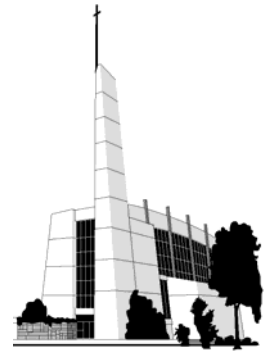




EXPECTATIONS

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 28th
9:00 a.m. Worship

Mandy Thursday, April 1st
7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 2nd
Walk of Cross 12:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3rd
All Church Clean Up Day 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4th
Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Wade Whitcomb
Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Easter Celebration 9:30 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Ginny Wheeler



Our first and most pressing problem is how to do away with warfare as a method of solving conflicts between national groups within a society who have different views about how the society is to run.

Margaret Mead

I am always amazed that Jesus, an innocent killed by the Roman punishment of Crucifixion, never turned to his disciples and said . . . Go Seek Revenge! He never advocated the use of force against those that set him up for death. Yet we as a nation are quick to retaliate with force and violence whenever we feel attacked or threatened. Our knee jerk reaction is usually the first reaction, but it usually isn't the ethical one. This Easter let us pause in wonder as we contemplate the life and death of Jesus Christ. How his response was always one of non-violence. Go Seek Vengeance? Or Go make disciples? The choice is ours . . . Rev. Ginny

The church preschool is opening Registration for the coming school year 2010-2011 for currently enrolled and church families on Monday, March 15th.

Registration for the community opens Monday, April 5th. This year we will offer care to 2 year olds through kindergarten. We offer a half day program (9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) as well as a full day program (6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). This year we are expanding our program to include an all day Kindergarten from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please share this information with family, neighbors, and friends who might be interested in our program. To contact Mrs. May call (714) 530-0282 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Moving Forward

It must be spring because I have noticed a lot of babies being born. My two nieces had babies this month and Heather M^cKee's sister has a new baby . . . two neighbors have pink stork balloons tied to their gates . . . I remember Carl Sandburg the poet writes, "A birth is clear confirmation of the fact that God intends life to go on".

Garden Grove UMC celebrates it's 135th year in ministry this year. The church began in the parlor of Garden Grove's founder A. G. Cook, 135 years ago. That is quite a history! I think back to all the missions and ministry this church has participated in. And it is evident that the church like so many has begun it's decline with shrinking numbers of members and finances. That is why we are embarking on a new mission of birthing a new church.



Several of us have attended a church seminar called Boot Camp, and we will be engaging the services of a consultant from our Annual conference. We are aware that church has not evolved with the surrounding neighborhood, and that we are not reflecting inside what we see outside. The process will include engaging the community around us seeking information about the needs and nature of the area, it will involve as many people that are interested in discussion and it

will require everyone's prayers. I am convinced that rebirth is possible and in fact it is what God intends for us! Please keep this church and its new mission and ministry in your daily prayers. We will keep each other posted . . . Rev. Ginny



Media Team Help Wanted

Do you have an interest in media technology, but don't think you have the knowledge to operate our media program? You may be pleasantly surprised to learn how user friendly our Windows program is to run. If you can point and click a computer mouse you definitely qualify to join our media team. Please contact our Director of Ministry, Chris McKee, to try the Media Team on for size. Youth are welcome to join.



Church Revitalization Boot Camp with Rev. Jim Griffith

An intrepid group of 5, representing pastoral staff and laity, attended an exciting seminar presented by the Cal-Pac Annual Conference that was held February 26th and 27th.

Led by veteran church "planter" Jim Griffith, the topics covered were intended to trigger some deep thought regarding the future of GGUMC, and to spark us to action within our congregation and our mission field in Garden Grove. Rev. Griffith gave many examples of proven ways to help breathe new life into our church home. The caveat: there are no magic bullets; it will be a lot of hard work.

The attendees will begin sharing this information with Staff Parish Relations Committee on Wednesday, March 10th, and will continue to introduce information to the congregation at large. This will be a slow process, but our group feels excited about the possibilities, and they look forward to sharing that vision with you!

Karen Hoffman



The deadline for the Tuesday, April 13th issue of *Expectations* is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 6th. Any events occurring in late April and May should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to exp@ggumc.net, bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

Janine Ryder,
Editor

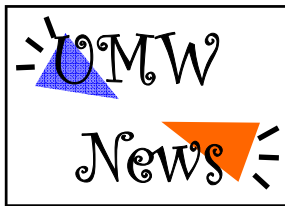


Friday, March 19th, 1:00 p.m. – **Friday Afternoon Movie** in Acker Hall. Come enjoy a free showing of the movie “Marley & Me” with popcorn & hot cocoa. *Sponsored by Young at Heart II.*

Saturday, March 20th, 6:30 p.m. – **United Methodist Men’s Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner** in Acker Hall. Tickets on sale today, March 7th. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be available in the Church office, no tickets will be available at the door as they need an accurate count in order to know how many meals to prepare. Call the church office, (714) 534-1070, to reserve tickets for will call.

