

The Messenger

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March 5, 2025



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Trustees Auction and Dinner March 22 - Doors Open 5PM



Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for a fun and exciting evening! The night will feature a delicious dinner provided by our friends at Cowboy Surfer Grill, with our scouts helping to serve and clean up. There will be a silent auction full of amazing items to bid on, including gift cards, golf items, home goods, and much more!

We'll also have our fast-paced Live Auction, with some fantastic items up for grabs, including:

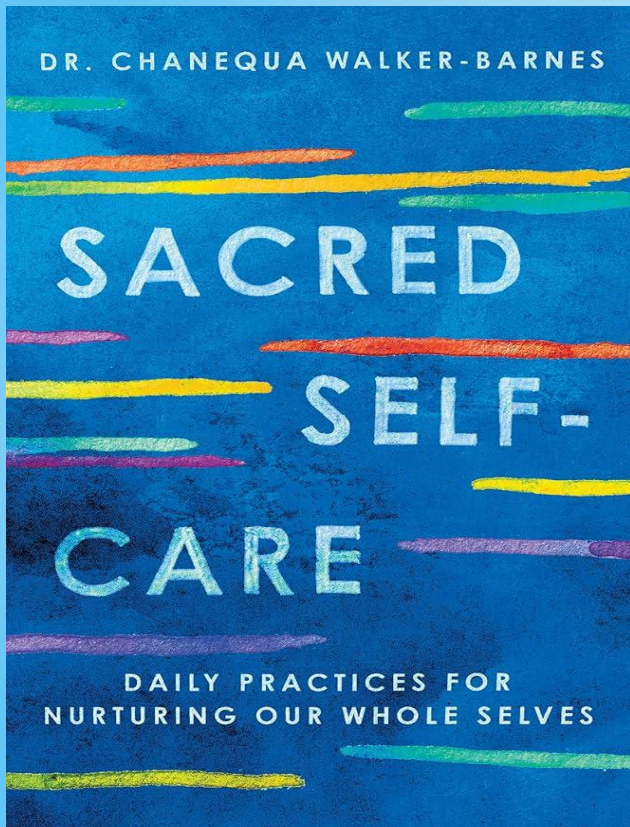
- ★ **Laguna Beach Condo Getaway** - A week from 8/29-9/5 in a cozy studio condo with a queen bed, full kitchen, and just a short walk to the beach. The Sawdust Art Festival will be running through 8/31.
- ★ **Hollywood Bowl - Jesus Christ Superstar** - 2 tickets for the performance on August 2nd, starring the amazing Cynthia Erivo (Wicked).
- ★ **Handmade Quilts by Laura Prior** - Two one-of-a-kind quilts that are simply exquisite for those in the know!

Tickets are just \$25 per person and are available every Sunday and at the church office.

So grab your boots and hat and we will see you there!

(Items may be dropped at the church week of March 16th)





Lent Video Devotions

By Pastor Susan & Guests

Wednesday evenings - March 19, 26, & April 2, 9

Look for my 8-10 minutes video devotions during this season of Lent posted on YouTube and Facebook (eblast with link on Thursdays) using this book "Sacred Self-Care" by Dr. Chaniqua Walker-Barnes as a guide.

I invite you to purchase your own book and experience these daily practices with me.

During my videos I will share a short reading from Dr. Chaniqua's book, my own reflection on it and then interview guests to talk about their take on this material and how they practice self-care.

Let's practice Lent and Self-Care together this season!



UWF Jelly

If you have finished the jelly you bought from United Women of Faith, we would love to have the jars returned. We can reuse them, and it saves our environment too. Please leave any jars in the church kitchen.

Thank you, Linda McGranahan

Seams of Faith

Seams of Faith will be meeting on Monday, March 10, and Monday, March 17, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the conference room. We have a good time when we get together, great way to know people better and we even do some sewing. Hope you can join us.

