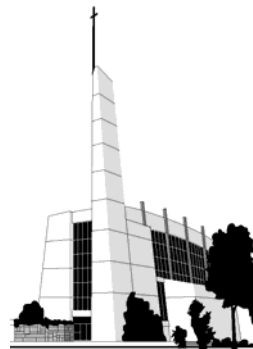




EXPECTATIONS

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November 2014

Garden Grove United Methodist Church Choirs
36th Annual Christmas Dinner



and



A Season of Love and Joy

Saturday, December 6th

Doors open 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Adults \$16 • Children \$8

Reservations for dinner are required

Deadline is Tuesday, December 2nd

Phone 1-714-534-1070

If you are unable to attend the dinner you can still attend the Concert for freewill donation at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Victory Sunday is November 23rd!

RECOMMITMENT

2014 Stewardship Campaign

Give unto God what is Right, Not what is Left!

November 2014

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John Wesley famously said: “Earn all you can, Save all you can, and Give all you can. Our founder also encouraged us to be “social Christians”; that is, active in our church, our community and with each other in positive, helpful and supportive ways.

Many of you came to the Garden Grove United Methodist Church, as youth or young marrieds and have seen your children and your grandchildren grow-up and move on. Some came before it was the “United Methodist Church”. Others like me are more recent comers. Many of you have been active here in a much larger congregation and have given much of yourselves and of your coin.

We are now faced with great opportunities. Even though our church membership has been greying, our children moving away, and our predominately Anglo church seems visibly less connected to the community around us, we have not been idle. We have taken steps to be more inviting to the Latino community. And now we have a new, energetic and outgoing Pastor with the skills and the will to reach out to others in our community. Our financial situation also appears brighter.

Now it is our turn to RECOMMIT, and to prayerfully consider how we can contribute what is right to OUR church and OUR work in the community. In the words of John Wesley, please “give all you can!” But regardless of whether you are able to give little or much, please also consider giving our church the fruits of your labor, through volunteering, encouraging, praying, evangelizing or wherever your spiritual gifts lead you.

It is very important to us all that you put your intentions in writing on the pledge card and return it to the church. We hope to have 100% participation. Victory Sunday will be November 23rd, when you will have the opportunity to place your pledge card at the altar. You may also return it anytime in November in the Sunday offering or through the mail.

God Bless you and yours and our Garden Grove United Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,

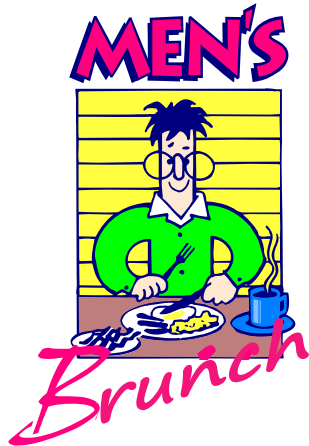


Hal Colebaugh

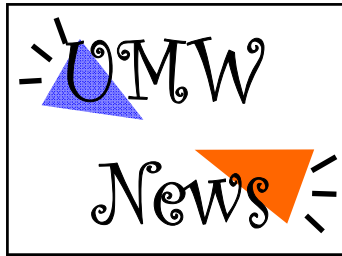
. for He carries US always!

Wednesday, November 12th, 6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting in the Lounge.

Sunday, November 23rd, is a big day in the life of the Church! In service it will be *Victory Sunday*, where everyone in the congregation who wishes will be able to place their pledge envelope at the altar with your RECOMMITMENT to our Garden Grove United Methodist Church. Then following service will be our **Annual All Church Charge Conference**



Start the month with United Methodist Men's Sunday Brunch, November 2nd and December 7th after worship in Acker Hall. Enjoy a fine meal and fellowship all for only a \$3.00 suggested donation per person.



We will not have a November General Meeting due to the Bazaar. Our December Meeting will be a day meeting on Wednesday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m. Our program theme will be Christmas.

Come and join us for our Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Acker Hall. Handcrafted treasures for Fall and Winter Holidays, bake sale, jams and jellies, vendors, books, plants, jewelry, and a luncheon all in a festive Holiday atmosphere. Tickets for the luncheon, \$8.00, available at the door. Menu: Hot Chicken Salad, Fruit with Poppy Seed Dressing, Croissants, Apple Cranberry Crisp, Coffee, and Tea.