Sunday, March 28th, 11:00 a.m. – **two-hour Membership Class** in the Conference Room. A continental breakfast will be served. New members will be invited to join our church on Easter Sunday, April 4th at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Saturday, April 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – **All Church Clean Up Day.** *Free coffee, Donuts, and Juice!*



Gold Medals for All

Thank you to all who worked so tirelessly on the 22nd Annual UMW Tea and Fashion Show. Initial figures show that we made about \$3,000.00 for missions. Special kudos to all the

Hostesses, who furnish their own lovely silver, china, flowers, etc., without whom there would be no beautiful tea tables for our guests. It was a memorable day for everyone.

Remember these dates:

General Meeting: Acker Hall on Wednesday, March 17th at 5:30 p.m. Program is Heifer International Project Volunteer Gail Mutke. Gail has been with Heifer International since 1992 and her new video featuring their work with women in Nepal will be shown. St. Paddy’s Day Dinner will be served for a donation of \$6.00. Remember to BRING A FRIEND!

Executive Meeting: Lounge on Thursday, March 25th at 3:00 p.m.

General Meeting: Acker Hall on Wednesday, April 21st at 5:30 p.m. Brenda and Hannah have a terrific program for us. “Our Changing Community” will be the focus of a speaker from our area and the discussion to follow. Sue and Sally will, as always, have a delicious dinner for us for a donation of \$6.00. Visitors and new members, free first dinner.

Silver Spoon Award: Woman’s Division Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, April 25th. Registration starts at 1:15 p.m. We are so pleased to be honoring one of the Stars of the Boy Scout Program at GGUMC, Darlene Wiertzema. In addition to many other positions, Darlene has been a VIP in our Sunday School for many years. Come and let her know how very much we appreciate her. Please call Sally Hickman at (714) 839-0120 to reserve your place at the tea table. (Tickets are \$22.00.)

“A hug is a perfect gift – one size fits all and nobody minds if you give it back.” *Heart to Heart*



Growing Friendships April Event

The April event for Growing Friendships will be the evening of Saturday, April 17th. We will go out to dinner, then attend the Cirque D’Or performance at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center. This performance will be like a Cirque de Soleil show. Contact Ken/Pat Pearce, (714) 952-2407, for more details. We LOVE having new people join our activities!



March 2010

YOUTH NEWZ

Calendar

March 14th

An afternoon at the Getty Museum, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. We will depart from the GGUMC after worship.

Saturday, March 20th

Night of Champions, 2:00-9:00 p.m. at Azusa Pacific. We will depart GGUMC at 1:00 p.m.

March 21st

No Youth Fellowship.

March 28th - Youth Fellowship

Invite a Friend Game Night 3:00-6:00 p.m. Stanford Youth Park

April 4th

No Youth Fellowship.

April 11th - Youth Options/Fellowship

4:00-6:30 p.m. with Dinner
Topic: *Walk to Emmaus*.

April 18th - "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat"

3:00 p.m. at the Gem Theater.
Contact Chris for tickets.

April 25th - Youth Fellowship

4:00-5:30 p.m. Topic: *Walk as He Walked*.

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"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

Youth Express

Youth Sunday Express Discussion Group meets most Sunday mornings at 9:50 in room 6/8. Youth Express is a Sunday School designed for our Junior/Senior Highers. We would like to provide a warm welcome to Elizabeth Edwards who is leading our Youth Express group. Here's our schedule:

- March 14th - In Worship
- March 21st - Meet in room 6/8.
- March 28th - Meet in room 6/8.
- April 4th - In Worship for Easter.
- April 11th - Meet in room 6/8.

Off to the Theater We Go!

Join us for an amazing afternoon at the theater. Garden Grove's very own Gem Theater will be performing "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" Our Youth Fellowship group plans on attending the 3:00 p.m. matinee on April 18th. Please RSVP with Chris by March 28th to secure your seat. Tickets are \$20 each.

Night of Champions

We are headed back to the Night of Champions at Azusa Pacific on March 20th, 2:00-9:00 p.m. This is a massive Christian fellowship youth event with awesome live music and an opportunity to experience celebrities and athletes provide their testimony to Christ. Please sign up with Chris **ASAP** to secure your \$10 ticket. Feel free to invite your friends!

Our United Methodist Summer Camps

All Youth are highly encouraged to attend our spiritually enriching district summer camps. Please contact Chris for scholarship availability.

