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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,

Pentecost. It's not a household word; it's certainly not a name that people outside the church would know; and if you don't know what it means, don't feel bad. You aren't alone. Yet Pentecost, a day that celebrates the birth of the Christian movement, happens to be one of the most important holy days in the church year, after Easter and Christmas.

The drama of Pentecost rivals any Hollywood movie. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, his followers waited in Jerusalem for something; they weren't sure what. "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit; you will receive power," Jesus had told them, but they had no idea what he meant.

And then, some fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, it happened. The city of Jerusalem was packed with Jews who had come to celebrate the day of Pentecost, the Jewish holiday commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Early that morning, Jesus' followers, whose numbers included many others in addition to the eleven disciples that made up his inner circle, had gathered to pray.

Suddenly, the room was filled with the sound of a violent wind, and, as the Holy Spirit in the likeness of a dove had descended upon Jesus at his baptism, so now the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. But not as a quiet dove. No, this time, the Spirit manifested itself as tongues of fire resting on the heads of each person in the room. As the sound of the wind died down, the room was filled with another sound, that of voices, speaking in different languages, "as the Spirit gave them ability."

In fact, the newly Spirit-baptized disciples were so noisy that people outside the house heard them "speaking about God's deeds of power" (Acts 2:11) and were amazed.

What happened then? The disciples began to witness to Jesus, sharing what they had seen and heard and experienced with others—and the Church was born. That same Spirit continues to empower the Church today, helping us to witness in our own way to the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ.

As I look toward the celebration of Pentecost on June 4, I say with Christians of all times and ages, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" Come and blow new life into our congregation! Come and set a holy fire in our hearts! Come and empower us to live out our faith with confidence, hope, and joy! Come and strengthen our voices and our hearts so that wherever we are, others will see and hear Christ in us!

Pentecost. It's not a household word; it's certainly not a name that most people outside the church know. But it is definitely worth celebrating! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Pastor Lee

P.S. I hope that you will plan to stay for the Pentecost Potluck after worship. Everyone is invited to bring food to share that starts with the letter "P" and/or is red. You're also invited to wear red yourself that day.

On that day we'll also celebrate our graduates, who are experiencing a little excitement of their own. If you have not yet contact the office with the name of your graduate, please do so as soon as possible. We want to celebrate this important time of transition with all of our families.

We have hired a new Youth Director!

All youth and their parents are invited to come on June 4 to meet him. In the meantime, you can get to know him a little by reading about him below.

Unless Eric decides otherwise, the youth group will meet every Sunday in June except on June 18, which is Father's Day.

Welcome Erik Iki!



Eric graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary California, in Pasadena, in June of 2016, and received his Masters of Divinity. He attended undergraduate at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he received his Bachelors of Arts in History.

He is currently pursuing ordination as an elder within the UMC. He has served in youth ministries for the last 10 years and continues to do so today. However, Eric would eventually like to lead a church of his own one day. He believes that a strong understanding of one's personal faith lived out within a community leads to a strong commitment to seek justice and spread God's love to a hurting world.

Eric grew up in Torrance and has lived in various places around Southern California including San Gabriel, Pasadena, and Carson. He would like to remain in Southern California and in the Cal-Pac conference as long as possible.

In his free time, Eric enjoys playing basketball, computer games, fishing, camping, spending time with his girlfriend and friends, and just enjoying life. Eric loves eating and can't pinpoint a favorite type of food, but considers Mexican, American, and Japanese food as his top three.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 4



Please submit names of your graduates, from preschool through grad school by Thursday, June 1.

We need the name of the student, the relationship to the person sending in their name, the grade/degree, and (for those who are graduating from high school, college, grad school) the name of their school and major.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING . . .

- to our May liturgists: **June Williams, Brad Stine, Ellie Mackie, and Mike Rutledge.**
- to those who warmly welcomed folks to worship as greeters in May: **Linda Kruse, Brenda Ross, Beth Muraida, Louise Maloy, Leslie and Bill Evans, and Debbie Gabrielson and Betty Wilburn.**
- to **everyone** who graciously served as ushers in May.
- to **Samuel Forthuber, Larry Klingaman, Lauren Klingaman, and Porter Robbins,** who served as acolytes in May.
- to those who graced our altar with gifts of flowers in May: **Polly Price, the Elder Family, Don and Lee Carlile, the Muraida Family.**
- to **Joanna McLees** for teaching the children's Sunday School and to **Mark Heaney** for leading the adult Sunday School class in May.
- to **Bill and Leslie Evans** for setting up for our second service in Johnson Hall every Sunday and for leading that service when Pastor Lee has another commitment.
- to all those who support our Youth Group and Family Promise with their donations to Cardboard Box City and to **Joanna McLees,** who stayed overnight with our youth.
- to the **United Methodist Women** for the beautiful afternoon that we spent "In the Garden" at their spring luncheon.

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



JUNE MISSIONS SPECIAL

Peace with Justice Sunday, June 11



Established by the 1988 General Conference, Peace with Justice Sunday supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. Since half of the offerings collected by your annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs, you can see a difference made locally. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy.

