

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

**Worship In Person &
Facebook Service: 9:30am**

Afterward, you are invited
to join us for Coffee
Fellowship.

Coffee Fellowship:
10:30am - 11:00am
Fellowship Hall

Communion Service
First Sunday each month
In the Fellowship Hall

**PLACENTIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
2050 Valencia Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 528-1483

Church office hours:
Monday/Friday-Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9am to 3pm

Visit us:
website: placentiaumc.org/
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Senior Pastor
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The Messenger



July /August 2022 Issue

PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

***“If we live by the Spirit, let’s follow the Spirit.”
Galatians 5:25 (CEB)***

Esperanza and I say “thank you” for the love and appreciation you showed us and the staff in June and throughout the year. We appreciate all who serve Placentia UMC and our sister congregation Cornerstone UMC, paid or unpaid. The devotion of this community of faith shows. We are grateful to be blessed by God as we gather. We look forward to many more years together, serving the greater Placentia community.

I believe God’s Spirit is prompting us as we look forward. Paul’s words strike a chord and raise a question: where is the Holy Spirit leading us? There is great opportunity in the neighborhoods around us. During times of uncertainty and unrest, we are a channel for the grace of God. People are hungry and thirsty, spiritually and practically. And where the Spirit is at work, matching our abilities and interests to the needs of the community, is where we find ministry opportunities.

One of the goals of our Missions & Outreach team is to encourage and provide opportunities for all of us to engage in ministry, volunteering in some way. Some of us will go out into the harvest field. Others will send them. Each of us can contribute in the way the Spirit has prepared and prompts to do so. In August, we’ll explore our spiritual gifts and do a survey of our collective gifts and interests. It will help us look ahead.

I invite you to come and share with me, the staff, our leaders and your group. How is the Spirit calling you to serve? We are here to help.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Eric
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MASKS ARE OPTIONAL DURING SERVICE

Join us
Bible Study
Pastor Eric Hosting
Monday
10am Zoom
Wednesday
7pm Zoom

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt
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for the Zoom Link

PRAYER REQUEST

Contact the Prayer Line at
pumc-prayerline@att.net or
visit us at
[www.placentiaumc.org/
prayer](http://www.placentiaumc.org/prayer)

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IN OBSERVANCE OF
FORTH OF JULY
Church office
will be closed on
Monday, July 4th.



LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events and services

Bible Study: Online continues with Pastor Eric, Mondays at 10am & Wednesdays 7pm

July 3rd - Communion Sunday

Communion will be distributed via individual cup and cubed bread or prepackaged elements, depending on what each person prefers.

July 4th - Church office closed

July 10th - Guest Pastor Beverly Devine preaching

July 14th, 21st, 28th - Bucks-A-Burger, Fellowship Hall - Thursday Nights!

July 16th - 11am to 1pm // Outside in Parish Park or the Atrium

“Celebrating Women” is inviting all the women of Placentia UMC to come to a fun event we are calling “Inspiring Women and Expiring Gifts”.

RESIDENT READERS

We are looking for readers interested in reading for fun in a wide variety of genre. Join us you'll be glad you did!

Everyone is welcome. The group is open to anyone. We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month @ 7pm. This is not a “Club” in the usual sense. If a book title looks good to you, get it, read it, and join us for a 2-hour discussion.

For July

The Second Life of Mirielle West. By Amanda Skenandore 386 pages.
Place and discussion leader TBD

For August

The Dust Bowl Orphans. By Suzette D. Harrison 368 pages.
Place and discussion leader TBD

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL: JULY AUGUST

An Upper Room Daily Devotional for July/August issue can be picked up in the church narthex .

Church Campus Life



Bucks-A-Burger provides lots of opportunities to relax with friends and family. This great food and fellowship at a bargain price is a Placentia UMC tradition that we have enjoyed for many years.

We serve delicious 1/4 pound hamburgers, 1/4 hot dogs, turkey burgers, veggie burgers, salads, chips and watermelon with ice cream for dessert on the last three Thursday evenings in July. Please mark your calendars for July 14, 21 and 28, with food being served from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Doors open 5:15pm

Cost: TBD per person

Signups are available for volunteers to bring salads as well as do cooking and other food preparation. We will keep you posted on measures that promote safely serving food during July.

For more information, see Leon Cheney (714) 323-4945 or Kay Ressler (714) 820-6158. Stay safe.

