

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

**Worship In Person &
Facebook Service: 9:30am**

Afterward, you are invited
to join us for Social Hour.

Social Hour:
10:30am - 11:00am
Fellowship Hall

**Communion Service
First Sunday each month**

**PLACENTIA
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

2050 Valencia Avenue
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(714) 528-1483

Church office hours:
Monday/Friday-Closed
Tuesday/Thursday 10am to 2pm
Wednesday 12pm to 4pm

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facebook.com/[placentiaumc/](https://www.facebook.com/placentiaumc/)

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The Messenger

Placentia United Methodist Church

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus’ attitude. That way you can glorify God ... together with one voice.”
Romans 15:4-5 (CEB)

I’ll bet you’re familiar with these phrases: “Take one day at a time,” or “When things get tough, the tough get going.” Here’s one I like, “This is what you’re going through, not who you are.” These are words of encouragement. They help us to find heart and motivation when we are struggling with the circumstances of life.

Where do you find encouragement? The word for encouragement in the Bible is “extol.” Encouragement is one of the spiritual gifts. Paul wrote, “If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging” (Romans 12:8). We encourage those around us when we love and care for each other, show each other respect and dignity, and when we forgive and show mercy.

Encouragement is on my heart as I write this because it feels like we’re in a season where it’s easy to feel down. There’s one thing I want you to hear: “Jesus loves you.” No matter what, you are loved.

We are all a work in progress on this journey through life. We need to hear words of support, encouragement, motivation, and inspiration to move forward to a brighter day.

Your family members, friends, neighbors, and community need to hear your words of support, encouragement, motivation, and inspiration to thrive on their life journeys as well.

In a world that can be challenging at times, it’s important to remember the meaningful impact encouragement has on each of us. It’s not just a fleeting action, word, or message. It can positively transform our lives in profound and often invisible ways. Take root and flourish.

Let us be encouraged by God’s love, Pastor Eric



Why are we Here?

“Joyfully sows seeds of Faith, so lives are drawn to God.”

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Widows once-a-month lunch is back in session. All widows are invited to Mr. D's (for now) on the fourth Friday of every month at 11:45 am. That's September 27th!

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the newsletter by October 22nd to the church office, pumcsecr@gmail.com

In observance of Labor Day The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd. If you need pastoral care Pastor Eric will be available by phone -714.271-3698.

Bible Study †††

Join us Sunday Mornings
Bible Reading
Conference Room
8:15am to 8:45am
Hosted by Bob McKinnell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

Dianne Adams - 18

Melanie Palmer - 19

Jill Botha - 25

Bonnie Heffner - 25

October

Karen Richards - 11

Wendy Elliott- 14

Jean Redman - 15

Margie Simmermacher - 15

Anita Carson - 19

Reese Adams - 29

Birthday List

is located in the back of
your Church Directory

Prayer Request

Contact the Prayer Line at
pumc-prayerline@att.net or visit
us at [www.placentiaumc.org/
prayer](http://www.placentiaumc.org/prayer)

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt
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Community
Open House
& Faire
Every Third Sunday in September
Everyone is invited
placentiaumc.org 9:30am Service Time
10:30am Faire Starts
(714) 528-1483

All Church Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, September 21st 9-10:30am Fellowship Hall

We all know the power and value of prayer! As the wonderful summer daily prayer focus wraps up here is another prayer opportunity. This will be a time of guided corporate prayer followed by breakfast. For those interested, there will also be (random) pairing and launching of prayer partners to be in effect for the next few months.



Please join us! If you have questions, please contact someone from Celebrating Women.

PLACENTIA UMC SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

Go to YouTube at www.youtube.com



Search for "Placentia United Methodist Church"

Click on the picture of the church sign.

This will take you to the home page.

Click on "Live" to find the most recent video(s). Enjoy!

Upper Room Daily Devotional: September/October

Can be picked up in the church narthex.

FAREWELL TO THE JENKINS FAMILY



“Look! I’m doing a new thing. Now it sprouts up. Don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.” Isaiah 43:19

If someone were to ask you, “What do the people in your church do? Why do they exist?”, what would you say? There’s no doubt you are passionate and devoted to our congregation and the United Methodist Church. The question is whether we are

thriving, stagnant or in decline.

Vital congregations are driven by a compelling and clear sense of the mission God has given them. This isn’t about clever statements or marketing. It’s a uniting purpose that resides in the life of every person in our local church.

Your Church Council and I are exploring our shared purpose. We invite you to be part of this exploration. After all, we best serve the Lord when we are united in our mission.

We invite you to join us for a period of discernment. To serve the Lord joyfully as we sow seeds of faith, we want to realign our priorities and be clear about our values. We need to be clear about whom we are reaching in our community and what happens when we do. We want to know how God is calling us to meet the needs of our community. And then, we can decide how best to organize ourselves to do so.

I invite you to join me in conversation at our Ministry Faire on Sunday, September 15th. I’ll be introducing the discernment process and a potential re-organization of our ministry teams. We want to hear from you. And then we’ll move forward, following Jesus’ footsteps together.

Guide us, Lord
Pastor Eric

Hymns vs Praise Songs

An old farmer went to the city one weekend and attended the big city church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

“Well,” said the farmer. “It was good. They did something different, however. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns.”

“Praise choruses?” asked the wife. “What are those?”

“Oh, they’re okay. They’re sort of like hymns, only different,” said the farmer.

“Well, what’s the difference?” asked the wife.

