



The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church
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January 2020

Our Attendance

December 1, 2019	December 24, 2019
10am: 99	6pm: 68
December 8, 2019	December 29, 2019
8pm: 87	
10am: 105	
December 15, 2019	December 25, 2019
10am: 84	10am: 15
December 22, 2019	December 29, 2019
10am: 92	10am: 81



January 2020

- 1/1 Chris W.
- 1/2 Louise B.
- 1/3 Ely G.
- 1/5 Nikki C.
Wing L.
- 1/6 Judy A.
- 1/8 Susan B.
- 1/10 Cat N.
- 1/14 Karen E.
- 1/15 Jonathan C.
- 1/20 Mary Ann H.
- 1/23 Joe A.
- 1/24 Ariel S.
- 1/27 Dana C.
Christopher M.
- 1/28 Shaylee C.
Ray E.
- 1/30 Deanna M.



Pastor's Paragraph

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"

—Matthew 1:21

Where is God? That question comes to many people's minds in today's uncertain times. The division, hate, pain and suffering of the world are on full display. We can't escape the negative as bad news fills the airwaves, social media, even every day discussions. But isolation isn't the answer; insulation is.

Jesus came to earth on a mission: to save us. He didn't go to the cross because he was outmaneuvered by political rivals. Jesus went to the cross willingly and freely because uncommon grace comes with a cost. Jesus sent the gift of God's Spirit to all who believe. With the Holy Spirit living inside us, our soul is insulated from the pain and suffering of the world. Love replaces fear. Death has lost its sting. The mystery of the incarnation has immense implications.

Where is God? God is where we are weak, vulnerable, small and dependent. God is where the poor are, the hungry, the handicapped, the mentally ill, the elderly, the powerless. Our faithfulness to God depends on our willingness to go where there is brokenness, loneliness and human need.

Each of us is searching to live and grow in our belief. As friends, we can support each other. I think the way to be healthy is to stay close. When we discover the Christ child in our hearts and the hearts of others, we can truly give thanks and rejoice.

Resolved to walk by faith,
Pastor Eric

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 12:30pm



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

The Men of the Church appreciate the Congregation's support on our past turkey dinner.

Special thanks to the cooks

John Atkinson, Ray Encino, Ralph McGranahan, Herson Puzon, Jim Schick, and Ron Smith

We appreciate everyone's assistance making this event a success.

Until next year,

Lynn Burkholder

Bad Girls of the Bible

Happy 2020 from Bad Girls of the Bible! We are excited to start our new study and hope you will join us.

We'll be studying Grace (more than we deserve, greater than we imagined) by Max Lucado. Our first meetings of the year will Thursday February 6 from 5:30 to 7:00. That will give you plenty of time to get the book and read the first 3 chapters! Hope you'll come. Questions? Here's my email: kkeagans@aol.com

Karen Eagans



UMW Bazaar Results

Thanks to all who worked in and supported the 2019 UMW Bazaar last November. We are happy to report that \$3,659 was raised for Missions, which is \$300 more than last year! This money goes to UMW and UMC missions worldwide, in the United States and in our community. The beautiful quilt that was auctioned off was made by our Seams of Faith ladies.



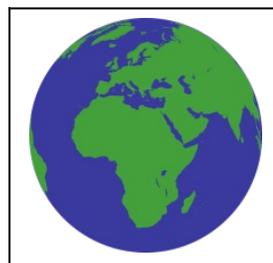
Alternative Christmas 2019

Our gifts to the poor of the world

Thank you to everyone who participated in Alternative Christmas this year. We collected \$2,000, divided up among several causes:

- \$650 Mozart Adevu, our missionary in Ghana
UMCOR Agricultural Missions farm animals
- \$145 Share of a Dairy Cow
- \$240 12 Flocks of Chicks
- \$240 2 Goats
- \$370 12 Hives plus a share of Honeybees
- \$ 355 UMCOR Disaster Relief and Programs of Assistance
- \$2,000 Total

Linda Faxon and Diane Encino



Corona United Methodist Women Book Readers Club

Book Club spent two meetings, October and November, discussing Women Rowing North by Mary Pipher. Everyone enjoyed the book and one discussion meeting just did not allow sufficient time for everything we each wanted to say!

This book was recommended to us by Susan Seidman who is familiar with the author's other books. This book has a description line: **Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age**. Of course we are each on life's path each and every day and so the book's topic and audience was just right for our group.

Mary Pipher, the author, is a psychologist. She states this book is a guide to wisdom, authenticity, and bliss for women as they age. She adds that most older women are deeply happy and filled with gratitude for the gifts of life and their life struggles have helped them grow into the authentic, empathetic, and wise people they have always wanted to be.

The book shares women's stories that make us feel hopeful as well as providing models for all the challenges and joys of our later stages of life. A guide for moving through advancing years with gratitude and grace rather than denial or rejection. A reminder, that joy and wonder don't have a time stamp.

It is an extended therapy session and reminder to strong and resourceful women everywhere that we are capable of dealing with crises and moving confidently into our old age.

"If we can keep our wits about us, think clearly, and manage our emotions skillfully, we will experience a joyous time of our lives. If we have planned carefully and packed properly, if we have good maps and guides, the journey can be transcendent" –Mary Pipher.

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

As we begin a New Year, the Missions & Outreach Committee wants to thank you all for your continued support. We had an active, willing committee and 2019 was a busy, successful year. Our committee plans to continue to support the local community as well as UMCOR and other needs. In the near future we will ask for your input on areas of need that you would like to see us support. Cheryl Lum and I will be co-chairs in 2020, please do not hesitate to talk with us about any concerns you have. Linda McGranahan 951-858-4572

Faith in Motion

This past year our committee was able to help Raney Intermediate, with school supplies, water, granola bars and many treasures for their Christmas Shop. We also helped a family in need in Eastvale. We could not have done any of this without your help; we so appreciate your continued support of Faith in Motion. In 2020, Cheryl Lum and I will be co-chairs and we hope to do even more. Thank you once again for all your donations. Linda McGranahan, co-chair

Message From Trustees

Have you heard the news..... **The Trustee Auction is Coming on March 14th!!!!**

We are looking for new and like new items so any unwanted Christmas gifts too small or big or wrong color would make perfect items for the auction.

Dinner will served with a whole lot of fun. Prices and more details to follow but don't forget to mark the date MARCH 14TH!

◀ December		January 2020					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	3	4 7:30-Walking Group 8-All Church Clean up	
5 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Communion	6	7 9-Faith Journey	8 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study 6:30-UMW Board @ Faxon's	9 Noon-Book Club 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	10	11 7:30-Walking Group 8:30-UMM Breakfast 9am-Women's Prayer Meeting 1pm-Ministry Team Orientation Training	
12 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	13 6pm-Children & Youth Ministries	14 9-Faith Journey 6pm-Trustees 7pm-Finance	15 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study 6:30-9pm- Boy Scouts District Round Table	16 10-Seams of Faith 11:30-Potluck Luncheon 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	17	18 7:30-Walking Group	
19 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Office Closed	21 9-Faith Journey 5:30-S.P.R.C. 7-Church Council	22 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study	23 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	24 11-Packing Lunches @Settlement House	25 7:30-Walking Group 11am-Laurie Goodhue Memorial Service	
26 8:45-Adult Christian Ed 10-Worship	27	28 9-Faith Journey	29 7:30-Weds Morning Bible Study	30 7-Choir 7-Boy Scouts	31		