

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

**Worship In Person &
YouTube 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
Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 528-1483

Church office hours:
Monday/Friday-Closed
Tuesday/Thursday 10am to 2pm
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm

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

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The Messenger

Placentia United Methodist Church

March/April Issue 2025

*"My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect
in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (CEB)*

We all have difficult moments in our life. Some of us are challenged as children, living in troubled homes. We're forced to grow up quickly. Some of us are challenged as young adults, when everything we believe in seems uncertain. Our identity can feel threatened. Some of us are challenged as adults, in our relationships and as parents. The trials of life can come at us fast. Some of us are challenged as seniors. Health, security and stability can seem fleeting.

What (or who) do you hold onto when things get tough? No matter what age, we all search for something to hold onto. Spiritual experiences come and go, but we may ignore them, thinking strong people don't need religion. "We can do it on our own," we say to ourselves.

I believe God uses the trials and crises in our lives to get through this wall of indifference. When we run out of ideas, time and energy, we find God is there, with open arms, ready and willing to lift us up, tending to our hearts. And we feel changed, too. Surely this is what John Wesley described as a "strangely warmed heart."

When we know our problems and troubles (our sins) are taken away by God (forgiven), tears of relief and joy often fall. This is the beginning of our journey. We discover what it means to have Jesus walk with us and help carry our burdens, no matter how they may weigh on us. We realize caring for the people around us makes our lives better. We find joy when we experience Jesus' love on the bad days (and the good ones, too). We are grateful to be renewed each day.

Best of all, we begin to identify with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is our Rock, Shepherd, Healer, Teacher and Savior. What a difference this makes in our life, no matter how crazy the world may seem. And, when we share the love we receive and feel with those around us, they are invited to know love as well. Our lives together are made better. To God be the glory!

During this season, let us joyfully sow seeds of faith so lives are drawn to God.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY THIS SEASON:

Ash Wednesday - Distribution of ashes

Joint BUMC, CUMC, PUMC Event || 12-1 pm || Wednesday, March 5th in parking lot of Brea UMC campus

Celebrating Women Event - Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 8th || 9am to 10am || Fellowship Hall

"The Walk" - PUMC & CUMC small group Lenten study in-person beginning March 12th || 1 pm || Fellowship Hall

Meet six Wednesdays, beginning March 12th to April 16th
We'll meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. We'll watch a short video from Rev. Adam Hamilton, converse and have an activity. Together we will examine five spiritual practices which Jesus practiced in his own walk with God. Pastors Eric and John will co-lead this study. Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Widows Luncheon All widows are invited on the fourth Friday of every month 11:45am || Mr. D's Restaurant || 126 Yorba Linda Blvd, Placentia, CA 92870

Daylight Saving Time starts - Change Clocks Sunday, March 9th

Palm Sunday, April 13th | 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 || 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th | 9:30am

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the May/June newsletter by April 21th to the church office at pumcsecr@gmail.com.

Bible Study +++

Join us Sunday Mornings

Bible Reading

Conference Room

8:15am to 8:45am

Hosted by Bob McKinnell



MARCH

Eric Schmidt-3

Beverly Green-7

Carol Vizenor-29

April

Leon Cheney-4

Evan Adams-11

Jessie Conaway-20

Rachel Sweet-20

Birthday list is located
in the back of your
2024 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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Cornerstone UMC
NEWS

PICKLEBALL IS ON!

Come play the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month in the
Parish Park after our lunch fellowship.
Fun with Pickleball, Puzzles and Paper Projects!

Why are we Here?

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

Church Campus Life

Please welcome our newest members
Sarah & Derrick Floyd



California Fire Collection
Dropped off items at Brea UMC



Pastor Jen Weyenberg filling in for
Pastor Eric on Sunday February 23rd





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



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!

Mission Team Update

We will continue with the:

***Electronic Waste Recycle event,
One Life to Love collections,
Phaino shower bus support,
Solidarity support,
Blessing Boxes collections and distribution,
Heifer International support.***

We will try to have informational flyers for each project to share with our congregation, their friends, and neighbors.

