

**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**

**PLACENTIA  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

2050 Valencia Avenue  
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(714) 528-1483

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

**Visit us:**

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# The Messenger

## PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March/April 2023 Issue**

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone  
who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life."  
John 3:16 (CEB)*

Jesus' words carry as much substance and impact as when they  
were first spoken on a Jerusalem night long ago. There's a reason why  
this verse is the most famous in all of scripture. It's a message of hope.

And we need hope. We are people living complicated lives in a  
world filled with mistrust, where it feels like we're only valued for what  
we produce or consume. Anything is fair game, so long as we end up  
on top. Hosanna, Lord, save us!

Jesus offers us a glimpse of something outside of our control,  
something outside of our experience. Jesus pulls the curtain back and  
reveals to those who are ready a deeper, more meaningful life here and  
now, and for all of eternity. And it's like a cool drink of water on a hot  
day. Our thirst is quenched and our soul is refreshed.

No matter what we are facing in this moment, today, in this  
season, it will come to an end. God's mercy and grace heal all wounds,  
pardon all sins and save us, even from ourselves. Nothing can hold us  
back or separate us from God's love. All we have to do is believe and  
accept.

We are Easter people. This means we are most content when  
we find God in each moment. This is the way to shalom, peace and  
prosperity in our inner and outer lives. Thank you, Lord, for showing  
us what it means to be your children!



With a grateful heart,  
Pastor Eric  
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**Why are we Here?**

**"Joyfully sows seeds of Faith, so lives are drawn to God."**

**Bible Study**  
**Pastor Eric Hosting**  
**Monday**

10am Zoom

**Wednesday**

7pm Zoom

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt  
umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com  
for the Zoom Link

**Sunday**

8:15am Conference Room



**Sunday, March 12, 2023**



**Prayer Request**

Contact the Prayer Line at  
pumc-prayerline@att.net or visit  
us at [www.placentiaumc.org/prayer](http://www.placentiaumc.org/prayer)

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt  
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## LOOKING AHEAD

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

**Clocks Change** Daylight Saving Time: Sunday, March 12

**Holy Week** Palm Sunday, April 2 - Palms will be available

**Maundy Thursday** April 6 - More details to follow

**Easter Sunday** April 9th, 9:30am Service

Bring flower's for the Flower Cross

**Strawberry Social** Saturday, April 15th at 3pm, hosted by  
the Nurture Group



### Lenten Season Food Drive

Our food drive is underway! The missions team is offering an opportunity to show love to our neighbors this Lenten season by partnering with Solidarity to provide boxes of specific items to their food distribution ministry.

try.

They are an organization based in Fullerton providing a variety of services to local families. The list of items needed to fill the boxes is available in the Narthex along with a grocery cart for collecting the items. Completed boxes will be delivered to the Solidarity office on March 12th and March 26th.

If you'd like additional information, please contact Melanie Palmer (714)931-8022 or Dianne Adams (714)905-6987.  
*Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

### RESIDENT READERS

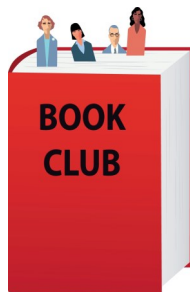
We had a good discussion at our last gathering on "The Midnight Library."

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7p. There are a few new members who have joined in. The gatherings are fun and friendly. The book discussions are thoughtful, informative and not-always-so-serious. Join us!

Our book for March will be "The Keeper of Lost Things", by Ruth Hogan. Sue Lacko will be the host and will also lead the discussion.

The book for April will be "The Ride of Her Life - The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last Chance Journey Across America", by Elizabeth Letts.

Contact Izzy or Margaret if you'd like to join the group. Everyone is welcome!



## Church Campus Life

### UMCOR Feminine Hygiene Kits



We are grateful to everyone who supported Celebrating Women's mission activity by sponsoring one or more of the UMCOR Feminine Hygiene Kits at \$15 per kit. With your generous support, we were able to put together 72 individual kits, each containing the specified items. UMCOR will distribute these kits to women in need during disasters.

