



In the months since the COVID 19 pandemic, our church has been using the prefilled Communion sets, and a few of our members have stepped up to pay for them. They are an additional expense that is a drain on our budget. As of this month, we will have the prefilled elements purchased in bulk at a far less expensive option. That being said, the total bill is much higher than those in the past.

The cost of the elements has varied over time, but by purchasing in bulk we were able to save a significant amount. In the past, we have ordered 200 sets at a time, the latest price being \$71.95, which has been paid for by a member of the congregation. The current shipment is for 1,500 sets and the price is \$395.95. This amount has NOT been paid by anyone in the congregation.

You do not have to feel that you must pay the full amount, but any donation toward the purchase of these elements would be greatly appreciated. This supply will last for several months. We will keep a record of donations and you will receive credit on your quarterly statement. Payments should be made out to the church: GGUMC will suffice.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Blessings, The Worship Committee



The Samoa Ministry will *not* be able to host their annual SHIP event this year, which houses those in need. Alternatively, it would mean so much if you could take a look

at their GoFundMe, "Keep SHIP's Lifeline for the Homeless Alive". Please donate or share with others—any help gets closer to their goal. Thanks in advance for your kindness and support. Here's the link: <u>https://gofund.me/d70b2623</u> In case you haven't heard, our phone systems are currently not working. They have been down



for about a month now. The church team is working to find a solution to this problem. If you need to reach the church office, please email us at ggumc@ggumc.net

Expectations



August 5th Pepe Fomai August 6th Jennifer Shipp August 9th Karen Hoffman Bryan Wislocki August 11th Debbie Faupusa August 13th Evelyn Carpenter August 16th June Stokoe August 18th Cynthia Brown Essie Harding August 22nd Bud Ruhl August 23rd Rick LaBare Mike Sanchez August 25th Wanda Martin August 27th Thomas Sherlin August 28th Gilbert Baker August 29th Steve Ryder



A Very Special "Happy Birthday" this month to Evelyn Carpenter, Bud Ruhl, Wanda Martin, Gilbert Baker! Evelyn will be 94 on the 13th, Bud will be 96 on the 22nd, Wanda will be 98 on the 25th, Gilbert will be 96 on the 28th! If you would like to send them a special greeting: 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



A Very Special "*Happy Birthday*" this month to **Remedios Gambito and Dale Batesole!** Remedios will be 99 on the 13th and **Dale** will be 98 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.

Prayers for Dr. Ann who has pneumonia.

- Prayers for Joyce Hall who had surgery on 7/15, Prayers for Nancy Pearson whose husband, John Pearson, passed away on 7/13.
- Prayers for Karl Nagele's family; Karl passed away 2 weeks ago.
- Please keep Barbara Tosi's mother, and sister Florence Tu'ua and Pastor Tone's sister, Maria Galoia, in your prayers.
- Thank you for the continued prayers for Pat Graham who is recuperating at home from pneumonia.
- Continue to keep Pamela Hall in your prayers, her knee is not fully healed and will be in rehab 6 weeks longer.

- Please keep Avery Steppe, Dr. Ann's graddaughter who is losing her vision.
- Continued prayers for Linda Gregory. She is scheduled to have her appendix out on July 30th at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach. This should be an outpatient procedure if there are no complications and she will continue to recover at home.



TRANSITIONS AND ITINERATION

As I prepare for the conclusion of my 3-year contract as a GBGM missionary and my return to the California Pacific Annual Conference, our church community is going through a major transition. Our church is growing; new faces and new energy are abundant. But underlying the excitement lies some anxiety about the future. The GBGM is working with the leadership of the Spanish Protestant Church to place a new missionary here to serve as the Pastor and we are all praying for a quick and easy transition. And we are also creating Plans B, C and D just in case developments are not "quick and easy."

