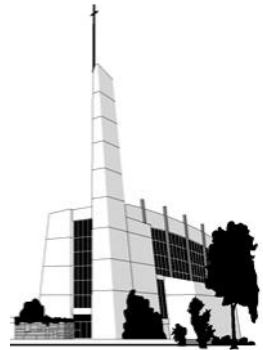




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July-August 2020

Our Cal-Pac Conference Resident Bishop, Grant Hagiya, has not yet provided a date for when worship services may begin in “face-to-face” settings such as our Sanctuary and Chapel. GGUMC’s reopening plan consists of three phases and has been sent to our District Superintendent, Rev. John Farley, for approval. Our worship experiences will be very different with Cal-Pac Conference Phase 3 restrictions. The following is a summary of what the new norm will be until we move on to Phase 4.



- 1) Attendance will be limited to 50 in the sanctuary though audio will be provided in Acker Hall for the overflow beyond the 50 allowed. Virtual services will continue for those who cannot attend or choose not to attend the live services. *See * below.*
- 2) Initially Holy Communion will not be available with a possibility for World Communion Sunday.
- 3) Singing will not be permitted by anyone, the congregation, choir, solo singers, etc. during worship.
- 4) Physical distancing will be required. Seating in the Sanctuary will be quite different. Every other row will be blocked to maintain social distance. We should always maintain a separation of six feet. Pews will be marked to assist in maintaining the six foot separation. There should be three singles to each pew. Couples and family members may sit together. Ushers will assist if needed.
- 5) During worship printed Order of Worship bulletins will not be available however they will be available by e-mail for those who wish to have a printed document or to follow on your portable device. It will also be projected on the monitors.
- 6) Hymnals, Bibles, and offering envelopes will be removed.
- 7) Offering plates will not be used. There will be a container by the entrance for the deposit of the weekly offering. Online giving is encouraged especially for those unable to attend. *See ** below*
- 8) Shared meals and the after-service coffee gathering will not be allowed.
- 9) There will only be one entrance available and that will be the south patio entrance door.

Cleaning and sanitizing protocols will be followed to assure a maximum degree of safety to the congregation. Safety is paramount for all of our members, staff, and visitors.

The times have been and are difficult for all of us, still the love of God and Jesus will always be with us, no matter how we Worship. Remember there are many ways to worship and we don’t always have to worship together in person. By the grace of God, we are blest to have a beautiful house of God with a caring and inspirational Pastor and we look forward to being able to worship together again safely. Please bear with us and stay the course. We will get through this and once again Worship as we have in the past.

*The latest sermons and news, are always available at: <https://www.ggumc.net/> and https://www.facebook.com/pg/GardenGroveUnitedMethodistChurch/posts/?ref=page_internal

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The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), on behalf of the entire congregation, welcomes back Rev. Dr. Bau Dang and Pastor Toné Tosi who have been appointed by the Bishop to serve our church for the coming year. We look forward to celebrating your re-appointment in person when it is safe to do so.

Bishop Hagiya, who was scheduled to retire on September 1st, will also continue to serve us for the coming year until a new bishop can be appointed in 2021.

Blessings to all of you.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

For many years our choir sold script to our members to use when they shopped at various supermarkets. That program has been closed for some time. There is now a new way to support Garden Grove U.M.C. You can sign up for Ralph's Community Contributions and contribute monetarily to our church – and it's free for you. All you have to do is follow the directions below. If you do not have a computer or are unsure about using it, see Linda Shepard for assistance.

Go to Ralphs.com.

If you have already signed up to be a member, sign in to "Your Account."

If you are not a member, you can sign-up to be one.

Go to the heading that says 'Community Contributions'. Fill out the form. You can look through the pages that list organizations alphabetically for our church: Garden Grove United Methodist Church and click on it.

That's it! An easy way to contribute a little extra to our church.



TAKE AND EAT DRINK

The bread that is used for the sacrament of Holy Communion is gluten free. All may partake without fear of allergic reaction! Also, the "wine" we use is grape juice, so children may partake of Holy Communion with no worries.



GLUTEN FREE

2020 Cal-Pac ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 17-20, 2020

A very different experience at Annual Conference this year. I have attended many Conferences at Redlands University over the past years. This was my first experience attending a “virtual” conference using Zoom software. Approximately 1100 registrants received on-line training to use Zoom for all aspects of the conference, including how to vote, how to participate in conversations, and how to use the microphone to ask questions or comment about proposed rules, recommendations, and resolutions!

