

**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
Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 528-1483

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

Visit us:
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facebook.com/placentiaumc/

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The Messenger

Placentia United Methodist Church

January February Issue 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*"Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!"
Psalm 96:1 (CEB)*

Happy New Year, or as I learned from a Vietnamese co-pastor and friend, Chúc Mừng Năm Mới. It's the time of year when we make resolutions. I know some people spend a lot of time thinking about their resolutions. And sadly, most resolutions are broken within two weeks of making them.

Perhaps we might approach resolutions in a different way. I love the version shared by Jessica. Her 2023 resolutions were as follows: "eat as many different types of pasta as possible over the course of the year, try a new fruit every month and smile at every child she saw" (New York Times). Perhaps resolutions can be side quests to put more joy into our life.

I love this idea of resolutions. Some speak to our life purpose and goals, while some speak to the way we live each day. The way we live matters and living with joy makes a big difference. This is certainly true when we look inward to see what role our faith plays in our life. Faith can be central to the way we live, or faith can be more of a side quest.

The scripture lessons from 1 Samuel 3 and Jonah 1-3 are good illustrations of how we see faith. God calls all of us. How we respond matters. We can listen and engage with the Lord, serving willingly and openly. Or we can try to run away, only serving grudgingly and unwillingly. The choice is yours. How will you respond to the Lord's call?

God is patient. And God will meet us where we are, even if we're distant, isolated, and alone. Amazing things can follow. So, let's resolve to put a little more joy into our life as we joyfully follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, sowing seeds of faith. Each small step, each 1%, each moment we spend with the Lord matters. May it ever be so.



Thank you, Lord, for your grace and mercy. May we remain connected to you in the Spirit of faith, hope and love.

Shalom, my friends, Pastor Eric
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Why are we Here?

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

Looking Ahead

Bible Study +++

Join us Sunday Mornings

Bible Reading

Conference Room

8:15am to 8:45am

Hosted by Bob McKinnell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! January

Roscoe Johnson-1

Margaret Johnson-4

Pam Triestram-8

Mel Bond-18

Diane Cooper-26

Gloria Ressler-26

February

Patrice Porter-9

Sue Lacko-16

Birthday List is located in
the back of your 2021
Church Directory

Prayer Request

Contact the Prayer Line at
pumc-prayerline@att.net or visit
us at www.placentiaumc.org/prayer

Contact: Pastor Eric Schmidt
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Mark Your Calendar!

1% Better Campaign -Starts January 7th and Ends February 5th

Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday - Monday, January 15th

Church office Closed

Ash Wednesday, February 14th - 12pm to 12:30pm

Drive through Ashes

Evening Service will be held at Brea United Methodist Church

President Day, Monday, February 19th - Church office Closed

COME AND BE REFRESHED.

Celebrating Women

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024
9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Placentia UMC & Cornerstone UMC
2050 Valencia Ave, Placentia

Continental Breakfast
& Lunch provided

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You're busy, you're tired, you're pulled
in all sorts of directions as you tend to
the busyness of life! You have a very
special role, and much of what you do as
a woman focuses on the needs of others.
So come be refreshed as Speaker Judy
Johnson leads an interactive program
geared toward identifying ways to renew
and revitalize your mind, heart, and spirit.
Treat a friend and bring them too!

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RSVP
By Sunday, Jan 14
Cost is \$5

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Judy Johnson has been a licensed educational psychologist for more than 25 years, assisting parents, universities, and school districts throughout the state. Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger and reappointed by Governor Brown, she served for seven years on the State of California's Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Church Campus Life



Hello Church Family and Happy New Year!

On behalf of your 2024 Finance Committee, I invite each of you to continue to be an active, generous and joyful part of the ministries of our Lord Jesus Christ here at Placentia UMC.

The duties and objectives of the Finance Committee are to: “Propose and manage the annual budget; then raise, manage, and distribute the financial resources of our congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministries here at Placentia UMC.” With this in mind, we welcome your participation, support and input.

