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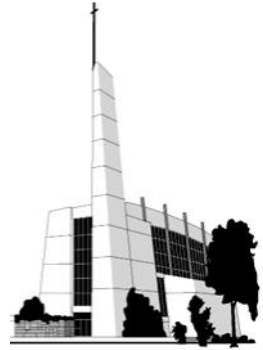
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September 2023

Deaths IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of beloved member, **Shirley Kellogg**. Shirley passed on Tuesday, August 15th. The Family held her Celebration of Life here at the Church. If you would like to send sympathy cards to the family, please use this address:

The Kellogg Family
366 Ximeno Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90814

**Rally
SUNDAY**

Rally Sunday is back, **September 10th!** Come one, come all as we celebrate getting back to church after summer vacations and outings, and having the Choir back in the Choir Loft! Immediately following Worship, our Samoan brothers and sisters will be barbecuing meat. Others are encouraged to bring salads and/or desserts! See you then.



September

BIRTHDAYS

September 2nd
Michael Ortiz

September 3rd
Vickie Stoner

September 5th
Katherine Steppe

September 6th
Barbara Tosi
Florence Tuua

September 7th
Gail Brown

September 8th
Timothy Tran

September 9th
Angela Sherlin
Kevin Troung

September 13th
Remy Gambito
Joey Tuua

September 14th
Luis Cajiuat
Kailani Sherlin
Erika Nguyen

September 17th
David Fisher
Jackie Pringle

September 20th
Nancy Buck

September 21st
Chris Spangler
Tereise Tosi

September 24th
Shelby Nash

September 27th
Tuua Tuua (TJ)

September 28th
Dale Batesole
Kimo Sherlin

September 29th
Alex Collino
Leataataofiti Sherlin



A Very Special **“Happy Birthday”** this month to **Remedios Gambito and Dale Batesole!** Remedios will be **98** on the **13th** and **Dale** will be **97** on the **28th**! If you would like to send them a special greeting: **Remedios Gambito’s** address is 31932 Manzanita Lane, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532-2612 and **Dale Batesole’s** address is 12691 Chase St., Garden Grove, CA 92845-2653.



October

BIRTHDAYS

October 2nd
Jack Shepard
Vickie Iwasiwka
Kolopa Joe Pua
Mychelle Fleeman
Jacqueline Gray

October 3rd
Rachel Wislocki
Donald Beard

October 4th
Diep “Zi” Nghiem

October 6th
Dang Nguyen

October 8th
Dr. Ann Newsome

October 12th
Evelyn Seto

October 14th
Larry Ogle

October 17th
Helen Sothan

October 19th
Eileen Meade
Caroline Nguyen

October 20th
Kurt Rice
Vanessa Granados

October 21st
Jim Spangler

October 29th
Andrea Kramer
Traci Tran



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Prayers for Joann Ortiz who has some health concerns,
cousin of Lydia Carmona.

Prayers for the Kellogg and Perez-Shaw Families.

Continue to keep The Farley's in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Stacey Beard's mother-in-law,
Kathy, in your prayers, as she is in the beginning
stages of hospice.

Kim Lormier who is undergoing cancer treatments for
liver cancer.

Skip Clark who is dealing with pancreatic cancer.

Bud Ruhl

Gary Palmer.



Tuesday, September 5th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study at Zi's residence.

Wednesday, September 6th - 9:30 a.m. Trinity Circle Meeting at Faye Gregory's home.

Sunday, September 10th - 11:00 a.m. Rally Sunday on church grounds.

Tuesday, September 12th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study at Zi's residence.

Tuesday, September 19th - SPRC in the Lounge.

Tuesday, September 23rd - October 7th SHIP in the upper classrooms.

Tuesday, October 3rd - 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the Church office meeting room.

Wednesday, October 4th - 5:30 p.m. - Congregations Coordinating Council Meeting in the Lounge.

Wednesday, October 4th - 6:30 p.m. - Church Council Meeting in the Lounge

Sunday, October 15th - 5:00 p.m. - Annual Harvest Dinner in Acker Hall.



Annual All-Church Harvest Dinner

Save the date! The Congregations Coordinating Council (CCC) is excited to be sponsoring the seventh annual All-Church Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. in Acker Hall! More details to follow, so keep a look out in the weekly GGUMC E-News updates!



Meet GGUMC's New Pianist / Organist!

Liz Nguyen is a classically trained musician and elementary school teacher. Born and raised in Orange County, CA, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at Lewis and Clark College and Master of Arts in Piano Pedagogy at California State University, Fullerton. She is also a credentialed teacher and teaches special education in the Westminster School District. Liz is happy to be using her gifts of music and ministry to serve the congregation of Garden Grove United Methodist Church and looks forward to making a joyful noise to the Lord. In her spare time, she likes to be active, read, and travel.