The kits were prepared last week, boxed and sent this week via UPS to the UMCOR staging warehouse in Louisiana. Women in need will be blessed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. *Thank you! Celebrating Women Ministry of PUMC*

## A Celebration of Life

### In our Heart but not Forgotten



Our Beloved sister in Christ, Ruth Vigil, I just wanted to tell you the sad news that my mom Faith Vigil, passed away last Monday morning, January 23rd, as a result of a severe lung infection. She is with the Lord and no longer suffering. Her funeral was held at the

Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress on February 22nd, 2023. I miss you all, the Lord bless you, Wendy Whyman.



### Round dinning room table needed (chairs would be nice, but not necessary)

If anyone has a round dinning room table they don't use anymore and would like to donate to Izzy, please give her a call or email her at the church.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! March

Pastor Eric - 3

Beverly Green - 7

Terry Blank - 15

Carol Vizenor - 29

### April

Katy Wirth-2

Leon Cheney-4

Evan Adams-11

Susie Bush-13

Jessie Conaway-20

Rachel Sweet-20

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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.

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## CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE



Boy Scout Sunday

2-19-23

BS Troop 723 &

Pastor Eric Schmidt



We want to thank the Placentia United Methodist Church for their generous donation with which we were able to purchase much needed kitchen supplies.

~Update from One life to Love

### Ash Wednesday Drive Through Ashes



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#### Social Hour

10:30am - 11:30am

In the Fellowship Hall.

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:  
[facebook.com/placentiaumc/](https://facebook.com/placentiaumc/)

## CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE



### Treasurer's Corner

AmazonSmile has discontinued their charity donation program as of the end of February. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in the program. PUMC should receive our final donation check from Amazon Smile in late April.

SCRIP for Stater Brother's is regularly available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Be sure to find Elliot Harry to buy your Scrip. PUMC receives 5% back on each dollar of Scrip. If we all participate in using the Scrip cards for grocery shopping at Stater Brother's Market, this is an easy way to give back to our church.

Do you shop at Ralph's? If you belong to their 'loyalty program' through your Ralphs Reward Card, you can designate PUMC as your charity of choice. This is another easy way to give to our church.

Both your Finance Committee and your Leadership Council plan to meet monthly via zoom. Anyone can attend one of these meetings. Just let me or Elliot Harry, Finance Chair, or Sue Lacko, Leadership Council chair know that you are interested.

The Sunday Offering basket has been moved to a more prominent position on a table as you enter the Church. Drop your donations in the basket on your way in. If you are not able to attend, you can always: mail in your check, give online through Tithe.ly, or make Placentia UMC a bill-pay option on your checking account. Never send cash through the mail!

Monthly Offering Envelopes are now available. If you would like to have a packet of offering envelopes, please see Jessie Conaway, the Financial Secretary, or stop into the office and speak with Izzy. The packets contain an envelope for each month, one for Easter, one for Christmas and several blank ones for any special giving.

What would you like to hear about in this Treasurer's Corner in future issues? Just drop me an email at [romellebond@gmail.com](mailto:romellebond@gmail.com).

Blessings, Mel Bond, PUMC Treasurer

### Strawberry Social - Saturday, April 15th at 3pm



Get ready for fun and games! You will be surprised!!! Program will be headed by a Biblical Version of Jeopardy created especially for you by Sue Lacko and Bob McKinnell. Don't worry about knowing all the correct answers you'll work as a team! That's a relief!

Plan on joining us for an afternoon of enjoyment with your church "Buddies"! Your Point Persons will be calling you to confirm attendance, so be ready with a rousing "YES"! The CHENEYS, The JOHNSONS, SUE LACKO, THE MCKINNELLS, JEAN REDMAN and The RICHARDS

## CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE

An Invitation! The Islamic Center of Anaheim will host a Community Open House.

On Sunday, April 2, at 5:45pm.



We have received an invitation to participate in this event from Jamal Zaheen, their Community Representative, to attend. The evening includes a dinner and introductory program.

