



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

*"... serve each other according to the gift each person has received,
as good managers of God's diverse gifts."*

1 Peter 4:03 (CEB)

How is it with your soul?

Esperanza and I thank those of you who have called to check up on us. We're enjoying the conversations and look forward to hearing how you and your household are. We may not use John Wesley's famous question, but it's implicit in what we say and do when we reach out to others genuinely.

Thank you to our Church Council, led by Margaret. Thank you to Susan, our Household Ministry Coordinator. Thank you to Karen and Shirley, our Member Care co-leaders. You're making an difference in our lives.

We live in a changing world. First, we were learning about, and responding to COVID-19. Now we're in the middle part of the curve, struggling to keep the need for health and safety in balance with work. This is likely to be the case for some months. The old normal is gone, a new normal will emerge.

I hope you're looking for ways to embrace the opportunity. God gives all of us gifts, skills and experiences to help us serve others. We believe in the ministry of all believers. All are called to serve. That's what it means to pass God's blessings on. Every problem is an opportunity.

These opportunities are open doors for us to go through, seeing the way God's Spirit is already at work. For example, Aaron, Donna, Jeanne and the Worship Team are doing a great job. So are Loni, Nikki and Susan, our online team. That's a new work. It's a new opportunity. We're hearing from former members, members who moved, family and friends from across the country and around the world. We're connecting to 250-350 people each week with 70-100+ households engaging.

We need your help to make those who are connecting into those who are engaging in the ministries of our church. Financial support is good, but I'm also talking about what we do during the week. What makes the followers of Jesus different is their loving service for others. We genuinely care for people and we act.

How are you taking action? There are a lot of ways. Phone a friend and then listen and pray for them. Help sew masks or pack health kits. Donate to Settlement House. Write a letter to someone. Call a neighbor and check up on them. Be creative! The Lord will lead you.

Jesus, show us the way!

Pastor Eric



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- 5/1 David W
- 5/5 Jan N
- 5/8 Carolin B
Christine L
- 5/9 Sally C
Diane E
- 5/18 Jim B
Michelle T
- 5/21 Barbara C
- 5/24 Allison Z
- 5/26 Kiefer S



Mildred Gibson Big Birthday



Hello Everyone

We have a message from Mildred Gibson

Mildred would like to Thank everyone for making her big birthday extra special. She said "It was the best birthday I has ever had." She loved the giant card that Ryan Park made her, and that she would keep it forever. Mildred was super happy and thankful to everyone.

Sunday School

Hello Families!

For our Sunday School Students, the title of this week's lesson and Bible location is:

5/24 Saul to Paul

Acts 9:1-20

Our PreK/Kindergarten class uses a children's bible produced by Spark.

The 1st grade students through High School use the Common English Bible.

If you'd like to have worksheets and more resources, please email CoronaUMC.ChildrensMinistry@gmail.com and we'll make it happen!

5/10- The Holy Spirit

5/17-Philip and the Ethiopian

5/24-Saul to Paul

5/31-An Angel Frees Peter

Acts 2:1-21

Acts 8:26-40

Acts 9:1-20

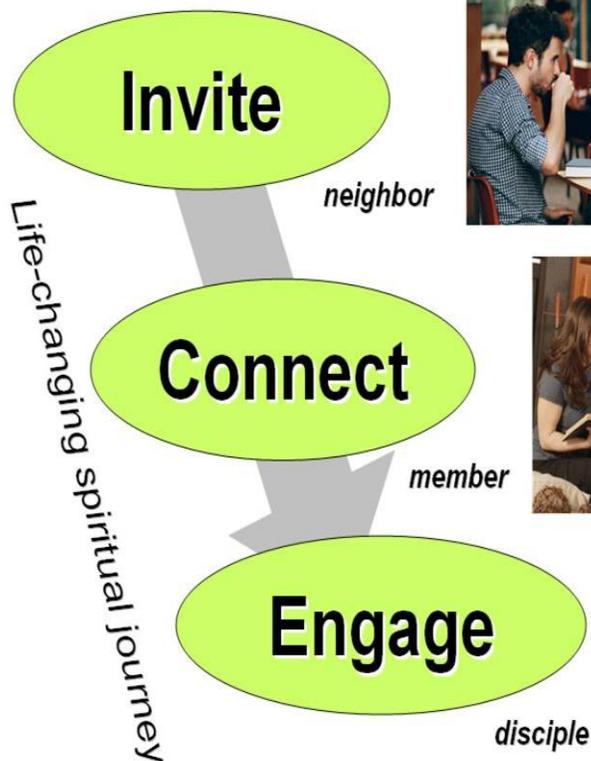
Acts 12:1-19



They are "pentecost brainstorming"!

