

# The Messenger



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## Pastor's Page

### Easter - a Season, Not Just a Sunday

You might have noticed on Easter Sunday different colors, flowers, adornments and liturgical objects on the chancel (what some call the “stage” - though worship is not a performance). The lilies went home with new friends after Easter Sunday, but the rest of these items will remain for what’s known as the SEASON of Easter.

Easter Sunday marks the end of the season of Lent (40 days, not including Sundays since they are “Little Easters”). I was privileged to attend the Ramadan Interfaith Iftar & Dinner at the Islamic Society of Corona Norco on Sunday, April 10. Iftar is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. To be honest, I didn’t know much about Iftar and Ramadan until I attended this event. And I’m so glad I did, because it’s fascinating to me that our Muslim friends observe Ramadan at the same time we Christians observe Lent. As you know, Lent is also a time many choose to experience fasting as a way to turn focus away from temptations of this world and toward God’s ideal for life instead. Some people added things during Lent (more time for prayer) instead of giving something up.

I heard the “voice” of God prompting me to give up sugar for Lent. It was a difficult journey. I like a little coffee with my sugar, if you know what I mean. But I believe I experienced better health, more energy, a clearer mind and less joint pain from this experience. And I feel a little less addicted to my cravings for sugar. There were a few days I fell off the wagon, just like everyone experiences. But not only did I get back on again, which is the important part, I’ve also decided to cut way down on my sugar intake from now on. Wow! 40 days of trying something new DOES create new habits! Jesus provided the way for me to break this bond.

Now, in this season of Easter - which lasts until Pentecost Sunday, May 5 (more about that in another letter 😊) - we celebrate the Risen Christ. In worship we sing hymns with lyrics about Jesus’ resurrection, read Bible passages about Jesus’ time with the disciples in his resurrected form and we light the Paschal candle. The word Paschal comes from the Hebrew word *Pesah* for Passover. For Christians, Jesus IS the Passover lamb given to set us free from sin. Basically, paschal means “deliverance”. So we light this candle in worship from Easter Sunday until Pentecost as a sign of Jesus being our deliverance.

Whew! You made it to the end! This was more than you wanted to know about the season of Easter, but I pray this helps you connect tradition to your daily experience of living life alongside Christ. He is our peace and our salvation!

We Wait in Hope for the Lord. In Him our Hearts Rejoice!

With Love,  
Pastor Susan

## Church Announcements

\*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10am on Tuesday, April 26th for it to be included on the next messenger.



5/4	Riley P	5/9	Diane E
5/5	Jan N	5/18	Jim B
5/8	Carolyn B	5/31	Barbara C
	Christine L	5/26	Kiefer S

## New Bible Studies in May Exploring the Bible: Dickinson Series

### 1st Study: "What is the Bible?"

6-week study

Lead by Janet Puzon

Thursday, 9:30-11am

May 5 thru June 9

In person

This is the first study in the "Exploring the Bible: Dickinson Series" from the Massachusetts Bible Society written by Rev. Anne Robertson. It is an overview of the whole Bible. To find out more about this series, go to: <https://www.massbible.org/WIB>

### 2nd Study: "Introducing the Old Testament Part 1"

6-week study - Three options

Lead by Pastor Susan Juergensen

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

May 4 thru June 8

In Person

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

May 4 thru June 8

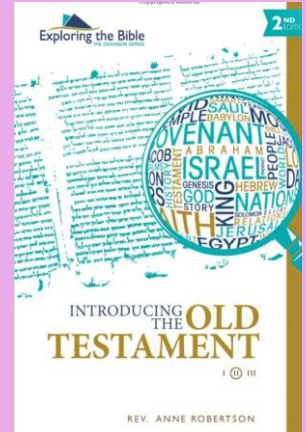
Zoom

Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

May 5 thru June 9

Zoom

Please plan to attend the same class and not jump around classes



This is the second study in the "Exploring the Bible: Dickinson Series" from the Massachusetts Bible Society written by Rev. Anne Robertson. We'll cover Genesis thru 2 Samuel. To find out more about this series, go to: <https://www.massbible.org/IOT>

You must register to attend these classes.

Please email Pastor Susan at [coronaumc.pastorsusan@gmail.com](mailto:coronaumc.pastorsusan@gmail.com) to register.

Please purchase your own books (on Amazon), but don't let the cost of the book hinder you from registering. We have financial assistance for those who need help for a portion or total cost of the book. When you register, also let me know if you need financial assistance.

To purchase book go to Amazon and search either: "Robertson What is the Bible" or "Robertson Introducing the Old Testament".

Though it's recommended that you take the study "What is the Bible" first, it's not mandatory. New students are welcome at either study.

### CRAFTERNOON TIME

*Craft Together and Discuss Christ in our Lives*

Kids Ages 5-12

**4:15-5:15pm**

April 21<sup>st</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

We will meet outside on the patio  
by the kitchen

### Finance Committee

April Month to Date Giving: \$21,719.99

(Including Equitable Comp Grant for  
Pastor's Salary \$3,351)

Budget Needed: \$29,200.00

Attendance 4/3/2022:84

Attendance 4/10/2022: 93

Attendance 4/17/2022: 139

Attendance 4/24/2022:

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



May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am <u>Worship</u> 11:15am <u>Dessert &amp; Coffee Meet &amp; Greet</u> 7pm <u>Prayer Group</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>4</b> 10am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (In person) 6:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom)	<b>5</b> <u>Cinco De Mayo</u> 9am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom) 12pm <u>Eagle Court of Honor (Scouts 34)</u> 4:15pm <u>Crafternoon Time</u> 7pm <u>Scouts 34</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls</u>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8am <u>Church clean up</u>
<b>8</b> <u>Mother's Day</u> 10am <u>Worship</u> 7pm <u>Prayer Group</u>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>11</b> 10am <u>UMW</u> 10am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (In person) 6:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Trustees</u> 7pm <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom)	<b>12</b> 9am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom) 7pm <u>Scouts 34</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls</u>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am <u>Worship</u> 11:15am <u>CYM</u> 7pm <u>Prayer Group</u>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u> 1pm <u>Finance Committee</u> 7pm <u>Church Council</u>	<b>18</b> 10am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (In person) 6:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom)	<b>19</b> 9am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom) 4:15pm <u>Crafternoon Time</u> 7pm <u>Scouts 34</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls</u>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <u>Armed Forces Day</u>
<b>22</b> 10am <u>Worship</u> 7pm <u>Prayer Group</u>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>25</b> 10am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (In person) 6:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom)	<b>26</b> 9am <u>Intro to Old Testament part1</u> (via zoom) 7pm <u>Scouts 34</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls</u>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am <u>Worship</u> 7pm <u>Prayer Group</u>	<b>30</b> <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>31</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>				