunteers

please contact Loni Cuatt

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Corona United Methodist Women Book Readers Club

The Book Club came back with enthusiasm for our first 2020 meeting on January 9, 2020. We had read Threading My Prayer Rug by Sabeeha Rehman. Jan Nichols and Jennie Ferrette provided lunch for all of us.

This book is on the United Methodist Women reading list for 2019. The author wrote this book to document her life's journey as a Pakistani Muslim who came to America in the 1970's to begin her life as a young wife in the New York City area. She shares her lifetime lived with love, intelligence, and compassion—an inspiration to the reader.

At the beginning she is an immigrant with so many challenges. As time passes she figures out how to raise her two boys as Muslims by creating a Muslim culture within the area where they lived. She made many friends in other faiths along the way. Included are anecdotes about Christmas-ization of Eid and engineering her son's marriage within the daily life and culture of America.

With anti-Islamic sentiments on the rise in America, this book is a refreshing look at what it is really like to be a Muslim in the US today. Certainly life has changed drastically from what it was in the 1970's to now. Sabeeha shares her life and recounts how someone can be both a devout Muslim and an American at the same time.

She shares the rituals and values of her Muslim faith and greatly improves our knowledge and understanding of the faith. Many of her family struggles are the same as every other family in America.

This personal story counterbalances to correct the pervasive misunderstanding of what Islam is truly about and the contributions to our American democracy that most American Muslims make every day of their lives.

There are many books available in the church library; this is just one of them. I hope you will check out the selection of books in the narthex and inside the church office and decide to check one out for your reading pleasure.

~Margaret Turner, Book Coordinator

Missions & Outreach

A new year and new opportunities, for the Missions & Outreach committee to reach out and help in many areas. As we begin the new year we are coordinating missions we hope to undertake in 2020. We would like to hear from all of our church family if there are special areas you would like our committee to explore. Please feel free to talk with Cheryl or Linda at church or give us a call. Thank you once again for your continue support of our missions.

~Cheryl Lum 217-766-7114, Linda McGranahan 961-858-4572

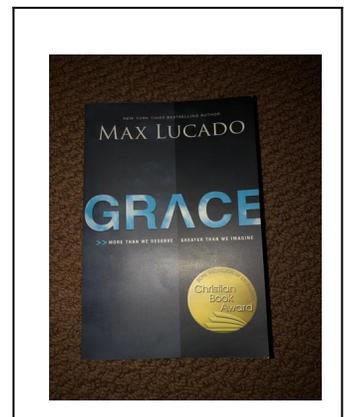
Bad Girls of the Bible

A shout out to all Church women and Church women friends:
Please join the Bad Girls of the Bible as we start 2020 reading Grace by Max Lucado. We meet the first Thursday of the month (that means Thursday February 6) at the church from 5:30 to 7:00. So grab a book (Amazon, etc) and read the first 2 chapters. Come join us. You'll be glad you did!

Questions??? Contact me

Karen Eagans

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◀ January		February 2020					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 7:30-Walking Group 8-All Church Clean up	
2 Groundhog Day 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Communion	3	4 9-Faith Journey	5 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study 10:30-S.T.E.P. 5pm-SPRC	6 5:30-Bad Girls 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	7	8 7:30-Walking Group 8:30-UMM Breakfast 9-Women's Prayer Meeting	
9 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	10 6pm-Children & Youth Ministries	11 9-Faith Journey 6pm-Trustees 7pm-Finance	12 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study 2pm-UMW Board @ Faxon's 6:30-9pm-Boy Scouts Round Table	13 Noon-Book Club 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	14 Valentine's Day	15 7:30-Walking Group	
16 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	17 Presidents Day Office Closed	18 9-Faith Journey 5:30-S.P.R.C. 7-Church Council	19 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study	20 10-Seams of Faith 11:30-Potluck Luncheon 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	21	22 7:30-Walking Group	
23 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	24	25 9-Faith Journey 1pm-Valencia Terrace	26 Ash Wednesday 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study	27 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	28 11-Packing Lunches @Settlement House	29 7:30-Walking Group	