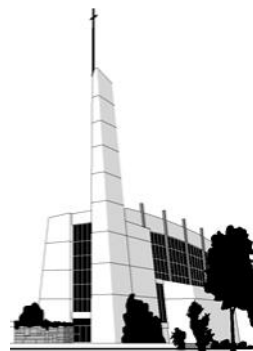




# EXPECTATIONS

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## November 2021



## Poinsettias

You are invited to order Poinsettias for this holiday season to donate for decorating the church for Christmas through Christmas Eve Services. Forms are in the Church office. Fill in the form and return it to the office with your payment of \$9.00 per plant by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Save the Date! Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

Diane Farley,  
Chair Worship Commission



**November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Larry Pringle  
 Brooklym Schirmer  
 Selena Sherlin  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Ed Barber  
 Lorna Cajuat

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Sharon Tesdall  
 Lewis Unland  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Robert Fomai  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 Sandy Boekelheide

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Marion Ruhl  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 Quang Nguyen  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Matthew Brown  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Linda Truong Le  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Sally Hickman  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 Douglas Beard

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Jennafir Gerbasi  
 Rae Ramirez  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 Faye LaBare



## Invitation to Join Trinity Circle and United Methodist Women

The Trinity Circle is a “small group “of women who are mostly also members of the larger group, United Methodist Women,” UMW “Sue Spangler and Sally Hickman lead this larger group, with women members from the whole church. UMW is known for its’ Spring Tea which is one of their fund raisers to support Mission around the world. When the church was bigger, there were several “Circles”, but now “Trinity” is the only Circle. Joyce Hall is the President of Trinity Circle.

UMW is one of the largest Women’s organizations in the World supporting Mission. United Methodist Men, UMM, is the men’s organization, that is supportive of local church responsibilities. Both groups welcome church members and friends to their meetings. Our UMW General meets the third Wednesday of the month. UMW ‘s overall goal is supporting

Women and children and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world so all may experience God’s life -giving love.

Trinity Circle has not been meeting during the Covid year, but we have started meeting again. We meet at 9:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month. We take turns hosting the meeting in our homes or in the church lounge, if that is more convenient. The hostess provides coffee, tea, and light snacks. Meetings are started with any business that needs to be taken care of and a devotion followed by a program. The “programs “reflect the interests of the presenter. Sometimes it is a religious topic, a current issue or controversy, an article or book review, something from the person’s past, or anything else that the member finds interesting and wishes to share.

The key part of the circle meeting is the informal sharing of our life situations and prayerful support of each other in our joys and concerns. We welcome all the women to the church and their friends to our meetings.

REMEMBER: TRINITY CIRCLE: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 9:30 a.m.

Watch for UMW and Circle meeting locations in the monthly on-line Expectations E-mail.

For more information Call Joyce Hall 714-530-7296 — COME AND JOIN US

Faye Gregory,  
 Trinity Circle Secretary

# Blessing Bags Project Update

Congregations Coordinating Council (CCC) has sponsored the **Blessing Bags Project** since 2016. With the church closure during the 2020-21 Covid-19 pandemic, the items for homeless needing food and toiletry items were not used.

We would like to again make Blessing Bags available to those in need. If you would like to participate by donating items (see list below) or cash to help purchase items, please leave items in the Narthex, or in the church office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Items needed:

- Gallon size Ziploc bags
- Peanuts
- Small water bottle or juice box
- Band-Aids
- Cheese sticks or cheese/crackers
- Granola bars
- Toothpaste/dental floss (Toothbrushes not needed at this time)
- Small tissue packages
- Small bars of soap
- Candy/mints
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- (Body/hand lotion not needed at this time)

Optional: Washcloth in sandwich size plastic bag

You may bring Ziploc bags already filled with the above items, or bring any/all of the items to use in filling bags.

Questions? Please email Jackie Pringle at [jackieg@verizon.net](mailto:jackieg@verizon.net)



**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 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! And remember, many hands make light work.

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary** – “A Christmas Concert of Lessons, Carols & Hymns” the Garden Grove United Methodist Church Music Ministry’s Christmas Concert. *Freewill donation.*



## Ongoing Activities

**Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – Boy Scouts in Acker Hall. Ages 11-17.

**Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.** – Cherub/Chorister Choir (age 5-Grade 6) Rehearsal in the Choir Room.

