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**June 2025** 



# PENTECOST SUNDAY IS COMING ON JUNE 8TH

Commemorating the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and disciples, marking the beginning of the church's mission to the world.

Put on your red and let us celebrate the "birthday of the church" and the culmination of the Easter season

Each ministry will be bringing finger foods to enjoy following service on the patio. Please note that this will be a light brunch. Any questions please contact Barbara Tosi at 714-606-9743



CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank** GARDEN GROVE UMC (GCFA #894784 12741 MAIN ST GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840 Dear GARDEN GROVE UMC (GCFA #894784), Thank you for your generous donation to the Los Angeles Fires Recover Your gift will provide immediate physical and spiritual support within our church communities of Altadena and Pacific Palisades. On January 7, 2025, the unprecedented high winds sparked blazes which ravaged these two historic towns over the following days. The aftermath of devastation and loss of life are heartbreaking to witness. The strength and resilience in the faith of our neighbors is truly inspiring. Over 100 years ago, Community UMC of Pacific Palisades was one of the original buildings which founded the town of Pacific Palisades. Altadena UMC has been a staple in the historic African may have lost both church buildings and one American community of Altader of these communities. We will support, care, parsonage, but we did not lose th pray, and build back because of the many donors like you. Our connectional system shows the best of us, and my heart is warmed by your gift and your heart of giving. Grace y paz, Bishop Dottre Escobedo Trank Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Area President, Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops Every year on the third Sunday of June, we get to show our father figures some

This year Father's Day will fall on June 15th.

appreciation.



June 3<sup>rd</sup> Luc Dang June 4<sup>th</sup> Sheri Nash

June 6<sup>th</sup> Jocelyn Garcia

June 12<sup>th</sup> Howard Dudley Linda Shepard

June 16<sup>th</sup> Rebekah Beard June 19<sup>th</sup> Carla Granados Angelina LeDang June 22<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Cooke Pamela Schneider Rose Huong Paap

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Richard Walth June 24<sup>th</sup>

Melinda Guinaldo Jana Henke June 25<sup>th</sup> Ellie Paap June 27<sup>h</sup> Karen Cole Shanna Iwasiwka June 30<sup>th</sup> Marylou Ball



July 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Graham July 4<sup>th</sup> Travis Utley July 6<sup>th</sup> Joy Dudley Jack Mee Jordan Nguyen July 7<sup>th</sup> Khuong Chau Crystal Nguyen July 9<sup>th</sup> Beverly Shewman July 11<sup>th</sup> Doris Hamby Charlotte Delpilar July 12<sup>th</sup> Amanda Kusinsky July 14<sup>th</sup> Richard Brown Linda Colgin Margaret Doane Debra McCart July 16<sup>th</sup> Ann Powell Cordon Daniel Granados Lanu Iosua

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** T. J. Sherlin

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Wislocki Liz Nguyen

July 24<sup>th</sup> Linda Wislocki July 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Brock July 29<sup>th</sup> Noemi Salazar/Garcia July 30<sup>th</sup> Vickie Barber Jake Bearden

July 31<sup>st</sup> Zachary Seto



A Very Special "Happy Birthday" this month to Patricia Graham, Jack Mee, Jake Bearden and Beverly Shewman! Patricia will be 98 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Jack will be 95 on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Jake will be 95 on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Beverly will be 92 on the 9th! If you would like to send them a special greeting, Patricia's address is 23235 Cavanaugh Road Lake Forest, CA 92630, Jack's address is 1525 E. Taft Ave.Orange, CA 92865, and Jake's address is 1946 W. Willow Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804-2558., Beverly's address is 5202 Christal Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845

#### Dear GGUMC Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to send a note of thanks and appreciation to you as I move on to my next appointment in ministry. If I could write a letter just filled with the words "thank you" over and over, it seems that I would never be able to write enough of them to truly express how I feel about the time I spent here serving as the Pastor for Vietnamese Ministry. Thank you for your prayers, support, and cooperation during my ministry here.

Pastor Lui, Tony, and all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Our lives find completion and satisfaction when we are in the center of the Will of God, which is exactly where I want to be. I know you are desirous of that too.

Keep loving and serving people, and you will be amazed at how God will grow this church in the days, weeks, and months ahead. There are so many "out there" who are still waiting to hear the message of the Gospel, and as you know, this message is one we not only share verbally, but our very lives should reflect the love of God for others.

Philemon 1:3-6 (NKJV) 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, 5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, 6 that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.



Blessings in Christ! Pastor Khuong Chau

#### Dear Pastor Khuong,

As you move on to your next calling, please know that you will always be remembered and cherished. May God bless you and your family as you embark on this new chapter. We are grateful for the countless blessings you have brought to our lives.

**VBS** is happening at GGUMC July 25-27 and is open to the entire congregation!



Your early registration helps us get an accurate headcount.