"Inspiring Women and Expiring Gifts!" - Celebrating Women Event Saturday, July 16, 2022, 11am to 1pm

"Celebrating Women" is inviting all the women of PUMC to come to a fun event we are calling "Inspiring Women and Expiring Gifts".



Outside in Parish Park or the Atrium

We will learn a bit about the life of one of the most Inspiring Women of our time—Helen Keller. Her remarkable life story is one to inspire us all.

Expiring Gifts will be a WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE.

Bring an item you would love to be in the home of someone else! Wrap it up nicely and it is sure to be selected by some unsuspecting woman and it may be a part of a hot exchange time.

A Box Lunch will be provided so all you need to bring is yourself ... and your wrapped White Elephant Gift.

Please RSVP to Linda Fromer by Monday 7/11 via 714 528-0574 so we are sure to have a lunch for everyone. If she is not home, be sure to leave a message

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

Lois Vihlen-2

Kay Ressler-5

Esperanza Schmidt-10

Izzy Velasco-17

August

Gwen Sundstrom-8

Gene Mishler-11

John Jenkins-16

Shirley Cheney-22

Mae Vincent-22

Birthday List is located in
the back of your 2021
Church Directory



Photos Needed

Please send in photos: Fun
photos/selfies/fellowship pics to
share for our
newsletter and website.

Send to
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Church Campus Life

From the Mission Team

MISSION ALERT

We are still accepting zip lock baggies with 2 soap pods, 2 drying sheets and \$5.00 for the Shower Bus Project. These are given to the shower patrons on weekends in order for them to frequent the local laundromat and wash their clothes and/ or belongings.

Please place donations at the foot of the "Sock Tree" or check with either Dianne Adams or Sue Lacko. Speaking of socks, we are still collecting them to include in "Blessing Bags" which are available for distribution.

Thank you for your support,

Your Mission Team

NARTHEX DOORS

Have you ever struggled to close and lock one of the four Narthex doors that face the street or the education building? The door won't close fully, and slamming it doesn't help?

The cure for this situation is to fully depress the horizontal "crash bar" located on the inside of the door, then allow the door to close normally. The door has locking pins at the top and bottom that are normally extended only when the door is fully closed. However, the mechanism can be tricked into having the locking pins extended while the door is partially or fully open. Fully depressing the "crash bar" will clear this abnormal condition and will then allow the door to close and lock.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Kay Ressler Placentia UMC Trustee

COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

You can now request 2 packs of four free home test kits from the postal service.

Fill out the form at special.usps.com/testkits

Tithes and Offerings

Please give online or place your offering in the basket. Try our online giving service, Tithe.ly, or your preferred electronic means.

If you'd like to tithe online to the church, you may do so at the following link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2650083>

Thank you for your faithful tithing and generous support.

Photos Needed

Please send in photos: Fun photos/selfies/fellowship pics to share for our newsletter and website. Send to pumcsecr@gmail.com



2022 Annual Conference Report

“Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger”

The 2022 California-Pacific (Cal-Pac) annual conference concluded on Saturday, June 18th in a day filled with inspiration, hope and recognition of the challenges we face in the days to come. Our resident Bishop, Rev. Grant Hagiya, presided in his final year before retirement.

Each year, Placentia UMC has three representatives who attend and vote on behalf of our church, pastor and two lay members. The annual conference is to our Cal-Pac conference what our annual charge conference is to our local church. It's a time when we learn about the state of our church, look forward to the upcoming year, elect our leaders and celebrate what God is doing in, with and through us. If you've never had a chance to participate, I encourage you to do so. It will give you a whole new perspective.

I thank Margie Crabb and Lillian Blaschke, who were our lay members to annual conference. They represented you well. Thank you, Lillian and Margie. John Park was also present, representing Cornerstone UMC.

This year's conference was held in a hybrid format, which will be the way in the future. We met for two days online to do most of our legislation. Then we met for two days in-person, including commissioning and ordination, retirement and memorial services. The laity and clergy had lunches and we participated in a mission project, packing 22,000 meals for the hungry and 2,100 hygiene kits, followed by a time of spiritual reflection.

We heard from a wide range of diverse voices, people who reflect the inclusive nature of our conference. While it can be challenging at times, we support each other, learn and grow together.

