

# The Messenger

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## Saying Goodbye

A TIME OF GROWTH  
FOR CONGREGATIONS  
AND PASTORS



## A Good Goodbye

As most of you know, the Bishop has approved my request to be appointed to “Extension Ministry” on July 1 instead of continuing as the local pastor here at Corona UMC. I will start my own business - “Susan Juergensen Spiritual Direction & Holy Listening”.

If you haven't heard of Spiritual Direction, it's something akin to pastoral counseling. Instead of helping people through problems, however, Spiritual Direction is accompanying people who long for a connection with the Divine, with their deepest self and with the world they live in.

My Spiritual Direction practice will be mainly one-on-one meetings over Zoom, or in-person at our next home in San Diego. Usually they are monthly meetings that last about 45 minutes. Most people in Spiritual Direction see the same Director for many years. Often people seek Spiritual Direction when they need to make decisions or feel far from God.

I already have a Spiritual Director that I meet with monthly. The time with my Director is invaluable. I look forward to offering that ministry to others.

I will also offer short-term or single day, small group Spiritual Direction sessions - like in a retreat setting or as a workshop.

As I think about this transition for myself and this congregation, I've experienced many different emotions. I feel excited. I'm so grateful that many of you have also said you are excited for me.

But I'm also sad and grieving this big change for all of us. For me, thinking about changing my daily routine at the church and all my connections is daunting. Everything will be new for me - home, hometown, people I see and daily tasks. I will terribly miss all of you that I've come to depend on in so many ways.

One of my first ordination mentors counseled me that parishioners should not be friends. She believed it wasn't possible to be a pastor and a friend. Over my 25 years of ordained ministry, I've decided I don't agree with her. I have no trouble calling you friends and also being your pastor.

You will face big changes also as a congregation. And you might also feel sad or anxious. All of this is normal.

This is a time of transition for all of us. If we continue to pray, trust the goodness of God, practice self-definition while allowing others to do the same and respond thoughtfully rather than be reactive - we will face this new future with love and grace that glorify God.

Traveling the Journey with You,  
Pastor Susan



# GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The United Methodist Church

## **The Communion Offering for March will be for UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Disaster Responses**

When a community is impacted by a natural or civil disaster, UMCOR is there to alleviate suffering and offer critical support and grants to help communities rebuild and recover over the long term. In 2024, UMCOR responded to 89 natural disasters, awarding over \$32.96MM in Disaster Response Grants.

UMCOR had a busy year again in 2025:

January 7 - California Wildfires

February - Southeastern U.S. Flooding

March - Oregon Flooding

March - Central U.S. Tornadoes (IL, OK)

April - Kentucky Flooding

May - Maryland Flooding

May - Central U.S. Tornadoes (KY, MS, WI)

June - West Virginia Flooding

June - Minnesota Tornadoes

June - New York Storm Destruction

October 12 - Alaska Typhoon Halong

November 21 - Texas Flooding

December - Washington Flooding

Please support UMCOR and their mission to help where help is desperately needed.



## **Trustees Dinner & Auction - *An Evening of Food, Fellowship & Fun*** **Saturday, March 21, 2026 5:00–9:00 PM**

Join us for one of our most anticipated events of the year — the Trustees Dinner & Auction! Enjoy a delicious dinner provided by our friends at Cowboy Surfer Grill, followed by an exciting silent and live auction. Tickets will go on sale starting Sunday, March 1 \$25 per person \$10 under 12. We already have some amazing items for the Live Auction; check these out and come by the ticket table for more information and details.

- Electric Trike - yep you can ride in style and safety
- Handmade Quilt by Laura Prior - Always a must have item each year
- Garden Party Luncheon - Hosted by Karen Eagans
- Dinner for 4 hosted by the Berkley's - A complete meal from the Master Chef and Hostess
- 2 Tix to Sound Of Music at Segerstrom - Orchestra seats on June 11
- ALOHA -1 week (7 days/6 nights) in Kauai or Maui Hawaii

If you have an item to donate please contact Marc Trifiletti 949.633.9043 and donations for the silent auction will begin Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. New and slightly used items please.

## **Children's Youth & Ministry** **Vacation Bible School**



### **Vacation Bible School**

**July 13-17, 2026**  
Monday - Friday

**8:30-11:30am**  
More Info Coming Soon

# Children & Youth Ministry Easter Sunday

April 5th

ALL children & youth are invited to participate!  
Sunday School activities to the Easter story, baking,  
and crafts

## New Volunteer Positions

Would you like to help shape the future of the youth in our congregation? Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it." We are seeking adults who enjoy working with young people and would be willing to help set up and implement a new Youth Group program for our church. If you experienced being part of an active church youth group when you were growing up, you know the positive impact it can have on the lives of its members. We currently have Sunday School students, fifth through twelfth grades, who would benefit from, and enjoy being part of such a program. And remember, volunteering is a two-way street; not only do the kids benefit, but you will have the immense joy of watching our young people grow and blossom into dedicated followers of Christ. Please pray about this, and if you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, contact Pamela Robinson, Carol Hilton or any member of the SPRC Committee.



## BOUTIQUE LIBRARY

A reminder of the bookcase we have in the Narthex with all kinds of books including the ones that our Book Club has read. These books are very interesting, enjoyable and informative. All of the books are your enjoyment so please come and look them over and take whatever you would like to read or you know someone you know would like to read. Pass them on or just keep them. But please don't return them as we have so many. ENJOY!

Thank you,  
Jan Nichols



# MARCH



◀ February **March 2026** April ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am  <u>SPRC meeting</u> 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>6</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>7</b> <u>All Church clean-up</u> 8am
<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Begins <u>Worship</u> 10am	<b>9</b> <u>Seams of Faith</u> 10am-12pm	<b>10</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am  <u>CYM meeting in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom</u> 7pm	<b>11</b> <u>Trustees meeting</u> 6:30pm	<b>12</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am  <u>Finance Committee meeting</u> 1pm  <u>Church Council meeting</u> 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>20</b> Start of Spring <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>21</b> <u>Trustees Dinner &amp; Auction</u> 5pm-9pm
<b>22</b> <u>Worship</u> 10am	<b>23</b> <u>Seams of Faith</u> 10am-12pm	<b>24</b> <u>Faith Journey</u> 9am	<b>25</b> <u>UWF Executive Board meeting at Faxon's Home</u> 10am  <u>UWF Book Club meeting at Faxon's Home</u> 11 am	<b>26</b> <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm	<b>27</b> <u>Cub Scouts</u> 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <u>Palm Sunday Worship</u> 10am  <u>CYM Egg-Stravaganza in Sanctuary</u> 11:30am-1:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

Remember to **Spring Forward** on March 8th!  
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed.

## 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: \$22,801.99  
March Month to Date Giving: \$6,895.00  
Budget Needed: \$31,500

Attendance: 2/8/26: In person - 85 (26 Scouts)  
Online - 48  
Attendance: 2/15/26: In person - 79  
Online - 48  
Attendance: 2/22/26: In person - 88  
Online - 59  
Attendance: 3/1/26: In person - 86  
Online - 44

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, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Coronaumc@aol.com)

Sundays Worship  
10 A.M.

Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9 A.M - 1 P.M.

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### The Upper Room

The Upper Rooms March - April are now available in the Narthex