Junior High Camp, July 18th-23rd, 2010

Senior High Camp, August 1st-7th, 2010

April Birthdays

April 1st

Nila Love
Nemaia Pua

April 3rd

Amy Woods

April 4th

Eric Clark
Ruth Endicott
Robert Harmon
Beverly Howe

April 5th

Arthur Anderson

April 7th

Darlene Wiertzema

April 8th

Averil Endicott
Charles Stokoe

April 9th

Andy Anderson
Becky Bottolfson
Margaret Clift ☪

April 10th

Barbara Leonard
Kenneth Morgan

April 12th

Matilde Soto
Paul Owings

April 14th

William Prickett

April 15th

Olivia Hill
Simi Fiu Laumata

April 16th

Angela Greathouse

April 17th

Janice Burwell

April 18th

Amy Parker

April 19th

Jennifer (Carlson) Christie
Betty Glenn ☪

April 21st

Patricia Godward

April 22nd

Kay Hanson
Matthew Seto
Nicholas Seto

April 23rd

Donita Reynolds ☪

April 26th

Helen Houlahan
Kasey Ogle-Schonbrunn

April 27th

Lois Montgomery
Floyd Smith

April 30th

Rhonda Aragon



☪ A Very Special "Happy Birthday" this month to **Margaret Clift, Betty Glenn, and Donita Reynolds!** **Margaret** will be 93 on April 9th, **Betty** will be 92 on April 19th, and **Donita** will 91 on April 23rd! If you would like to send the a special greeting, **Margaret's** address is 11182 Huber St., Garden Grove, CA 92841-1326, **Betty's** address is 455 Alexander Loop Apt. 241, Eugene, OR 97401-6550, and **Donita's** address is Astoria at Pasadena Village, 925 E. Villa St., Apt. #204, Pasadena, CA 91106-1027.

The Board of Trustees is requesting the cooperation of all members of our church home when using the church facilities to be sure:

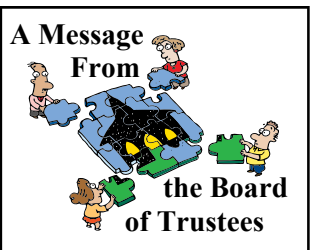
All lights, heating and air conditioning are turned off and doors locked following room use. This is especially important when using the sanctuary and chapel as we continue to find doors unlocked and lights left burning.

All lights, ovens and stove burners turned off after using the kitchen in Acker Hall. We continue to find all of the above still on – this is a waste of energy and an expense to the church .

Please keep the various sanctuary doors closed before services to preserve the heat inside so everyone is comfortably warm during Sunday Services.

Please do not allow non-members access to any church facilities unless accompanied by a church member, this is especially important when non member weddings are held in the sanctuary.

We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation in controlling the cost of operating our church facilities and maintaining all areas of our campus.



Let's Go to the Theater

GGUMC's Youth Group is headed off to the Gem Theater on April 18th for a 3:00 p.m. performance of "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." We would like to make this event available for our entire church family to enjoy.

Please contact our Director of Ministry, Chris McKee if you are interested. R S V P by March 28th to secure your seat. Tickets are \$20.00.



Thank You! . . . and a Prayer

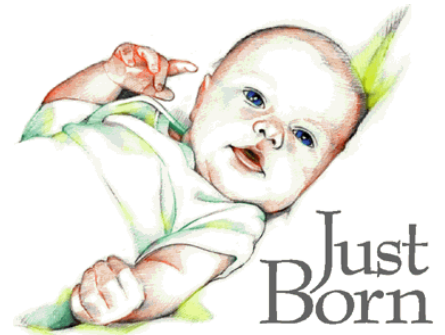
Blessings and happy New Year! We extend to you our church family a very warm wish for a safe and wonderful beginning to the New Year. Our congregation wishes to take this time to express how we are so blessed to be part of GGUMC. It goes without saying that your generosity, kindness, and prayers helped us get through one of our most trying years. We know in our hearts that without your support, in every way, we would not have been able to help our families and loved ones, in the wake of the tsunami disaster. We are truly blessed to be part of your lives as well as this community.

In much more, you have helped us along the way as we ourselves tried to manage and experience 2009. Thank you for the generous support of our fund raising efforts in the past year. Again you came through with so much kindness that we were overwhelmed and thought – are we so worthy of such a blessed love, as you show time and time again. Thank you for the special gifts, those gifts of kindness from you livelihood, the “little things” you give, even though we often contest them, yet you give them anyway, thank you. We thank your for supporting and allowing us to continue, or revisit a vital ministry in providing a hot meal for those in need over the holidays. The event itself is always the experience of a lifetime, for some of us, that is. Thank you to our volunteer helpers, family, friends, and even people we hardly knew, whom came out and gave up some of their Christmas time, to help us. Thank you to the churches who donated most of the meal. To all of you whom had a hand, directly or indirectly, in revitalizing, resuscitating this ministry, thank you and we pray the Good Lord bless you all.

