

The Messenger

PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,
And they will call him, Emmanuel.”

Matthew 1:23 (CEB)

“He will come.”

The people went to God, but all they heard was silence. They felt isolated, unsure about what would happen next. We’re lonely.

“He will come.”

Who will come? The words of Isaiah and others who spoke with God’s voice offered great promises, but it’s been such a long time. Does God not see the injustice in the world? Does God not hear the cries of those who are suffering? No one cares.

“He will come.”

What will this person do? Our systems and institutions are failing us. The government seems incapable or filled with those seeking power to gild their own nest and build their own reputation, rather than helping those they are to serve. We feel powerless and lost.

“He will come.”

Matthew tells God’s ancient promise is fulfilled. The Messiah has come. His name is Jesus. This is a truth hidden in plain sight for all to see. Call him Emmanuel, which means “God with us” for God is among us – now.

What a relief it is to know God loves us! God waits with us in our solitude. God knows our pain and suffering, first-hand. God is in solidarity with us, working to make things right.

This is the promise of Christmas. God loves us before we can imagine who or what God is. Jesus offers us shalom, a blessing of well-being. We remember Jesus’ birth because it reminds us of the power of God’s promise for each of us. God meets us wherever we are, no matter what fear or doubt fills us, and assures us there’s more to life. All we have to do is ... believe.

May the peace of Christ fill you and your household with hope, now and always.



Shalom lekhkem,

Pastor Eric

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

Social Hour:
10:30am - 11:00am
Fellowship Hall

Communion Service
First Sunday each month
In the Fellowship Hall

**PLACENTIA
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
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Church office hours:
Monday/Friday-Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9am to 2pm

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Why are we Here?

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

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

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PRAYER REQUEST

Contact the Prayer Line at
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prayer

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IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Church office
will be closed on
Thursday, November 24th &
Friday 25th



LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events and services

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

All Church Sing-a-long Wednesday, November 2nd
(No Bible study that night) Dinner 6pm | Sing-a-Long 7pm

Sunday morning bible study 8:15am to 8:45am in the conference room

Daylight Saving time | November 6th

Friendsgiving Sunday | November 20th

Hanging of the Green's | November 26th at 10am

"Field of Dreams" series in Advent, beginning November 27th

Charge Conference Saturday, December 3rd at 2pm, SPRC at 1pm

"Blue Christmas" December 18th @ 6 pm via Zoom
For those who struggle during holidays |

Christmas Eve service | Saturday, December 24th @ 6 pm

Christmas Day service with communion (in-person) | December 25th

Jesus Birthday party | January 1st | Online Service Only

Holiday Services

"He will come." We're looking forward to Advent this year. After several years of online services, we're offering hybrid worship with online and in-person services. Our theme is "Field of Dreams." For those who are baseball fans, you'll see some familiar images. We invite you to join us, beginning Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 am for Hanging of the Greens. Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th with our regular morning service, plus some seasonal flourishes.

This year, we're gathering via Zoom for Blue Christmas on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 pm. This is a quiet time for those who struggle with Christmas celebrations. We'll light candles and spend time in prayer as we seek comfort and the peace of Christ which passes all understanding.

Christmas and New Year's Day are unusual this year as both fall on Sunday. We encourage you to come for a joint PUMC/CUMC Christmas Eve service with music, storytelling and candle lighting. There be an unplugged, in-person only service on Christmas Day, where we sing a few songs acapella, read Scripture, share our blessings and join in communion. Our PUMC New Year's Day service will be online only. It's a celebration of Jesus' birthday and the epiphany, when his divine nature is revealed to God's glory.

We will celebrate in-person communion on Sunday, January 8th.

CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE

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Thank you!!!

Many thanks go out to Leisa Luke, Lillian Blaschke, and John Jenkins for performing an audit of the Placentia UMC financial records for 2020 and 2021. We would like to thank Mel Bond and Jessie Conaway for their assistance. They were both very organized and went out of their way to make themselves available to answer the audit team questions. Placentia UMC is in good standing.

Our Placentia UMC Holiday Schedule

Office hours—Will be closed on Thursday, November 24th & Friday 25th
The office will be closed December 26th to January 2nd, returning January 3rd.
Staff holidays - Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th

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 November - Dark / For December - Dark
See you next year!!!

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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

Church Directory Addendum 2022

Please contact the church office if you have not received your copy of the Church Directory addendum.

Cornerstone UMC News

CUMC 2nd Golf Ministry Event - Saturday, November 5th

Location: Fullerton Paradise Golf Course
1600 North Harbor Blvd., Fullerton - 714-879-7888
Tee Time: 10am - Be there by 9:30am
Lunch: 12:30pm Location: TBD
Prices: Play 18 Holes Putting Green Course
\$7 per player - \$5 for Juniors and Seniors
RSVP: By Tuesday 11/01 to Dick Chu by Email: wltchu10@gmail.com
or Phone: 714-614-4216 (leave a message)
Note: Let me know if you need a putter...

Church Campus Life

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

It's that time of year again for the Annual Charge Conference.

Charge Conference reports are due to Izzy by Wednesday, November 9th.

