



# The Messenger

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## Pastor's Paragraph

Jesus said to them: *"Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."* Mark 2:17 (CEB)

How do you feel? I'm writing this article three weeks before the election. There is a furor in the air. Tensions are high. Some people are talking as if we should expect violence in the streets if the election doesn't go "their way." This stokes our fears and distrust.

Racism and injustice are prevalent. I was struck by a black woman's remark. She feels more prejudice now than she did twenty years ago when she was first starting her career. Racial incidents are at a high. Our friends, family and neighbors are tired, worried and fearful.

Our friends and family in the LGBTQIA community are worried. With the threat of a more conservative Supreme Court and the upcoming 2021 General Conference, they fear their rights will be lost. Anxiety is high.

What can we do? I suggest starting with scripture. Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid"* (John 14:17). He spoke to the disciples three days after he died, when their world was in shambles. Before that moment, they were followers. After that moment, they were true disciples.

Jesus shows us the way. And he leads by example. Jesus spent time with people who were seen as "other," less desirable. When challenged by those in authority, who thought they knew better, Jesus said the famous words written at the top of this page.

I believe we need healing. As people who are part of households, neighborhoods, communities, a nation and citizens of the world, we all need healing. Let's start with one step: admit the truth. We are afraid. We aren't right with God. We are following unhealthy practices. We have turned away from others. We can be, and do, better.

Sound hard? It is when we rely on ourselves. It's an impossible task. Only God can do impossible things. Our problem is we imagine a God who comes out of our human experience. You can find yourself worshipping the god-of-impossible-expectations or the god-who-does-not-care or the god-who-abuses. These gods do not respond when we call, no matter how hard we try to please them or how good you think you are.

The good news is God is not the way we expect. The one true God, the immortal God, is a glorious God. God is a compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in love and mercy. This God forgives, heals and makes things right. Here's the thing: it starts with you.

Will you believe and ask God for healing? I invite you to begin with prayer.

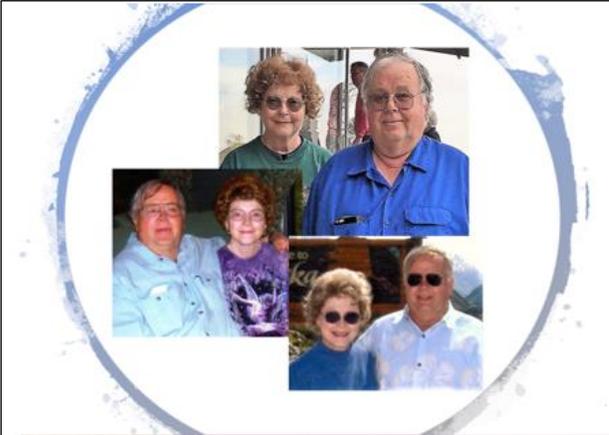
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer,  
Pastor Eric



November

**BIRTHDAYS**  
THIS MONTH

11/1 Paula M.    11/7    Judy W.    11/11 Bill S.    11/13 Elijah C.  
11/16 George A.    11/19 Brian P.    11/20 Lynn B. & Janet P.



### Volunteer Corner

Thank you, Linda & Ed Faxon, for all you do! Please join us in expressing our great appreciation to this couple who give of themselves, helping many people quietly and faithfully. From Linda's leadership in the United Methodist Women to Ed's open and inclusive Bible study, they lead us and encourage us to live the mission Jesus calls us to.

May God's light always shine brightly on your path.

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

### Meet the Staff: Catalina "Cat" Nunez

Cat is Corona UMC's Administrative Assistant. She handles all of the church's clerical and receptionist functions; coordinates information for the church, assists the pastor, the church leaders and church groups. She oversees office equipment and supplies.

She maintains the church calendar, the church personnel and contract files. She prints, mails and e-mails the Messenger. She sends out special mass mailings such as for Christmas, Easter, Stewardship Campaign information. Anything the office is required to do; she does in a productive and proficient way.

Cat is dependable and a good self-starter. This has shown well as she has had to work remotely.

Cat has learned her job well and has taken some college classes to improve.

We are lucky to have Cat at our church.