A little background: Late in 2018, there was a mass shooting at an Islamic Mosque in New Zealand. There were a number of deaths. Some members of Placentia UMC wrote letters of sympathy and condolences to the New Zealand Mosque as well as local mosques. We received a communication from Jamal thanking us for our letters. As a result a dialogue between us began. This resulted in a visit from members of the Anaheim Mosque on a Sunday morning plus a Q & A afterwards by Jamal. We were joined during this time by members of the Mosque. This was a very successful event. We were in the process of planning a reciprocal activity when Covid put a halt to everything. We now have an opportunity out to take up where we left off.

We will be taking the names of those interested in attending this event later in March, and arrange a car pool to Anaheim.

For further Information please see either Dianne Adams or Margaret Johnson

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### UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL: MARCH/ APRIL

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

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## Project PHAINO Ministry Keeps rolling Along...



Phaino also known as The Shower Bus Ministry, continues on its regular schedule of Saturday stops each month. First and third Saturdays from 9am-12pm they are at the First Methodist Church in Fullerton. At this location the Vine Church runs the program, but Terry Lu drives the bus there and back.

On the third Saturday of the month, from 3pm - 5pm, the bus is at Church Of Southland in Anaheim. The Lu's run this program. There is always need for volunteers in these areas: Meal Preparations and Serving, Cutting hair, Washing feet. Cleaning showers, Donate gift cards, Provide Blessing Bags, Gifts to hand out, Make desserts, Cards of Encouragement and volunteers to just sit and talk to those who come for a shower.

The Lu's, Kathleen and Terry are very grateful to Cornerstone and Placentia UMC for allowing them to park the bus on the church property. This is instrumental in allowing them to continue this important ministry.

For further information on this ministry please contact Jessie Conaway.

714-996-8792. or [kesscon717@roadrunner.com](mailto:kesscon717@roadrunner.com)



## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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.

## **Photos Needed**

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## **Liturgist for Sunday Service:**

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

© Signifies helping with communion.

3/5 Lillian Blaschke

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3/19 TBD

3/26 Jean Redman

4/2 Leon Cheney – Palm Sunday

4/9 Bob McKinnell – Easter Sunday

4/16 Wendy Elliott

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4/29 TBD

## **Greeters for Sunday Service 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 schedule:**

Please contact Sue Lacko if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday TBD

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 2023 schedule:**

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

1st Sunday Bob McKinnell /TBD

2nd Sunday Kay Ressler/ John Jenkins

3rd Sunday Bev Green/Leon Cheney

4th Sunday Elliot Harry/Gene Mischler

5th Sunday Elliot Harry/Jessie Conaway

## **CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE**

### **Cookie Recipe from Sue Lacko**

Many have asked for the recipe for the twist cookies served recently at the birthday luncheon.

**Starlight Sugar Crisps** - Makes 5 dozen

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees

Soften one packet active dry yeast or one cake compress yeast in 1/4 cup warm water.

Sift together 3 3/4 cups sifted flour plus 1 1/2 tsp salt into a mixing bowl

Cut in 1 cup butter until particles are the size of small peas.

Blend in 2 beaten eggs, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 tsp vanilla and softened yeast.

Mix thoroughly.

Cover and chill at least two hours.

Combine 2 cups sugar and 2 tsp vanilla and stir.

Rollout half of chilled dough on sugar or floured surface to about 16 by 8 rectangle.

Sprinkle with vanilla sugar

Fold one end of Dough over center. Fold other end over center to make three layers.

Turn dough 1/4 way around and repeat rollout, sprinkling and fold overs.

Finally roll out to 16 x 8 rectangle (about 1/4 inch thick) and sprinkle with more sugar.

Slice down the middle and approximately one inch slices horizontally.

Twist twice and place on cookie sheet.

Sometimes these start to untwist. That's ok.

Bake at 375 degrees 15 - 20 minutes

Also. You may have to sugar counter a couple times so cookies don't stick to counter.

Don't leave them in oven too long as they are not supposed to be browned on the bottom.