



Expectations

News from the Garden Grove United Methodist Church
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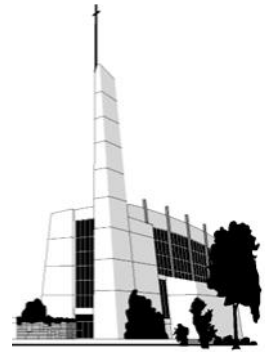
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April 2025



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th

*Children will proceed into the Sanctuary
with palms*

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
at 7PM

Good Friday
no service this year

All Church Clean Up Day, April 19th
9AM

Easter Sunday, April 20th - 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 17th 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 1st, 8th, 15th



Please RSVP with the church office

by email (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 1st

Roy Pua

April 3rd

Amy Woods

April 9th

Becky Bottolfson

April 11th

R. Preston Price

April 12th

Paul Owings

Pastor Lui Tran

April 18th

Amy Parker

April 19th

Ann Morris

April 22nd

Kay Hanson

April 26th

Brianna Estrada

Helen Houlahan

April 27^h

Shirley Vu

April 30th

Carol Woolf

A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Amy Parker*, *Paul Owings*, and *Kay Hanson*! *Amy* will be **98** on the **18th**, and *Kay* will be **98** on the **22nd**, and *Paul* will be **94** on the **12th**! 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 5th

Ron Beaman

Zachary Pua

May 8th

Lois Elwell

Donna Gregg

May 9th

Susan Kusinsky

May 12th

Sonja Hofland

May 13th

Jason Fisher

Johnny Seto

May 16th

Joyce Hall

May 17th

Jonni Lorenz

Sherry Saunders

Darlene Tuua

May 18th

Djenni Yap Purba

Sue Richey

May 19th

Faye Gregory

Sally May

May 21st

Geri Ogle

May 28th

Thang Victor Dinh

A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Joyce Hall*, and *Faye Gregory*! *Joyce* will be **96** on May 16th and *Faye Gregory* will be **94** on May 19th. 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.

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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, battling breast cancer. And for her son, Donald, battling demons of paranoia who has recently checked in with a sober living home.

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 20th! We are asking for donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or candy. Please put donations in the Church Office by April 6th.

If you would like to help stuff eggs, please join us in the Sunday School room on April 6th and 13th. 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.

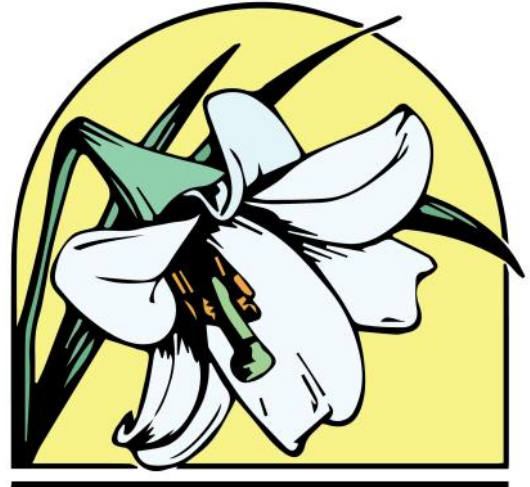
EASTER LILIES

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 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



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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

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 – **4th 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 – **1st Wednesday of the month** – 9:30 AM
- **SPRC** - LOUNGE – 7PM, **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** - Chapel 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
- **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, **2nd & 3rd 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 21st

The *Expectations* deadline for the May issue (to be mailed on Wednesday, April 30th) is Monday, April 21st. News and Events for May-June 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.

Shirley Vu,
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