



# Expectations

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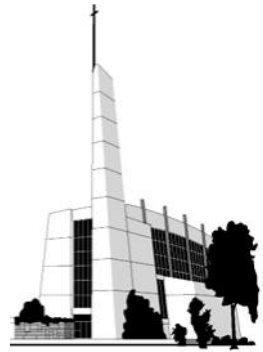
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## April 2025



### Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Children will proceed into the Sanctuary  
with palms*

**Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
at 7PM

**Good Friday**  
*no service this year*

**All Church Clean Up Day, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9AM

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Traditional**  
10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration (All)  
*Easter Egg Hunt to follow Service*

## SPRING CONCERT

Come celebrate the joy and love of Jesus through music at Garden Grove United Methodist Church's Spring Concert: "Sing a Joyful Noise!" **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5PM in the Sanctuary.** Our Chancel Choir will perform an inspiring selection of songs across various styles, filling the evening with harmony, faith, and community. Join us for a night of uplifting music that celebrates the blessings in our lives! Reception in Acker hall to follow.



### LENT BIBLE STUDY 2025

*With Pastor Lui*

Started March 11, 2025

Class Schedule:

✠ Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Church Office  
✠ April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>



Please RSVP with the church office

by email ([ggumc@ggumc.net](mailto:ggumc@ggumc.net)) or phone (714-534-1070).

More info: <https://www.ggumc.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Lent-Bible-Study-2025-Flyer.pdf>





# April BIRTHDAYS



**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Roy Pua

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Amy Woods

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Becky Bottolfson

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

R. Preston Price

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Paul Owings

Pastor Lui Tran

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Amy Parker

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Ann Morris

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Kay Hanson

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Brianna Estrada

Helen Houlahan

**April 27<sup>h</sup>**

Shirley Vu

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Woolf

A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to **Amy Parker**, **Paul Owings**, and **Kay Hanson**! **Amy** will be **98** on the **18<sup>th</sup>**, and **Kay** will be **98** on the **22<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Paul** will be **94** on the **12<sup>th</sup>**! If you would like to send them a special greeting, Amy’s address is 12151 Dale St. C-121, Stanton, CA 90680, Kay’s address is 1180 N. Bradford Rm. 228, Placentia, CA 92870-3301, Paul’s address is 24 Kennebec Dr. Durango, CO 81301.



# May BIRTHDAYS



**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Ron Beaman

Zachary Pua

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Lois Elwell

Donna Gregg

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Susan Kusinsky

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sonja Hofland

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Jason Fisher

Johnny Seto

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce Hall

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Jonni Lorenz

Sherry Saunders

Darlene Tuua

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Djenni Yap Purba

Sue Richey

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Faye Gregory

Sally May

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Geri Ogle

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Thang Victor Dinh

A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to **Joyce Hall**, and **Faye Gregory**! **Joyce** will be **96** on May 16<sup>th</sup> and **Faye Gregory** will be **94** on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send them a special greeting, **Joyce’s** address is 9342 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841-5137 and **Faye’s** is 12372 Merrill St., Garden Grove, CA 92840-3827.



## Expectations

Prayers for Becky Yokoyama who is undergoing aggressive cancer treatments.

Prayers for Craig Briggs as he is going through recovery, he has just undergone surgery and is currently in ICU.

For Stacey Beard's coworker Arlyn, starting radiation therapy and continued prayers for her son Donald and his co-worker who overdosed last month.

Prayers for Liz Nguyen's mom Thuan who had surgery on 3/17/25. May God's presence be with her mother as she is going through recovery in the following weeks



Sunday School will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Service on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>! We are asking for donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or candy. Please put donations in the Church Office by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help stuff eggs, please join us in the Sunday School room on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Bunny will be there for his annual photo op! Thank you in advance for your help!

## RECYCLING AN OLD MESSAGE

The Church 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.





## Trustees' Times Newsletter, March 15, 2025

by Faye Gregory

Our 2025 Trustees' meetings have covered a lot of business this year, and I want to share some of it with the congregations.

We began the year by accepting Ed Paap's resignation as Chair and approving his video membership. His family responsibilities have increased while his wife is in Vietnam. We elected Danny Nguyen as the new Chair. We are grateful that Danny has stepped up, and we are off to a running start.

The last time I wrote, Wi-Fi, homelessness, and the kitchen were the big issues. Here is the status of these issues. I will report on other exciting subjects in a future edition of "Trustees' Times."

**Wi-Fi** We are making progress toward resolving the Wi-Fi connectivity problems. The slow pace is due to technical issues, and our 8-inch-thick concrete walls.

**Homelessness** is still a challenge, but some protection for our property has been instituted. We are renting our parking lot, which has become a major source of income and makes the parking lot so busy that it is less accessible for the homeless.

Some parts of our grounds, especially the palm tree and other greenery at the northeast corner of the Sanctuary have been a preferred place for homeless personal use, sleeping, and other nefarious activities. Having volunteers repeatedly clean up the mess, is not safe or sustainable so the Trustees removed some of the greenery, which eliminates the hiding place.

The sidewalk approach to the glass doors into the Narthex has become a sleeping and storage place for the homeless. Since this area is not visible from the street, the police don't remove the encampment. Some of the obstructions at the front of the church will be trimmed or removed to resolve this problem. An open view will make our front door visible and welcoming to people looking for a church home.

