



Expectations

News from the Garden Grove United Methodist Church
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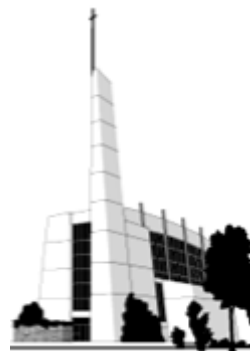
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July 2025

Friendly Reminder:

The office
will be
closed on
Friday, July
4th in honor
of



On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence. Let us remember why we celebrate this day. It's important always, but now more than ever.

Welcome GGUMC's New Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. Tim Thinh Ta has been appointed as associate pastor of Garden Grove United Methodist Church. With over a decade of ministry experience, he is passionate about biblical teaching, youth discipleship, and cross-cultural engagement. Rev. Tim previously served at New Life Christian Fellowship. Further, he has been a full-time contributor to Vietnam Ministries, Inc. for approximately 22 years, leading the "Live with The Word" devotional, which reaches tens of thousands of people globally. Tim holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from California State University Fullerton and a Doctor of Ministry from Gateway Seminary. Reverend Tim and his wife Tammy will officially be joining the GGUMC family July 1, 2025.





July 1st
Patricia Graham

July 4th
Travis Utlej

July 6th
Joy Dudley
Jack Mee
Jordan Nguyen

July 7th
Khuong Chau
Crystal Nguyen

July 9th
Beverly Shewman

July 11th
Doris Hamby
Charlotte Delpilar

July 12th
Amanda Kusinsky

July 14th
Richard Brown
Linda Colgin
Margaret Doane
Debra McCart

July 16th
Ann Powell Cordon
Daniel Granados
Lanu Iosua

July 18th
T. J. Sherlin

July 22nd
Brandon Wislocki
Liz Nguyen

July 24th
Linda Wislocki

July 26th
Mary Brock

July 29th
Noemi Salazar/Garcia

July 30th
Vickie Barber
Jake Bearden

July 31st
Zachary Seto



A Very Special **"Happy Birthday"** this month to **Patricia Graham, Jack Mee, Jake Bearden, Beverly Shewman and Doris Hamby!** **Patricia** will be **98** on the **1st**, **Jack** will be **95** on the **6th**, **Jake** will be **95** on the **30th**, **Beverly** will be **92** on the **9th** and **Doris** will be **90** on the **11th**! 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), **Jake's** address is (1946 W. Willow Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804-2558), **Beverly's** address is (5202 Christal Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845), and **Doris's** address is (For Doris, Rm23, Ivy Park, 27100 Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta, CA 92562)



August 5th
Pepe Fomai
August 6th
Jennifer Shipp

August 9th
Karen Hoffman
Bryan Wislocki

August 11th
Debbie Faupusa

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 **Bud Ruhl, Wanda Martin, Gilbert Baker!** **Bud** will be **97** on the **22nd**, **Wanda** will be **99** on the **25th**, **Gilbert** will be **97** on the **28th**! If you would like to send them a special greeting: **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).



What did the ghost say on the 4th of July?
Red, White and BOO!

What beverage do you drink on July 4th?
Liber-Tea

What did King George think of the American colonists?
He thought they were revolting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study Church Office 6:30PM	2 TRINITY CIRCLE Lounge 9:30 AM	3	4  Happy 4th of July!	5
6	7	8 Bible Study Church Office 6:30PM	9 SPRC Lounge 7PM	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bible Study Church Office 6:30PM	16 UWF TBD	17	18	19
20	21	22 Bible Study Church Office 6:30PM FINANCE Lounge 6 PM	23	24	25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9AM-5PM	26
27 VBS 9AM-12PM VIETNAMESE UMC NATIONAL CAUCUS All Rooms	28	29 Bible Study Church Office 6:30PM	30	31 VIETNAMESE UMC NATIONAL CAUCUS All Available Rooms	Interesting fact: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.	



CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Area

Message from the Bishop

June 26, 2025

Dear California-Pacific Conference,

Grace and peace to you on this beautiful summer day!