Do you have fund raising ideas? We would like to hear them. All ideas are welcome!

What type of information would you like to hear about? I think it is important that we all know a little about the financial health of our church. Some of you like the numbers. For some of you, the numbers aren’t nearly as informative as a narrative or a picture. So, throughout the year, your Finance team will try to keep you informed in different ways and in various levels of detail. Our goal is to keep you informed. If at any time you have questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

We ended 2023 on a positive note, with total income exceeding total expenses. This has not always been the case and so we thank you for your continued support and generosity. As we continue with our “1% more in 2024”, we are seeing the results from 2023.

We will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm, currently via zoom. Please let me know if and when you would like to sit in at one of the meetings.

Peace and Blessings,

Mel Bond, Finance Chair, on behalf of your 2024 Finance Team

Elliot Harry-Treasurer

Jessie Conaway-Financial Secretary

Sue Lacko-Leadership Council Chair /Lay Leader

Craig Green-Trustee Chair

Wendy Elliot-SPRC Chair

Margaret Johnson-Member-at-large

Pastor Eric Schmidt

You are always welcome to attend one of the Finance meetings. We currently meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7p, via zoom.

Our Stewardship focus for 2024 is again “1% More.” Try to Spend 1% more each day in prayer. Find ways to serve 1% more. If you need some ideas on how to do this, speak with the Missions team or the Worship team .

Church Campus Life




Shop to Support PUMC

Through UMCMarket
Powered by igive.com

If you haven't sign up to make your on-line purchases through UMCMarket, now is a good time. Start the year off helping PUMC with every purchase at one of the participating stores, and there are over 1900 of them, including Kohls, Walmart, BestBuy to name a few.

Igive is a rebate program through UMCMarket that allows you to designate a charity of your choice so that a portion of your purchase is donated. When you sign up, be sure to select Placentia United Methodist Church as your designated recipient.

You can sign up by going to <https://www.igive.com>. Or you can get the Igive app from the App store. Get started and sign up today. If you have any issues, please let me know.

January Bonus: Earn a \$5 Bonus Donation for PUMC when you make your first purchase. 

Any Financial Questions? Please Ask!



If you have any questions about the finances of our Church, please don't hesitate to ask. Your Finance Committee will try to address them all in this section of the Messenger each issue. You can ask any member of the Committee or send your questions to romellebond@gmail.com

Question: Who pays the Church's electric bill?

Answer: Placentia UMC is a member of the Joint Parish with Cornerstone UMC. Each Church contributes a budgeted amount each month to the Joint Parish, which then pays all the Church's common bills, like utility bills and insurance bills.

Upper Room Daily Devotional: January/February
Can be picked up in the church narthex.

Church Campus Life-Christmas Sing-Along



Church Campus Life-Christmas Eve Service



Church Campus Life-Nurture Group event



Volunteer Opportunities

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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 follow-
ing link: [https://tithe.ly/give?
c=2650083](https://tithe.ly/give?c=2650083)

Church Office

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 uti-
lizing your knowledge, skills and expertise to make a positive dif-
ference 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.

01/07 Sue Lacko	03/10 Leon Cheney
01/14 Marge Crabb	03/17 Sue Lacko
01/21 Marge Crabb	03/24 John Jenkins
01/28 Gerry Adams	03/31 Bob McKinnell
02/04 Gerry Adams	04/07 Bob McKinnell
02/11 Leon Cheney	04/14 Craig Green
02/18 Wendy Elliott	04/21 Craig Green
02/25 Wendy Elliott	04/28 Sue Lacko
03/03 Leon Cheney	

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 & Glenn Richards
5th Sunday	Kathy McKinnell

Tellers 2024 schedule:

Please contact Elliot Harry if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

1st Sunday	Bob McKinnell
2nd Sunday	Kay Ressler/ John Jenkins
3rd Sunday	Bev Green/Leon Cheney
4th Sunday	Elliot Harry/Gene Mischler
5th Sunday	Elliot Harry/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.