

The Messenger

Placentia United Methodist Church May | June Issue 2026

*“Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things.”
Psalms 98:1 (CEB)*



Now what? Easter has come and gone. And the world goes on. It's a new day, a new beginning, and our perennial question arises: "Now what?"

There's often a lapse in attendance and participation in church activities after Easter. Maybe we feel tired and think taking a break will help. Maybe we're struggling with resurrection and what it means. In this, we're like the first disciples. Some doubted even as they watched Jesus ascend into heaven.

Rev. Desmond Tutu said, "It's often difficult for us to recognize the presence of God in our lives and in our world. In the clamor of the tragedies filling the headlines, we forget about the majesty present all around us. We feel vulnerable and often helpless. But we aren't helpless and with God's love we are ultimately invincible. Our God doesn't forget..."

Jesus invites us to join him on a spiritual journey. No matter where we are now, no matter what situation we're in, no matter whether we trust God or not, Jesus invites us to live life with him. This is real life, open and free from what limits us. It's a life lived by grace, marked by forgiveness and mercy.

Jesus shows us the way. And he shows us why we should follow him. Resurrection makes all the difference. It's a sign that God keeps promises. This changes things. Loves changes our heart, our household, our neighborhood, our community and our world for the better.

Love makes a way. Following Jesus isn't about guilt, shame, duty or obligation. It's about freely engaging in a relationship with Jesus. When we say "yes" to him, we experience and share marvelous things.

What are we saying "yes" to, when we follow Jesus? Three things: loving God, loving our neighbor and loving one another. I can't think of better benefits or a better way to live.

I invite you to make the time to be with us. You'll be glad when you do.

With the joy of Christ,
Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric Schmidt
Senior Pastor || Placentia United Methodist Church



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Staff Appreciation

During May, we recognize and thank our church staff. But this raises a question, “Who are they?” You might be surprised at the answer.

Staff are all those who serve the church, paid or unpaid. That’s right, when you volunteer and help with a ministry, large or small, you are joining the staff. Thank you for your dedication, support and generous living!

Thank you for your service. In a world of billions of people, hundreds of thousands of church workers, and a few “superstar” church leaders who seem to get most of the attention, it’s possible you serve in anonymity.

It might be that you:

- Went out of your way to provide transportation for someone else to attend church, and no one knows you did it.
- Greeted people at the door with your smile, all the while knowing the stress in your life makes you long for a smile and a hug yourself.
- Ministered to those who felt your warm embrace, but who couldn’t say “thank you.”
- Cared for someone who didn’t show much appreciation. In fact, they may have gotten upset at something.
- Read to someone who perhaps listened, though you’re not sure.
- Opened the Bible for those who wouldn’t have heard the Bible otherwise.
- Set up and provided communion, coffee, doughnuts and snacks, and then cleaned it all up, without any commenting.
- Served to lead our congregation in worship, giving them your energy, realizing they had no idea how much preparation was needed.
- Played an instrument or sang to facilitate worship, putting in hours of practice, wondering if your service is noticed.
- Made sure the campus was safe, paid the bills to make sure we were comfortable, or helped people with their questions and problems, working all sorts of hours as needed without anyone knowing.
- Served in any other capacity, but it felt like you were alone.

I don’t know what you did in church this week. I do know the enemy often wants us to give up after some Sundays. If that’s where you are, know this: God knows your heart, and didn’t miss your service. And, for what it’s worth, we recognize that we wouldn’t reach our neighbors were it not for faithful, obedient, godly believers who serve every Sunday and during the week, even when the work is hard and sometimes lonely.

Thank you, friends. I appreciate each one of you!

Pastor Eric

Welcome

Church Campus Life

Please welcome our newest
Member David Reed



Del Norte Garden Club – Flower Show April 9th



Upper Room Daily Devotional May | June

Can be picked up in the church narthex.

HAVE A Prayer Request

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

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GOT WORRIES? GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

COME PRAY WITH US
AT OUR PRAYER BOOTH

WEDNESDAYS • 10AM-12PM
CORNERSTONE UMC PARKING LOT

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PENTECOST Holy Spirit



May 24th - Wear your RED!!!



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!

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

Tuesday Women's Study (TWS) 10am in the Purple Room and on Zoom.



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.

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| 5/3 Bob McKinnell | 6/7 Bob McKinnell |
| 5/10 Bruce Beck | 6/14 Bruce Beck |
| 5/17 Sue Lacko | 6/21 Sue Lacko |
| 5/24 Leon Cheney | 6/28 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

GIVING

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

Communion Assistants –4 needed, first Sunday each month. Please contact Pastor Eric, if you would like to sign up to volunteer.