The previously elected delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences presented much information regarding Cal-Pac position on the future of the United Methodist Church (UMC). Resolution 19-06, passed at 2019 Annual Conference, states that if General Conference doesn’t accept proposed changes, Cal-Pac would call its own constitutional convention, post-disaffiliation with UMC and an interim operations plan would be developed. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, both the Jurisdictional and Annual conferences have been postponed to 2021, dates yet to be determined. More information is available www.calpacumc.org. Comments may be emailed to gc2020@cal-pacumc.org. *Jackie Pringle*

Thoughts about Conference: Attending Annual Conference via a Zoom Webinar was certainly an interesting, if not totally engrossing experience. Being able to see speakers “up close and personal” was nice in some instances, but made one feel the speakers were a bit intrusive, in other cases. There were a few technical glitches as people were being included in the meetings from Hawai’i, among other places. Not all sound and video were synced. For me, that was a distraction, as I tend to read lips. The rules of The Book of Discipline had to be suspended, as there is no contingency for a virtual Annual Conference.

There were two occurrences from the meetings that really stood out for me. The first was the acknowledgement of the systemic racism that is inherent in our nation. There was 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence, the amount of time that the police officer held his knee to George Floyd’s neck. That seemed an eternity, to me. The second thing that has remained with me was the bishop addressing the Conference as “Siblings in Christ”! That seemed to me to sum up the whole of what was being discussed and debated! There were several churches that have been closed and two that have been combined. These issues were voted on as they are all part of “the business of the church.”

I would recommend reading the U.M. Daily, especially for days 2 and 3 (see link below), in order to glean the work of the conference. We are scheduled to go to the University of Redlands next year! *Linda Shepard*

Dear Friends, I hope this message finds you all well and safe. It does seem like ages since we were all together. It is a strange world we are living in, and it was a strange Annual Conference. Most of the things I enjoy about Conference were eliminated by changing to a Zoom format: feeling our connectedness, seeing old friends and former clergy, wonderful worship services together. But we got our work done and set our Conference on a view to the future.

The major piece of new legislation was a vote on the Bishop’s proposal to strengthen the historically black churches in the conference, recognizing that the church is not immune to systemic racism. That point was brought home in a video by four clergy. The first presentation was by Rev. Adrienne Zachary who talked about her experiences with prejudice in the local, predominantly white, church. Interesting and troubling!

Congratulations to Rev. Erin Stenberg, former GGUMC youth coordinator, who was ordained elder and is being sent to Malibu UMC. Also, to Rev. Gerry Owyang on his retirement.

Thank you all for the opportunity to represent you. Blessings, *Sue Spangler*

*Recordings of the 36th Annual Session, downloadable video files and programs of the worship services, and select presentations are now available at calpacumc.org/ac2020

*The UM Dailies, legislation, and other documents and publications of the Session are available at the Conference Secretary page at calpacumc.org/secretary.

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Bishop Hagiya's Briefing (June 29, 2020)

As predicted by our health experts, COVID-19 cases are continuing to spike after normalizing with social distancing. Thinking only of re-election, many of our politicians rushed to reopen too soon, and we are seeing the dire consequences playing out before our eyes. It is the value of blatant consumerism and economic greed over human lives. When choosing between an economic downturn or public safety, we have witnessed that there is no contest in our secular political leadership. Even waiting one more month could have made a big difference in lives lost. When I think of the friends that I have lost to COVID-19, no economic price can be put on their lives.

Blaming politicians is an easy target, and we would be well advised to look inward to our own souls as the American public. I have heard too often: "I'm going stir-crazy...I can't stay home for another week...I can't wait any longer for things to open up." These are all trivial excuses, and I put much more stock into those who have to get back to work in order to feed their families, or save their small businesses.

Our American society is so impatient, and the selfish urge to shop at a mall, eat in a restaurant, or drink at a bar, overcomes our common sense. We become the alcoholic who goes on a drinking binge without thinking of the consequences. The individualism of our Western society is also a factor here. "No one can tell **me** to wear a mask, social distance, or not see **my** friends!" It is one thing to put oneself at risk, but there are very few individuals without parents, family, and friends who will be infected if I am infected. The arguments for the greater good of all are being drowned out by the demand for individual freedoms.

We as the United Methodist Church must stand for a higher value. We must put the care of others before our selfish desires. We must value human life over the economic bottom line. We must think safety first, convenience later. God demands from us a greater faith to put compassion and care before selfish desire and greed.

This is a time for us to take stock of who we are as the people of God. It is a season for us to double our time in prayer, spiritual practices and discernment. John Wesley has taught us that the quest of salvation means our love of God and neighbor increases, and our preoccupation with self diminishes. To be faithful right now means that we care more about others than ourselves, and we do everything to protect the other.

I want to thank all of those who were behind the scenes of our virtual annual conference sessions last week. We had minor glitches, but overall, the technology ran fairly smoothly, and we were able to complete all of our essential business. There were even things that worked better than physically meeting in Redlands! So much so, that we may be incorporating what we have learned if we are allowed to return to a physical annual conference in the future. There are so many hidden volunteers who made it possible for us to pull this off. You know who you are, and I know you do it for the love of the church, not for individual recognition. However, let me share the biggest THANK YOU for all that you did for us!