The farmer said, “Well it’s like this ... If I were to say to you, ‘Martha, the cows are in the corn,’ well that would be a hymn. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you, ‘Martha, Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA, the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the COWS, COWS, COWS are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, in the CORN, CORN, CORN, COOOORRRRRNNNNN,’ then, if I were to repeat the whole thing two or three times, well that would be a praise chorus.”

As luck would have it, the exact same Sunday a young, new Christian from the city church attended the small town church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

“Well,” said the young man, “It was good. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of regular songs.”

“Hymns?” asked the wife. “What are those?”

“They’re okay. They’re sort of like regular songs, only different,” said the young man.

“Well, what’s the difference?” asked the wife.

The young man said, “Well it’s like this ... If I were to say to you, ‘Martha, the cows are in the corn,’ well that would be a regular song. If on the other hand, I were to say to you,

Oh Martha, dear Martha, hear thou my cry

Inclined thine ear to the words of my mouth.
Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by
To the righteous, glorious truth.

For the way of the animals who can explain
There in their heads is no shadow of sense,
Hearkenest they in God’s sun or his rain
Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced.

Yea those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight,
Have broke free their shackles, their warm pens eschewed.

Then goaded by minions of darkness and night
They all my mild Chilliwack sweet corn chewed.

So look to that bright shining day by and by,
Where all foul corruptions of earth are reborn
Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry
And I no longer see those foul cows in the corn,

then, if I were to do only verses one, three and four,
and change keys on the last verse, well that would be a hymn.”



Cornerstone UMC News

PICKLEBALL IS ON!

Come play the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Park after our lunch fellowship.



The church office will be closed
Monday, September 2nd
in observance of
Labor Day.



If you would like an update about
One Life to Love in Baja,
here is the website address:
<https://www.onelifeinbaja.org/>

Finance Update

September and October Finance Committee Update
Mel Bond, Finance Chairperson



September is the end of the 3rd quarter of 2024. Where has the year gone? I don't know about you but it seems to have flown by.

One of the things your Finance committee does is prepare a budget for the coming new year. It's a prayerful combination of current financial performance, past historical giving and expenses, projected year-end financial position, and faith that our God has a plan and continued purpose for Placentia UMC.

We have a wonderful Pastor, who supports our congregation as if he is full time, which he is not. We have a marvelous music program and AV (audio/visual) team. Our Administrative support, although it is part-time, is helpful and professional. Our grounds, buildings and overall facility are well maintained by the Joint Parish where we pay our portion each month.

Once we have a draft budget, it will be reviewed by the Finance Committee, then presented to the Leadership Committee where it is reviewed. When it is approved there, it is ready to be presented at the Annual Church Conference.

How can you help? Pray for our Church and for the direction our Lord Jesus is leading Placentia UMC. Pray for our staff. Pray for our church leaders that we hear and obey God's direction. Pray for the process. Pray for our community. Pray that PUMC shines as a light of Christ in our community, where we joyfully sow seeds of faith so lives are drawn to God. Pray for each other. Pray for a strong finish for our church for 2024. And continue your faithful support of our church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Thank you and Amen. Mel



Dear HIS-OC Friends,

Charity's Closet is currently accepting applications for volunteers.

Charity's Closet is an all-volunteer organization that continues to provide financial support to Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County.

Volunteers can work in the retail shop or in the donation center accepting and sorting donations.

Volunteer forms may be downloaded from our website, (click the link above) or visit charityscloset.org, and email to thriftshop@charityscloset.org

The shop is located at 134 N. Bradford Avenue in Placentia.

Thank you for your consideration! Sue Lacko

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to volunteer?

Volunteering is both exciting and rewarding, especially when utilizing your knowledge, skills and expertise to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The reward is a mutual benefit that transcends to generations to follow. Please contact the church or Pastor Eric for more information.

Liturgist for Sunday Service:

Please contact Leon Cheney if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

9/01 Gerry Adams	10/06 Sue Lacko	11/10 Bob McKinnell
9/08 Gerry Adams	10/13 Leon Cheney	11/17 Lillian Blaschke
9/15 Leon Cheney	10/20 Sue Lacko	11/24 Craig Green
9/22 Bruce Beck	10/27 Bob McKinnell	
9/29 Bruce Beck	11/03 Lillian Blaschke	

Communion Assistants needed, first Sunday each month. 4 people needed, September | October

Please contact Pastor Eric Schmidt if you would like to sign up to volunteer. Sunday, September 1st, and October 6th

Greeters for Sunday Service schedule:

Please contact Leon Cheney if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday	Shirley Cheney
2nd Sunday	Gene and Mary Mishler
3rd Sunday	Beverly and Craig Green
4th Sunday	Karen Richards
5th Sunday	Mel Bond // Alternate

Tellers 2024 schedule:

Please contact Mel Bond if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday	Bob McKinnell /Craig Green
2nd Sunday	Kay Ressler/Leisa Luke
3rd Sunday	Bev Green/Leon Cheney
4th Sunday	Mel Bond/Gene Mischler
5th Sunday	Mel Bond/Leisa Luke
Substitute	Bob McKinnell

Coffee Hour Clean Up in Fellowship Hall schedule:

Please contact the office if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday	Sue Lacko
2nd Sunday	Leon Cheney
3rd Sunday	Craig Green
4th Sunday	TBD
5th Sunday	TBD

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Tithes and Offerings

Please give online or place your offering in the basket. Try our online giving service, Tithe.ly, or your preferred electronic means.

If you'd like to tithe online to the church, you may do so at the following link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2650083>

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

Photos Needed

Please send in photos: Fun photos/selfies/fellowship pics to share for our newsletter and website.
Send to
pumcsecr@gmail.com