**Kitchen** The kitchen had a lot of greasy build-up and required hard labor cleaning. The problem was so grave that I was concerned it might be the source of food-borne illness. Other Trustees were worried about potential falls on the slippery, greasy floor, fire hazards, and rodent attraction. Trustees who have valiantly tried to stay ahead of this problem are no longer physically able to do such massive clean-ups. Thanks to two generous donations and Danny's endless list of resources, he was able to schedule a "deep cleaning" by a commercial restaurant cleaning company. They finished the job in one night and left the kitchen clean and safe. Danny has set up a routine so all users can document that they have left the kitchen clean and orderly.

**Concerns Coordinator** Chair Danny Nguyen appointed me to act as liaison between church members, staff, and Trustees. We hope our work will make the congregation happy, but we also know that we make decisions that may be of concern to our members and guests. If you see a problem that Trustees should be considering or if you are unhappy with some part of the church property, please leave a message in the office or talk with me, either before or after the Sunday service, and tell me of your concern(s). Sometimes just knowing why we made a decision will make you feel better.



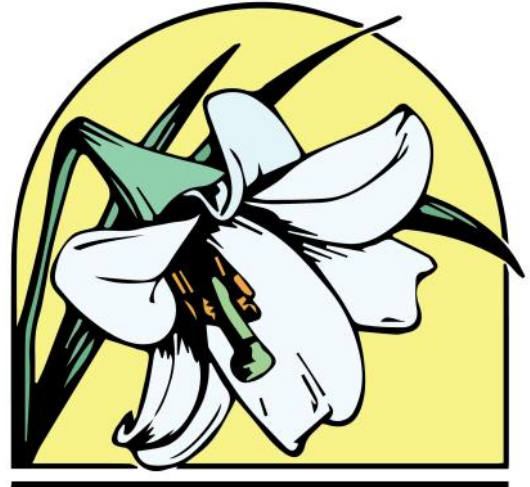
# EASTER LILIES

Thank you for your Easter Lily and Spring Flower orders.  
They will be ready for you on Easter day.

If you would like to have someone remembered or honored on the Easter Program and have not yet purchased flowers, you may make a donation and have their name/s listed on our program. Let the Church Office know.

Please do not forget to take home your flowers.

Thank you for decorating the Sanctuary on Easter morning in memory or in honor of your loved ones.



## 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  
Editor.....Shirley Vu  
Director of Youth/Children Choirs ..... Sally Hickman  
Financial Bookkeeper..... Linda Gregory

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



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<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](mailto: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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Bible Study  
Church Office  
6:30PM-7:30PM

Trinity Circle  
Lounge  
9:30AM

Trustees  
Lounge 5PM

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall  
8AM-7PM

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall  
8AM-7PM

Reflections Funeral  
Sanctuary  
5PM-9pm

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall/Kitchen  
11AM-1PM

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall  
8AM-7PM

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Bible Study  
Church Office  
6:30PM-7:30PM

SPRC  
Lounge  
7PM

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall  
9AM-11PM

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Palm Sunday  
10AM

Bible Study  
Church Office  
6:30PM-7:30PM

UWF  
Lounge  
5PM

Maundy  
Thursday  
Sanctuary  
7PM

Good Friday  
No Service

All Church up  
Clean Up Day  
9AM

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Easter Sunday  
and Easter Egg  
Hunt  
10AM

Finance  
Lounge  
6PM

CCC  
Lounge  
5:30PM

Outside Renter  
Acker Hall  
8AM-11PM

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## MONDAY

- **Boy Scouts** – ACKER HALL & Rm. 202, 5-9PM

## TUESDAY

- **GGUMC Children's Choir**- CHAPEL, 4-5:15PM (September -December)
- **Samoa Congregation** – CHAPEL 6-8PM
- **Iglesia de Jesucristo**; Oasis de Dios - RM. 202, 6-10PM
- **Finance**- LOUNGE, 6PM – **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month
- **Bible Study** – Church Office Conf. Rm. 6:30-7:30PM March 11&18, April 1, 8, 15

## WEDNESDAY

- **Trinity Circle** – locations TBD, but sometimes Lounge – **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month** – 9:30 AM
- **SPRC** - LOUNGE – 7PM, **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month
- **United Women in Faith** – location TBD, but sometimes Lounge – **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month** – time TBD
- **Samoa Congregation** – ACKER HALL, 5-9PM
- **Self Help Group** – Rm. 202, 6-10PM
- **Vietnamese Bible Study** - Chapel 6PM

## THURSDAY

- **Trustees** – LOUNGE, **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month**, 5PM
- **CCC** - LOUNGE, **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month**, 5:30PM (QUARTERLY)
- **Samoa Congregation** – ACKER HALL, 5-9PM
- **GGUMC Choir**- CHAPEL 6:30PM, SANCTUARY 6-9PM (until April)

## FRIDAY

- **Iglesia de Jesucristo** - RM. 202, 6-10PM

## SATURDAY

- **Vietnamese congregation & Arts** – UPPER ROOMS & CHAPEL, 9AM-1PM (*January – August*)
- **Samoa Congregation** - CHAPEL, 5-10AM **last Saturday** of each month

## SUNDAY

- **Korean Congregation** – Rm. 204 & 202- 11AM-1:30PM
- **Samoa**– ACKER HALL 2-9PM, **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of each month
- **Iglesia de Jesucristo** - SANCTUARY 2:30PM-5:30PM



DATED MATERIAL 3/31/25



**WORSHIP**  
**SCHEDULE**

- 10:00 a.m. English Worship-Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Samoan Worship-Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Korean Worship-Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Vietnamese Worship-Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Spanish Worship-Sanctuary

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

# DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

The *Expectations* deadline for the May issue (to be mailed on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>) is Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. News and Events for May-June should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to [ggumc@ggumc.net](mailto:ggumc@ggumc.net), bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

Shirley Vu,  
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