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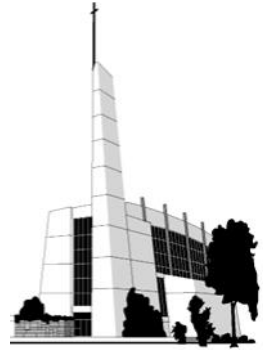
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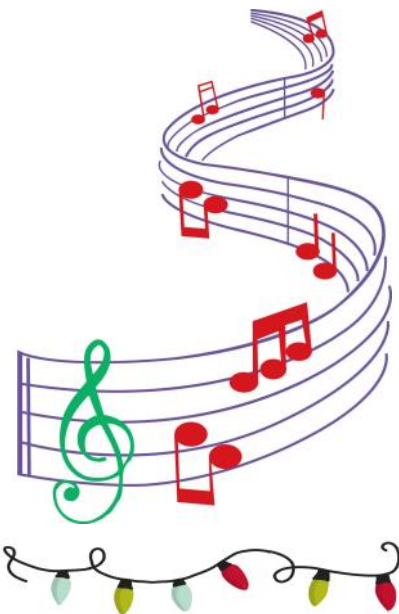


December 2024

This year, Christmas Eve Service will be in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All our ethnic ministries - Korean, Samoa, Vietnamese - to participate in our service. Light finger foods and refreshments to follow the service.



Annual Choir Christmas Concert!



*Sunday, December 15th
at 5:00 p.m.*

Come one, come all to our annual Choir Christmas Concert! This year, it will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. We are excited to hear the festive music of our Choir Director, Michael Ortiz! Wassail & cookies to be served following the show! *Freewill donation is greatly appreciated.*



11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Everyone and anyone is welcome! Enjoy a hot meal served by our Samoa Ministry in Acker Hall. This Brunch is made possible through generous donations from community groups, churches, and organizations. Merry Christmas!

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Be on the lookout for the Angel Tree in the Entryway to the Sanctuary! 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. Deadline December 15th.



ANGEL TREE

The time of Giving

Garden Grove's Annual Winter Fest!

Join the community for Winter in the Grove on Saturday, December 7th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Village Green Park! The event will feature song and dance performances from local schools and performers, holiday crafts and inflatable activities for children of all ages, a holiday craft boutique featuring handmade gifts from local vendors, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! ***Please note, the city will be renting out our lot this Day and parking will be limited to those who HAVE to be here. Please do not come to the Church Campus this day if you are not needed on the church campus for any church related business.*** More information about GG Winter Fest: <https://ggcity.org/community-services/winter-in-the-grove>



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

The office will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!



REMINDER

Poinsettia Order forms are in the Church Office if needed. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 8th. Poinsettias will be delivered soon after. Any questions please call the Church Office.



The Church Office will have new office hours until the end of this month. They will be updated every 8 weeks, so keep a look out in the weekly updates and Expectations for the most updated hours! We are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9AM -3PM and Tuesday/Thursday from 9AM -12PM. Office hours are always subject to change at any time. Thank you.



December 1st
Dionna Dudley

December 3rd
Alex Nguyen

December 4th
Crystal Collino
Gary Cordon

December 5th
David Steppe

December 6th
Linda French

December 10th
Kenneth McCart

December 13th
Siuaki Fukofuka

December 14th
Linda Cajiuat

December 15th
Vivianna Goh

December 18th
Cherie Pua

December 19th
JoAnn Henke

December 21st
Aaliyah Tu'ua
Anaiyah Tu'ua

December 22nd
Tricia Le
Tri Huu Nguyen

December 23rd
Lia Cajiuat
Jack Carpenter
Michael Iwasiwka

December 25th



December 27th
Vivian Delpilar

December 29th
Gary Palmer

December 31st
Steve Woolf



A Very Special **"Happy Birthday"** this month to **Jack Carpenter!** Jack will be **94** on the **23rd**! If you would like to send him a special greeting: His address is 713 S Sonya Pl. Anaheim, CA 92802-1311



January 1st
Grace Grey
January 2nd
Pamela Hall
January 3rd
William "Liam" Mead

January 4th
Thomas Larson

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
Betty Wilson

January 29th
Jim Kerr

A Very Special **"Happy Birthday"** this month to **Betty Wilson and Jim Kerr!** Betty will be **95** on the **28th** and **Jim** will be **94** on the **29th**! If you would like to send a special greeting: **Betty's** address is 27331 Via Olmo Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Jim's** address is 2131 W. Crone Anaheim, CA 92804-3524.

Advent Bible Study

Be Transformed this Advent Season!

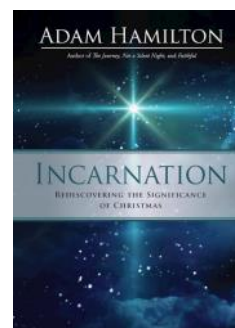
His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today!