This year at annual conference, we approved a \$10 million dollar budget, which is \$85,00 less than last year, continuing a trend set by our leadership 10 years ago, e.g. the budget then was \$14 million. We approved a 5% raise in the minimum compensation for pastors and a 6% raise for lay conference staff for 2023, an update after several years of frozen wages.

We approved the Safe Harbor policy and practice of our annual conference, affirming the practice of our leadership and prior policies overwhelming approved by our conference in support of our LGBTQ siblings. This allows local churches to affirm and support LGBTQ clergy and laity as they choose.

If you have any questions or want to know more about what transpired, I encourage you to visit the Cal-Pac website, www.calpacumc.org. There are minutes for each day, videos, the preliminary report and more resources. I also encourage you to speak to Lillian, Margie or myself if you have questions. We would be please to help as we can.

*To God be the glory,
Pastor Eric Schmidt*

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Donuts - YES

Fellowship - YES

Masks - YES

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8am in Sanctuary

Bible Reading

Conference Room

8:30am to 9:15am

Hosted by Bob McKinnell

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Comments on the UMC 38th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference

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By Placentia UMC Lay Members Lillian Blaschke and Marjorie Crabb

The conference title is striking and noble — "ENDING SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL HUNGER". Lillian was given the preliminary report for the conference ahead of time. It contains general meeting information, committee reports, proposed next year activity, including in some cases budgets. Some of the report titles are:

Essential Ministry Team — Justice and Compassion

Hispanic Committee

Pension and Health Benefits

Young People's Ministry

Recommendations and Resolutions for the Current Conference

This document will be available to anyone who wishes to examine it (see end of these comments).

The conference venue was certainly convenient for those of us in the East District (The Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa). Margie and I arrived by car and found a convenient (though labyrinthine) hotel parking structure. This was followed by a couple of pleasant coincidences. While trying to find our way out of the garage we met John Park (PUMC choir and Cornerstone) who had "explored the territory" and led us directly to the sign-in desk. There the second coincidence occurred when we were welcomed by name. Pastor Broghan Hunt was working at that desk, took payment and set us up with the required name tags. In addition, we met Pastor Eric several times and were able to all sit together for plenary sessions.

The conference consisted of two "on line" days "attended" by clerical and lay individuals directly involved with the California-Pacific Conference. These were followed by two (mainly) in-person days attended by the above and the lay individuals from the various conference churches. These in-person activities were held comfortably in a large room (Pacific Ballroom).

On Friday there were several very interesting speeches followed by helping with packing bags for "people in need" and writing notes to be included in the bags.

On Saturday (again in the Pacific Ballroom) the "Commissioning and Ordination Services" were held and were VERY moving. Many individuals were in white robes and were given beautiful red and white stoles. All persons blessed during these ceremonies had clerical hands placed on them plus those of relatives and friends. The special booklets used for these ceremonies were on display last

Sunday and will also be available along with the conference Preliminary Report.

In summary, once again, let me comment on the quality of the speakers and the friendliness of the other attendees. We met people from So Cal, Hawaii, Guam . . Finally, Bishop Hagiya spoke frequently and particularly well.

If anyone wishes to examine the printed material referenced in these comments, please speak to Lillian on Sunday.



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LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER

Liturgist Volunteer List for Sunday Service

Please contact Leon Cheney if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

© Signifies helping with communion

July 3 © Lillian Blaschke

August 7 © Leon Cheney

July 10 Lillian Blaschke

August 21 Margaret Johnson

July 17 Gerry Adams

August 28 Margaret Johnson

July 24 Gerry Adams

July 31 Sue Lacko

Greeters for Sunday Service Below is the schedule:

Please contact Leon Cheney if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

First Sunday of the month - Shirley Cheney and Linda Fromer

Second Sunday - Jean Redman

Third Sunday - Beverly and Craig Green

Fourth Sunday – Mel Bond

Fifth Sunday – Kathy McKinnell

Coffee Hour Clean Up in Fellowship Hall Below is the schedule:

Please contact Sue Lacko if you would like to sign up to volunteer

1st Sunday Jean Redman and Carol Vizenor

2nd Sunday Shirley and Leon Cheney

3rd Sunday Wendy Elliott and Linda Fromer

4th Sunday Diane Cooper and Leisa Luke

5th Sunday Sue Lacko