



MAY 2016

WORSHIP

May 1
Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 10:1-7
The Risen Jesus Fights for You

May 8
Mother's Day
1 Corinthians 13
Listen to Your Mother
Submit your selfies with your mom/children by 5/5

May 15
Pentecost-Wear Red
Acts 2
Winds of the Spirit
Bring pocket change for the *noisy offering!*

May 22
Trinity Sunday
Romans 5:1-15
John 16:12-15
Three Faces of God
Baptism of Bennett Williams

May 29
Remembering How to See Gray in a World of Black and White

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Dear UUMC community,

I had an opportunity this week to attend an event at the Pacifica Institute in Irvine. You may remember that this Turkish Muslim group hosted an Iftar dinner at our church last Ramadan. This week they offered a presentation by [Miss Understanding.co](http://MissUnderstanding.co), the venture of two women – a Muslim and a Christian – who became friends. The fact that they became friends was so revolutionary to many of their friends that they began to organize meet-and-greets. You'd think that work and school would bring diverse people into proximity with one another and create opportunities for friendship, but I guess not, for lots of people have responded. You'll see from my Facebook selfies that I made some new Turkish-American friends at the event.

I particularly appreciated the presenters' observations on what the media doesn't cover. For example,

When militants from the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) moved into northern Iraq, they began identifying Christian-owned homes and businesses. Families would find the Arabic letter "N" (ن) painted on their buildings. This single letter, the first letter of the word used in the Quran to identify Christians, conveyed the powerful accusation that the occupants were followers of Jesus. What I didn't know was that many Muslim neighbors painted the same symbol on their buildings in solidarity.

Last year, when ISIS executed Ethiopian Christians, I hadn't known that one of those executed was a Muslim who refused to leave his Christian friend.

I was amazed to see the banner from my brother's church in Memphis pop onto the screen! When Heartsong UMC learned that a mosque was going up across the street, they put out a welcome sign and made space for the community to pray until their mosque was complete. What I hadn't known was that this act inspired acts of solidarity around the world, like in Kashmir, where Muslim neighbors felt moved to go and clean and repair the small local church.

Acts of courage and solidarity begin with relationships. You have two upcoming opportunities:

* Shakeel Syed came to our church in March with a presentation on Islam and the threat of ISIS. We are invited to the **Shura Council's Annual Ramadan Dinner on June 19th**. Email me if you'd like to go. I have 4 free tickets.

* I'll be meeting soon with the elders of the Islamic Center of Irvine to put together a shared 7-week class on **Muslim-Christian Dialogue**. If you haven't yet expressed interest and would like to, let me know. Other church-mosque pairings report very positive results from using this curriculum.

* The Newport Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council hosts regular interfaith informational gatherings. Find out more at <http://www.ocinterfaith.org>. Let's plant the seeds of peace on our corner of Irvine and beyond.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Paige Eaves



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Sisters Book Group

All women of the church are welcome. The list of our upcoming books is below. Enjoy your reading and we will see you at Sisters!

May 24th—The Forgotten Seamstress by Liz Trenow

June 28th—A Memory of Violets by Hazel Gaynor

Silvia Coto Concert

Monday, May 16 at the Winifred Smith Hall of the University of California-Irvine. The Jr. Recital is at noon and a Wind Ensemble will perform at 8:00pm. Silvia is connected to UUMC through LA First UMC's Kid City program.



All our Messy Church families are invited to Messy Camp!! The Cost is \$60 per person. It includes dinner Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, swimming, Messy Church and so much more. We will be gathering at the Santiago Retreat Center (27912 Baker Canyon Road-Silverado, CA 92676). Register today as spaces are limited. Email Joan@uumcirvine.org



FRIDAY MAY 27 THRU MONDAY MAY 30, 2016

This annual camping experience is a UUMC tradition, and we hope you will be able to join in the fun at Ortega Oaks Campground. The camp is about 30-45 min from Irvine at the top of the Ortega Highway.

As past campers can confirm, it is a weekend of fun, fellowship, campfire singing, hiking, food, relaxation, and much more. It is a great way to get to know the people you see in church! Be sure to invite neighbors and friends too.