Our prayer for you, Garden Grove United Methodist Church, is may God continue to bless your lives. May this ministry, from the people to the facilities and everything significant thing on this campus, continue to thrive and be alive with God’s grace. Our earnest prayer for you all is that we continue to be in unity for God and God alone. Furthermore, our prayer is for 2010 to be a year of even greater and better things for us to do together. The Samoan congregation will always stand by you all and wherever and whenever there is need, do not hesitate to lean on us. Call us and let us know, and by the grace of God we will certainly be there! In closing, we always keep in our hearts our spiritual leader, Rev. Wheeler, Chris M^cKee, and the wonderful, exciting, and caring staff. God bless your work and all that you do for this church and all her ministries. To you our church family, in all that you do, this day onward, God bless . . . Amen.

With love and gratitude,
 Pastor and the Samoa Congregation,
 Garden Grove United Methodist Church.

In all that we do, may it be to the glory of God, and God alone!



Heather M^cKee’s nephew, Ryan Michael Cunningham, Jr. born on Friday, February 26th (8lbs. 10oz.)



Please support **Boy Scout Troop 270** as we raise funds to attend Summer Camp on Catalina Island in 2010 by participating in these events.

Come to Main Street Pizza 12926 Main Street, on Main Street in Garden Grove The second Wednesday of every month February – June, 2010 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The scouts will be serving up grub all night! Present the coupon available on the office and 15% of your tab will go to support our scout troop. *(If you can’t make it for dinner, please use the coupon for lunch instead.)*

On Thursday, March, 25th at 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 270 is having a Pampered Chef Party in Room 15. If you can't make it that night, you can look at a catalog and place an order in the Church office. Come hungry, there will be a cooking demonstration at the show! Boy Scout Troop 270 thanks you for your continued support!



*Please Remember These People
In Your Thoughts And Prayers*

Jennifer, Karen Carlson's daughter, tests after having cancer
 Melissa, paralysis
 The 10-year-old daughter of friends of Joann Henke, having chemo for cancer
 Nathan, Karen Carlson's grandson, health problems
 Dawn Keene, Jim & Diane Farley's friend, leukemia
 Ron Gottula, friend of Jim Farley, leukemia, failing health & on dialysis
 Family & friends of Doug Speck, friend of Jack & Linda Shepard, after his death on Thursday, March 4th of brain cancer
 Sammy & family, friends of Joy & Dale Batesole
 Gwen, Linda Shepard's grandniece, hospitalized with complications from transplant surgery
 Russell Young & his family, preschool parent, terminal stomach cancer
 Patty, co-worker of Stacey Beard, cancer
 Joe Burchfiel, recovering after a heart attack & quadruple by-pass surgery in Oregon
 Scott Hudson, friend of Roy & Ann Stewart, serious health concerns
 Julie Hensley, Ann Newsome's daughter, teaching & job uncertainty

Dr. Melville Singer, Debbie M^cCart's co-worker, continued healing
 Calvin, Julie Hensley's father-in-law, permanent nerve damage from Bells palsy
 Diane Peters, friend of Norma, recovering after cancer surgery
 Roy Chamberlain, Lee Ann Orr's father, recovering after heart surgery
 Scott, a friend of Linda Shepard, cancer
 Hong Mei, a friend of Don Bennett, on life support in Chongaing, China
 The people of Chile & Haiti
 Lilas Green
 Rev. Lloyd Lafler, health issues
 Dorothy Mitchell, Melinda Guinaldo's mother, back pain
 Susanne Eiler, Anne Galls daughter, increased energy, continuing health problems
 Barbara Gormley
 David Gregory, pain & blood clots in his legs
 Becky Bottolfson, recovering after surgery
 Pam Briggs, Craig Briggs' sister, failing health
 Kelly Fisher, diabetic complications
 Audie Jones, diabetic complications
 Brena Ramirez' dad, to get a job soon
 Sgt. Jacob Messer, Craig Briggs' nephew, called for service in Afghanistan
 Ken Shipp, while working in Iraq
 Carol Partridge, missionary to Macedonia, Dr. Krista S. Givens missionary to Germany & Luis Aramayo & Eunice Arias, missionaries to Venezuela, that our Church supports



Dorothy LeBel died on Friday, March 5th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Bob Rohdenburg died on Saturday, March 6th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Acker Hall. Cards can be sent to the Rohdenburg family at 2134 Earnshaw Drive, Placentia, CA 92870-2118