It's Mother Patricia Stansfield of St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. Darryl Kozak of Peace Lutheran Church and Pastor Eric.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP



Invite-Connect-Engage

How are you inviting, connecting and engaging at home? We're hearing about some amazing connections on Sundays, people attending services and reconnecting from across the globe.

The church has left the building, but the building was never the church. You are the church! During this time of physical distance, we have great opportunities to remain socially connected with our family, friends and neighbors.

Ask how your ministry can help, what you can do to serve and care for others. When you do, you're planting seeds for a new harvest.

Calling All Graduates!



Join us as we celebrate you & all your hard work

Sunday, May 31st @ 10 am online

Celebrating Graduates

We celebrate our 2020 High School Graduates:

- Ana Beutz
- Ryan Park
- Emma Parks
- Katherine Varela

We celebrate our 2020 College Graduate:

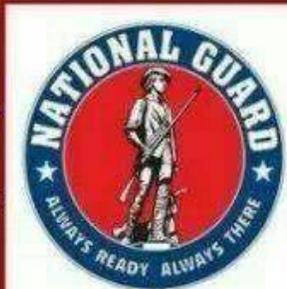
Ken Harrington, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

If you have a graduate you would like to celebrate, please let us know.



To all the First Responders that selflessly give of themselves day after day...

Thank You.



Celebrating Healthcare & Essential Workers

Please send us photos of healthcare and essential workers so we can honor them on Sunday, May 24th. We thank our members who are on the front lines. We pray for God to protect you and give you strength - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, for the vital work you do.

So, reports indicate that up to 40% of healthcare workers are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). Let's reach out and offer care and prayer with a gentle, patient and compassionate heart.

Thank you for your sacrifice.



We are asking individuals/families if they would like to help with the Welcome Kits to let Linda McGranaham 951-858-4572 or Cheryl Lum 217-766-7114 know if they can make 5-10 kits, we will let you know where to pick up supplies or we can drop them off at your home. Also, we are in need of 1 to 2 people to pick up the supplies from Ontario Ca. Let us know by May 24th.

Thank You.

Opportunity to Assemble Welcome Kits for LAHSA

In a partnership with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the California-Pacific Conference would like to provide up to 5,000 welcome kits over the next several months. For the most part, the product for the kits will be provided by the Cal-Pac Conference.

Our local churches in the North, East, and West districts are asked to act as an organizer for their congregations, who will put the kits together at home and then return completed kits to the church for those in need in Los Angeles county. In addition, we are asking for churches to look into their food pantry ministries to see if they have any of the items, they would be willing to donate to the cause.

Each district will designate a couple of drop-off/pickup destinations where goods may be taken or picked up. Once the kits are assembled, we will work out a schedule of pick up so they may be delivered to LAHSA.

The kits should include the following:

- sturdy bag like a tote or drawstring backpack
- a kind note of encouragement
- toiletries (toothbrush/paste, lotion, soap, deodorant, lip balm, etc.)
- journal or notebook with writing utensils
- snacks (pretzels, popcorn, chips, dried fruit, granola bars, etc.)
- two to three activity items (movies, books, Sudoku, puzzle, cards, knitting, hand weights, etc.)
- new socks

This list is not a strict requirement and organizations and individuals can alter them as they see fit, as long as no gatherings are encouraged among assembling groups. The items on the list can also be expanded. For instance, face masks may be added. (If a church has home sewers, perhaps it can produce masks to be donated to the project.)

Missions & Outreach

Faith in Motion



With supplies left over from our last hygiene drive and additions of their own, Christine and Cheryl Lum have made 20 **Hygiene Kits**. These kits were donated to the Cal-Pac UMW Social Action Committee. The kits will then be given to those recently released from custody (3,500 people) in order to avoid the Covid-19 infection. A big THANK YOU to Christine and Cheryl.

News from **Mozart Adevu** our missionary in Ghana, he says that the Covid-19 virus is impacting the cities and unfortunately the government is not taking all the steps they should be to control the virus. Thankfully the rural area that Mozart is part of had no virus cases when he wrote the newsletter. Please remember Mozart, his family and ministry in your prayers.

The **Settlement House** is in need of canned goods and non-perishables for their food pantry... Bag lunches are given to the homeless 12-1:30 p.m., family food distribution from 4-5:30 p.m. and food aid is given to students of Norco College who are on assistance. These programs happen Monday thru Friday. Of course, monetary gifts are always welcome. The food items can be left in the parking lot at the Settlement House between 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; though the Thrift Shop is closed, there are workers in the office. Settlement House is located at 507 S Vicentia