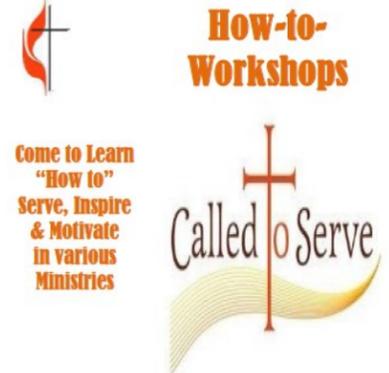


THE EAST DISTRICT HAS THREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOW-TO WORKSHOPS.

1. Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sierra Madre UMC - Sponsored by the Greater San Gabriel Mission Area
2. Saturday, January 30 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Claremont UMC Round Building - Sponsored by Ontario and Claremont Mission Areas
3. Saturday, January 30 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Muscoy UMC - Spanish Language - Sponsored by the East District Latino Ministries Committee (No Flyer)



How-to-Workshops

Come to Learn "How to" Serve, Inspire & Motivate in various Ministries

Key Note Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Mike Pasquarello III, Fuller Theological Seminary

Location:
Sierra Madre UMC
695 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Sponsored by
The Greater San Gabriel Valley Mission Area
and East District
JANUARY 23, 2016 Saturday 9AM

Registration: 8:15 am
\$15 Pre-Registration/Lunch by 1/15/2016
\$20 Day of Event/Lunch

Sowing Seeds of Faith



Come Join Us at a "How to..." Event

Sponsored by Ontario & Claremont Mission Areas for the East District

We plan to equip our church leaders and members via worship and learning experiences, gathering to make disciples through ministry.

Date & Time: Saturday, January 30, 2016
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Claremont UMC Round Room
211 W. Foothill Blvd.
Claremont, CA 91711

Registration: Contact East District Office
(909) 984-7100
eastdistrict@calpacumc.org

Cost: \$10 per person, includes lunch

If you plan to stay for lunch, please register by January 28th.

We will have three tracks: basic training, good practices and special interest topics. Details for specific tracks will follow.

Upcoming Events

Trustee Meeting
Sunday, January 3 at
10:45am in Conference Room

PBOT Meeting
Sunday, January 3 at
1:30PM in Conference Room

Finance Team Meeting
Sunday, January 10 at
10:45am in Conference Room

Outreach & Evangelism Meeting
Sunday, January 10 at
5:30pm in Conference Room

Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday, January 17 at
7pm in Fellowship Hall

Messenger Deadline
Friday, January 29

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 23 at
8am in Fellowship Hall

BFFS
Saturday, January 23 at
9am in Purple Room



January Birthdays We would like to wish you a Happy Birthday! If you have a birthday this month and your name does not appear on our list, please call Carolyn Cap at (714) 996-6788 with that information.

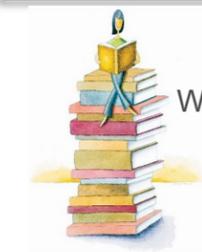
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BRITTANY SCHNEBLY	01/07	MARY LENT	01/12	CAROLYN CAP	01/27
PAM TRIESTRAM	01/08	GLENN RICHARDS	01/19		

Epiphany Study
Each Sunday during January

Romans Study
Every Wednesday in the Purple Room 6-7pm

Flowers and Donuts Sign-ups
Sign-up Sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall

Resident Readers - Celebrating Women



Our book for January is **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn.

We will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at Anita's home.

All ladies welcome - please join us!

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about worshipping and serving with us.

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"Sharing the Love of Christ With the World"

THE MESSENGER



Placentia United Methodist Church

January 2016



Happy New Year's resolution for churches: LAUGH!*

Both active churchgoers and seekers of the faith like to laugh. Comedy is a non-threatening, yet meaningful, way to communicate God's love, break the ice and improve team-building.

Humor can communicate God's grace and forgiveness in a friendly environment. "For everything there is a season, ... a time to weep, and a time to laugh." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4a, NRSV) How can you effectively use humor in your church?

Humor expresses God's joy. Humor does not discriminate. It targets families, single adults, youth and mature audiences. Used effectively, humor can open hearts to the truth as laughter relaxes people and gets their attention.

Humor relieves tension. A 2008 fire in Charlestown, W. Va., caused \$300,000 damage to the Oakland Church, but it did little to dampen the spirits of church leaders. Debris was scattered around the sanctuary near the pulpit, and a tattered wall stood as evidence of the fire's path. As they surveyed the damage, the Rev. H. Kent Tice said, "Well, I think Joe wanted a new drum set."

The church, located across from a housing subdivision, also operates a restaurant. One leader joked that the special of the day was barbecued chicken.

Humor teaches. This hilarious 5 ½-minute spoof video, "What if Starbucks Marketed Like a Church: A Parable," uses dry humor to send a message: If Starbucks marketed like most churches, it wouldn't be a global success. By turning church marketing on its ear, you encourage viewers to rethink how they welcome church visitors. More than 300,000 people would not view a straightforward analysis of how churches market themselves.

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Take care. Make certain that your jokes do not offend or hurt anyone. Avoid humor that uses discriminating or vulgar language or targets a group of people. Harmful humor also includes jokes that ridicule beliefs and values. You can use humor to express a concern without reinforcing stereotypes, attacking opponents or putting down people's rights to their own beliefs.

Tailor your humor to the audience. Young adults might appreciate a humorous story about Facebook, for example. An older generation might prefer the comedy of Henny Youngman. Neither may "get" the joke of the other generation.

*Help worshippers keep New Years resolutions laughing. (2015, December) <http://www.umcom.org>

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



January 2016!

Happy New Year to all as we consider another 366 days ahead with new opportunities to love and serve as Christians.

Every so often I take a break during my day and visit a park not far from the hospital. It was one of those really crisp, clear sunny days and some kids were playing ball, already out of school for the winter break. I was not really paying much attention but at one point I heard one of them shout, "hey, you need to give me a do-over". I looked up and the one with the ball was insisting that the other kid give him "another chance". We can all remember times in our childhood when we were playing a game and were granted grace and received a "do-over". (I give them to Jim quite often they are called mulligans! ha!)

But seriously, the beginning of another New Year allows us the opportunity to have that "do-over". Each new year presents us with that gift of being able to see something we have always seen but now see it differently; or maybe doing something we always do, but now try doing it a different way. In scripture we read, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" Colossians 2: 6.

Our scripture informs us that no matter if we succeed or fail in Christ we have the opportunity through His Grace for a "do-over". The Apostle Paul is telling us here, go back to your roots, you know what to do, you know what you were taught, just try it again. Jesus is the ultimate giver of "do-overs". He is not keeping score, and He is always willing to let us win, providing us as many do-overs as we need. I'm so grateful for His grace and mercy in my life.

Let's begin 2016 with a, "I'll try it again, attitude", you can begin this journey by attending the new Bible Study that Josh and Bob are leading in January, the theme: "The Sermon on the Mount". Let us return to the roots of our faith together and hear just what Christ will teach us as we all start over in the New Year.

Blessings and Happy 2016 to all, - See you at Church,

Pastor Karen

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