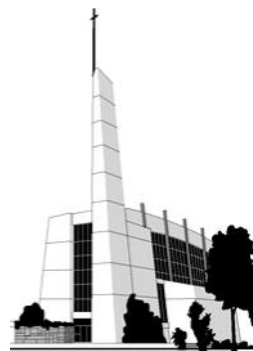




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December 2019



Save the Date! Saturday, November 30th

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! Cider, coffee, and donuts will be served. And remember, many hands make light work.

Worship Commission

*Annual Choir Dessert
and A Christmas
Concert of*



Saturday, December 7th

Doors open 6:00 p.m.,
Dessert 6:15 p.m. Adults \$5,
Children \$2, Family \$15. If you
are unable to come for Dessert,
you may still attend the Concert
at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Freewill donation.



**Sunday,
December
15th**

Please mark your calendars
now for our Annual Children's
Advent Craft Day. Bring your

children to worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and then instead of going to Sunday school, they will all go to Acker Hall to decorate (and eat!!) Christmas cookies and make lots of other fun crafts to take home. Bring friends along to join in the fun! Hope to see lots of our young friends there!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Nativity Pageant Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m.



This service will include a live pageant, candle lighting, and a message suitable for children, youth, and families and that reflects the beauty of this special night.



We plan to have the Angel Tree in the Entryway to the Sanctuary starting on Sunday, December 1st. You just choose a tag with the name of a boy or girl the age you would like to buy a present for, and then write your name next to the name you chose on the list. Then bring your wrapped gift with the name tag from the tree attached back to the entryway and place under the Angel Tree or leave in the Church Office by Sunday, December 15th.



11:30 A.M.~3:00 P.M.

Everyone and anyone is welcome! Enjoy a hot meal served by our Samoan Ministry in Acker Hall. This Brunch is made possible through generous donations from community groups, churches, and organizations. Merry Christmas!



Our December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with brunch after our program. Our program will have a Christmas theme. At Christmas we have been giving gifts for David and Margaret

Home. Last year we gave Target Gift cards instead of buying gifts. If you would like to participate, bring a Target gift card to the meeting. January is Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Our program will be a little different this year. Joyce Hall will present a program on Plastics and recycling (How do we solve this problem).



United Methodist Men's Brunch on Sunday, December 1st, in Acker Hall following 9:30 worship. Come celebrate the 1st Sunday in Advent! Everyone is invited for a time of food and fellowship. \$5.00 suggested donation.



We are in need of trial or sample size toothpaste and snacks (granola bars, cheese crackers, trail mix, etc.) for making blessing bags. If you have questions, call Crystal Collino at 714-269-1196.

"THE VIRGIN WILL
conceive
and
GIVE BIRTH
to a
son,
AND THEY WILL
call him
IMMANUEL"
(which means "God with us").
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



BE A GOOD
Steward

are here every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to noon that do minor and sometimes bigger repairs around the church and they would be glad of your assistance. They usually have coffee and donuts, too! Talk to John Elwell, 714-313-8961, or Gary Palmer, if you have question about participating. They are called RPA (Retired Persons Anonymous) and everyone is welcome. We have had some women participate in the past and being retired isn't a requirement.



December 1st
Dionna Dudley

December 2nd
Holly Knappenberger

December 4th
Crystal Collino
Gary Cordon

December 5th
David Steppe

December 6th
Linda French
Wallace Grover 🍰

December 8th
Dexter Welton 🍰

December 10th
Marc May
Kenneth McCart

December 13th
Siuaki Fukofuka

December 14th
Linda Cajuat

December 15th
Vivianna Goh

December 18th
Cherie Pua
Bernard Schirmer

December 19th
JoAnn Henke

December 20th
Kyra Brown
Ken Pearce
Amanda Navarro

December 21st
Elena Boehmke
Aaliyah Tu'ua
Anaiyah Tu'ua

December 22nd
Tricia Le
Tri Huu Nguyen

December 23rd
Lia Cajuat
Jack Carpenter 🍰

Michael Iwasiwka
Isabella Werdel
December 25th



December 27th
Vivian Delpilar

December 29th
Tesema Tuileta

December 30th
Karlianne Howe

December 31st
Steve Woolf

🍰 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” to *Wallace Grover*, *Dexter Welton*, and *Jack Carpenter*! *Wallace* will be **95** on the **6th** *Dexter* will be **94** on the **8th** and *Jack* will be **90** on the **23rd**! If you would like to send them a special greeting, *Wallace's* address is 12112 Cliffwood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840-2611, *Dexter's* address is 12151 Dale St. C-121, Stanton, CA 90680 and *Jack's* address is 713 S. Sonya Pl., Anaheim, CA 92802-1311 .



