

Expectations

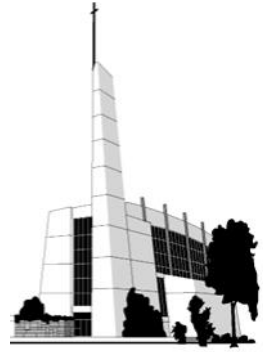


News from the Garden Grove United Methodist Church
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January 2023

REMINDER

The Church office will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

The office will be closed beginning Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 1st.

We will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

*Have a Blessed
Holiday Season!*



Mitzie Larson is looking for recommendations for a carpet cleaner for the Sanctuary! If you have any recommendations, please call the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

-Mitzie Larson



Sock Sunday!

As we have been taught there is a season for all things. We are announcing today that the season for Sock Sunday is coming Sunday, February 12th! These socks will be for the children the Assistance League of Garden Grove. We are inviting all of our congregations to participate in this wonderful giving opportunity. So ahead of time, thank you for all the socks!

- Geri Ogle and Sally Hickman

**Hoping for a
"Sockcessful"
sock drive**

HAPPY New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his glory.

Psalm 72:19, NIV



CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Linda and Jack Shepard have moved and therefore have a new address! Their new address is:
5041 Sloane Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683-4157.
Save this for your records.



Vietnamese Language Ministry
GARDEN GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Vietnamese Language Classes for All Ages

Saturday mornings every week
From January to August 2023

Tuition
\$150.00 per school year

To register please contact:
Ms. Joanne Huynh: 714.858.4916
Email: mucvuvietngu@gmail.com

** Scholarships are available upon actual need and request.*



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..... Lui Tran, 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

Missionary to Cambodia Rev. Andrew Lee
Missionary to Greece.....Rebecca Swartz
Newsletter Editor..... Sonia Guerrero
Organist Norberto Guinaldo
Vietnamese Admin. Assist.....Phuong Dinh
Wedding Coordinator.....Mitzie Larson
Membership Secretary..... Donna Gregg



January 1st

Grace Grey

January 2nd

Pamela Hall

January 3rd

William Mead

January 4th

Thomas Larson

January 7th

Tiffany Kramer

January 9th

Tofaoli'i Pua

January 11th

Shirley Kerr

January 13th

Susana Tu'ua

January 18th

Steiner Faupusa

Sonia Guerrero

January 19th

Dung Nguyen

January 24th

Linda Gregory

Mark Schneider

January 24th

Benjamin Tran

January 28th

Christopher Larson

Betty Wilson

January 29th

Jim Kerr



A Very Special *“Happy Birthday”* this month to **Betty Wilson and Jim Kerr!** Betty will be **93** on the **28th** and **Jim** will be **92** on the **29th**! If you would like to send a special greeting: **Betty's** address is *12681 Adrian Circle Garden Grove, CA 92840-6010*. **Jim's** address is *2131 W. Crone Anaheim, CA 92804-3524*.



February 1st

Stacey Beard

February 6th

Eketoni Tosi

Jon Whitford

February 7th

Gary Hickman

February 11th

Mackenna Doser

February 12th

David Gregory

Sharon Rice

February 14th

James Gray

February 15th

Rachel Beard

February 20th

Jennifer Newsome

February 22nd

Christina French

Janine Ryder

February 23rd

Edward Oleson





Please Remember These People In Your Thoughts And Prayers

Linda Shepard's Grand Niece's Mother, who was involved in a head-on collision and has multiple injuries and kidney failure

Kim Lorimier- Linda Shepard's daughter in law's sister- who has recurring cancer that has advanced to her liver

Jill Williams who has breast Cancer

Janine and Steve Ryder who are in search of new care for Steve

Paul Owings who is recovering after a bad fall and kidney stone

Skip Clark who is dealing with pancreatic cancer

Stacey Beard & Family

Bud Ruhl

Gary Palmer

Please keep Sally Hickman in your prayers, as she has had a bad fall and has potentially broken something in her shoulder. We will keep you updated with more information when we receive it.

It is with great sorrow that we share with you the death of beloved Diane Brown, Linda Shepard's sister. Diane passed on Thursday, November 17th. Linda would appreciate prayers for Diane's three children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All three of her children and their spouses were with her at the time of her death and her grandchildren had been with her on the previous weekend.

Deaths
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Legend of the Poinsettias

There is a charming story told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl, who had no gift to present to the Christ child at Christmas Eve services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the Nativity Scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas Season.

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In Loving Memory of:

- ✠ John R. Newsome, M.D.
- ✠ Janice Palmer Tinnesen
- ✠ Our Dear Parents - Jim & Diane Farley
- ✠ Kim Trang Truong
- ✠ Loc Van le
- ✠ Carolyn Pringle
- ✠ John Gonzalez
- ✠ Keith & Edra Settingington,
- ✠ Herb & Louise Hickman,
- ✠ Ray Woods
- ✠ Our Parents - Jack & Linda Shepard
- ✠ Diane Brown
- ✠ My Parents- The Richard Morris's
- ✠ Walter & Joan Schaer
- ✠ Graham Grandparents
- ✠ Dyson Grandparents
- ✠ Roger Graham
- ✠ My Parents Mr. & Mrs. Yap - Djenni Yap Purba
- ✠ My Husband S. Purba - Djenni Yap Purba
- ✠ My sisters, their husbands & my brothers - Djenni Yap Purba
- ✠ Jun & Grace Cajiut
- ✠ Justiniano & Maxima Cajiut
- ✠ Gnriqueta Sarmiento
- ✠ Rebecca & Rosalinda Sarmiento
- ✠ Irene & George Gregg
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs. J B Bailey's
- ✠ Dr. & Mrs. Alvin Kerr
- ✠ Jean & Lester Davis
- ✠ Ruth, Carl & Doug Semotan
- ✠ Mr. Thuy Tran
- ✠ Rev. Bien Tran
- ✠ Paul & Ruth Banagas
- ✠ Joe Carmona
- ✠ Pable & Marcellina DeLa Cruz Carmona
- ✠ Apolonia & Christina
- ✠ John Gregory
- ✠ Paul S. Cajiut
- ✠ Laura Hoffman
- ✠ Michael Hoffman
- ✠ Kolopa P. Solia

In Honor of:

- ✠ Nine Loving children, seventeen amazing grandchildren, 3 very special great grandkids - Newsome / Palmer Families
- ✠ Our Children & Grandchildren - Jim & Diane Farley
- ✠ Our Children & Grandchildren - Larry & Jackie Pringle
- ✠ All the Lord's Blessings
- ✠ The Jay Shepard Family, Our Extended Family
- ✠ Patricia Graham
- ✠ My Family - Cynthia Brown
- ✠ Faye Gregory
- ✠ Our Church - Horeb Mar Thoma Congregation
- ✠ Our Families - Wayne Sheriff



POINSETTIAS



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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Tuesday, January 24th

The *Expectations* deadline for the February issue (to be mailed on Thursday, January 26th) is Tuesday, January 24th. News and Events for February and March should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to ggumc@ggumc.net, bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

Sonia Guerrero,
Editor