



The Messenger

“Jesus responded by speaking again in parables.” Matthew 22:1 (CEB)



Miracles and parables. Once again Jesus bewilders and surprises us. Just when the disciples thought things were going sideways, Jesus surprises them by stopping to perform miracles and then talk about heaven.

The political environment of Jesus' time was filled with oppression, scarcity, persecution of marginalized people, and the egos of oligarchs and rulers who saw themselves as better than everyone else. Sounds remarkably like today.

Jesus steps into this storm with parables and miracles. While I can't help you with the first, we can spend some time reflecting on Jesus' lessons and actions together. And, in the rage of the storm, we can find peace.



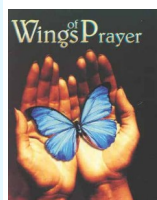
Sometimes, Jesus' parables are subtle, and the application seems elusive. Other times, it hits us like a brick. We might respond to a parable in a positive and growing way. But we might also dismiss it as someone

else's problem if we aren't careful.

Jesus' parables warn us of the dangers of being closed, thinking we have all we need, so we don't really need God. Then Jesus shows us we need everything. Our lives are empty unless God fills them

What do we hope for? A life-giving, soul-sustaining, direction-giving, comfort-sharing, challenge-offering relationship. If that's the case, then coming to God already filled up, already trusting in self, has no room for a relationship to take root and grow. But coming to God empty and needy allows room for relationship to grow and transformation to take place.

This is prayer with wings, prayer carrying us into God's presence. Jesus is trying to help us see our intent makes all the difference. It isn't about God's displeasure if we do it wrong. It's about the spiritual physics that won't allow two "bodies" (our will and God's will) to occupy the same space.



We've got to make room for answers. We've got to walk the journey of faith with humility. It becomes a mark of our relationships, our discipleship. We come to be filled up. We come open and empty. We come to listen and learn and grow, even as we help others grow. Together, we invite the One who can bring transformation work in us, through us, and between us. "Have mercy on us," we pray with joy.

Looking forward to Fall,
Pastor Eric



Pastor Eric Schmidt

Senior Pastor || Placentia United Methodist Church

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September

Dianne Adams - 18

October

Karen Richards - 11

Wendy Elliott - 14

Margie Simmermacher - 15

Anita Carson - 19

Reese Adams - 29

Birthday List

is located in the back of
your Church Directory

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

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

September 21st | 7:00 pm Church Council meeting

Charge Conference Reports Due Thursday, October 8th

Craft Fair La Habra UMC Saturday, October 17th 9am to 3pm

October 19th Church Council meets to review charge conference reports

Sunday, October 25th All Church Gathering

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the newsletter by the 20th of each month to the church office at pumcsecr@gmail.com.

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.

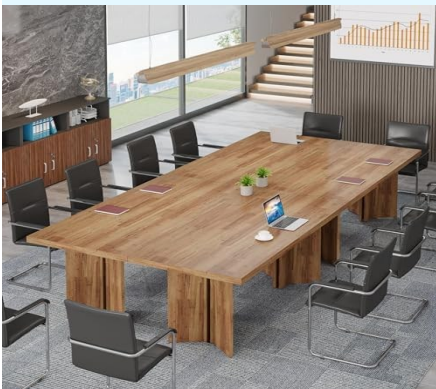
Please let us know if you have any updates or new requests.

Planning a meeting or event on church campus???

If you would like to request a room or plan a event/meeting on church campus please contact Izzy Izaguirre in the church office, (714) 528-1483

All room requests go directly to her. Here is the process:

- 1) Either call or send an email to pumcsecr@gmail.com
- 2) Include your name, email, phone number, date and room needed.
- 3) Izzy will call or email to confirm the date/room is available.



MISSIONS TEAM

Missions Update

The Mission Team has prayerfully decided that, each month, we will come together to host a special mission collection. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to unite in generosity, support the work of missions, and meaningful difference in the lives of others.