Please sign up using the link below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSf6c7oTvcz9\_yAtp\_lBm7b287tfKg nhTQqaH6eQMht0Knmdkg/viewform

- Camp is FREE for the children in our congregation, but registration is required
  Children ages (11)
- ✤ Children ages 6-11
- ✤ Supplies and Food will be provided



# MONDAY

- Boy Scouts ACKER HALL & Rm. 202, 5-9PM **TUESDAY**
- Samoa Congregation CHAPEL 6-8PM
- Iglesia de Jesucristo; Oasis de Dios RM. 202, 6-10PM
- Finance LOUNGE- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6PM
- Bible Study Church Office Conf. Rm. 6:30-7:30PM
- Village Green HOA LOUNGE time TBD-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month WEDNESDAY
- Trinity Circle locations TBD, but sometimes LOUNGE
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 9:30 AM
  - **SPRC** LOUNGE 7PM, *every*  $2^{nd}$  *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
- **Confirmation Classes** CHURCH OFFICE CNF Rm., 5-7PM (until June 12) 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
- Vietnamese Congregation CHAPEL 1:30PM-3PM
- Iglesia de Jesucristo SANCTUARY 3:00PM-5:30PM

THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS MEMBER FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GGUMC COMMUNITY GARDEN. THEIR GIFT ALLOWED THE CHURCH TO GET ALL 6 OLIVE TREES TRIMMED AND 3 TRASH TRUCKS FULL OF YARD WASTE 🦈 AROUND THE PROPERTY CLEARED AND HAULED AS WELL AS THE BEAUTIFUL ROW  $\gg$  77OF ROSES PLANTED ON FRONT OF THE OFFICE RIGHT BEFORE OUR EASTER <u>CELEBRATION. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING CARE OF THE CHURCH</u>

#### **you help?** You can either bring your bag How **BIBLE STUDY 2025** can (s) of recyclables to Church on Sunday to the fenced-in stairwell or With Pastor Lui any other time convenient for you. Or, if to your Becyclic We can you prefer, you can take them to your regular recycling location and donate the money to the youth program. with local recycling provide you addresses, if needed. If this is not a habit **Class Schedule:** with you to save cans, plastic and glass Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, ዮ bottles, then give it a try. It is worthy of in the Church Office your effort. Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BIBLE STUDY Church Office 6:30PM	4 TRINITY CIRCLE Lounge 9:30 AM	5 TRUSTEES Lounge 5PM SUNFLOWER PRESCHOOL Acker Hall 3PM-9pm	6 SUNFLOWER PRESCHOOL GRADUATION Acker Hall 8AM- 10PM	7
8 PENTACOST	9	10 BAPTISM Location TBD 5:30 BIBLE STUDY Church Office 6:30PM	SPRC Lounge 7PM	12	13	14
15 Father's Day CONFIRMATION During Service	16	17 BIBLE STUDY Church Office 6:30PM	18 UWF TBD	19	20	21 OUTSIDE RENTER Acker Hall 9AM-11PM
22	23	24 FINANCE Lounge 6 PM BIBLE STUDY Church Office 6:30PM	25	26	27	28
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A prayer to Pastor Lui his wife Traci and their family as they mourn the loss of Traci's mother and may they seek divine comfort, strength, and hope during their time of grief.

Prayers to Pastor Tone of our Samoan Congregation and grant him resilience, hope, and the ability to overcome challenges as he works through his recovery.

Prayers to Craig Briggs who has been diagnosed with Colloid Carcinoma of the pancreas and will be starting radiation chemotherapy pills in mid June.

Ms. Võ Thị Cúc Hương

Returned to the Lord's Kingdom on Friday, May 23, 2025 in Garden Grove, California Enjoying a life of 84 years Our family is deeply saddened to announce the news to relatives and friends near and far our mother, grandmother, sister has passed

FUNERAL PROGRAMSaturday, June 7, 2025At Peek Funeral Home7801 Bolsa Ave, Room #5Westminster, CA 92683

Visitation: 10:00AM – 1:30PM Traditional Mourning Ceremony (Phát Tang): 1:30PM – 2:00PM Funeral: 2:00PM – 3:00PM Graveside Ceremony & Interment: 3:30PM – 4:00PM

# **MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY**

Eldest son: Trần Hữu Nghĩa, wife Nguyễn Phương Mai Eldest daughter: Trần Traci, husband Rev. Trần Như Luân Vũ, and children Second son: Trần Trí Kevin, wife Trần Thảo Cathy, and children Second daughter: Trâm Kathy, husband Ngô Huy Tưởng Steven, and children Third son: Trần Isaac, and children Eldest sister: Võ Thị Thanh Hoa, and family Eldest brother: Pastor Võ Ngọc Thiên Ân (deceased), and family Younger brother: Pastor Võ Ngọc Minh Châu, and family

# CONCRATULATIONS Craduates

#### Anaiyah Tu'ua

Cal Baptist University, 2nd Masters - Integrated Nutrition and will be going into Nursing

#### **Tereise Tosi**

Cal State San Bernardino, Bachelors in Psychology Accepted into Cal Baptist University for the Masters Sports Psychology program

#### **Sophia Guerrero**

Loara High School. Accepted into the Radiology Technician Program at Cypress College

#### Nive Pua

#### **Jayce Prescott Nguyen**

Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts Going to Fullerton High School

#### **Rachel Beard**

Cal State University Fullerton Bachelor of Arts - Liberal Studies Will be starting her credential program

#### Leataataofiti Sherlin

Centennial High School Going to San Jose State to play Softball



# **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 Director of Youth/Children Choirs .....Sally Hickman Financial Bookkeeper.....Linda Gregory

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# DATED MATERIAL 5/30/25



**RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS: TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES** Ν R E Μ Ι D E **DEADLINE FOR** NEWSLET ARTICLES IS Sunday, June 1st

The Expectations deadline for the July issue (to be mailed on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>) is June 25<sup>th</sup>. News and Events for July-August 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, Editor