Our inspiration for the week comes from the Hebrew Bible:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. God will not leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6
The English Standard Version

Be the Hope,
Bishop Grant J. Hagiya



July 1st
Patricia Graham 🎂

July 2nd
Anne Gall 🎂

July 6th
Paul Cajiuat
Joy Dudley
Jack Mee 🎂

July 7th
Crystal Nguyen

July 8th
Noah Werdel

July 9th
Beverly Shewman

July 11th
Doris Hamby

July 12th
Amanda Kusinsky

July 14th
Richard Brown
Linda Colgin
Margaret Doane
Debra McCart

July 16th
Ann Powell Cordon
Daniel Granados
Lanu Iosua

July 18th
T. J. Sherlin

July 22nd
Brandon Wislocki

July 24th
Linda Wislocki

July 26th
Mary Brock

July 28th
Margaret Heise 🎂

July 29th
Destiny Aragon
Bill Shelly

July 30th
Vickie Barber
Jake Bearden 🎂

July 31st
Evelyn McCart 🎂
Zachary Seto



🎂 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Patricia Graham, Anne Gall, Jack Mee, Margaret Heise, Jake Bearden, and Evelyn McCart!* *Patricia* will be **93** on the *1st*, *Anne* will be **99** on the *2nd*, *Jack* will be **90** on the *6th*, *Margaret* will be **96** on the *28th*, *Jake* will be **90** on the *30th*, and *Evelyn* will be **100** on the *31st*! If you would like to send them a special greeting, *Patricia’s* address is 24903 Moulton Pkwy. Apt. 465, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, *Anne’s* address is 3849 Rolland Drive, Cottonwood, CA 96022, *Jack’s* address is 12151 Dale Ave., Stanton, CA 90680, *Margaret’s* address is 1605 Marion Way Apt. 41A, Seal Beach, CA 90740, *Jake’s* address is 1946 W. Willow Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804-2558, and *Evelyn’s* address is 12151 Dale Ave., Stanton, CA 90680.



August 2nd
Edward Acosta
Cynthia Sheriff

August 3rd
Janice Osborne

August 5th
Gwen Anderson 🎂
Pepé Fomai

August 6th
Jennifer Shipp

August 8th
Nicole Jackson

August 9th
Rocky Allen
Karen Hoffman
Bryan Wislocki

August 11th
Debbie Faupusa

August 13th
Evelyn Carpenter 🎂

August 16th
Jennifer Samsom
June Stokoe

August 18th
Cynthia Brown
Essie Harding
Ethan Werdel

August 22nd
Bud Ruhl 🎂

August 23rd
Rick LaBare
Michael Sanchez

August 25th
Wanda Martin 🎂

August 27th
Thomas Sherlin

August 28th
Gilbert Baker 🎂
Hannah Lafler 🎂
Ken Lorenz

August 29th
Steve Ryder

August 31st
Neil Howe



🎂 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Gwen Anderson, Evelyn Carpenter, Bud Ruhl, Wanda Martin, Gilbert Baker, and Hannah Lafler!* *Gwen* will be **94** on the *5th*, *Evelyn* will be **90** on the *13th*, *Bud* will be **92** on the *22nd*, *Wanda* will be **94** on the *25th*, *Gilbert* will be **92** on the *28th*, and *Hannah* will be **100** on the *28th*! If you would like to send them a special greeting: *Gwen’s* address is 9818 Grouse Ct., Garden Grove, CA 92841-2618, *Evelyn’s* address is 713 S. Sonya Pl., Anaheim, CA 92802-1311, *Bud’s* address is 5142 Hampshire Ave., Westminster, CA 92683-1736, *Wanda’s* address is 16985 Kawai Ct., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-2612, *Gilbert’s* address is 5532 Santa Barbara Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845-1022, and *Hannah’s* address is 755 N. Lemon St., Anaheim CA 92805-2629.

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Contact email for Rev. Dr. Bau Dang baudang231@yahoo.com and Janine Ryder exp@ggumc.net.

Ongoing Activities

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts in the parking lot. Ages 11-17.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts in in the parking lot. Ages 5-11.



Lestonnac Free Clinic 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.*

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Please Remember These People In Your Thoughts And Prayers

Helen Sothan

Evelyn McCart
Dexter Welton
Bud Ruhl
Gwen Anderson
David Gregory, recovering after shoulder replacement surgery
Lilas Green, health issues



THANKS

TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

For your safety and the safety of others please wear a facemask when you are at the church for any reason.



Mary Grover died on March 16th and Wally Grover died on March 22nd.
Longtime members, attending since 1943.

Anne Romine, wife of Dick Romine, died on April 25th. Longtime member.

Greg Buck, husband of Nancy Buck, died on May 28th.

Kelly Fisher died on June 2nd. Longtime member.



Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19



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Tuesday, August 18th

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Janine Ryder,
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