



Mission Bell

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Our Mission Statement

We are a warm, caring community of faith, gathering to worship God and sharing the love of Jesus Christ through our friendship and service to our neighbors and the world.



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As we enter 2018, I look forward to sharing the year with you.

Already, the year looks full! While the January calendar seems relatively empty, I know that the United Methodist Women are off to a quick start with circle meetings, the installation of officers at their brunch on the 13th and UMW Sunday on the 28th. Committee meetings will resume, and our choirs will begin rehearsing again. *(Might be a good time to try out singing in the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals are from 7:30 - 9:00 on Thursday, and we do have fun!)*

February will bring a visit from our Bishop, Grant Hagiya, on the 11th. That same week we begin a very early Lent with a Community Ash Wednesday at Faith UMC on February 14th. (Yes, on Valentine's Day!) Watch for information about this year's Lenten Study in the next newsletter.

We will begin March with the first of four Family Promise Hosting Weeks and end the month with Holy Week. April begins with Easter, literally. It's on April Fool's Day this year!

In the midst of all this, our Readiness 360+ Team will be at work. We have been meeting periodically to get to know each other better and reading a book called *DiscipleShift* together. On January 20, we will gather with the other churches in our cohort to learn the next steps in this journey of faith. I hope and pray that our church will be open to God's leading in this venture.

Feeling overwhelmed? I am too, so let me offer this New Year's Blessing from Rev. Steve Garnass-Homes. It is my prayer as well.

*My hope and prayer and confidence
is that in this new year
God will be lovingly present for you,
and you will more and more deeply trust
God's delight in you.
Christ will lead you every step of the new year.
The Spirit's gifts will unfold in you in new ways.
I rejoice that in this new year
beauty will surround you; grace will enfold you;
love will embrace and uphold you.
May you receive healing and wisdom;
may your creativity flower and your courage grow;
and in your hands may justice and mercy flourish.
I rejoice that these gifts await you in the new year,
and pray that you receive them with delight.
I give thanks for the gift of sharing together
the journey of the new year.
God bless us all.*

Amen and amen.

Pastor Lee



Dear ESUMC,

I hope that you are all well rested and had a joyous Christmas season as well as a New Years.

As we begin the new year, here are a few things to look out for. The times we will meet for youth group this month will be the 7th, 21st, and 28th. **We won't meet on the 14th due to MLK holiday.**

On the 20th, we will have a monthly outing which is still being determined. Also in the works is the idea to have short after school outings on a Friday for the different schools in El Segundo.

Lastly, if you're able to provide dinner for the youth group, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated!

*Many blessings this new year,
Eric Iki*



THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING . . .

- to our December liturgists: **June Williams, Brad Stine, Brenda Colbert, Krista and Tonio Martinez, Glafy Carr and Vaka Faletau, and Joey Russ.**

- to those who warmly welcomed folks to worship as greeters in December: **Linda Kruse, Dee Peterson, JoAnn and Ed Gulian, Gerry and Pat Bushrow, Beth and Debbie Gabrielson, Catherine Bienvenue, Beth Muraida, Craig Elder, and Peggy Ward.**

- to everyone who graciously served in December as ushers, including **Ralph and Brenda Colbert, Tim Colbert, Colin Elder, Gerry Muraida, Mike Rutledge, and Joe Ward.**

to our acolytes in December: **Samuel Forthuber and Porter Robbins (and their moms!)**

- to those who graced our altar with gifts of flowers in December: **Sandra Jacobs, the Muraida Family, the Elder Family, and everyone who gave poinsettias.**

- to those who cooked a meal for Shared Bread in December: **Becky Haynes, Brenda Ross, Leslie Evans, Lisa Derr and Eddie McMasters.**

- to **Mark Heaney** for teaching the children's Sunday School in December—and for creating our wonderful Christmas Parade float. Thanks to **Craig Elder and Beth Muraida** for their help with this year's entry, and special thanks to the **Huntoon Family** for the loan of their truck!

- to **Don Carlile, Lisa Derr, Pat and Mark Heaney, Marilyn Harper, Krista and Tonio Martinez, and Brad Stine** for all their work decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

- to **Ellie, Matt, and Glafira Elizabeth Mackie**, who portrayed the Holy Family during the Children's Christmas Eve service. ("The little Lord Jesus/No crying, *she* made!")

