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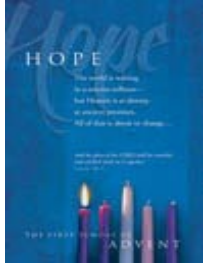
CHURCH CAMP



CELEBRATE

with us

Advent/Christmas 2014



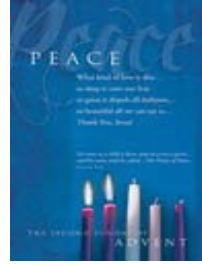
First Sunday in Advent

“HOPE”

Sunday, November 30

8:30 and 10:00am

*Worship and Sunday School
(Nursery Care 10:00am only)*



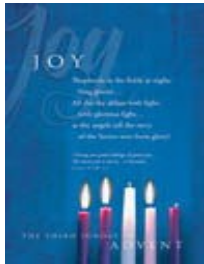
Second Sunday in Advent

“PEACE”

Sunday, December 7

8:30 and 10:00am

*Worship with Communion
and Sunday School
(Nursery Care 10:00am only)*



Third Sunday in Advent

“JOY”

Sunday, December 14

8:30 and 10:00am

*Worship and Sunday School
(Nursery Care 10:00am only)*



Fourth Sunday in Advent

“LOVE”

Sunday, December 21

8:30 and 10:00am

*Worship and Sunday School
(Nursery Care 10:00am only)*

CANDLELIGHT

Christmas Eve Services

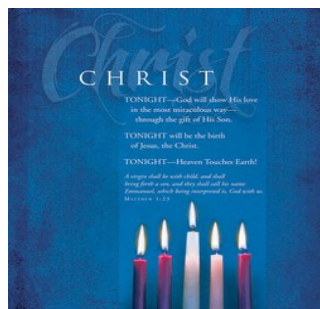
Wednesday, December 24



5:00pm

Family Service

*Especially designed for
children and families
(Child Care for infants)*



10:00pm

Communion Service

Concludes outside



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 7

4:00pm



We are caroling early in December this year! We will meet in the church parking lot to form groups, then carpool to go share our Christmas cheer.

***Voices of all ages and talents are needed.** Musical instruments and jingle bells are always welcome and appreciated. Maps and Music books are provided.*

It only takes a little time to bring MUCH joy to a shut-in this Christmas season.

Come dressed warm in cheerful Christmas attire; you can even wear the wonderful Christmas sweater that is hiding in the very back of your closet.

Please join us. Many voices make much beautiful Christmas music!

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

6:00pm

The evening will be filled with beautiful Christmas music provided by our Chancel Choir, Celebration Singers, Joyful Noise Choir, Adult Handbells, Youth Handbells, and guest musicians.

Upon leaving, we invite you to support our youth mission team by purchasing a Fancy Hot drink.



The Advent and Nativity stories have such a wonderful menagerie of characters...there are stars, and animals, and people, and Magi, and shepherds, and angels and young women and older women, and young men and older men, and babies...My favorite has always been the Angel. In our advent and Christmas stories, angels are messengers of invitation and freedom, pointing us towards liberation and life and off the path of destruction. I have always believed in angels, the messengers that help me believe in God and believe in myself. The prophetic messengers that point to the words and actions that inspire and instill life....The ones that comfort me at times needed but also kicks me out of my complacency. The sightings of these angels are less frequent in these times it appears. That is our loss....Perhaps we can believe in them again and they will appear or, perhaps we can BECOME them...that would be even better.

Joyous Advent and Merry Christmas.

Ginny Wheeler

As we move into a new year, I want to express my thanks to all the leaders who have been so effective and helpful in this year of transition....special thanks to those of you rotating off areas of responsibility...and also say thank you to those who are taking up new leadership roles! At the church charge conference this month, we celebrated two members of the church who are/have been inspiration examples of disciples. We honored Lionel Grove and Leyla Wagoner... Combined they put in many, many hours of volunteer service each and every week...so be certain to say "Thank you" to them. Lionel and Leyla, you both are a blessing to us!!!!

Ginny Wheeler

Advent Labyrinth

Thursday, December 18

10:00am to 2:00pm

Moore Hall



Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. It can also be a time of stress and busyness. Come and take some time out to ponder and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The labyrinth is open from 10:00am to 2:00pm for all who would like to come. You may stay for as little or as long as you would like. Materials provided.