The campsite is suitable for tents, vans, tent trailers, motor homes, or just sleeping under the stars. More information is available at www.uumcirvine.org.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

7:30: Second Touch Bible Study-Ed D

9:30: English Language Worship-Sanc

9:30: Korean Language Worship-FH

9:30: Kid Jam-Ed Building

10:30: Noiseful Joy-Ed A

11:00: Glow Youth Program (1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays)-YR

1:00pm: Japanese Language Worship-Ed A

May 2016 Meeting Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>11a: General Conference Hot Topics, Sanc</p> <p>11a: UMCOR Health Kit Assembly, Ed-D</p> <p><i>See Sunday Morning Schedule on Top of Page</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15a: Heart to Heart, FH</p> <p>7p: Scouts, FH</p> <p>7p: ReJoyS-ing, Sanc</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30a: Disciple, Ed-D</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30a: Lunch Bunch, Ed-c</p> <p>7:30p: Choir, Sanc</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1p: Christian Believer, Ed-B</p> <p>7p: Scout Committee, Ed-B</p> <p>7p: Trustees, Ed-D</p> <p><i>Photos Due</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p><i>See Sunday Morning Schedule on Top of Page</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>7p: Scouts, FH</p> <p>7p: ReJoyS-ing, Sanc</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30a: Disciple, Ed-D</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30a: Lunch Bunch, Ed-c</p> <p>7:30p: Choir, Sanc</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1p: Christian Believer, Ed-B</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9a: Quilters, FH</p> <p>Aids Walk at Mason Park</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>NOISY OFFERING</i></p> <p><i>See Sunday Morning Schedule on Top of Page</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>7p: Scouts, FH</p> <p>7p: ReJoyS-ing, Sanc</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30a: Disciple, Ed-D</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30a: Lunch Bunch, Ed-c</p> <p>7:30p: Choir, Sanc</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a: Believe Speakers Series, FH</p> <p>1p: Christian Believer, Ed-B</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>See Sunday Morning Schedule on Top of Page</i></p> <p>NAPA MISSION TRIP</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7p: Scouts, FH</p> <p>7p: ReJoyS-ing, Sanc</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30a: Disciple, Ed-D</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:30a: Lunch Bunch, Ed-c</p> <p>7:30p: Choir, Sanc</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1p: Christian Believer, Ed-B</p> <p>5:30p: Messy Church, FH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day Campout</p> <p>NAPA MISSION TRIP</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>9a: Quilters, FH</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day Campout</p> <p><i>See Sunday Morning Schedule on Top of Page</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day Campout</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30a: Disciple, Ed-D</p> <p>7:30p: Ecumenical Worship at St. Columban Church</p>				



For the Peace of Christ in the Midst of Grief:

The family of Lee Holmes at the loss of his cousin's husband

The family of Paul Curtis at the sudden tragic loss of his niece's husband

We pray for those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery:

Doug Mason's brothers-in-law

Jane Wood's daughter Ann, fighting cancer

Tina Prais' niece, Michelle, fighting cancer

Colleen Whitfield's sister Cyndy, fighting cancer

Ann Ownbey, Lois McKissick, Barbara Albers, Bob Edwards

We pray for our homebound members: Carol Moore, Diane Monjay, Mary Poehler, Paul Black, Betty Quilligan, Paul Arthur, Thelma Friedel, Dick Doyel, Carol Gauger, Lois Mc Kissick

To Our Friends at UUMC, We deeply appreciate all the Love, Support, and Prayers during my sister's battle with cancer. When she went to be the our Lord, your thoughtful expression of care and sympathy was such a great comfort. Now we hold special, precious memories in our hearts, for a loving sister we will dearly miss.

God Bless You All-Marge and Larry Anderson



We Need Your Mother's Day Photos!!

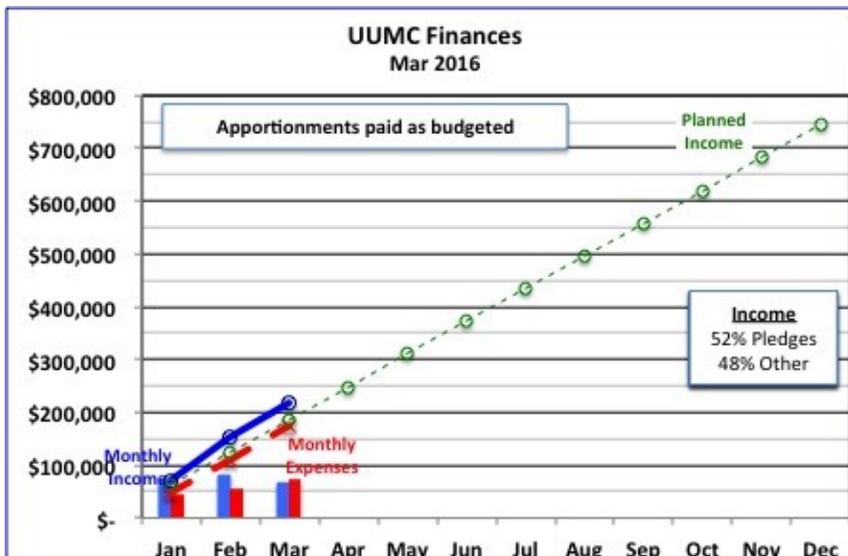
We need beautiful photos to show during our Mother's Day worship here at UUMC! *Here's how you can participate:*

1) Send us a Mother's Day selfie or throw-back photo.

