

The Messenger



January/February 2022 Issue

PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“All you who wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage.”
Psalm 32:24 (CEB)

“Happy New Year!

Trust is often hard to find these days. We’ve been disappointed over and over again. As we enter another year of the pandemic, contentious politics, economic worries, worrisome climate changes and more, we’re finding it hard to trust those who lead, neighbors who aren’t like us and even friends and family members. Who can we trust?

I invite you to trust God. That sounds easy, but it’s not. Most of us distrust God. We hold ourselves back. It’s easy to think of God as either a punitive authority we should fear or an empty, distant nothing.

Jesus’ message tells us God is neither a powerless weakling nor powerful boss, but one who loves us. God’s desire is to give us what our hearts most desire, a place to be where we can love and be loved. That’s a place of trust.

To pray is to listen to God’s voice, the voice of love. When we don’t listen, we become deaf to the voice of love. The Latin word for deaf is surdus. To be completely deaf is absurdus, yes, absurd.

When we no longer pray, no longer listen to the voice of love speaking to us in the moment, our lives become absurd lives. We are tossed back and forth between the past and the future, worries and concerns, the desire to be trusted and distrust.

If we can just be in God’s presence, listening for God’s voice, even for a few minutes each day, fully where we are and who we are, imagine what might happen. We would discover we are not alone. And the One who is with us wants only one thing: to give us love.

As we begin a new year together, I invite you to listen to God. Let us be in prayer together!

By God’s grace,
Pastor Eric
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MASKS ARE REQUIRED DURING SERVICE

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

**Worship In Person &
Live Stream on 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
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Church Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 9am to 1pm

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**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

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**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING
MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

PRESIDENT DAY
church office
will be closed on
Monday, February 21st

LOOKING AHEAD

Leadership Council Meeting Tuesday, January 25th, 7pm Zoom/Online

Servant leader & Volunteer orientation Sunday, January 23rd
10:45am, Conference Room, Zoom/Online –January 23rd @ 2pm

Communion Service Sunday, February 6th

Stepping up Sunday Celebration, Sunday, February 6th, 10:30am

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd - Activities still being planned

Lenten Bible Study: Sermon Series “Care for your Soul,

Midweek Series: “Practicing Soul Care”

Directory Update Needed

If you have moved or changed your contact information: Email address, Home address or Cell phone, please forward it the church office by calling or emailing.

Please send by Sunday, February 20th

Once the changes are in, the PUMC office send them out to everyone to add to their church directory. Thank you for your help.

RESIDENT READERS

January Book—A year of Living Biblically, By AJ Jacobs

JANUARY MEETING DATE CHANGED TO 2/1 AT 7PM

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.

PRAYER GARDEN

We are looking for volunteers to re-engage in the Prayer Garden.

We are reimagining our Prayer Garden into multiple raised garden beds.

Our garden can include veggies and pollinator plants this spring but will need volunteers to help build the beds, fill them, plant them and care for them throughout the spring, summer and fall months.

This beautiful garden will provide an opportunity for members to spend time through the years as we grow our faith, and our faith community so too will our garden flourish.

If you have ideas, input, or want to volunteer, please contact Mel Bond via email: romellebond@gmail.com

A Celebration of Life

In our Heart but not Forgotten



Our Beloved Sister in Christ,



Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth Nieto Poutney--

Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth Nieto Poutney was born in El Paso, Texas at the Newark Maternity Clinic which was a clinic that catered to Mexican immigrants. She was the 4th kid and the eldest girl born out of seven girls and seven boys. Betty was a 4th generation Methodist; her father being a Methodist preacher. Every Sunday Betty and her sister Shirley played the piano at Sunday services.

Betty met George Poutney in Dallas while he was attending school and she was working. They knew each other for all of two weeks before they were married; a marriage lasting more than 50 years. George and Betty travelled with Shell Oil Company to South America, Singapore and many other places in the world.

Jonathan and Keith were born in the City of Placentia. Many of us remember the heartache of Keith's bicycle accident on the first day of school in Irvine and his ultimate death after years of rehabilitation. Jonathan still lives in the Poutney home in Placentia. He is the father of Grace and Grant, Grace being a college student in Oregon.

Betty worked as a secretary at a local attorney's office for years. Upon her retirement she started volunteering at Charities Closet. Sue Lacko says, "I am a testament to just how much the people loved Betty as she spoke fluid Spanish and enjoyed putting outfits together for the customers. She was quite a salesperson."

After George died, dementia invaded Betty and she no longer knew her friends or family. We have faith that she is perfect in every way now as she has gone on to be with George in heaven.

(This article was written by Sue Lacko via a telephone call with her sister Charlotte)

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

Afterward, you are invited
to join us for



Coffee Fellowship:

10:30am - 11:30am

In the Fellowship Hall.

Bottle Water - YES

Coffee - YES

Donuts - YES

Fellowship - YES

Join us Sunday Mornings

Prayer Service

8am in Sanctuary

Bible Reading

Conference Room

8:30am to 9:15am

Hosted by Bob McKinnell

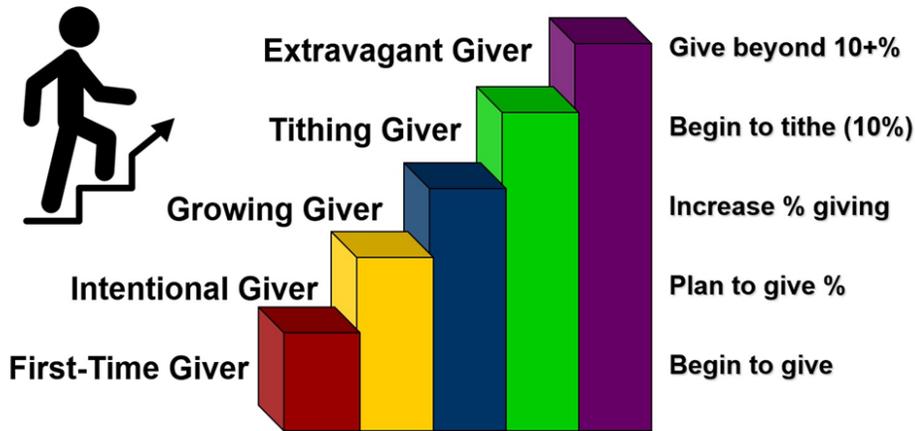
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engaged. Our page which can
be found by searching our
name or typing in:
facebook.com/placentiaumc/

Church Campus Life

The Giving Path: Where is God leading you?



The giving path runs parallel to a Christian's spiritual journey

There are three ways you can turn in your Estimate of Giving Card:

- You may mail it to the church in the enclosed envelope.
 - You may drop it off at the church off during the week.
 - You may place it in the Stepping Up In Faith plate this Sunday.
- If you are away on travel, please give it to us or send it once you get back. Choose the manner most convenient for you. Know that every response counts – regardless of amount, and every person makes a difference!

2022 PUMC ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Our Goal:

100% participation = everyone returns a card with a response

- I will pray for Placentia UMC and my response to God. I support you
- I estimate I will grow in my giving as follows:

My commitment is \$ _____ per ___ week ___ month ___ year

for an annual total of \$ _____

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This estimate of giving may be updated at any time upon request.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! January

- Roscoe Johnson-1
- Margaret Johnson-4
- Pam Triestram-8
- Mel Bond-18
- Glenn Richards-19
- Diane Cooper-26
- Gloria Ressler-26
- Carolyn Cap-27

February

- Patrice Porter-9
- Sue Lacko-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