September Solidarity - School and office supplies

October One Life to Love - \$\$ for their necessary daily expenses

November Heifer Project - \$\$ toward buying animals & promoting self-support

December General Missions (to replace the spending for the monthly blessing box and other funds as needed for the future)

Along with Sing-a-long Saturday, December 19 | at 11am

MISSION PROJECTS

Blessing Boxes Thank you to the Floyds for continuing to deliver the goods. The last collection was a very large collection that filled all the boxes and still at least one of them had been depleted when Wendy went out later in the week. The need is still great, so we will continue with the cadence of 2 times per month.

The first Sunday of the month will be purchased out of Mission funds and delivered and the third Sunday will continue to be the congregational collection. The Floyds will deliver twice a month (with Eric as a backup as needed) until another volunteer is found for the first delivery weekend.

One Life to Love A gift of \$200 was approved. There is an Amazon wish list as well if people want to continue to donate kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, etc. We will dedicate one of the Communion Sunday Mission collections to this cause.

Good Shepherd \$200 in gas cards were given to the front office

E-Waste There was a mix up on Saturday due to a wedding that was held on Saturday, but Sunday was successful. We will try to find another weekend to do this again.

Project Phaino It was decided to put a box in the lobby for collection of soaps, shower supplies and socks/shoes. This will be placed by the busses the Friday before the Saturday event day (delivery logistics TBD with Pastor John or other arrangements). Wendy will determine the days the events are, so we know when to deliver the supplies. Someone will provide a bin for the lobby and Margaret volunteered to do some signage (e.g. "Donation Corner") so people know where to put donations for shower busses and blessing boxes.

PROJECTS

MISSION



Ways
to Give

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.

HAVE A Prayer Request

Visit us at our website:
placentiaumc.org/prayer
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Greetings from your Finance Committee

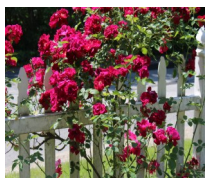
Well, financially we are almost past those lean giving summer months. Expenses have exceeded income but not unexpectedly and not something that can't be overcome with an increase in faithful giving between now and year end. Annual Conference planning has begun and with it preparations for the 2027 operating budget.



Each time we prepare a new budget, it is with a lot of prayer, difficult decisions, and faith in our Lord, in our faithful congregation and in the future of a vibrant PUMC. Please join the Finance team in prayer during this key time for our church.

Thank you from your Finance Committee: Mel Bond, Bob McKinnell, Craig Green, Pastor Eric, Sue Lacko, Leisa Luke, Wendy Elliot, Jessie Conaway, Derrick Floyd.

CHURCH MEMORIAL ROSES



How are your roses surviving this hot summer? The church roses are doing ok despite some sprinkler issues for the last several months. One side is doing fine. One side has had to be hand watered weekly. Both sides have been full of lovely blooms. We are busy each week dead heading the old blooms.

Your rose team has been fighting thrips on several bushes. They are insidious little bugs that curl the leaves and shrivel the new buds. We attack them by removing the affected shoots, clearing out the fallen leaves and treating with Neem oil. There is still work to be done. We have a few more months ahead of us before the winter cut back so if you have some time on most Thursday mornings at 8:30a, we could use the help. But let us know incase we have to change the day.

Your rose team is Mel, Karen and now Esperanza.

Upper Room Daily Devotional

Can be picked up in the church narthex.

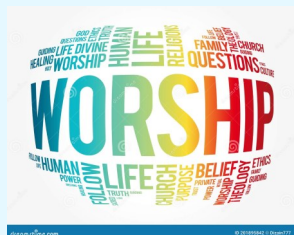
Why are we Here?

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



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!



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

Church Campus Life

CORNERSTONE UMC - CORNER

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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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.

9/6 Bob McKinnell	10/6 Bob McKinnell
9/13 Bruce Beck	10/13 Bruce Beck
9/20 Sue Lacko	10/20 Sue Lacko
9/27 Leon Cheney	10/27 Leon Cheney

Greeters for Sunday Service schedule:

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

1st TBD
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.



Photos Needed

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

Send to
pumcsecr@gmail.com