Save the Date!
Saturday,

Come and help deck the hall 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Get a jump start on Christmas in the church. Be part of the celebration! Please bring rags. Cider, coffee, and donuts will be served. And remember, many hands make light work.

Worship Committee



Advent
BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rev. Bau
Tuesday,
December 2nd & 9th
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Lounge
and
Thursday,
December 4th & 11th
at 9:30 a.m.
in the Lounge

Calendar

Saturday-Sunday,
November 1st-2nd – Youth
Fellowship Lock-in

Sunday, November 9th – No
Youth Fellowship

Sunday, November 16th –
No Youth Fellowship

Sunday, November 23rd –
No Youth Fellowship

Sunday, November 30th –
Youth Fellowship

Friday-Saturday, December
5th-6th – Youth Fellowship
Broomball Lock-in

Sunday, December 14th –
Youth Fellowship

Sunday, December 21st –
Youth Fellowship Christmas
Party

Sunday, December 28th –
No Youth Fellowship

Jerry Update

Jerry Colunga is a youth volunteer and he's been volunteering for a few years now. He was admitted to Cedar Sinai Hospital about 3 weeks ago for a heart condition. We just received word last week that he's been put on the heart transplant list. He is a universal receiver so it should only be a few weeks. He will be in the hospital until he receives a new heart. Please keep him in your prayers.

No Youth Fellowship

There will be no Youth Fellowship on November 9th, 16th, or 23rd. Nicole is getting married on November 15th and then will be out of the country for her honeymoon.

Retreat Lock-in

We will not be having a fall retreat on account of school schedules. We will have a lock-in instead. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st. We will be watching the movie "God's Not Dead" and discussing it.

Upcoming Events:

Broomball Lock-in: Friday-Saturday, December 5th-6th
Christmas Party: Sunday, December 21st

NICOLE ARAGON
Youth Leader
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But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

Youth Fellowship
Every Sunday
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Rooms 6 & 8



Hello, From Your Preschool

We are having fun over here at Preschool enjoying all the cool Fall things, including one of our FAVORITE Holidays – Halloween!!! Who doesn't love dressing up and pretending to be a super hero or a princess?? I have a feeling we will see LOTS of *Frozen* costumes this year!! We also are talking about leaves changing and winter coming, even though, in our town, it can still feel like Summer during our "Fall"!

We have had our first Chapel and we were lucky enough to be there when Norberto Guinaldo, our church organist, was there. He was kind enough to show us all the cool sounds our organ can make and played "Jesus Loves Me," so we could sing along! Very Special!! Thank you, Norberto! Pastor Bau also joined us and introduced himself to all of us. He talked about the Bible and all the things we will learn this year. We go to Chapel twice a month and it is an activity the children really look forward to. If you would like to join us, call the school office for our schedule.

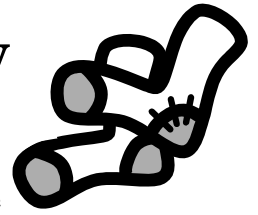
Our Christmas Program and Silent Auction this year is on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to hear our children sing and take part in our Silent Auction, feel free to join us. We will also have cookies and milk and a visit from Mr. Claus, himself!! It is a fun evening and a great fundraiser for the school.



If you have goods or services you would like to donate to our auction, we would be really blessed!!! Contact Sally May at the Preschool if you would like to donate or participate in any way!

Blessings to our church family,
Mrs. May and the Preschool

Sock Sunday Is Coming!!!



We would like to invite the church family to help us provide socks for the Assistance League of Garden Grove's Operation School Bell. Every year the Assistance League provides clothing for needy children in the Garden Grove School District. For several years our church has helped by supplying socks. Over the past few years, we have donated over 2,000 pairs of socks!!! Yay, us!! We would like to invite the Sunday School children, Youth group, Scouts, Preschool and you, the church family to donate socks. They can most use white tube socks, size medium, but will accept all donated. The socks will be blessed during "Time With Children" on Advent Sunday, December 7th. After the blessing, the children will go to Acker Hall for our Advent Fun. Bring your socks to church that morning or drop off at the church or Preschool office any time before December 7th. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful program. Let's do our small part to be Jesus' Hands and Feet . . . by putting socks on those cold toes!!! ☺



ORDER YOUR **Poinsettias**

You are invited to order poinsettias to donate for decorating our church for Christmas through the Christmas Eve Services. Poinsettias are \$8.50 per plant and the order deadline is Monday, December 10th. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletin and in the Church Office starting November 23rd.

