



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

"Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts."

James 3:18 (CEB)

Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God"* (Matthew 5:9).

The news has been filled with violence lately. If you're like me, you question the murder of young, black people at the hands of white people. You are shocked by the aggression and violence of those charged with protecting our communities. The presence of armed civilians, whether vigilantes or extremists or whatever the Boogaloo is, raises the specter of anarchy and civil war. Across the country, households filled with distrust, anger, sorrow, grief and tears. Regardless of how you view the matter politically, we know things aren't right. As a people, we are doing harm. We are not doing good.

How can we find peace with justice?

You may be surprised to learn there's an agency of the United Methodist Church dedicated to the pursuit of peace with justice. We celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday each year during the month of June. The gifts given go to places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence.

When we work for peace with justice, we are moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation by peaceful means. We honor the dignity of every person as we are all made in God's image. We are unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. We want to make a difference together by sowing seeds of peace, celebrating when they yield fruit.

We are in this together. I applaud our Church Council and leadership for their commitment to find ways to listen, hear and act. You're going to hear about opportunities to invite, connect and engage. I encourage you to take action. Be part of these courageous conversations. Prayer is the best place to start. Form an online group of like-minded people. Invite your neighbors into the conversation. Go into it with open heart, minds and doors.

I'm looking forward to "walking the talk" with you. Let us go and serve the Lord with faith, hope and love.

Jesus, lead us on the way of peace with justice!

Pastor Eric



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- 7/1 Shirley C.
Allison E.
- 7/3 Carter F.-H.
- 7/5 Emma P.
- 7/7 Richard S.
- 7/10 Ralph M.
Esperanza S.
- 7/19 Betty N.
- 7/21 Kathy M.
- 7/23 Vicki R.
- 7/24 Judy S.

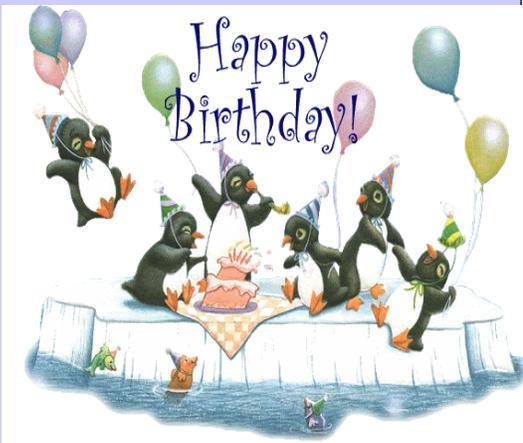


Dear Members & Friends of Corona UMC,
Esperanza and I thank you for the privilege and honor of
serving the Lord with you!
It's a blessing.

It's hard to believe four years have gone by so quickly. We
thank our District Superintendent, Rev. Melissa
Mackinnon, Bishop Grant Hagiya and the Cabinet for
appointing us to serve in this wonderful community for the
upcoming year. July 5th is the start of our fifth year
together. Praise God!

We are grateful for your love and support. Much good has
been done, yet we feel the Spirit is very much at work.
There is much good God has planned for us to do together.
Let's be intentional about making disciples of Jesus Christ
for that's how we will change the world for the better
together.

To God be the glory!
Eric & Esperanza



Message from Cat Nunez (Office Admin)



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19	20	21 Messenger Material Due	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Messenger Publish	29	30	31	

Hello Everyone,

I know there has been questions about the messenger when the material you would like to share is due. So, I did a small sample of how things will work for the messenger. The first and third Tuesday of every month the information you would like to share with your fellow church members will be due, So the messenger can be published every second and fourth Tuesday. If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Thank you and Blessings

Message to the congregation from Deanna Maxell

Good afternoon everyone,

As some of you know I am moving to Idaho with my sister Darlene and husband Kevin Sanderson.

We along with a few helpers, decorate the church for the major holidays, and also change the colors in the church.

So, we are looking for volunteers (2 would be perfect) to do this. It is a very enjoyable thing to do, and I look forward to

doing it. We have all the decorations on site, and it's up to your discretion as to how much or little you want to do.

If you are interested, please call Cat at the church office, or email her. I will be more than willing to walk you through this.

Blessings,
Deanna Maxell

Online Survey

Dear Members & Friends,

May the Spirit of the Lord lead us by faith and give us hope. I hope this note finds you safe and well.

As Riverside Country begins the process of gradually reopening its businesses and other public spaces, I am sure you have questions about when Corona UMC will be opening its doors for in-person worship. The Church Council has formed a See a New Church team, who are meeting to look at options and draft a plan.

We need your help. We need to know what we're planning for. The team has prepared an online survey for all of our members and friends. We want to hear from everyone. The survey is open from June 15 to June 22. You can find the link to take the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/NBeNDTCapdNwgqTNA>

Once we have a draft plan, we will be sharing it with you for your review and approval. In the meantime, remember: while the building is closed, the church is alive and well.

By God's grace,
Pastor Eric
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