This can be you with your mom, you the mom with your child (ren), moms with photos of kids who aren't here, children with photos of moms who aren't here. This can also be a photo with someone who is/was like a mom to you, or is/was like a child to you. We are very open about our definitions of family and motherhood!

2) Attach a caption: If you were to write a love story about this photo, what would the title be?

Email to office@uumcirvine.org with Mother's Day in the memo line, or drop the photo off in the church office by Thursday, May 5. Thank You!!



PENTECOST
Wear Red!! Bring your loose change for our noisy offering supporting the Aids Walk!

HELP MAKE OUR OFFERING NOISY!!!!



April 14th, 2016 Vision and Strategy Notes

from Brad Fowler, Chair

General Items: Bonnie was on vacation. We are in search of a Be Love Liaison. Brad to work with Bob and Pastor Paige on meeting with a couple potential candidates.

Congregational Growth Coaching Effort: The District Superintendent, John Farley, and the Bishop arranged for a Growth Coach, Jim Griffith, to meet with representatives of the congregation and provide recommendations on how to grow the church. An initial discussion was held about Jim's visit and what Vision and Strategy's role should be in moving forward. The result was that Bob Bilanchone will prepare a draft report of Jim's observations and recommendations for the congregation for V&S review at our May meeting. The intent is to then present Jim's initial thoughts to the congregation for discussion at the next quarterly conference set for Sunday, June 5. We have also inquired to see if DS Farley can advise whether we can get financial help with further growth coaching efforts and whether there will be a pastoral change this summer. We hope to have this information in time for the quarterly conference as well.

Next Quarterly Conference: Sunday June 5 after church. Further discussion on agenda at our next meeting.

Branding: The ad hoc Communications Strategy Team hopes to have some additional branding ideas including developing logo alternatives with a consultant in the next couple months. Perhaps we will have something for the next quarterly conference.

\$100k Loan Reduction Recommendation: Jim Griffith is recommending that we have a discussion about growth and how this money might be helpful in that regard.

Belong: Bonnie reported that the 'Faith Based Approach to Successful Aging' discussion held on February 20 was a good success with approximately 50 attendees, 10 of whom were from outside the church.

Believe: Lois reported that UUMC is now enrolled in the Stephen Ministries program and still looking for a few more volunteers. She asked that we be sure that announcements for Believe be included in the Believe section.

Belong: No Report.

Worship: No Report.

Be Love: The Napa Mission Trip planning is going well with the trip scheduled for May 22 for one week.

Operations: Sanctuary Evacuation Drill immediately following the service on June 5. Ushers, Trustees and Disaster Preparedness Committee members will be trained by Bob B on May 1 in the sanctuary evacuation procedures, earthquake procedures, active shooter procedures, and use of a fire extinguisher.

Major Calendar events: (look to the church bulletin to provide more details on more events)

- Pentecost – May 15
- Memorial Day Campout – May 27-30
- Choir Concert – June 12
- VBS – June 20-24
- Japanese student exchange Aug 12-13
- Messy Camp – Aug 12-13
- 'Heart to Heart' is every other Monday



Recent Meetings With A Congregational Coach from Bob Bilanchone, Lay Leader

As many of you are aware, on March 2-4 we were blessed with the presence of Jim Griffith. Jim is a Congregational Coach, with extensive national experience, who was sent by District Superintendent John Farley and Bishop Carcano to help us better assess where we are, and to help us plan and prepare for growth at UUMC. We were one of 5 Methodist Churches Jim visited during his stay. He lives in Florida.

During this three-day period, thirty-nine of you had the opportunity to meet with Jim and express your concerns, wishes, visions and hopes for this Church. March 3 was a particularly busy day, starting at 8 AM and running until 10 PM. I want to thank you for arranging your schedules so you could participate.

Brad Fowler (representing Vision & Strategy), Adrian De Groot (representing Staff Parish), myself, and Pastor Paige met with Jim and he voiced some of his observations on Friday morning, March 4. He will also be meeting with our DS and Bishop in the near future.

Once we receive further coaching information, we will share the recommendations and begin developing a plan for growth with the congregation. This is a process that will take some time, so bear with us as we expect good things will come out of it.

I am encouraged by what happened this week and sincerely thank you for your participation; and for your patience, understanding and support as we go forward.



