



**PLACENTIA
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

2050 Valencia Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 528-1483

Church office hours:

Monday/Friday-Closed
Tuesday/Thursday 10am to 2pm
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm

Visit us:

website: placentiaumc.org/
facebook.com/placentiaumc/

Senior Pastor

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10am to 1pm
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The Messenger

Placentia United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

In observance of Labor Day The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. If you need pastoral care Pastor Eric will be available by phone/text (714) 271-3698.

Choir Practice begins Thursday, September 4th

Boy Scout Troop Pancake Breakfast Saturday, September 20th || 8:30am-10:30am || Church Patio

Open House|| Mission Conversation, Sunday, September 21st

Widows once-a-month lunch fourth Friday of every month || 11:45 am Mr. D's || 126 Yorba Linda Blvd, Placentia

Solidarity Missions Offering September| October - Offering will go toward supplies to School Children.



Pickleball is on—Cornerstone UMC Hosts

Come play the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Park after our lunch fellowship. Fun with Pickleball, Puzzles and Paper Projects!

OCTOBER

World Communion Sunday PUMC/CUMC

Joint Service Sunday, October 5th || 10:30am

E-Recycle Event

October Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th || 9am to 3pm

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the newsletter by Wednesday, October 22nd to the church office, pumcsecr@gmail.com

Craft Fair La Habra UMC | Saturday, October 18th 9am to 3pm | Flyers in the Narthex for more details

Worship & Witness conversation | Laity Sunday, October 19th

All Church Gathering Sunday, October 26th



Boy Scout Troop 723 Halloween Maze

Friday & Saturday October 25th & 26th || Parish Park 5:30pm –9pm || Cost to enter \$5

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September

Dianne Adams - 18

Bonnie Heffner - 25

October

Karen Richards - 11

Wendy Elliott - 14

Jean Redman - 15

Margie Simmermacher - 15

Anita Carson - 19

Reese Adams - 29

Birthday List

is located in the back of
your Church Directory



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

*“... God reconciled us to themselves through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

2 Corinthians 5:18 (CEB)



What do we do when we are confronted with evil and injustice? Some of us may find ourselves taking the perspective of the seasons. We see seasons of life like the seasons of the year. There are seasons of emerging, flourishing, withering and dormancy.

While we welcome the ephemeral, we are focused on the eternal. We seek God's will for our lives and the world around us.

But not all of us are comfortable with this long-term perspective. Our personality and energy urge us to act, speak up and engage. We seek ways to change lives and the world for the better. The ministry of reconciliation speaks to us in another way.

This fall, I invite you to explore “restorative justice.” The biblical narrative points to God's restorative justice at work in the lives of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Hosea. If we read carefully and honestly, we will see God's justice is restorative, not retributive; loving, not toxic.

In each case, after the prophet chastises them for their wrongs, the prophet continues by saying, in effect, “Here's what God will do for you: God will now love you more than ever! God will love you into wholeness. God will pour upon you a gratuitous, unbelievable, unaccountable, irrefutable love that you will finally be unable to resist.”

Love is the only thing that transforms the human heart. Jesus reveals this divine wisdom. Love takes the shape of healing and radical forgiveness, which is what Jesus does. He usually transforms people at the moments when they most hate themselves, when they most want to punish themselves or feel shame and guilt. This gives us hope in each season.

We are called to be ambassadors of love to a hurting world. I invite you to join us as we walk (or drive) through our community in prayer. Let's lift our neighbors in prayer, looking for ways we can encourage them in love.

Here we are, Lord. Send us!

Pastor Eric Schmidt

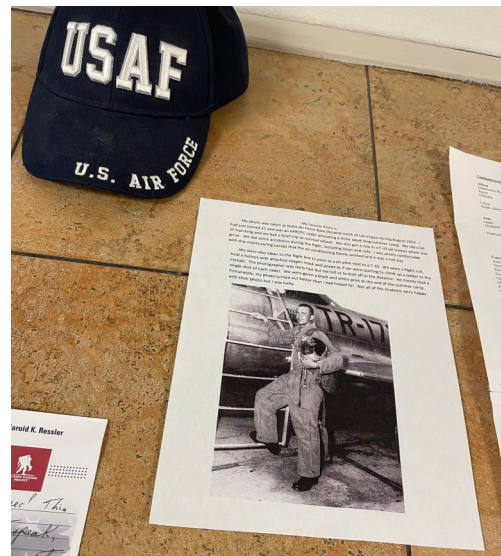
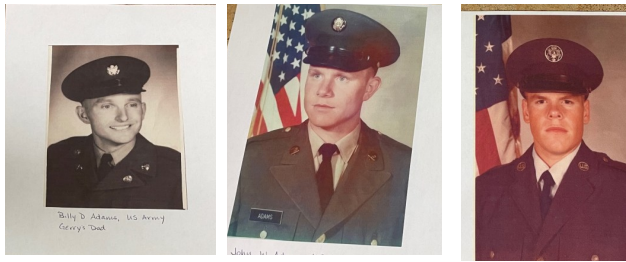
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Church Campus Life

Pot Luck Saturday, May 25th - Honoring our Veterans



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



If you would like an update
about One Life to Love in Baja,
here is the website address:
<https://www.onelifeinbaja.org/>



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!