Your Missions offerings for the whole month of June will go to this program.



The California-Pacific Annual Conference will meet June 14-17!

What? The United Methodist Church is a connectional church, which means that each individual congregation are connected with other United Methodist Churches by our common heritage, theology, and mission: “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” In the United States, the Church is divided into regional bodies called Annual Conferences. They are so called because once a year, all the clergy and lay representatives from each local church in that conference gather together for a conference, which is presided over by that area’s bishop Our church is part of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Grant Hagiya.

Who? The non-clergy representatives of each church are called “lay members.” The size of our membership enables us to have two lay members. This year, they are Ellie Mackie and Julia Clark. They have a big job: to vote on recommendations, rule changes, resolutions, and, this year, amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church. It makes for long days.

When? Where? Along with Pastor Lee, Ellie and Julia will go to the University of Redlands, where our Conference is held, from Wednesday, June 14, to Saturday, June 17. (Don Carlile will also be attending.) The theme of this year’s conference is “From Here to There,” a reflection not only on the wide diversity of our conference, but also on our desire to move forward in faith.

Why? Our founder, John Wesley, believed that coming together as the Body of Christ was important, not only for individual congregations, but also as the whole church. Though the conference agenda is full of business, there are also opportunities for sharing and learning, and participants enjoy several inspiring worship services, including the Ordination Service, during which new pastors are commissioned and ordained. (The preaching and music are at their best!) Annual Conference is also a time of fellowship, especially for clergy, whose church membership is actually in the conference itself (not in the local church.) For many who come, Annual Conference is a family reunion!

Want to know more? You can see a welcome video from Bishop Hagiya at the conference website: www.calpacumc.org/ac2017 During the Conference itself, you’ll be able to keep up-to-date via Twitter (@calpacumc #heretothere) and Facebook (calpacumc). You may also be able to livestream via the website or calpacumc.org/secretary Or just ask Pastor Lee or one of our lay members!

First UMC, Redondo Beach is so grateful for the crew that cooks a main dish for their Shared Bread meal the first Wednesday of every month. It’s a lot of food!

Thanks to Lisa Derr, Leslie Evans, Donna Fontana, Becky Haynes, Brenda Ross, and Eddie McMasters.



United
Methodist Hello!
Women

As usual, spring was a busy time for our UMW. Our annual luncheon on May 13 was a beautiful and colorful event. Thank you to all the table hostesses for your wonderful interpretations of the theme of “Into the Garden”. Special Mission Recognition was awarded to Ellen Russ (ESUMC) and Jeanie Powell (St. Michael’s Episcopal Church) for the dedication they have shown as they collaborate with the Family Promise program. The entertainment for the afternoon was provided by The South Bay Children’s Choir. A huge thank you to Naomi McElvain for chairing this event for us!

Our next brunch/general meeting will be on June 10, hosted by the Mary Ruth circle. I encourage all who can to attend. The board will take a break during the summer and meet again on August 28.

Remember to be saving your trash to treasures for our next Rummage Sale, to be held on September 8 and 9. If you have any questions about the sale, contact Brenda Ross.

I know many of you are looking forward to summer. It is a time when many of us take a break from our regular routines, jobs, etc. I hope that you all have a safe and happy summer ahead.

Nancy Jacobson
UMW President



Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The adventure of VBS is coming soon, and you are invited to join the team!

We are currently recruiting folks to:

- help with registration and attendance each day
- act as group leaders who accompany and support a small group of children as they travel from one Activity Center to another
- provide support for the Activity Center leaders, especially our Craft and Recreation leaders.
- help with decorating room and/or preparing craft items for use.

VBS lasts for five days, and if you can help on all five, that’s great! But even if you are only available one day, that is helpful.

Please note that, for the safety of the children, everyone who works with children in our church must have a background check. All you have to do is fill out and sign a simple form, and we will take care of the rest.

Call or email the Church Office or Pastor Lee to let us know how you want to help!

June Volunteers

Liturgists

- 04: Darcey Kuhn and Bryan Wiese
11: Joanna McLees
18: Pat Heaney
25: Glafy Carr

Greeters

- 04: Beth Muraida & Linda Munro
11: Debbie Gabrielson & Kim Huntoon
18: JoAnn and Ed Gulian
25: Donna & Daniel Murphy

Sign-ups sheets are on clipboards

Birthdays this Month

- 6/3 Vince Colbert, Linda Shepard
Ken Schofield
6/4 Laura McLees, Joyce Stine
6/15 Glafira Tinoco
6/18 Debbie Robinson
6/20 Polly Price
6/24 Linda Kruse
6/26 Michael Crabtree



**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY!**
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(Pre K and Kindergarten - 1 st to 5 th Grade)	

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UMW Luncheon



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Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving allows you to go to our website www.elsegundoumc.org at any time, to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

HELP US GROW

DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

We also offer a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone.

Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to www.elsegundoumc.org and locate the online giving page.



A GREENER APPROACH TO GIVING

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions.

Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.