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The Samoa Ministry will be hosting SHIP (Self Help Interfaith Program) beginning September 23rd through October 7th. If you would like to help in providing dinner, please contact Tone 714 606 9743 or Barbara 714 606 7967 or email Tone at eketonetosi@yahoo.com

lend a helping hand

Every first Tuesday of the month, the South District has a prayer session via zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please visit the South District website and scroll down for the link.

<https://www.calpacumc.org/southdistrict>



Maui Fire Relief

A week ago the town of Lahina in Maui was destroyed by fire. As I write this letter, the death toll is 99 with many still missing. No one knows what the final count will be. It could become the largest disaster in our United States. May God be with the people of Lahina and give them strength for the future. If you wish to make a donation to the Lahina Relief Fund, send your checks or cash to the church, and our Treasurer Jack Shepard will send it on to Conference. Please be sure to list Lahina Relief Fund on your checks.

-Joyce Hall, Missions

Lost & Found



There were two items left in the Sanctuary last weekend. Please use the link to see the items. If they belong to you, please call or email the church office to claim them. They will be put into lost & found if not claimed. Thank you.

<https://www.ggumc.net/lost-and-found-august-2023/>



Maria, our Parish custodian, is in need of a car! She is looking to buy a car for her husband. If anyone has a car to sell, or knows of anyone who may be selling, please call or email the church office at (714) 534-1070 or ggumc@ggumc.net



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	Dottie Escobedo-Frank	Missionary to Cambodia	Rev. Andrew Lee
District Superintendent	Sandra Olewine	Missionary to Greece	Rebecca Swartz
Clergy	Lui Tran, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi, Khuong Chau	Vietnamese Administrative Asst.	Phuong Dinh
Minister of Youth/Young Adult Ministries ...	Zi Nghiem	Organist/Pianist	Liz Nguyen
Administrative Assistant	Sonia Guerrero	Music Director	Michael Ortiz
Director of Youth/Children Choirs	Sally Hickman	Wedding Coordinator	Mitzie Larson
Financial Bookkeeper	Linda Gregory	Membership Secretary	Donna Gregg



Online giving is available at:

<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/ggumc>

Detailed information about Online Giving is available at:

<https://www.ggumc.net/online-giving/>

Direct any Online Giving support issues to linda@ggumc.net

Once again, we thank you all for your continuing support.

The GGUMC website is under construction. The latest sermons and news, are always available at:

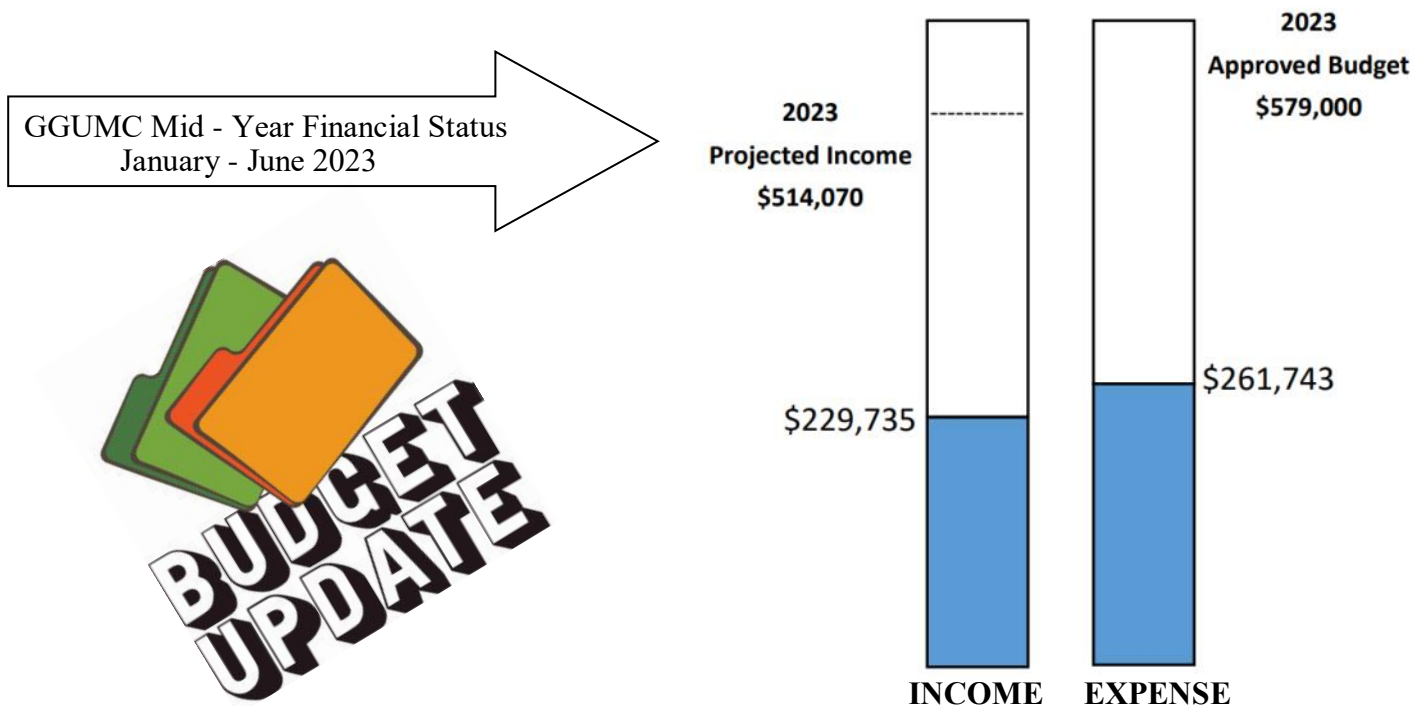
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Dear Members and Friends: The Finance Committee of Garden Grove United Methodist Church recently received the June 2023 financial data for the Church. This completes the data for the first six months of the year (January-June 2023). This data, as shown in the attached graph, is not good. It shows, that for the first six months of the year, our income has fallen roughly \$20,000 below what we projected in our budget for this time period. This data also shows that our expenses for the first half of the year are over \$30,000 more than our income for the same period. What is even more troubling is that this income to expense difference exists even though we have only made two of our expected six apportionment payments to the UMC Conference. If we continue in this same manner for the rest of the year, our total annual deficit will be well **over \$60,000** without full payment of our apportionments. As you may know, we have had operating budget deficits of a similar magnitude for the past several years. Due to the up-front payment, we received from the Jamboree Corporation for the long-term lease of our property, we have been able to close the gaps in our deficits in the past through the use of these funds. However, we have now nearly depleted the initial funding we originally received from Jamboree and will not have sufficient funds to close a deficit of this size this year or soon. Other measures will be required to do this. At this time, we don't know what these measures might be, but with your help we will identify and implement them. You may be asking yourself "What can I do?" Here are **four practical ways**: **First**, you can review your giving and make any increases where you are able: either ongoing or as a onetime gift. **Second**, review your estate planning. Have you included the Church in your estate? This may not help in the short term, but it can have an important effect on the long-term growth and health of our congregation. **Third**, have you made a restricted gift to the Church or its Memorial Fund? If so, consider modifying the restrictions on the gift or gifts that would allow us to support the near term needs of the Church. **Fourth**, you can invite a friend to join us at Church. Invite a friend or neighbor. Or, if you know someone who has stopped attending during the pandemic, contact them and invite them back to Church. The easiest and most certain way to improve our Church income, particularly in the long run, is to increase our attendance and membership. Would you please prayerfully consider taking any of the four practical ways to help the Church. I believe that with God's help and your support we shall continue our mission and ministries.

-Sincerely, Jim Spangler Chairman, GGUMC Finance Committee





New Bible Study Has Begun!

Finding Your Purpose and Calling in Life

Mainstream culture claims that the accumulation of wealth, power, and fame leads to happiness. Achieving the “American Dream” is supposedly the highest goal in life. Yet, so many people live empty lives, finding that success and material things can’t satisfy their deepest yearnings.

The Bible teaches that God has a purpose and plan for every person. Until we follow God’s will and call, we will never find fulfillment in life. Jesus Christ said, “I came so that they could have life— indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest” (John 10:10). How can we achieve the abundant life Jesus promised? Or, biblically speaking, how can we live life to the fullest?

What you will learn in this class:

You will explore God’s purpose for your life based on four types of deep listening skills:

- ✠ Listening to God’s Word: Learn what the Bible has to say about this topic.
- ✠ Listening to Yourself: Recognize your inner voice and find your deepest passions.
- ✠ Listening to Others: Gather honest feedback from family, friends, and co-workers.
- ✠ Listening to the World: Understand the most pressing issues of our time.

Acquiring and practicing those four listening skills will set you on a path to spiritual growth and vocational discernment. You will discover that God indeed has a purpose and calling for your life that have yet to be discovered by you!

Length: This is a four-week class meeting on Tuesday evenings.

Dates & Time: September 5 & 12, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Cameo Apartments (Zi’s residence) 1055 Town and Country Road, Orange, CA 92868

Please RSVP by August 18 with the Church Office: 714-534-1070 or ggumc@ggumc.net



Helen Perez died of metastatic breast cancer on Wednesday, August 16th. No funeral to be held. Condolences can be sent to:

**Gavin & Shannon Perez (son & daughter-in-law) at
15831 Padre CT, Moreno Valley, CA 92551**

Her husband Pete Perez is also at that address. Shannon is the daughter of John & Debbie Shaw and granddaughter of Pat Larkin, who were former members of GGUMC.

