

The Messenger



September 2021 Issue

PLACENTIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*"... be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."
James 1:22*

Dear Friends,

It's a joy to write to you on a hot summer day in August. Sitting down to write, I'm struck by the timeless nature of James' words. They mean as much today as they did in the first century.

Disease, poverty, politics and armed conflict? Check. A church struggling with its identity and role in society? Yeah, that too.

James wrote to people who were hurt, isolated and alone. There was a lot of anger and frustration. That's what happens when our fears lead us. We become defensive, distant and demanding.

James' advice: find joy in your trials, your suffering. What?

Let me assure you, God is not a sadist. God loves you and wants to help you. The problem is that we don't go to God and ask for help. And, when we do, we don't expect to get an answer unless it's "yes."

It's easy to see God as Santa Claus, rather than the majestic, all-powerful creator of heaven and earth. We forget what Jesus endured to free us from the power of sin and death. We fill ourselves with impure things and then wonder why we become insensitive to the Spirit.

True faith protects, guides and serves. God is love in action. That's where deep joy lies, a joy beyond words. It touches our soul, our very being.

I invite you to spend time in God's Word, prayer and gathering with us, online or in person. Even better, invite a friend or family member. You'll find joy when you do.



By God's grace, Pastor Eric

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

**Worship In Person &
Live Stream on Facebook
& Youtube**

Service: 9:30am

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

Coffee Fellowship:

10:30am - 11:00am

Fellowship Hall

Communion Service

September 5, 2021

**PLACENTIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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MASKS ARE REQUIRED DURING SERVICE

Contact the Prayer Line at
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at www.placentiaumc.org/prayer

Or

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt
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Or

the church office,
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DO HAVE A JOY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

We would love to hear about it.
Please contact Pastor Eric with details.

The Church Office

We will be closed on
Friday, September 3rd.

Labor Day Holiday

In observance of Labor Day, we will be closed on Monday, September 6. We will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday, September 7.

Upcoming Meetings: Via Zoom

Dreamers - TBD

Joint Parish Council - TBD

Leadership Council -TBD

Missions - TBD

SPRC - TBD

Trustees - TBD

Please call the church office to
schedule your meeting for the
Master Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

CELEBRATING WOMEN

Celebrating Women is Hosting a Picnic
Come and Meet Esperanza, Our Pastor's Wife

Saturday, September 18th

11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Parish Park

BYOS - Bring Your Own Sandwich

We will provide the rest (chips, cookies, drinks)



BIBLE STUDY

This week with the Labor Day holiday Bible Study is cancelled on Monday, but will be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 7. Wednesday at 7pm remains the same.

Pastor Eric will send out an email with the Zoom information for Bible Study each week. Please send an email to him so you may be on the email list — umcpastorschmidt@gmail.com

MASKS ARE REQUIRED DURING SERVICE

If you forget your mask, do not worry, we have extra ones available.

Like you, we want to get through these times safely and quickly. That's why, at Placentia UMC, we are proactively adopting the use of face coverings indoors as a precaution based on the recommendation from the CDC, state, county, city and church. It is one small step we can all take to help get through these times together.

And remember, we also ask that you do not come into the church if:

- You are experiencing any cough or respiratory illness
- You have been exposed to anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19

We encourage you to view Sunday service from the safety and comfort of your home using our online applications.

Thank you for your valued membership and service to the Lord. We look forward to the day we can see you without a mask again.

WHEN WILL WE RE-OPEN?

That's the #1 question on all our hearts and minds. After 16 months apart, we are more than ready to re-open and relaunch our church activities. That's good! We are glad to hear your readiness and passion. So I thought it might be helpful to update you on our status and path.



Currently, Placentia UMC is approved for in-person, indoor worship. That's the plan we submitted which was approved. That's a good step.

However, we are not yet approved for small groups or full office operations. We are working on plans and hope to submit them in the next few weeks, after the Church Council reviews and approves them.

Once we have our plans approved, we have been given permission to evolve them as city, county, state and federal guidelines change. That's good as we don't have to go back to the district or conference for approval.

So hang in there! Once we get through the summer and the Delta variant, I expect to see restrictions loosen, more plans approved and a relaunch of activities.

In the meantime, the church is NOT closed! You are the church. I invite and encourage you to connect with each other, be part of an online Bible study, meet outdoors (weather permitting) and explore the new normal – ways of connecting with others in our community and finding the Spirit already at work.

Lord, hear our prayers,
Pastor Eric

We had two family mottos: "Making It!" and "Fight On!"

*Quoted by Kirby Schnebly
The Cross Country Cowboy*

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE

Please continue to clean and wipe down tables in the Fellowship Hall after use. Cleaning supplies can be found on top of cabinets in this room.

Thank you, CUMC/PUMC Churches

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**Worship in-person & Live
on Facebook**

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Afterward, you are invited
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Coffee Fellowship.

Coffee Fellowship:

10:30am - 11:00am

In the Fellowship Hall.

No Food Served at this time.

Bottled Water available



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Church Campus Life

RESIDENT READERS

September Book: "The last bookshop in London"
by Madeline Martin

Host: Mel Bond

Discussion Leader: Marcia Yokomo

October Book: "The Collector - A Navajo Nation Mystery"
by R. Allen Chappell.

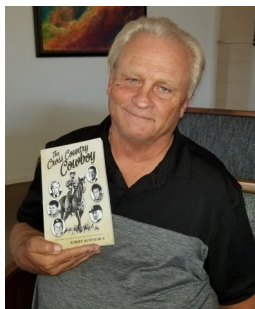
Host: Anita Carson house

Discussion Leader: Margaret

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.

Kirby Schnebly, guest author came to the Resident Readers Book Club and gave a talk about his book - **THE CROSS COUNTRY COWBOY**



Patrice Porter, Look what she made with the tomatoes from the Prayer Garden...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Fromer - 9

Sid Conaway- 10

Dianne Adams - 18

Melanie Palmer - 19

Jill Botha - 25

Bonnie Heffner - 25

Stephanie Di Vito - 28

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
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