Derrick Floyd will provide an update to the congregation and announce the Blessing Box campaign during services on March 2nd. Mel Bond will provide a map designating their locations for those who wish to donate directly. For the first three Sundays in March, we will collect in the lobby, non-perishable food items to go in the six blessing boxes in Placentia to support local homeless and needy persons. Derrick will transport and distribute collected items.

Margaret Johnson checked with Rose, and One Life to Love continues to need financial support to assist needy women and their children in 2025. PUMC supported the group in 2024, and monetary assistance was sent. We will continue to aide this group.

Project Phaino needs clothing, socks, shampoo & conditioner, towels, etc. The project managers are also looking for physical assistance with cooking and cleaning. Volunteers can sign up online via the Genius website. Jessie Conaway will share reports of their current needs.

Bruce Beck graciously volunteered to lead the Heifer International project, even though he is having back surgery on March 17th. This effort can be addressed later in 2025. Leisa Luke will assist.

Melanie Palmer will lead us in our support of Solidarity; she reached out to Bethany recently. These projects include after-school programs, food bank, and documentation assistance.

Considering the size of our congregation, your Missions Team is actively pursuing multiple opportunities for outreach and assisting others. It is with great respect that we acknowledge this congregation's zealous support to aide those in need and share the load.



Engaging Community for Lent

Community engagement is more than missions, which may be seen as hands-on work, and it is more than outreach, which often is seen as inviting people through events. It's about building relationships through which mission and missions occur as relationships are deepened, and it reframes ministry away from "ministry for" to "ministry with" those around us. Discipleship begins with relationship and seeks to offer relationship with God and one another, so all can know and experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Here are some ways you may consider engaging our community.

Ashes to Go. Generally, people head home after receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, not really having an opportunity to engage with other people. One way to create an opportunity for engaging those in the world around you is in the practice of "ashes to go." Once you receive ashes, go out and interact with people. Let them see the joy of your faith, for you are beautiful to those with eyes to see.

Come and See. Whose voices do you need to hear as you think about your church engaging the people around you? Is there a restaurant which could serve as a gathering space, or another safe space for those who wouldn't normally attend worship in a church? People may be open to meaningful conversations if they have the opportunity.

Acts of Kindness. Do an act of kindness and then reflect on how you experienced God's love in doing so. Share your experience with others. It will inspire them and you, too. We'd love to have you share during a service.

Engage with the Local Police. What is the relationship between the church and the police force? Is there a possibility of support the church could offer? We may want to collect gift cards throughout Lent and then give them to police officers at Easter. This idea could be adapted to include first responders and fire fighters as well.

Support a Local Shelter. The church can be the voice that declares everyone's value and worth and then takes action to show love. Learning about the homeless and raising awareness within our community is one way to do so. Supporting the Shower Bus or providing undergarments and hygiene products to local shelters are also practical ways to engage.

Engaging Schools. We may find opportunities to make a difference and help support students through the learning environment. A good place to begin conversations is by asking about the needs of the school, the gifts it offers to the community, the challenges, how the church could serve as a supportive partner. It is important to listen and not assume you know what the school needs. You may discern an opportunity to reach out in small ways, short-term; or you may find yourself working toward a long-term partnership.

I invite you to imagine the hopes and dreams of the community around us and consider implementing some of these ideas. How might our engagement with the community and the relationships that form offer glimpses of resurrection hope?

Upper Room Daily Devotional: March/April

Can be picked up in the church narthex.

Volunteer Opportunities

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GIVING

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 give 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

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.

3/02 Bob McKinnell	Alternates:
3/09 Bruce Beck	Gerry Adams
3/16 Sue Lacko	Craig Green
3/30 Craig Green	
3/23 Leon Cheney	

Communion Assistants needed, first Sunday each month. 4 people needed, March || April.

Please contact Pastor Eric Schmidt if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

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/Mel Bond
3rd Sunday	Leon Cheney
4th Sunday	Leisa Luke/Gene Mishler
5th Sunday	Mel Bond/Leisa Luke
Substitute	Bob McKinnell

Clean Up in Social 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