



The Messenger

"I'm not ashamed of the gospel: it is God's own power for salvation to all who have faith in God." Romans 1:16 (CEB)

"On the road again..." The lyrics of Willie Nelson's song are in my mind as I sit to write the summer newsletter for 2026. "Goin' places that I've never been... Like a band o' gypsies, we go down the highway."

Esperanza and I are thrilled, and we feel blessed to travel with you on the highways and byways of life for another year. The life journey we share is practical and spiritual, bringing together all aspects of our lives. And we are happy to share the journey with each of you.

Traveling on the road is also the theme of our summer Bible study and sermon series. We're traveling the Romans road this year, reflecting on Paul's teaching to a church which was faithful, but also struggling with their identity in life, at home and in the community.

I think this describes many local churches these days. It certainly describes PUMC. We are in a time of change and sharing our faith can seem awkward, risky and certainly uncomfortable.

But here's the thing about God's Spirit. It goes where it will, when it will and we can never predict who or what will happen. God's presence brings peace, assurance and hope. It reminds us we are loved, no matter what we've done or left undone, or what our circumstance may be.

And that's worth sharing, even when words are needed.

As we are travelling this summer, I hope you find time for rest. I hope you find time for pleasant conversation with family and friends. I hope you'll join us on social occasions, service occasions and worship, in-person and online. You might even try out our Zoom Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Wherever your journeys lead you this summer, may you feel the wind on your face, the sun on your back and God's Spirit riding with you as your co-pilot. God bless you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric



Pastor Eric Schmidt

Senior Pastor || Placentia United Methodist Church

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

AC 2026: Astonished!



Astonished at what God is doing. That's the theme of this year's annual conference. Laity and clergy gathered last week, and our hearts were lifted by amazing stories of God's love and grace at work among us.

I'm sharing a few notes. If you'd like more information, you can find the Daily Journal on the Cal-Pac conference website, www.calpacumc.org.

Some of the top highlights included:

- 70th celebration of the ordination of women by the Methodist church. Two of the trailblazers in our conference, Rev. Faith Conklin and Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, were present and are still active.
- 30th celebration of the ordination of deacons.
- One Deacon and five Elders ordained and seven candidates commissioned.



Our resident Bishop, Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank gave a message reflecting on the Wesleyan movement and how the generation before us, our generation and the generation after us can encounter God through the church. Social holiness flows when we rely on God and are connected to each other. The church has a place in society whether we choose to take it or not.

Rev. Ken Suhr, the chair of our congregational vitality group, spoke about encountering God through resonance. This begins with waiting for God, as we see in Acts 1-2. Rather than accelerating through life, when we find a resonance with God, we find meaning, connection and fulfillment together.

We elected lay and clergy delegates to the 2028 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. These groups set the direction for the UMC as a whole and elect new Bishops.

We passed a new conference budget which is 7.8% lower than last year's budget. An important new change is the adoption of a "tithing" model for apportionment. Rather than using our operating expenses as the basis for support, we will base our support on our giving. The new model will start in 2027, and projections show PUMC's apportionments will be lower, which puts 100% support in range.

There are many other highlights, from the Juneteenth jazz band which lead worship to Bishop's awards and BeUMC awards. We saw old friends and made new friends. I'm grateful as Esperanza attended annual conference with me for the first time.

And, in all of it, we were astonished by God's grace.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Eric



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship In Person &
YouTube Service: 9:30am
Afterward, you are invited
to join us for Social Hour.

Social Hour:

10:30am-11am | Social Hall

Communion Service

First Sunday each month

All Women's Luncheon once-a-month are invited on the
fourth Friday of every month 11:45am || Mr. D's Restaurant ||
126 Yorba Linda Blvd, Placentia, CA 92870

Upcoming events and services

God Bless America! Fourth of July - Church office closed Friday and
Saturday

Bucks-A-Burger, more details to follow

July 19th, August 16th || Next Blessings Box Collection

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the
September | October newsletter by August 21th to the church office
at pumcsecr@gmail.com.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! July

Kay Ressler-5

Esperanza Schmidt-10

Izzy Izaguirre -17

August

Gwen Sundstrom-8

John Jenkins-16

Shirley Cheney-22

Mae Vincent-22

Prayer
IS OUR
WIRELESS
CONNECTION WITH
GOD

Weekly Prayer Connection

We would be happy to pray for you. Drop your prayer request
in the offering plate on Sunday.

Visit us at our website: placentiaumc.org/prayer or contact:
Pastor Eric Schmidt || umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com
or call the church office || (714) 528-1483.

Please let us know if you have any updates or new requests.

Upper Room Daily Devotional July | August

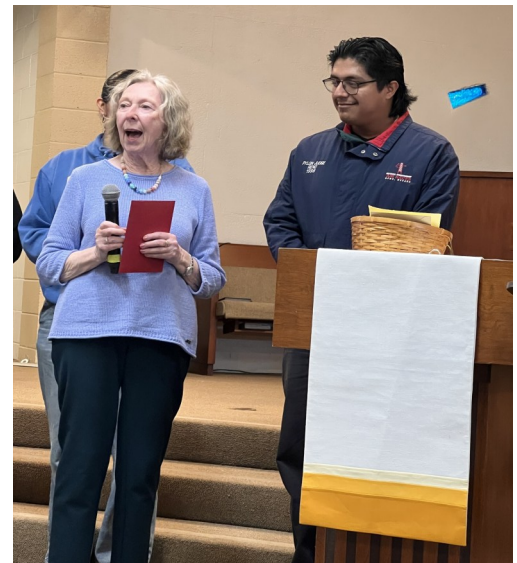
Can be picked up in the church narthex.

