



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

"If a root is holy, the branches will be holy too."

Romans 11:16b

Beloved,

I invite you to join us each Sunday online for our new worship series "Transplanted." This is a homegrown reflection on how God works to change our lives for the better (pun intended). Given the challenges of the past year – yes, COVID has impacted us for a year, we all need transplanting.

If you're facing challenges, we are here and want to help. Even better, Jesus is present, working on your behalf. Jesus is the holy root that gives us life when we stay connected to him and others who hold Jesus at the center of their lives. God is with us, when we are facing life's worst moments, best moments and all the moments in between.

When you are feeling lost and overwhelmed, remember Jesus. He's there, waiting to hear from you. Frustrated, angry, sad or not sure what you feel? Jesus is ready to listen. We are, too. You can reach out to me, our Member Care team (Karen Eagans & Shirley Carr) or other church members. We'll cry, laugh, pray and walk with you. That's what being connected means.

One of the joys of having an online campus for our congregation is the ability to connect with people who wouldn't normally be able to attend. We hear from seniors who are homebound, members who have moved to other states, friends and family members scattered around the world. Invite your friends. We'd love to hear what they think.

I'm very grateful to our worship team – Aaron, Jeanne, Donna, Loni, Cat, Karen, Steve, Sharon, Brian and many others, who work tirelessly to make our online services a time to connect with God. I appreciate all you do!

Pray for our households who are struggling with COVID-19. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's compassionate touch comfort and heal you.

One last thought: one of the best ways to feel better is to do something for someone else with no expectation of a return. Who can you be kind to this week? Give it a try. You'll both be glad you did.

Singing your praises, Lord
Pastor Eric



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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

3/3 Eric S 3/5 Judy Z 3/6 Todd R 3/7 Hugh B 3/12 Don D 3/13 Ellen P
 3/15 Nenita G 3/19 Mason P 3/20 Jeanne C 3/24 Hugh C 3/25 Judi D
 3/26 Earl P 3/27 Peggy S 3/29 Mike M

Celebrating Volunteer Corner



Thank you, Cheryl Lum! Please join Pastor Eric, the Council, the United Methodist Women and the Missions team as we say “thank you” to Cheryl. Cheryl is a wonderful part of our church family. She and Christine, her daughter, have been active since they joined a few years ago. Cheryl is someone to watch! Thank you, Cheryl, for all that you do, showing us how to follow Jesus in spiritual and practical ways at home and abroad.

(Want to recognize an unsung volunteer? Send us a picture and paragraph. We're grateful to all who serve.)

Remote Office Hours

The church building and office are closed, but the church is alive and well. And so are the staff! You may not be aware, but the staff are keeping regular office hours as they work remotely. We are working virtually for our safety and yours. The normal office hours for the church office are 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday-Thursday. Cat regularly checks voicemail at the church (951-727-5225) and the email address, CoronaUMC@gmail.com. Pastor Eric is available at umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com and the Church Council president, Margaret Turner, is available at margareturner4@aol.com.

2021 Faces of Jesus – Where are the pictures/

One of the things people comment on during our worship services is the pictures of our church friends and family. We, too, love seeing your faces. It helps us to be connected and reminds us to reach out and touch each other. Please send us a 2021 picture. We've love to celebrate an occasion, joy or story with you. Please send your picture to CoronaUMC@gmail.com

You're invited to "Homemade Soup & the Soul"

Join us at 7:00 pm PDT each
Wednesday from February 24
thru March 24.

We'll gather to share recipes,
reflect on soul care, practice
a spiritual exercise together
and share what's going on in
our lives.

We'll meet via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 858 4429 9733
Passcode: 620958



Faith in Motion

Once again Ed and Linda Faxon are serving those in need in our community. Since November they have taken many items donated by the church family to the couple with four children who are living with another family. Both of these families have many needs. Ed and Linda have delivered dressers, a washing machine, two sets of bunk beds, mattresses, bedding, kitchen items and much, much more that were donated by them and the congregation. Many from our church family bought presents for the children at Christmas, also grocery gift cards were given. The UMM donated money to buy one set of bunk beds, but that has not been smooth sailing. Linda persevered and recently they have delivered the second set of bunk beds to those families. The Faxon's and many others have been helping these families for over three months with the joy of giving. Thank you to all who have made this such a worthwhile project and improved the life of these two families and their children. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Cheryl Lum & Linda McGranahan, co-chairs

Settlement House

Wanting to remind all that the Settlement House is still in need of non-perishable food items. The ongoing programs, giving groceries to those in need in the Corona-Norco area continues during this time when many are unemployed and children are home full time. Also, the homeless are given packed lunches and some students from Norco College can get food since their food pantry is closed due to virtual classes. CUMC have supported Settlement House for many, many years and they are grateful for that support. Please remember the great need during these difficult times. **Missions & Outreach** Cheryl Lum & Linda McGranahan, co-chairs

Corona United Methodist Women Book Readers Club

The Book Club read Two Old Women by Velma Wallis for our choice in February 2021. We met via Zoom for our discussion.

This book was recommended by one of our members, Cheryl Lum. Great choice! The book was on a previous year's Methodist Reading Program list.

The story is based on an Athabascan Indian legend passed along for many generations from mothers to daughters of the upper Yukon River Valley in Alaska. It is the telling of a suspenseful, shocking, ultimately inspirational tale of two old women abandoned by their tribe during a brutal winter famine.

Though these women have been known to complain more than contribute to the tribe, they now must either survive on their own or die trying. In simple but vivid detail, Velma Wallis depicts a landscape and way of life that are at once merciless and starkly beautiful. In her book, she has created two heroines of steely determination whose story of betrayal, friendship, community, and forgiveness "speaks straight to the heart with clarity, sweetness and wisdom" (Ursula K. Le Guin).

Velma Wallis is one in a family of thirteen children, all born in the vast fur-trapping country of Fort Yukon, Alaska, and raised with traditional Athasacan values. She is a writer and avid reader; she lives in Fairbanks.

"Wallis writes with simple elegance...Powerful themes emerge from the story's bleak premise: friendship, dignity and a 'We will die trying' grittiness—themes that still permeate the Alaskan way of life." -- Alaskan

"In Two Old Women, Velma Wallis provides the reader with a lasting experience. Myth takes hold of us; we become old and abandoned, and we are a friend who says, 'We will die trying'. And the world hears this voice of confidence. Wherever we are—in the city, in the village, in the bush—we need this tale of isolation and the power to define a vision of human integrity." --Western States Book Award jurors

~Margaret Turner, Book Club Coordinator

Please let us know if your ministry team or group has an activity for the calendar.

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◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Messenger input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	3 SPRC @ 10am via Zoom Jan Nichols	4 Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	5	6 Church Clean-up @8 am
7 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	8 Int'l. Women's Day	9 Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F Trustees @6pm via Zoom Tom & Steve	10 UMW Exec @2:30 via Zoom Linda Faxon	11 Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey UMW Book Club @ 11 via Zoom Linda	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Begins Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	15	16 Messenger input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F Finance Committee @5:30pm via Zoom Wayne Church Council @7pm via Zoom Margaret	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	19	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)
21 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	22	23 Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	24	25 Bible Study @9am via Zoom Linda F. Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	26	27 Earth Hour
28 Palm Sunday Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	29	30 Messenger input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	31			