

The Messenger

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Giving Thanks Looking Back - and - Looking Forward

“...do not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.”
I Thessalonians 4:13 & 14

All Saints Day - the day we remember those who have gone on to be with the Lord - is behind us and Thanksgiving is close at hand. The part of this passage above I love, as I think about the holidays approaching, is the Christian belief (my belief also) that those who have died in Christ remain alive in spirit. That in some way they remain with us and some day we will be reunited again.

This belief helps me as I prepare for my family to gather at my home this Thanksgiving - about 10 of us. Especially this year, since my father passed away just before Christmas last year and this is the first Thanksgiving we will have without him. But those of us who have lost loved ones to death, know that in Christ, they remain a part of us, no matter what.

I am so thankful for my father, Don Pearson, and who he was. I am thankful for my family and friends who surround me. I am thankful for you - my church family - who also remains by my side and gives me strength. I am so very grateful to God for the ways this church has met and risen above challenges this past year. I'm thankful for the miraculous gifts we've received through people being present, sharing their talents, all financial donations, prayers that were offered and your amazing witnessing to others as you continue to invite them to worship God with us on Sunday mornings. Here are some amazing facts that prove these miracles:

- Over 100 new visitors so far in 2023
- At least 10 service organizations we have supported in 2023
- New Shade Structure completed using Stanley Trust
- First payment on new all-ages playground using Stanley Trust - up in 2024
- 10 Youth and 8 young adults connected to REACHurch Ministry

As you prepare to observe Thanksgiving in our own way, I encourage you to look back and look forward. Name the people and experiences for which you feel grateful. Consider the ways you have been a blessing. Consider how you will continue to be a blessing to others. Our lives make a difference far into the future.

Above all - give glory to God, through Christ, by the Holy Spirit in all things.

Grateful Beyond Measure,
Pastor Susan



Alternative Christmas

This year we will be collecting money for Settlement House, Katherine Parker, and Heifer International. There will be a table set up in the Sanctuary with information and cards you can send to family or friends that you contributed money in their honor. Dates for Alternative Christmas is Nov 26 & Dec. 3. If you have any questions, contact Linda Faxon or Cheryl Lum.

A blue-bordered graphic for a Zoom prayer meeting. At the top, it says "EVERY SUNDAY AT 6PM" in white. Below that is the Zoom logo and a video camera icon. A blue banner contains the text "FOR INFORMATION & LOG ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTACT nikkiecater@gmail.com". At the bottom, it says "zoom PRAYER MEETING" in white and blue.





November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:45pm-5pm <u>Handbell Rehearsal</u>	2 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	3 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	4 8am <u>All Church clean up</u>
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 10am <u>Worship</u> <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 th - 12 th 5:30pm Pizza 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	6	7 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	8 6:30pm <u>Trustee meeting</u>	9 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	10 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	11 Veterans Day
12 10am <u>Worship</u> 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	13 10am-12pm <u>Seams of Faith</u>	14 9am <u>Faith Journey</u> 1pm <u>Finance Committee meeting</u>	15 10am <u>UWF Executive Board meeting at Faxon's House</u> 11am <u>UWF Book Club at Faxon's House</u> 7pm <u>SPRC meeting</u>	16 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	17 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	18
19 10am <u>Worship</u> <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 th - 12 th 5:30pm Pizza 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	20 7pm <u>Charge Conference (Zoom)</u>	21 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	22 Officed Closed	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	24	25
26 10am <u>Worship</u> 6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	27	28 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	29	30 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>		

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 ★
November

- ★ Stuffing mix
- ★ mashed potatoes & gravy
- ★ brownie mix

Church Announcements

*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 21st November for it to be included on the next messenger.

Finance Committee

October Month to Giving: \$89,358.17
(Including Equitable Comp Grant for Pastor's Salary \$2,870.14)

November Month to Date Giving: \$17,425.13
(Including Equitable Comp Grant for Pastor's Salary \$2,870.14)
Budget Needed: \$28,900

Attendance 10/22/23: In person - 62
Online - 30

Attendance 10/29/23: In person - 83
Online - 32

Attendance 11/5/23: In person - 104
Online - 26

Attendance: 11/12/23: In person - 110
Online - 32

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

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