Last month Messy Church was all about gratitude. We decorated boxes for the Thanksgiving baskets, made gratitude prayer flags, gratitude pumpkins and family handprint turkeys. In our Celebration time, we sat on Rev. Ginny's magic carpet that took us back to the time of Jesus, and we saw the leper who came and thanked Jesus for healing him. Messy Church is a growing and vibrant ministry. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Come worship with us on Saturday, December 6,* from 5pm to 7pm in Moore Hall at **Messy Christmas!**

*Please note date change for December's Messy Church. We will meet on the 1st Saturday this month only.

Church-wide CHRISTMAS CARD



You may send your **Merry Christmas** greetings to all our church families and support our missions at the same time. Donate the money you will save from buying and mailing cards to your CUMC family. Think about all the trees that can be saved!

Sign the Missions Christmas Card and make a donation. Your Christmas greeting will reach everyone in the church family.

The **Christmas Card signing sheet** will be on the patio waiting for your signature on Sunday, December 7. Yes, only one more Sunday to sign; so you had better hurry! Thank you so much for your support!

Presents for Christmas CHRISTMAS GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY

It is once again time to share with those less fortunate. CUMC is again this year, partnering with Senior Santas of Huntington Beach and Beach Cities Interfaith Services to provide Christmas gifts for children, youth, and seniors. Gift tags are available on the Giving Tree in the narthex. Choose a tag (or two) and purchase the specified gift/gifts.

Collection dates at CUMC are December 7, and December 14.

Please bring the gifts *unwrapped* with the tag securely attached and during a specified hymn in Sunday's service, you will place your donation under the Christmas tree in the front of the sanctuary.

Beach Cities Interfaith Services is also collecting wrapping paper, ribbon and Christmas decorations in their Christmas Store, for those in need. If you have extras and would like to share, please bring to the church office.



Thank you for helping make someone's Christmas brighter.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

It's that time again! Help make the Sanctuary even more beautiful this Advent/Christmas season by purchasing a Poinsettia. Look for the table on the patio with a poinsettia and sign up on December 7, and December 14.

Poinsettias are still only \$10 each and can be dedicated to the memory of, or honor of, a loved one, friend, or to the glory of God, etc.

Please help the Worship Committee make our sanctuary a place of beauty for Advent. Poinsettias may be brought home after the 10:00pm service on December 24.

HOLLYWREATH BRUNCH

A gift to ALL the ladies of the church

Saturday, December 6

9:30am in Moore Hall

PROGRAM: Harbor Singers

ACCOMPANIED BY: Alicia Adams Gagliano

Sign-up at the UMW Table or call 714.842.4461



ADVENT STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm in Room 8/9

December 3, 10, 17, and January 7

Not A Silent Night

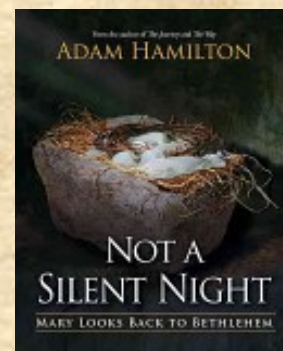
Mary looks back to Bethlehem

by Adam Hamilton

Books are \$10 and are available in the church office.

Class led by Suzanne Morgan

Bring your dinner and join the Brown Baggers at 6:30pm.



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Nursery School



Where we learn to play,
share and grow together.

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What a fun and festive time of year at the preschool! With the children making Christmas decorations to take home with them, hearing Christmas stories and learning Christmas and holiday songs. When you visit our preschool you may even get a whiff of an especially enticing Christmas smell!

We look forward presenting our 2014 Christmas programs in the Sanctuary the week of December 14. Again, we are very happy to have Sonya Hatch and Dave Hattersley leading the children in their Christmas and holiday songs.

Merry Christmas from the preschool staff to you all, and have a Happy New Year!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Sunday School, December will be a time for preparing for the coming of Jesus. The Christmas story will help our children see how the birth of Jesus shows God's hope for the entire world. We will be reading from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Every week we have approximately 20 smiling children eager to learn about God's love. Our wonderful Sunday School teachers come prepared to share this message every week. It is a fun and exciting place to be on Sunday mornings. Come by and see all that is happening in our Sunday School classes.

Please note: On Wednesday, December 24, at 5pm, we have our very special Children and Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Be sure you do not miss it; and bring your entire family.