January 1st
John Elwell
Elizabeth Erickson
Grace Grey
An Nguyen

January 2nd
Pamela Hall

January 3rd
JoAnn Purcell

January 4th
Thomas Larson
Naida-Jo Shipp

January 5th
Kelly Fisher

January 7th
Michael Howe
Tiffany Kramer

January 9th
Tofaoli'i Pua

January 10th
Sandie Klein

January 11th
Shirley Kerr

January 13th
Lawrence Howe
Susana Tu'ua

January 18th
Steiner Faupusa

January 19th
Dung Nguyen

January 20th
Beryl Alford

January 22nd
Aumai Schirmer

January 24th
Linda Gregory
Mark Schneider

January 28th
Christopher Larson
Betty Wilson

January 29th
Pat Pearce
Jim Kerr

January 30th
Nathan Werdel





- Sunday, November 24th, 11:00 a.m.** – Charge Conference in Acker Hall. This is our annual meeting where we make decisions for the coming year.
- Saturday, November 30th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** – Come and help deck the hall, or Sanctuary, as the case may be! Get a jump-start on Christmas in the church. Be part of the celebration! Cider, coffee, and donuts will be served. And remember, many hands make light work.
- Wednesday, December 4th, 9:30 a.m.** – Trinity Circle at Joyce Hall's.
- Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30 p.m.** – Board of Trustees Meeting in the Lounge.
- Saturday, December 7th** – “*A Christmas Concert of Lessons, Carols & Hymns*” the Garden Grove United Methodist Church Music Ministry’s 41st Annual Christmas Concert with Dessert. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Dessert 6:15 p.m. Adults \$5, Children \$2, Family \$15. If you are unable to come for dessert, you may still attend the Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *Freewill donation.*
- Tuesday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m.** – United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting in the Library.
- Wednesday, December 11th, 6:30 p.m.** – Finance Committee Meeting in the Lounge.
- Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m.** – Staff Parish Relations Meeting in the Lounge.
- Wednesday, December 18th, 10:30 a.m.** -- United Methodist Women General Meeting in the Lounge. The program will be Christmas themed followed by Brunch, \$6.00 suggested donation.
- Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m.** – Christmas Eve Service with Family Pageant in the Sanctuary. This service will include a live pageant, candle lighting, and a message suitable for children, youth, and families that reflects the beauty of this special night.
- Tuesday, December 25th, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** – Free Christmas Day Brunch in Acker Hall. Everyone and anyone is welcome! Enjoy a hot meal served by our Samoan Ministry. This Brunch is made possible through generous donations from community groups, churches, and organizations. *Merry Christmas!*
- Tuesday, January 7th, 2:00 p.m.** – United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting in the Library.
- Wednesday, January 8th, 9:30 a.m.** – Trinity Circle at Ann Newsome's.
- Wednesday, January 8th, 6:30 p.m.** – Board of Trustees Meeting in the Lounge.
- Saturday, January 11th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** – Sanctuary Undecorating Day!
- Wednesday, January 15th, 5:30 p.m.** -- United Methodist Women General Meeting in the Lounge. Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Our program will be by Joyce Hall on Plastics and recycling (How do we solve this problem). \$6.00 suggested donation for dinner.
- Tuesday, January 21st, 7:00 p.m.** – Staff Parish Relations Meeting in the Lounge.
- Tuesday, January 28th, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council Meeting in the Lounge.