Thank you,
Louise Berkley and
Linda McGranahan



March Communion Offering

Peppermint Ridge was founded in 1959 and is an organization to empower to one's fullest potential, give care, safety, and residential homes to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are 12 residential homes serving their clients. Their Rejoice Choir sang for our congregation in November 2024.

Land Sale Committee Update

CUMC has been trying to find a way to sell a portion of our vacant land for quite a while now. Sandee Furuta from the Conference came out to talk with us about the idea in June 2022. Our zoning density was changed to medium-density residential, including Senior Housing, in March 2023, and that's when our real estate broker began marketing our property for sale.

After working on problems involving the Shared Parking Agreement (**SPA**) with our neighbor, we entered into escrow to sell about 2.2 acres to Brandywine Homes in April 2024. Due largely to the unexpected high cost of relocating our parking lot and difficulties finding access to a new development that would be acceptable to the City of Corona, escrow was canceled in November 2024.

A small group of our Church leaders met with representatives from the City of Corona Planning Department on February 5, 2025, to find out how we could provide access to about 1.3 acres of the vacant land on the park side of our property. That was a good meeting, and we heard that the City would be agreeable to providing access to that property from Chase Drive. There should not be a problem with our SPA - as long as we don't change the parking lot.

Our real estate broker began marketing this smaller size lot for sale on 2/6/25. If we are able to sell this smaller lot, we would probably not be able to pay off our \$1.3 million mortgage; however, we should be able to reduce our debt enough to make our payments affordable. Our interest rate resets on 9/1/26, and our balloon payment is due in 2031.

Pastor Susan encourages us all to continue to pray for the best development offer - soon and very soon - that will increase the ministry of Christ in our community, mutually benefit our neighborhood and help us reduce our mortgage.

Respectfully,

Sharon Bishop
Land Sale Chair

Scout Sunday February 23, 2025



Missions & Outreach

BREAKING NEWS *The Ridge Report* **BREAKING NEWS**

JOIN US AT OUR PEPPERMINT POSSIBILITIES GALA ON MARCH 29TH, 2025

WANTED

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT OUR ANNUAL PEPPERMINT POSSIBILITIES GALA 2025

Peppermint Ridge

SAVE THE DATE **MARCH 29TH, 2025**

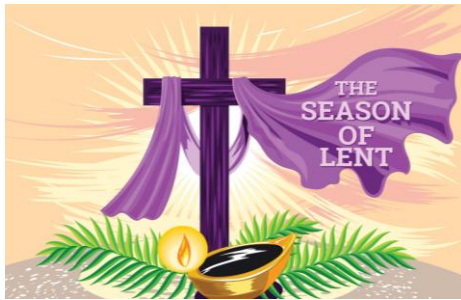
DUST OFF YOUR BOOTS, DON YOUR FRONTIER FINEST, AND SAVE THE DATE FOR A NIGHT OF WESTERN CHARM IN SUPPORT OF PEPPERMINT RIDGE. GET READY TO ENJOY SOME HEARTY BBQ. MORE DETAILS ARE RIDIN' YOUR WAY SOON!

3PM - NELLIE WEAVER HALL - NORCO, CA

Altar Flowers

If you would like to sign up the sheet is in the Narthex. Please have your flower arrangement set up by 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. We have a florist vendor Sophie B's Floral Design, and her number is (951) 858-7770. You can also use another florist or bring your own.





◀ February **March 2025** April ▶

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

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

Finance Committee

February Giving: \$36,825.79

March Month to Date Giving: \$6,484.00

Budget Needed: \$31,000

Attendance 2/9/25: In person - 100

Online - 60

Attendance: 2/16/25: In person - 88

Online - 47

Attendance: 2/23/25: In person - 137

Online - 50

Attendance: 3/2/25: In person - 83

Online - 23

We wish to THANK you for your Tithes and Offerings.
Your GIFTS support the Mission of this church.

Church Announcements

*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th March for it to be included on the next messenger.

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

Sundays Worship

10 A.M.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 A.M - 1 P.M.

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Don't forget to
Spring Forward...
March 9th
Move your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night!