I would like to announce to you that Rev. Luan-Vu (Lui) Tran will become the new Assistant Chancellor for Church Law. As many of you know, our Chancellor, Lori Meaders, has worked tirelessly with the conference and has been asking for help for a while. Rev. Tran recently resigned from his role as member of the Judicial Council and has offered his services to us. Rev. Tran comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist us with matters of church law, and we are very grateful for his ability to bring that expertise to the conference team.

If you have questions for Rev. Tran or Lori, remember to first reach out to your District Superintendent. They will be the point of contact for our Chancellor and Assistant Chancellor for Church Law.

Please help me in welcoming Rev. Tran to this new role. He will continue to work as pastor and Assistant Director for the South District.

Grace y paz,
Bishop Dottie

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Area
California-Pacific Conference
The United Methodist Church

School Supply Drive

The United Women of Faith are now collecting school supplies and gift cards for the students of Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California. Collection boxes are available in the church office, and donations will be accepted through Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Sherman Indian High School is a Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) boarding school serving Native American youth from across the United States. As part of our commitment through the California-Pacific (Cal-Pac) Conference, we support Sherman in helping students thrive academically and spiritually.

Thank you for your generosity and support in equipping these students for a successful school year!

VIETNAMESE CAUCUS

Convocation

The Vietnamese United Methodist National Caucus gathers this year in Garden Grove, California, at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church with the theme of "EQUIP2SERVE" (Ephesians 4:12 *to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*)

The 35th Convocation of Vietnamese United Methodists in the United States is taking place Thursday, July 24th to Sunday, July 27th, 2025.

Worship will continue at the regular scheduled time.

EQUIP2SERVE

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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.

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**— *4th Tuesday* of the month, 6PM
- **Bible Study** Church Office Conf. Rm. 6:30-7:30PM
- **Village Green HOA LOUNGE** time TBD—*1st Tuesday* of the Month

WEDNESDAY

- **Trinity Circle** locations TBD, but sometimes LOUNGE, *1st Wednesday of the month* – 9:30 AM
- **SPRC LOUNGE**, *every 2nd Wednesday* of the month, 7PM
- **United Women in Faith** location & time TBD *3rd Wednesday of the month*
- **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
- **Chancel Choir** CHAPEL 7:00 PM (Beginning September)

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
- **Samoa** ACKER HALL 2-9PM, *2nd & 3rd Sunday* of each month



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



Come to VBS!

Please sign up using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6c7oTvcz9_yAtp_lBm7b287tfKgnhTQqaH6eQMht0Knmdkg/viewform

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✝ Prayers of healing for Irene Warner who is in the hospital along with concern for her partner John whom has not been reachable.

✝ Prayers for Craig Briggs who has been diagnosed with Colloid Carcinoma of the pancreas and has started chemo pills. Surround him with God's love, peace, and healing touch.

✝ Prayers to Jim Farley dealing with Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus and waiting for test results

✝ A prayer for Jonni Lorenz that she may experience comfort, dignity, and moments of clarity. Jonni is suffering from onset Alzheimer's disease and memory loss.

Our **Sunday School** is looking for loving and dedicated volunteers to help guide and inspire our children in faith.



Commitment: Just two Sundays a month



No experience needed — just a heart to serve!



If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Nancy Buck at **714-746-0500**



BIBLE STUDY 2025

With Pastor Lui



Class Schedule:
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm,
in the Church Office

Thank you for helping us grow

Church Staff

The ministers of this Church are its members.

Bishop..... Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent..... Rev. Luis Garcia
Clergy..... Lui Tran, Yong Sam Park,
..... Toné Tosi, Tim Thinh Ta
Minister of Youth/Young Adult Ministries.... Zi Nghiemi
Editor..... Shirley Vu
Director of Youth/Children Choirs Sally Hickman
Financial Bookkeeper..... Linda Gregory
Missionary to Cambodia Rev. Andrew Lee
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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Online giving is available at:
<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/ggumc>

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Link for Live Sunday Services:

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DATED MATERIAL 6/30/25

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. English Worship-Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Samoan Worship-Chapel
11:00 a.m. Korean Worship-Rm. 202&204
11:30 a.m. Vietnamese Worship-Chapel
3:00 p.m Spanish Worship-Sanctuary

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS

Friday, July 25th

The *Expectations* deadline for the August issue (to be mailed on Thursday, July 31st) is Friday, July 25th. 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