Why are we Here?

“Joyfully sow seeds of Faith, so lives are drawn to God.”

Staff ☆☆☆☆ Appreciation

Thank you Staff and Volunteers for all
YOU DO FOR US!!!



Church Campus Life

Work Day



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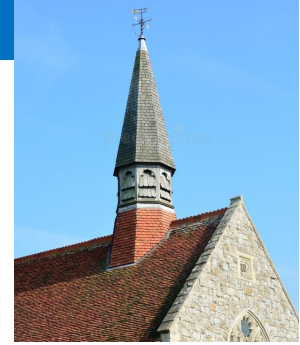
Celebrating Dick Chu | Cornerstone UMC



Church Campus Life

Capital Projects Update

The Parish Board of Trustees (PBOT) as well as congregation volunteers have been busy around the church campus! The sanctuary and fellowship hall building roof has a new layer of shingles as well as the gutter system improved. In addition, all the fluorescent fixtures in the building have been replaced with brighter, higher efficiency LED lighting. As part of the light upgrade, the light panels in the sanctuary have been fastened to improve earthquake safety. A final sanctuary improvement was an upgrade to a higher bandwidth, direct connection to the A/V screens. You will also notice improved front parking lot lighting with the addition of a new LED fixture on the wall outside the kitchen.



These projects are only a partial list of possible projects being studied by the PBOT in order to maintain the facility as well as enhance our ministry opportunities with updated capabilities. Planning and estimating tasks are being undertaken to study the affordability and feasibility of rehabilitating our parking lot, replacing damaged doors in the Education Building, and modifying the sanctuary altar area to be a single, one step up platform which will be more accessible and flexible. Also being investigated is further augmenting the lighting of the front parking lot with additional lights on the west side of the front parking lot as well as repairing and upgrading our irrigation sprinklers.

The work to date has been financially supported jointly and equally by PUMC and CUMC, with PUMC using previously donated memorial funds and proceeds from our church endowments, a blessing from previous PUMC congregants. When the contemplated projects are more thoroughly estimated, PBOT will prioritize the projects deemed feasible and will be asking both parish congregations to support a giving campaign to complete the selected projects.



Please consider supporting this effort in the near term by forwarding any questions about the projects or suggestions for additional projects to Craig Green for PBOT consideration. You are also asked to pray for God's guidance to be clear as we move forward. You are also able to support these efforts financially prior to a formal asking campaign. Donations can be given to the "Building Fund". Please keep in mind any donations should be over and above your pledge and efforts to support our annual operating budget.





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PLACENTIA UMC SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

Go to YouTube at
www.youtube.com
Search for Placentia United
Methodist Church
Click on the picture of the
church sign.
This will take you to the
home page.
Click on "Live" to find the
most recent video (s). Enjoy!

GOT WORRIES? GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Join us at our Prayer Booth on the dates below
for prayer, encouragement, and support.

Visit our Prayer Booth

Koch Park
2210 N. Valencia Ave, Placentia
10 am - 2 pm

Saturdays:
June 13, July 18, August 15,
September 19, October 24

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Request*

Visit us at our website:
placentiaumc.org/prayer
Or contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt
umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com
or call the church office

New Life Fellowship for Seniors and Retirees | 10am at church for fun and fellowship. Lunch afterwards. Contact Betty Loh-Chen for more information.

Lean on Me || 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm on Zoom || our Monthly Caregiver Support Group to support one another in joys and concerns of caring for loved ones and those who have lost loved ones. RSVP to: cumc.secretary@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL IS ON || Come play the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Park after our lunch fellowship.



Volunteer Opportunities



Are you looking for ways to volunteer?

Volunteering is both exciting and rewarding, especially when utilizing your knowledge, skills and expertise to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The reward is a mutual benefit that transcends to generations to follow. Please contact the church or Pastor Eric for information.

Liturgist for Sunday Service:

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

7/5 Bob McKinnell	8/2 Bob McKinnell
7/12 Bruce Beck	8/9 Bruce Beck
7/19 Sue Lacko	8/16 Sue Lacko
7/26 Leon Cheney	8/23 Leon Cheney
	8/30 Leon Cheney

Greeters for Sunday Service schedule:

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

1st Shirley Cheney
2nd Margie Simmermacher
3rd Wendy Elliott
4th Karen Richards
5th Mel Bond

Tellers schedule for Sunday:

Please contact Mel Bond if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Bob McKinnell /Craig Green

2nd Kay Ressler/Sarah Floyd
3rd Leon Cheney/Bruce Beck
4th Leisa Luke/Kathy McKinnell
5th Leisa Luke/Sarah Floyd
Substitute Bob McKinnell

Clean Up in Social Hall schedule:

Please contact the office if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sue Lacko
2nd Leon Cheney
3rd Craig Green
4th TBD
5th TBD

Communion Assistants –4 needed, first Sunday each month.

Please contact Pastor Eric, if you would like to sign up to volunteer.



Please give online or place your offering in the basket.

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

Thank you for your faithful 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