Ongoing Activities

- Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – Boy Scouts in Acker Hall. Ages 11-17. *Not meeting December 23rd & 30th.*
- Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.** – Cherub/Chorister Choir (age 5-Grade 6) Rehearsal in the Choir Room. *This choir is on hiatus, rehearsals will tentatively resume January 7th.* If you have any questions, please call Sally Hickman at 714-839-0120 or 714-376-8391 (cell).
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** – Cub Scouts in Acker Hall. Ages 5-11. *Not meeting December 24th & 31st.*
- Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.** – Vietnamese Language Bible Study in the Chapel.
- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** – Girl Scouts in Acker Hall. Ages 5-17. *Not meeting December 25th & January 1st.*
- Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.** – English Language Bible Study in the Lounge. All are welcome to participate in this group.
- Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.** – Sonshine Singers (grades 7-12) Rehearsal in the Choir Room. *This choir is on hiatus, rehearsals will tentatively resume January 9th.* If you have any questions, please call Sally Hickman at 714-839-0120 or 714-376-8391 (cell).
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.** – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (adults) in the Choir Room. We would love to have you join us; you do not have to have the best voice just a love of singing. *Will not rehearse on Thursday, December 26th & January 2nd.* Call Bill Shelly, our Interim Choir Director (714-529-6219), Sally Hickman (714-839-0120) or Jonni Lorenz (714-638-4640), for more information.
- Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. & Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** – Citizenship/ English Class in the Lounge. This class is an outreach to the Vietnamese community by teaching English and helping them to prepare for the U.S. Citizenship interview. *If you can spare one hour on either day to help them learn English from a native English speaker, please contact Pastor Bau Dang (714-534-1070) for more details.*



Poinsettias

Watch for information about ordering poinsettias starting Sunday, December 1st, and in the GGUMC E-News Updates.



HOLIDAY



Office Schedule

The Church Office will be closed, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, on Thursday, November 28th.



It will also be closed, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, on Wednesday, December 25th until January 6th when we will reopen.



Wesley Village

The clinic is open Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The phone number to call for appointments is 714-633-4600. *They have moved to the first floor of the Wesley Village Family Building on Acacia.*

Church Staff

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

Bishop.....Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
District Superintendent..... John Farley
Clergy Bau Dang,
Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi
Administrative Assistant..... Janine Ryder
Interim Choir Director Bill Shelly
Director of Youth/Children Choirs Sally Hickman
Financial Bookkeeper..... Linda Gregory
I.T. Technician..... Charles Goh

Media Technician Vivianna Goh
Membership Secretary Mary Lou Ball
Missionary to CambodiaRev. Andrew Lee
Missionary to Greece Rebecca Swartz
Missionary to Vietnam Quynh-Hoa Nguyen
Newsletter Editor Janine Ryder
Organist.....Norberto Guinaldo
Music Leaders..... Dang Nguyen, Quang Nguyen
Wedding Coordinator Mitzie Larson



Please Remember These People In Your Thoughts And Prayers

Love & prayers to the Stotler family as their husband, father, grandfather, John, entered into heaven in late October. Life long friend of the Hamby's & Sothan's
Betty Wilson, recovering after knee surgery on November 1st

Lucas Johnston, Ann Newsome's grandson, facing a long, painful recovery after orthopedic surgery
Barbara Welton, recovering after surgery
Diane Farley, at home
H. H. Hanson, heart and kidney issues
Ann Mee
Dexter Welton
Bud Ruhl
Gwen Anderson
David Gregory, dealing with pain
Lilas Green, health issues



*You're a
Blessing!*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and kindness shown during this difficult time with the illness and passing of our beloved Lennie Garcia - daughter, mother, niece, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Love and Blessings,
Doris Hamby and Helen Sothan

amazon smile

Remember while doing your holiday shopping to use amazon smile and you will be helping our church budget. It doesn't cost you anything, just signup, pick Garden Grove United Methodist Church as the group you want to support, and make sure you are signed in to amazon smile when you order. If you have any questions call the church office, 714-534-1070.



**Be
an
Usher**

We need two Ushers in order to have three groups to help on Sundays. Each of the three groups would be asked to help every third month. So if you have a nice smile and like the people you attend Church with we would love to have you join us. Please contact Sandy Boekelheide at 714-616-1007, you will receive a handshake, a hug, and a thank you.



You will soon be receiving the Christmas letter.

A note from our missionary Quynh Hoe Nguyen who is one of our missionaries that we have a covenant relationship with.

Greetings from Vietnam

I am thankful for your support of the young Methodist church in Vietnam. We have created new ministries and continue to develop existing ones. Thanks and praise to God for a transforming year and heartfelt thanks to you for your ongoing partnership and support. I am able to serve here because of your prayers, encouragement, and generosity.

Quynh

From the Missionary Field



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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Tuesday, January 21st

The *Expectations* deadline for the February issue (to be mailed on Thursday, January 30th) is Tuesday, January 21st. News and Events for February and March 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