Church Campus Life

Look who was at Stonehenge this
Summer???
Pastor Eric and Esperanza



We are "Blessed" - Pastor Eric

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY JUNE 22, 2025





WALKING IN PRAYER

Prayer walking is a type of prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying. As you prayer walk, your prayers extend beyond your own concerns, focusing directly on the needs of others and opening yourself to see them with God's eyes and heart.

Prayer walks are a means of asking God to give you a heart for your neighbors. It gives you a means of doing something for the well-being of our community as you ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you as you observe the world around you.

There are many ways to prayer walk. You can walk through your neighborhood or a place like Koch Park or downtown. You can drive to an area that's on your mind and sit in your car, observing and praying. You can ride your bike or go with friends in their car. You can take the dog.

I invite you to do a weekly prayer walk this September. Choose a day of the week. It could be before or after the service. Look with fresh eyes. Pray with an open heart and listen for what God tells you. And then come and share with us what you saw and how the Spirit is nudging you.

We'll invite you to share on **Open House Sunday**. It's voluntary. And we'll provide slips of paper for you to write down anything you'd like to share. We'll listen and then find some ways to act. Together, we can be part of sowing seeds of faith so lives are made better.

Electronic Waste Recycling Event

Saturday & Sunday
October 11 & 12, 2025
(9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

**Placentia Town
Center**

(Parking Lot)
160 Yorba Linda Blvd.
Placentia, CA 92870

Hosted By:

Placentia United Methodist Church

**e-rase your
e-waste!**



What is "E-waste"?

E-Waste is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its 'end-of-life' or 'end-of-usage,' whether in full or non-working condition. It includes most electronics or electric appliances with a cord or circuit board such as:

Computer Monitors, Television Sets, PC Systems, Printers, Laptops, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Toner Cartridges, UPS & PDAs, Power Supplies, Main Frame Units, Networking Equipment, Mother Board Systems, VCR/VCD/DVD Players, Home Entertainment Systems, Landline and Cellular Phones, & Small Portable Devices. We also accept Car and Forklift Batteries. **There is a service charge for Major Appliances, including Cooling Units & Microwaves.** We do not accept: Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Household Batteries.

For more information, please call
(714) 528-1483.



Help Placentia UMC with the next E-Recycle Event

Do you still have some old electronic items that you weren't able to get into the last E-Recycle event? We'll have another opportunity this September. Perhaps you plan to update a PC or a TV. Don't just junk those old items. Bring them to PUMC's next event in September and help PUMC with this fundraiser. Tell your friends, family and neighbors too!

If you can't store your old items conveniently, let Bob McKinnell know, and he will find a place to store them at the church until then.



Thank You, Leon's Friends!

A huge thank you to everyone who manned the grills at Buck's-a-Burger— your skills were unmatched! The doneness, the char, the presentation... absolute perfection.

As the song goes: "Keep smiling, keep shining, knowing you can always count on friends. That's what friends are for."

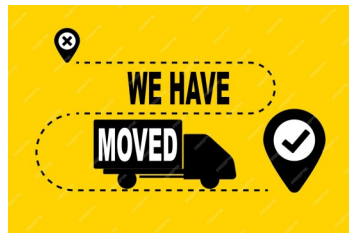
And to all who brought those delicious side dishes — thank you! It was a fantastic night with a great turnout, full of laughter, good food, and even better company.



A Celebration of Life In our hearts, but not forgotten

Gene Mishler, entered into heaven on July 25, 2025 to be with our Lord and Savior.

Gerrie Izaguirre (Izzy's mom) entered into heaven on June 3, 2025 to be with our Lord and Savior.



PLEASE NOTE:

Change address for: **Dee and Bruce Beck**
460 La Floresta Drive, Unit 216
Brea, CA 92823



Do you know of anyone looking to rent a room?
Please give Izzy a call (714) 319-2483,
she is looking for a roommate.



CORNERSTONE UMC - CORNER

New Life Fellowship for Seniors and Retirees resumes - 10am at church for fun and fellowship. Lunch afterwards at Omeli Kitchen (2466 E Chapman Ave., Fullerton). Contact Betty Loh-Chen for more information. **Starts Wednesday, September 10th**

Lean on Me || Wednesday, September 10th || 7pm 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) resumes at 10am in the Purple Room and on Zoom, September 16th

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

Upper Room Daily Devotional September | October

Can be picked up in the church narthex.

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Photos Needed

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

Send to
pumcsecr@gmail.com



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.

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 more information.

Liturgist for Sunday Service:

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

9/07 Bob McKinnell	Alternates: Craig
9/14 Bruce Beck	Green and Margaret
9/21 Sue Lacko	Johnson
9/28 Leon Cheney	

Communion Assistants needed, first Sunday each month.

4 people needed, Please contact Pastor Eric Schmidt if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

Greeters for Sunday Service schedule:

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

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

Tellers 2024 schedule:

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

1st Sunday	Bob McKinnell /Craig Green
2nd Sunday	Kay Ressler/Mel Bond
3rd Sunday	Leon Cheney/Kathy McKinnell
4th Sunday	Leisa Luke/Bob McKinnell
5th Sunday	Mel Bond/Leisa Luke
Substitute	Bob McKinnell

Clean Up in Social Hall schedule:

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

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