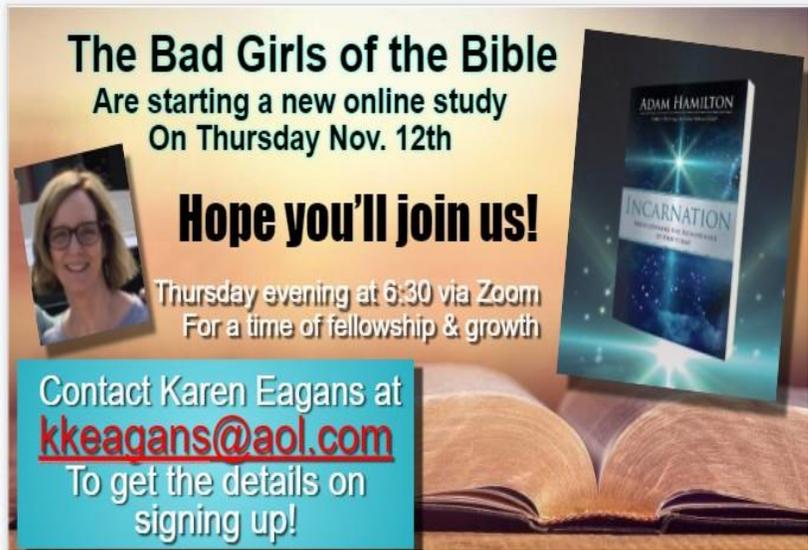
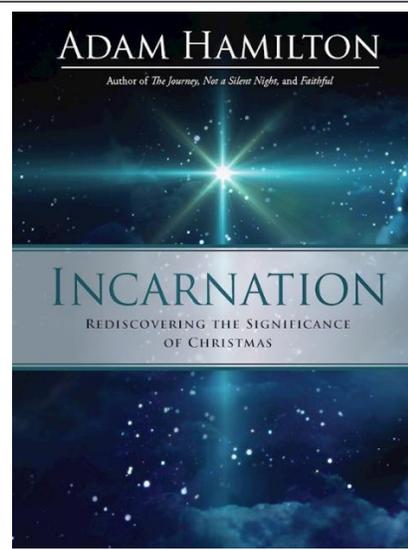


## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Every year Settlement House receives hundreds of pounds of food from collections at schools and churches. Due to COVID this won't be happening in 2020. The need for food continues to those who are having a difficult time. At present the need is greatest for **Pop-top foods, water, juices and cereal as well as the non-perishable food**. Also the Settlement House supplies ingredients for meals to families that apply for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you want to sponsor a family with food, just call Settlement House, 951-737-3504, they will tell you what size family is available and give you a list of foods that you can put together to donate to that particular family. The families come in all sizes as well as singles/seniors. It is a wonderful gift to others when we have so much. Thank you for your continued support of this essential part of our community. Co-chairs, Cheryl Lum & Linda McGranahan

## Bad Girls of the Bible

We're excited to invite you to join our next study, Incarnation by Adam Hamilton. Come and join us as we prepare for Advent and the birth of Jesus. We'll be starting on Thursday November 12 6:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Karen Eagans at [kkeagans@aol.com](mailto:kkeagans@aol.com).



## UMW POMEGRANATE JELLY

The UMW Jelly sales have many different helpers to make it happen. Many thanks for those who returned jars, reusing the jars is not only good for our bottom line but for the environment. Others donated new jars and that is always much appreciated. The men who picked and squeezed do the hard work; Clint Carr, Jim Burrell, Ron Smith, Ray Encino, Lynn Burkholder, Wayne Vinyard and Dick Carlson. Without their help there would never be any jelly made. Thanks to Diane Encino and Pat Kelley, they gave us access to the church and frequently stayed late from their Finance duties to close up after us. Our jelly makers work hard too, Deanna Maxell, Darlene Sanderson, Fungai Chinawah, Cheryl and Christine Lum. Yes, Deanna and Darlene helped before packing and moving to Idaho! Fungai works tirelessly and is always my sanitation expert. Cheryl and Christine were new to jelly making this year; I hope they will be there to help in the future, it was much appreciated. Thank you to those who bought the jelly. Our profits help fund the Missions supported by the United Methodist Women.

Thank you all so much. Linda McGranahan

# November 2020

December ►

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends <b>Prayer Group</b> @9:30am via Zoom Nikki <b>Worship Online</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> @11am via Zoom Nikki	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Election Day <b>Messenger Input Due</b> <b>Faith Journey</b> @9am via Email Linda F	<b>4</b> <b>SPRC</b> @5:30pm via Zoom Jan N. <b>Weds. Bible Study</b> @8am via Zoom Ernie	<b>5</b> <b>Bad Girls of the Bible</b> @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans <b>Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom</b> Mr. Carey	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Church Clean-up</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> @9:30am via Zoom Nikki <b>Worship Online</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> @11am via Zoom Nikki	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Faith Journey</b> @9am via Email Linda F <b>Trustees</b> @6pm via Zoom Marc	<b>11</b> Veterans Day <b>Weds. Bible Study</b> @8am via Zoom Ernie <b>UMW Council</b> @2pm via Zoom Linda	<b>12</b> <b>Bad Girls of the Bible</b> @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans <b>UMW Book Club</b> @12pm via Zoom Linda F. <b>Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom</b> Mr. Carey	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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