Charge Conference is set for Saturday, December 3rd at 2pm.

At this time the Charge Conference forms have not come out But when they do...

Please look to this online link at calpacumc.org/chargeconference.

FORMS - PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF YOUR FORM FOR the 2022-2023 Charge Conference 2021-2022 Annual Report Charge Conference.

If you would like a hard copy of the 2021-2022 Charge Conference Annual Report, please contact Izzy and she will have them ready for pick-up or mail.

JESUS WELCOMED CHILDREN AND SO DO WE!

We have good news!!! We have come out of the pandemic and are embracing in-person and online community in new ways. One of those ways is by encouraging families and households to attend. That's right, we hope to see children at church! Children are welcome to attend the service. We have a table set up for those who would like to use it. And we're recruiting adults to lead a class, if there are enough kids present and willing to attend. So invite those friends and family members you haven't seen in a while. Come for Friendsgiving Sunday, travel to the field of dreams with us during Advent, and enjoy storytelling, music and candle lighting on Christmas Eve.



All are welcome!

Generosity Minute

“Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you” (Matthew 5:48)

Thank you for your support of Placentia United Methodist Church through your prayers, presence, giving, service and witness. Your generosity allows us to change the world by sharing God's life-giving love with others. We hope you get a chance to watch our “Ending Physical and Spiritual Hunger” video. It highlights some of the life-giving ways PUMC cares for our community. This is only possible by your financial support.

Help us to end 2022 on a high note. We are currently running a modest, \$5,000 deficit, but have confidence we can make it up and start 2023 off well. We invite you to pray and reflect on your presence and giving. We ask to send your offering in regularly to help. It helps when there's regular, planned giving. If you can give a year-end gift beyond your offering, please do. It's tax deductible. If you'd like to make an endowment, please let us know.

God's grace and loving forgiveness have the power to change lives, families and the world. Please join us in this mission. When we pull together, we can do all things in Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

Lillian Blaschke-9

Laurie Cobb-10

Eleanor Barbour-15

December

Wang Zhang-3

Gerry Adams-16

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 pumcsecr@gmail.com

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Tuesday to Thursday

9am to 2pm

Monday/Friday - Closed

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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.

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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.

11/6 Carol Vizenor ©	12/4 Jean Redman ©
11/13 Carol Vizenor	12/11 Lillian Blaschke
11/20 Wendy Elliott	12/18 Gerry Adams
11/27 Wendy Elliott	12/24 Gerry Adams
	12/25 John Jenkins
	1/01 Margaret Johnson ©

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	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

Tellers 2022-2023 Below is the schedule:

Please contact Elliot Harry if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday	Bob McKinnell /Carol Vizenor
2nd Sunday	Kay Ressler/ John Jenkins
3rd Sunday	Bev Green/Leon Cheney
4th Sunday	Elliot Harry/Gene Mischler
5th Sunday	Elliot Harry

Consider another way to Pledge to Placentia United Methodist Church in 2023

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) - an easy way to give to Placentia UMC

When you reach 70, you begin the RMD process with your IRA or 401K or other investments. Be sure to speak with your plan financial advisor. Designation of a portion or all your RMD to Placentia UMC is an easy way to give. It's like a pre-paid pledge.

Here is an example. You are 70 or older. You have determined your Estimate of Giving for 2023. By working with your financial advisor, they can tell you what your RMD is calculated to be for the new period, usually the new year. Once you have determined your estimate of giving, you can instruct your financial advisor to send a check for all or a portion of the amount directly to Placentia UMC. Since the check does not come to you, there are tax advantages. Be sure you understand them with your financial person.

Once received by Placentia United Methodist Church in 2023

1. You are given credit for the full amount towards your 2023 Estimate of Giving.
2. Your RMD is like a pre-paid pledge.
3. If you designate your RMD giving for, say 6 months, it is amortized over the 6 months. That means that even though PUMC receives the full amount, and the full amount is posted to your giving statement, for budget reporting, each month 1/6th is reflected in the Financial Reports.
4. You can designate your RMD duration for a quarter, for 6 months, for the full year, or whatever period you choose. It just affects how many months it is amortized.
5. Each quarter, when you receive your report of giving, you will see your full RMD giving.
6. RMDs received help your church's leadership team determine the direction of finances for the year.
7. Only the Financial Secretary sees your RMD details. The Treasurer only sees that an RMD has been received and for how many months it is to be spread across the yearly budget.

Please consider giving through an RMD today and be sure to speak with your financial advisor to help you with the process.



Masks are voluntary during service

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

**Worship in-person &
Live on Facebook
Service: 9:30am**

Afterward, you are invited
to join us for



Social Hour

10:30am - 11:30am

In the Fellowship Hall.

Bottle Water - YES

Coffee - YES

Donuts - YES

Fellowship - YES

Masks - Optional

Join us Sunday Mornings

Bible Reading

Conference Room

8:15am to 8:45am

Hosted by Bob McKinnell

Please continue to follow us
on Facebook to help you stay



engaged. Our page which can
be found by searching our
name or typing in:
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