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.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.** – Vietnamese Language Bible Study in the Lounge.

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** – Girl Scouts in Acker Hall. Ages 5-17.

**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. If you have any questions, please call Sally Hickman at 714-839-0120 or 714-376-8391 (cell).



# VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED!

The congregation looks forward to enjoying children in worship. Regular Sunday School and nursery services have begun, but Zi is looking for volunteers to help her!

If you are able and willing to alternate with Zi for Sunday School Services, or know anyone who is able, please contact the Church office immediately.



**John Elwell**, a longtime member of GGUMC, died November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Memorial Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. Reception in Acker Hall to follow.



We plan to have the Angel Tree in the Entryway to the Sanctuary starting on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.



# 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..... Sandra Olewine  
 Clergy .....Bau Dang, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi  
 Minister of Youth/Young Adult Ministries....Zi Nghiem  
 Administrative Assistant.....Sonia Guerrero  
 Director of Youth/Children Choirs ..... Sally Hickman  
 Financial Bookkeeper..... Linda Gregory  
 Membership Secretary..... Donna Gregg

Missionary to Cambodia .....Rev. Andrew Lee  
 Missionary to Greece..... Rebecca Swartz  
 Missionary to Vietnam ..... Quynh-Hoa Nguyen  
 Newsletter Editor .....Sonia Guerrero  
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 Music Leaders..... Dang Nguyen, Quang Nguyen  
 Wedding Coordinator ..... Mitzie Larson  
 Youth/Childrens Choir Director ..... Sally Hickman

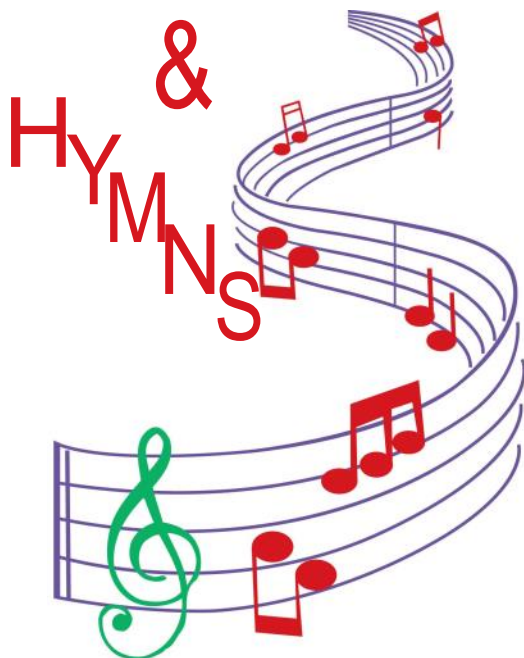


Please Remember These People  
In Your Thoughts And Prayers

Joy Dudley  
Jonni & Ken Lorenz  
Joey Tu'ua  
Bud Ruhl  
Gwen Anderson  
Lilas Green  
Gary Palmer  
John Elwell's family

Lessons  
CAROLS

**Sunday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**



On Sunday December 12th at 7:00 pm we will be presenting a “SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS”, reviewing the wonderful prophesies of the “Old Testament” about the coming of the Savior, reasons for, and meaning of, such a wonderful event; as well as the story related in “The New Testament” of this marvelous happening.

We would like you, the congregation, to join Pastor Bau, “The Quartet”, Soloists, Reader, Children Choirs, the Organist, the Samoan congregation Choir, as we present the great Anthems and songs and music of the Season; but not just as spectators, but as active participants in singing the Great Carols of Christmas. We cannot let this wonderful Season pass by without experiencing one of our “Cherished Traditions”, and this has been “the one” for decades in the history of our church.



children's choir

Sonshine Singers (grades 7-12) have resumed meeting on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.– 5:15 p.m. in our choir room. This choir sings in church once a month and participates in other musical events. If you have been thinking of trying this group . . . NOW is the time to do it.

Cherub / Chorister Choir (age 5 - grade 6) have resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m-4:30pm. in the choir room. This is always a busy group. We learn songs to sing in church, songs for fun and special songs for the Choir Christmas Dinner. I hope you will have your children come join us as we learn how to praise God through music. If you have any questions please call Sally Hickman at 714-839-0120 or cell 714-376-8391.