November Birthdays

November 30th
 Charles Goh
 Alice Larson



November 1st
 Larry Pringle
 Brooklym Schirmer
 Selena Sherlin

November 2nd
 Ed Barber

November 3rd
 Hal Colebaugh
 Lewis Unland

November 4th
 Raymond Woods

November 5th
 Chris M^cKee

November 6th
 Vern Martin 
 Ann Mee

November 7th
 Robert Fomai

November 8th
 Jean Baker

November 11th
 Sandy Boekelheide
 Andrew Buck

November 13th
 Marion Ruhl

November 16th
 Matthew Brown

November 17th
 Ed Wiertzema


November 18th
 Sally Hickman

November 20th
 Douglas Beard

November 23rd
 Jennafer Gerbasi
 Rae Ramirez

November 26th
 Don Hughes
 Faye LaBare

November 28th
 Audrey Jones

 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Vern Martin!* Vern will be *91* on the *6th*! If you would like to send him a special greeting, *Vern’s* address is 16985 Kawai Ct., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-2612.



Linda Shepard celebrates the marriage of her nephew, Dante Diaz, on Saturday, October 11th and the gathering of family in Hawaii.

Jennifer Shipp celebrates her sister, Sue & hubby, Kim on 40 years of marriage.

Church Staff

The ministers of this Church are its members. They are assisted by:

Bishop..... Minerva Carcaño
 District Superintendent..... John Farley
 ClergyBau Dang, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi
 Administrative Asst. & Newsletter Editor.. Janine Ryder
 Director of Music Ray Woods
 Director of Youth/Children Choirs Sally Hickman
 Financial Bookkeeper.....Evelyn Buchan
 Associate Music LeaderFernando Penalzoza

Missionary to ArgentinaRev. T. D. Skip Hodges
 Missionary to UM Border Network ... Rev. Saul Montiel
 Membership Secretary Mary Lou Ball
 Music Department Assistant..... Carolyn Worthen
 OrganistNorberto Guinaldo
 Preschool Director Sally May
 Wedding & Reception Coordinator..... Mitzie Larson
 Youth Coordinator Nicole Aragon



*Please Remember These People
In Your Thoughts And Prayers*

Margaret Beitler, at home after being in the hospital
 Carolyn Worthen, Linda Wislocki's mother, cancer and other health problems and adjusting to livings in Northern California with Linda's sister and niece
 Laurie Rain, Linda Wislocki's best friend, in her fight against cancer
 Blessings for the Vu family and their new business
 Patty, Dr. Ann's friend and Julie's mother-in-law, fractured right wrist, pending surgery to repair
 Scott Hudson, a friend of Roy & Ann Stewart, recovering after surgery
 The family of Laurie after her death, especially for her son

Glenda, a friend of Rae Ramirez, high blood pressure and stroke complications
 Jerry, youth volunteer and friend of Nicole Aragon, in the hospital waiting for a heart transplant
 Diane, sister of Jennifer Shipp, recovering after surgery on October 7th
 Jennifer Shipp, looking for new employment
 The family of Rev. Pita Lauti after his death
 For the sister of T. J. Tu'ua and her family after the death of her husband
 Peggy Palmer, Gary & Ann Palmer's sister-in-law, after the death of her father
 Janet, wife of Paul Dedeaux, dementia
 Virginia Wade, 97 year old church member & friend of Donna Winchester, recovering after a stroke
 Paul Banagas, father of Lidia Carmona, continued health issues from his stroke

You are cordially invited to celebrate the wedding of:

Nicole Irene Aragon
 and
Jason Allen Jackson

on Saturday Afternoon November 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
 Garden Grove United Methodist Church
 Followed by cake and punch on the patio

Reception is by invitation only please.

We can't invite everyone due to financial and space reasons.

Gift registries at Target, REI, & Bed Bath and Beyond