My contract with GBGM will conclude on December 31, 2024, but due to the requirement for itineration, I will leave Spain in November of 2024 and during the month of December, I will be visiting churches in America who have supported our work, to encourage their continued support of a new missionary at La Siesta. If you are interested in a church visit in December, please contact your Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (CSGM), the Itineration Office at the GBGM: <u>itin@umcmission.org</u> and/or me at <u>kgivens@umcmission.org</u>. Please remember that there are only 5 Sundays in December, therefore it would be great to offer mid-week or evening gatherings during which I could offer a presentation.Thanks!

Please keep us all in your prayers, during this time of transition: the congregation of La Siesta Evangelical Church, the leaders of the GBGM, the Spanish Protestant Church, the Levante Presbytery, the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church and me. Transitions are difficult for everyone even as we trust that God has a hand in our lives. I pray we will continue to listen to God's direction as we move forward.

An update from our Missionary, Rev. Dr. Krista Givens

"It is very warm here in Torrevieja. Today temperatures are supposed to reach 90 degrees! That is warm for us! Po and I will spend the day inside in the air conditioning. I am now on the last six months of my contract and preparing for itineration in December. Please let me know if you would like a visit! Many thanks for your prayerful and financial support!" God bless you, Krista

Full article here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/</u> <u>d/1RpV_LxVwEWgrYzQVPZ-</u> <u>hHOOEu4iEKg8X/view?usp=drive_link</u>









Thank you to Zi for hosting a fun, summer day pool party for our youth! They were able to swim, play air hockey, and eat yummy food from their BBQ!



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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
							SAMOA MINISTRY – Acker Hall ALL DAY
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			SPRC MEETING – LOUNGE 5PM	UWF MEETING - 5PM			
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			FINANCE MEETING - LOUNGE 6PM				
If ye	ou have	e any events		dd to the chur at ggumc@gg	rch calendar,	please email i	he church

MONDAY

- Boy Scouts ACKER HALL & Rm. 20, 5-9pm
- Lakeside-LOUNGE 6-9pm, every first Monday of the month.

TUESDAY

- Samoa Congregation CHAPEL & Rm. 10, 6-8pm
- Village Green LOUNGE 6-9pm, every first Tuesday of the month
- Casa De Dios Prayer Group RM. 10, 6pm-10pm
- SPRC LOUNGE 5-8pm, every 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Finance LOUNGE, 6PM 4th Tuesday of the month

WEDNESDAY

- Trinity Circle locations TBD, but sometimes Lounge 1st Wednesday of the month – 9:30 a.m.
- United Women in Faith location TBD, but sometimes Lounge 3rd Wednesday of the month – time TBD
- Samoa Congregation ACKER HALL, 5-9pm
- Self Help Group Rm. 10, 6-10pm
- Vietnamese Bible Study Church Office Conference Rm. 6pm

THURSDAY

- Trustees LOUNGE, 1st Thursday of each month, 5pm
- Samoa Congregation ACKER HALL, 5-9pm
- Lake Grove Group LOUNGE, 6-9pm every last Thursday of the month
- GGUMC Choir- CHOIR ROOM, 7PM

SATURDAY

- Vietnamese congregation & Arts UPPER ROOMS & CHAPEL, 8am-12pm (Jan-Aug only)
- Casa De Dios Prayer Group RM. 10, 6pm-10pm
- Samoa Congregation RM. 20, 6am-9pm
 - o CHAPEL, 5-10am last Saturday of each month

SUNDAY

- Korean Congregation SANCTUARY & Rm. 10, 11:30 am -1pm
- Samoa ACKER HALL 2-9PM, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month

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Church Staff

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

Missionary to Cambodia	Rev. Andrew Lee
Missionary to Greece	Rebecca Swartz
Vietnamese Administrative Asst	
Organist/Pianist	Liz Nguyen
Music Director	Michael Ortiz
Wedding Coordinator	Mitzie Larson
Membership Secretary	Donna Gregg



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

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The Expectations deadline for the September issue (to be mailed on Friday, August 30th) is 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 27th (tentative). News and Events for September and October should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to ggumc@ggumc.net, or bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

> Sonia Guerrero, Editor