Please RSVP to reserve a copy of the book: ggumc@ggumc.net or 714-534-1070

Tuesday Nights, 7PM in the Church Office Conference Room
Class Schedule: November 26th, December 3, 10, 17



Halloween Night Success!



Samoa Ministry extends its gratitude to everyone who contributed candy bags and monetary gifts for Halloween night. Your generous donations allowed us to purchase gift cards as prizes for the children. We also collaborated with our dance group Samoa Matalasi. We had a great turnout of at least 100 kids, and are already looking forward to next years event. Thank you once again for your support.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Vietnamese Congregation – Acker Hall 6PM – 9PM		Bible Study – Church office 10AM Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall	Trinity Circle – Lounge 9:30AM Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall	Trustees Meeting – Lounge 5PM	Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall	Garden Grove Winter Fest (Parking Lot Closed) Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Poinsettia Flower Orders Last Day		Bible Study – Church office 10AM Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall			Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall	Vietnamese Congregation – Acker Hall 5PM – 10PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
GGUMC Choir Christmas Concert – Sanctuary 5PM Deadline for Angel Tree Gifts		Bible Study – Church office 10AM Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall	Samoa Ministry Rehearsal – Acker Hall		Sunflower Preschool – Acker Hall 8AM – 8PM	Samoa Ministry Christmas Event – Acker Hall
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Christmas Eve Service – 7PM OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED				
29	30	31				
OFFICE CLOSED (Today & tomorrow)		Spanish Congregation – Sanctuary 7PM - 12AM Samoan Ministry – Acker Hall All day				

MONDAY

- **Boy Scouts** – ACKER HALL & Rm. 202, 5-9pm
- **Lakeside** – LOUNGE – 6-9pm, *every first Monday* of the month.

TUESDAY

- **Bible Study** – LOUNGE 10AM (December 3, 10, 17)
- **GGUMC Children's Choir** - CHAPEL, 4pm-5:15pm
- **Samoa Congregation** – CHAPEL 6-8pm
- **Village Green** – LOUNGE – 6-9pm, every *first Tuesday* of the month
- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – RM. 202, 6pm-10pm
- **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.
- **SPRC** – LOUNGE – 5pm, *every 2nd Wednesday* of the month
- **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. 202, 6-10pm
- **Vietnamese Bible Study** – Church Office Conference Rm. 6pm

THURSDAY

- **Trustees** – LOUNGE, *1st Thursday of each month*, 5pm
- **CCC** – LOUNGE, *3rd Thursday of each month*, 5:30pm (QUARTERLY)
- **Samoa Congregation** – ACKER HALL, 5-9pm
- **Lake Grove Group** – LOUNGE, 6-9pm every *last Thursday* of the month
- **GGUMC Choir** - CHAPEL, 6:30PM

FRIDAY

- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – RM. 202, 6pm-10pm

SATURDAY

- **Vietnamese congregation & Arts** – UPPER ROOMS & CHAPEL, 8am-12pm (*Jan-Aug only*)
- **Samoa Congregation** - CHAPEL, 5-10am *last Saturday* of each month

SUNDAY

- **Korean Congregation** – SANCTUARY 11:30 am -1pm
- **Samoa** – ACKER HALL 2-9PM, *2nd & 3rd Sunday* of each month
- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – SANCTUARY 2:30PM-5:30PM

- * Jackie Pringle's daughter, Nancy Gonzales Irwin, will be beginning chemotherapy and radiation treatment in December for breast cancer.

Prayer List

Can you recycle?

The Church recently started a recycling opportunity for your soda cans, plastic and glass bottles. Any money earned in this effort will be given to our youth for their programs. Joel Silverthorn has taken over this project as he knows that the money would be well received and the Methodist Church is promoting good stewardship of the planet, which includes recycling.

How can you help? You can either bring your bag(s) of recyclables to Church on Sunday to the fenced-in stairwell or any other time convenient for you. Or, if you prefer, you can take them to your regular recycling location and donate the money to the youth program. We can provide you with local recycling addresses, if needed. If this is not a habit with you to save cans, plastic and glass bottles, then give it a try. It is worthy of your effort. Thank you.



Church Staff

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

Bishop.....Dottie Escobedo-Frank
 District Superintendent.....Rev. Luis Garcia
 Clergy..... Lui Tran, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi, Khuong Chau
 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 CambodiaRev. Andrew Lee
 Missionary to Greece..... Rebecca Swartz
 Vietnamese Administrative Asst.Phuong Dinh
 Organist/Pianist..... Liz Nguyen
 Music DirectorMichael Ortiz
 Wedding Coordinator Mitzie Larson
 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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveUnitedMethodistChurch/>

Link for Live Sunday Services:

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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Monday, January 27th

The *Expectations* deadline for the February issue (to be mailed on Thursday, January 30th) is Monday, January 27th. News and Events for February & March should be in this issue. *Remember, there will be no January Expectations.* 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,