Also, on Sunday, December 28, there will be one service only at 9:30am with NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. It will be a very joyful service of singing our favorite Christmas carols.



Faith Friends will only be meeting once in December, on the 14th from 11:15 to 12:30. We will be celebrating Christmas with a Christmas

party. At our last meeting we learned about Dodo and Caliste, two children who live in Côte d'Ivoire, who just received bed nets that will protect them from malaria.

Faith Friends unanimously voted to raise money for *Imagine No Malaria*. We also decided that we needed our own group t-shirt, so keep an eye out for us.

Faith Friends is open to all 3rd thru 5th graders and their friends. We have a fun time together. Join us! If you would like more information about Faith Friends, please contact Marty Drake by email marty@cumchb.org or leave a message with the church office at 714.842.4461.

YOUTH *CoS Update

* Community of Shepherds - A combination of youth from Community UMC and Good Shepherd UMC.



December 5 - A Night of Sharing At South Coast Plaza

December 13-14 - CUMC Christmas Concert Weekend

December 19 - Good Shepherd Peppermint Room

December 21 - Youth Christmas Party

December 24 - Christmas Eve - TBD

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January 17 - Youth Leader Training at Biola University

February 14-16 - Winter Retreat

Questions or comments? Contact Rev. Darren Cowdrey at revdarren67@gmail.com or Marty at Marty@cumchb.org or call the church office at 714.842.4461.



MISSION SPEAKERS David & Lori Persons

Monday, December 1, at 7:00pm in Room 8/9

The Persons have served as Cal-Pac missionaries to the African Congo for 30 years. They will be giving an update on their mission. This is a good chance to get an overview of the United Methodist Church's efforts to help the poor and destitute in Africa.

Please show your support for our missionaries! Refreshments will be served.

F FOR ALL THE LADIES

Highlighting events and information of special interest to ALL women of CUMC
Presented by United Methodist Women



Witness
Encouraging
Loving
Compassionate
Obligation
Meaningful
Insprational
Necessary
Grateful

"We are the **WITNESS** for God's great miracles, through **ENCOURAGING** others to make sure their voices are heard. We must always be encouraging to our sisters as we seek to live out the vision the Lord sets in our hearts. A **LOVING** spirit and kindness to strangers is what God seeks in the kingdom of righteousness. The **COMPASSIONATE** person will strive to invite those left on the outside. Our overwhelming **OBLIGATION** is to make a seat at the table for others. This will energize our spirit of goodness and will provide a **MEANINGFUL** and **INSPIRATIONAL** atmosphere for letting others know how the Lord works in our lives. We must provide comfort for strangers to understand how **NECESSARY** they are to us. We are **GRATEFUL** that you choose to be with us as we turn faith, hope and love into action in welcoming all to receive God's grace and mercy."

*Adapted from World Thank Offering: A Welcoming Spirit by Yvette Richards
Editor, response magazine*

As we wait to **WELCOME** the Christ Child and the New Year, United Methodist Women **INVITE** and **WELCOME** you to become a part of the creative, supportive fellowship, dedicated to mission, that is UMW. The **HOLLYWREATH BREAKFAST**, December 6, is the perfect **FIRST STEP** of a wonderful journey. Will you prayerfully resolve to follow the **FOOTPRINTS** of our foremothers and a million women today, and participate in UMW? You'll be glad you did!

**VISIT THE UMW TABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS**

In our
Prayers:

Don Almy, Louise Almy, Cecil Birnbaum, Katie Bernhoff, Liz Berry, Cary Gray, Zyl Gritz, Kathleen Hagey, John Kodrich, Shirley LaBounta, Bill Lueck, Velda McBride, Ally Miller, Chuck Morelock, Ruth Morris, Mark Munro, Ardis Paek, Jean Peters, Maggie Richardson, Trudy Roe, Dale Skerik, Mary Kay Smith, Lavetta Snyder, Jim Tromp, Kay Winter, Priscilla Wolz.

Thank
You!



We would like to thank all those who supported us with your prayers and words of sympathy and support at the recent loss of Pam's sister, Kathleen. It was comforting to have the wonderful support of our CUMC family.
Doug and Pam Blue

Welcome
to:

Welcome to our newest members Jeff and Anna Ball and their sons Zach and Nico....Vincent and Rebecca Ardolino and their son Nathan....Nathan and Vincent were baptized along with Robert David Douglas, grandson of Mary Ann Cross....We are thrilled to have them in our church family...David and Liz Hyatt joined the church last month along with Robert Cook and Jim Jones....How fortunate we are!!!