Ministries that send us out to serve in Irvine, Orange County, and to the ends of the earth

Dream UMC Mission Trip Update

from Pastor Brandon

In May, Irvine Dream Church mission team will visit the Hopi Native-American reservation. In the beginning of 2016, we decided to support two mission fields, one is Church in Uganda and the other is church in Hopi. Every month, we have small group meetings. Each group gave offering and prayed for two mission fields. We were yearning to visit our mission fields. Finally, God listened our prayer.

Rev. Ki Youn Choi has served Native-American Indian since 2011. He is focusing on planting a new church, supporting a



rehab program, building a children's ministry, evangelism, and planning an after school program. This year, he was appointed to the church on the Hopi Reservation. Rev. Choi delivered us

good news. This Easter Sunday, they had open worship in the middle of the village. This was the first time of open worship for all people of town. They were grateful God allowed them to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. It was a great chance to speak up their voice about their love of God. Moreover, the first church choir started to practice this month.

They never had a praise team or choir before. When people were touched by the love of God, a group of people volunteered to practice. Even though they are not experienced all of them are enjoying it. They are growing not only numerically, but in their faith.

M&M Fundraiser: Thank you to a very generous and supportive congregation for supporting the M & M Mission Team fundraiser. To date \$1403 has been raised. In May the mission team will travel to Napa, CA to help with repairs to homes that were damaged in the August 2014 earthquake in the Napa area.
-Sue Harris

Health Kits: In May our congregation will assemble 144 Hygiene Kits to be sent to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City, UT. These kits are distributed nationally and to areas of the world that have experienced devastating natural disasters. Thank you to everyone who donated to or assembled the kits. Working together we can make a difference in someone's life.



Join this event as part of the UUMC Team! On May 14, this event will happen right across the street in Mason Park. All funds raised assist the AIDS Services Foundation in providing help to those in our community affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. \$25 registration fee. To sign-up for the team go to uumcirvine.org and go to the Outreach page.



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Reflections on Kid Jam

from Joan, Director of Children’s Ministries

Kid Jam is growing into a Community of Believers and it is an amazing blessing to watch the Holy Spirit’s transformation of these pure hearts over the eight months I have been here at UUMC. We have evolved from thinking it would offend someone if we invited them to Church to understanding that spreading the Good News is what Jesus has called us to do, and that the Jesus tells us some seeds will fall on rocky soil but some will flourish. The Kid Jam kids have an understanding of this and so our lessons this month: The Road to Emmaus, Thomas Believes, The Great Commission and Believer’s Share were not new and radical ideas but ideas they were familiar and in agreement with. A great big thank you to the large group leaders this month; Tiffany, The Scripture Lady, Captain Nate and Forrest. All of the leaders give the same feedback – they are amazed at how Spiritually Mature the kids in Kid Jam are, and how eager they are to learn.

I have had a prayer request box on our Kid Jam altar since September. Each week we pray and I have been instructing the kids in ways to pray. This past Sunday, two students came up and asked me to write down their prayers. Kirkley had been gazing out the window at the new flower beds outside the window of Kid Jam and she came up and asked; “Can you write down to pray for the flowers?” Then Jasper came up and said,

“Can you write down to thank God for today is my sister Grace’s birthday?” Prayers of thanksgiving and praise. If I can succeed in teaching these children the always surprising, always amazing and always humbling power of prayer then I will truly have accomplished a great thing. It does not get any more powerful than a room of children praying and Jesus reminds us of that in Matthew 18: 2-6 “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”. On April 24 we welcomed several children into the community of believers at UUMC. God is doing great things through his children. In the midst of all of our kid chaos and celebration, let’s all remember to be still and hear His voice.



Sunday Mornings at 9:30am



June 20-24

Register Now!!



www.uumcirvine.org/families/vacation-bible-school

BELIEVE
Speaker Series

Connectionalism 101
Exploring the Hot Topics in the United Methodist Church
with Andrew Ponder Williams and Rev. Sharon McCart
Sunday May 1 at 11am in the Sanctuary

Shining a Light on Depression
How to Help Yourself or Those You Love

Linda Bell is Executive Director of the Newport Community Counseling Center. She has a Master’s degree in social work from USC and is a licensed clinical social worker and board certified diplomat with 25 years of training in private practice, hospital, university, and non-profit agency experience. She has facilitated numerous support groups at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach.

Sunday May 14 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall

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ONE FAITH

THREE
LANGUAGES

Traditional-English Language: 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Dream-Korean Language: 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Nozomi-Japanese Language: 1:00pm in the Education Building



YOUTH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 6-12

SUNDAYS AT 11AM,
SECOND SATURDAYS AT 11AM

choir concert

Sunday June 12, 7pm



Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 9:00-12:15

Register Online!

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