- to **Julia Clark**, who helped with our Youth Group's December lock-in, along with Youth Director **Eric Iki**. Also, thanks to the **Youth Group and Joanna McLees** for bringing down the costumes for the Children's Christmas Eve service.

- to the **Chancel Choir, Patty Breitag, musicians Kenner Bailey, Danny Gorden, Maria Jaque, Sharon Ray, and narrators Craig Elder and Vaka Faletau**, for an uplifting Christmas Cantata.

- to **Patty Breitag and the Chancel Choir, Kathy Rutledge and the Bells of Joy** for their gorgeous music all through the season and especially on Christmas Eve! Special thanks to Patty for playing the Children's Christmas Eve service.

- to our wonderful **Church Staff: Elisabet Port, Blanca Martinez, Eric Iki, Patty Breitag, Kenner Bailey, Kathy Rutledge, Paul Idelson, and Dora Gregg.** Thank you for blessing us all year round!

Please add your own expressions of appreciation to those given in this column. We are blessed!



**Toys for
Toberman
12/10/17**

**Ephiphany
Sunday
12/31/17**





HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY January 14

Human Relations Day strengthens United Methodist outreach communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. Among the programs that this offering supports:

A community developer, based at a Florida United Methodist church, directs a ministry for school-age children and youth. The “primary focus is to help the kids see Jesus and to help them grow developmentally and spiritually.”

In Little Rock, Arkansas, another community developer project—at Teresa Hoover UMC—oversees 12 ministries providing day care, after-school activities, gang intervention, jobs training, substance-abuse treatment, affordable/supportive housing and more.

A program in Wilmington, Delaware offers guidance and a caring community for at-risk women, ages 12-17. Participants focus on life skills such as improving school performance, finding a job, managing time and money, resolving conflict and setting goals.

Our gifts help many people in many different ways!
Please be generous.



As I depart for Wellington, Colorado I want to thank you for your many acts of kindness and love towards me.

Being a member of this congregation has been a great honor. I have learned much that helped me on my Christian journey, and I will always be most grateful for that.

Love to each on of you, always.

June Williams

WE DID IT!

Congratulations, El Segundo UMC!
Thanks to some very generous gifts, we were able to pay our 2017 apportionments in full: **100%**!

Our connectional giving will help to making many ministries and missions possible in our conference and around the world. Thank you!!!



Happy New Year to All!

A new yer and a new beginning. I am sure God will be with us as in the past. He is going to take us on the path He wants us to go, and give His wisdom and strength to to do the work.

At the last meeting in December many activities were planned for 2018. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan on joining us. You do not need to be a member of UMW to attend our activities – we encourage non-members to come and share in fellowship with us.

- Saturday, January 13. The Rebekah Circle is hosting a general meeting at 10:00 in the Lounge. Light refreshments will be served.

- Sunday, January 28. Join us for church as we celebrate UMW Sunday that morning.

Many other special dates have been scheduled for the year. UMW circle members should have received those dates from their circle chairs. We are looking forward to having active participation by our members in these upcoming events. Our first Rummage Sale of the year will be April 20 and 21, so start setting those things aside that are ready to be shared with others. This is a perfect excuse to start your spring cleaning early. I have already begun to work on de-cluttering my house and garage and I encourage you to join me in this!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming UMW gatherings.

*In Christ's love,
Glafira A. Tinoco
UMW President*



BOX TOPS AND TYSON PROJECT A+

The United Methodist Women are now collecting Box Tops and Tyson Project A+ labels for the McCurdy Ministries.

If you come across any of these labels, and want to cut them out for a good cause, either bring them to the office or give them to Pat Bushrow.

The UMW will not be collecting Campbells labels any more.



January Volunteers

Liturgists

- 07: Mark Heaney
14: TBD
21: Karen Forthuber
28: UMW Sunday

Greeters

- 07: Beth Muraida and Becky Fisher
14: JoAnn and Ed Gulian
21: Gerry and Pat Bushrow
28: UMW Sunday



- 1/3 **Gerry Bushrow**
1/4 **Jim McLees**
Betty Wilburn
1/13 **Linda Yan-Johnson**
1/18 **Becky Crabtree**
1/25 **June Williams**
1/26 **Teresa Clark**
1/28 **Louise Maloy**
Jayne Pimlott
1/29 **Stanley Williams**
1/31 **Megan Burns**



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