CUMC FOOD CLOSET NEWS

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our food closet with donations and volunteer time and effort. Donations requested are non-perishable food products, canned and dried foods, gift cards to fast food restaurants (for those with no cooking or storage facilities), and gift cards from grocery and discount stores are always appreciated.

December's special requested items are:

peanut butter (medium size jars) and toilet paper.

Thank you all so much for supporting our food closet!



FOR OUR SHOWER MINISTRY WE NEED (travel size, please):

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shaving Cream
- Combs
- socks (regular)
- chap stick

FOR INTERFAITH SHELTER WE NEED:

Please bring to church office only:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Glasses • Blankets • Sleeping bags • Back packs • Gift Cards - \$5 fast food restaurants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's shoes • Socks • Bus Passes
or donations to purchase bus passes |
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SOLOS Christmas Luncheon

If you are single, eat lunch, like to have fun and be in fellowship with other singles, please join us for lunch. Each month, usually on the last Sunday of the month, we meet after 2nd service (about 11:30am) for lunch at a local restaurant.

This month we will gather on **Sunday, December 14, at BJ's Grill** at Beach and Edinger for our special Christmas Luncheon.

For information and reservations, please call Shirley LaBounta at 714.847.4354. We hope you will join us.

BOOK CLUB

Our December gathering will be on **Tuesday, December 16**, (Note: Date change) and we will be discussing *Traveler* by **Mary Alice Parmley**, which is on the UMW Book List. We will also be sharing our favorite Christmas story, so we know you will not want to miss out.

Call the church office at 714.842.4461 or Anneke at 714.846.7382, for more details or if you have questions.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON CLUB



PLEASE NOTE: Due to all the special Advent and Christmas gatherings, services and activities, there will be **NO Fellowship Luncheon in December**.

We wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness. We'll see you all on January 28, 2015, at 11:30am in Moore Hall.



**Due to scheduling conflicts,
CHAPEL SERVICE
will not be held in
December.**

2015 BLOOD DRIVE "Save A Life Sunday"

Sunday, January 11 from 8:00am to 2:00pm

Give a part of yourself; Be a donor. Sign up Sunday, January 4, BETWEEN services, or OR call the church office at 714.842.4461, OR just show up and we will work you in.



December

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Years</u>
Richard and Frances Binnix	19	57
John and Margaret Humphreys	6	45
Donald and Anneke Dodge	20	45
Cheri and Jose Ramirez	20	45
Bernard and Clara Alegre	19	43
Bruce and Patricia West	8	30
Chuck and Marci Glenn	18	31
Ron and Alicia Gagliano	19	16
Michael and Karen Nelson	24	5



Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Ginny Kunz | 13 Howard Herdman | 21 Steve Roth |
| 2 Lisa Vardeman | Sylvia Van Houten | 22 Hazelle Dorus |
| 4 Luis Diaz | 15 Fred Carrozzo | 23 Mary Kay Smith |
| Brian Sipkovich | Diana Clarke | 24 Yvonne Zack |
| 5 Monty Fones | Alexander Falzon | 26 Gregory Brown |
| Ariel Thelander | Cheri Ramirez | 29 Wilma Attridge |
| 8 Natalie Gordon | 17 Chuck Glenn | Caroline Burce |
| 10 Michele Brown | 18 Mary Kay Hjalmer | 30 Melevesi Fifita |
| Ruth Fleming | 19 Kay Goddard | Lori Sipkovich |
| 11 Anna Ball | Kelley Yavorsky | 31 Virginia Chapman |
| Frances Binnix | 20 Julie Pham | Carol Dooley |
| 12 Kristen Wilkins | Don Van Winkle | Jim Howard |
| Luevanos | | Dale Skerik |



Mark your Calendars

You won't want to miss the chance to make new friendships, breathe fresh air, eat yummy meals prepared for you, and have an awesome good time that is a part of church camp.

We will again go to Cedar Glen from May 22nd thru 24th. Cedar Glen offers us beautiful cabins, swimming pool, meeting areas, fire pits, a nature center, hiking trails, archery, a climbing tower, low ropes elements, and a complete high ropes course, or you may opt for a chair in the shade and a good book.

More details will follow in 2015, but remember, **CHURCH CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE!**



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