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THE MESSENGER

February 2025



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

Please enjoy the picture above from our most recent Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. It was such a great blessing to be with all of these dear siblings, some of whom were on our church campus for the first time. Through the construction of homeless bags, we were able to build community, create items for immediate care, and, by adding agency phone numbers, creating opportunities for long-term care.

As I've shared in recent church services, it is my hope and prayer to conduct one hands-on mission project every month. It was a blessing to have this be our first one. I hope to see a similar response in all of our various outreach efforts. While it would be a blessing for our church to become known for specific areas of care, we also want to reach out to every area of need.

Through our various mission projects each month, I hope we experience many different needs and meet many new friends, finding new ways to go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

This was a wonderful beginning: 50 friends, 300 care bags, and one day of building memories. Be sure to check out the last page of this newsletter for a couple more images that capture the magic of this amazing event.

We have bags available for you to take and share with your community. Due to the abundance of giving and hard work, we can also share some of these care packages with SWAG.

SWAG is the Social Work Action Group that reaches out to care for the

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A Message From Pastor Drew continued

needs of our housing-insecure siblings throughout the Temecula Valley and Riverside County. While some of these bags went home with church members, SWAG will also use these bags to address immediate needs for other friends in need throughout our county.

To build upon this success, we will be meeting again. Our new hands-on project for February will take place on Presidents' Day and will focus on food insecurities. We are praying for a way to have the same impactful experience while caring for many needs, but to do so in a way that minimizes waste. For our next project, we may not create 300 lunches, but we hope to prepare 100 lunches together that touch lives without resulting in wasted food. Moving forward, I will refer to this as the Harry Chapin Day of Service.

Harry Chapin is a significant hero in my life, whose work focused on addressing food insecurity throughout the world. As we step into this next hands-on project, I hope we continue to build community and capture the attention of our area to be caregivers for all needs throughout our county.

God is Love,
Pastor Drew (He/Him/His)

LETTER FROM D.S. REV. LUIS A. GARCIA

Dear Friends,

I hope 2025 began with some good news and blessings for you and your family, recognizing that many of us have family, friends and certainly sisters and brothers that were affected directly or indirectly by the fires in LA.

I was planning to write a letter with the specific theme of Servant Leadership. Well, more than to preach, at this moment I will ask you to lead by serving others.

Check the calpacumc.org website and social media for updates and ways to help. I invite you to share this information in your congregation and with your friends. Let us continue praying for this those who have been affected by the recent fires.

I'm blessed to share with you that our district mission's team and Karl Ports are providing leadership on this by bringing water, masks and other items to the affected areas. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karl at kports95@gmail.com. He will let you know how to participate in this effort.

Another emergency issue that cannot be ignored is the threat of mass deportations. SoCal and especially our South District is a target area for these actions. Again, through our calpacumc.org website and FB, you can be informed about how to support families and churches in the community that are impacted by this situation.

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Letter From D.S. Rev Luis A Garcia continued

Again, our district missions committee and our missionary Rev. Dr. Joel Hortiales work with various ministries on both sides of the border that provide a caring and merciful response to those who are at risk of deportation. If you are interested in supporting these actions, please contact Rev. Hortiales at jhortiales@calpacumc.org.

Please pray for these issues mentioned above and any other issue that is on your heart, for your pastors, for your church, the conference and for the whole UMC as we are moving through this time of transition and mission.

Let us make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world!

Peace and grace,

Rev. Luis A. Garcia

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WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

February

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| 02 | Scripture: Luke 4:21-30
Theme: Aren't you Mike Davis's son?
Liturgist: Karen Benvenuto |
| 09 | Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Theme: What Net Will You Drop?
Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks |
| 16 | Scripture: Luke 6:17-26
Theme: Blessed Be Child
Liturgist: Shirlee Armistead |
| 23 | Scripture: Luke 6:27-38
Theme: BE Curious
Liturgist: _____ |

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGIST, USHERS AND HOSPITALITY

We are currently seeking additional ushers, liturgists and assistance with hospitality.

Soon, the pastor will be conducting a training session for ushers. To sign up as a liturgist and/or usher email

Pastor Davis at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com for hospitality email Anita Accordino at araccordino12@verizon.net.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:



FEBRUARY 17TH IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

*The office being closed will not affect the
Hary Chapin Day of Service.*

****Please submit your Newsletter
Articles by February 15th****

ALTAR FLOWERS



Consider bringing flowers or plants from your garden for Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to honor, celebrate, or memorialize a special date for you. Flowers may be brought to the church on the Sunday you signed up for by

9:00 AM and can be placed on the altar. If you need assistance with providing Altar Flowers contact Anita.

You can pick up your flowers after the worship service. Sign up on the Altar Flowers schedule at the sign up table. For more information please contact Anita Accordino at 714-655-0330 and araccordino12@verizon.net.

February

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Vicki Cloutier 02/14

Chris & Allison Riche 02/22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sue Bradshaw 02/03

Kyle Hotchkiss 02/11

Sarah Hillier 02/12

Julie Tomaszewski 02/13

Debbie Barba 02/14

Jason Basa 02/16

Judson McDowell 02/16

Jeanette Frisbey 02/17

Connie French 02/22

Hope Zangl 02/22

Donna Gorman 02/23

Isabelle Marx 02/24

Mark Matson 02/24

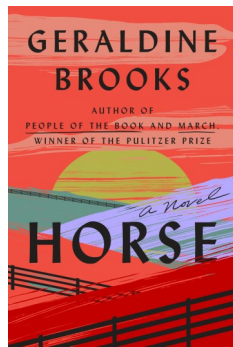
Nellie Hathorn 02/25

Vicki Cloutier 02/26

Jaynet Stevens 02/28

BOOK BUDDIES

The Book Buddies book group will meet at the **home of Sherry Campbell at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 4** to discuss *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks. Inspired by the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, "Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism."



See Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw for more information about our book group. Zoom access is available. Come join us. We greatly enjoy reading, discussing and socializing with others who share our interest and love of books. On **March 4**, Cookie Gender will lead a review of *Edith Wharton's* classic, *Age of Innocence*. The full schedule and list of books are available in the church breezeway.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES

We are currently in **NEED of expanding our Prayers and Squares Team.**

If you can sew, used to sew, or would like to learn to sew, please do come to Prayers and Squares. I can teach any willing person to sew. We meet the **2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noonish.** Blessings—Marlene Oaks



ALTAR SETUP

Dear friends - If you are looking for a way to serve in our church have you considered setting up our Altar? If you are interested please contact me and I will show you how to fill the candles with oil and change the Altar cloths according to the Season. Taking care of our Altar is a great way to get involved and serve. Contact me at bert_b46@verizon.net if you are interested. Thank you - Heather Bjorklund



LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

WHAT DOES AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH LOOK LIKE?

Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes, from the California-Pacific Annual Conference, will be sharing with our community the things we should be striving for and be aware of in being a truly affirming and inclusive church.



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4pm in the worship center
temeculaumc.com

SCRIP NEWS

WHAT IS SCRIP?

Purchasing Scrip cards is a simple way of raising money for the church budget. Simply purchase gift cards at face value and the church receives a percentage of the sales. The Scrip box has a variety of cards including gas, stores and restaurants. You may also go to RaiseRight.com to see a full list of vendors. Cards may be preordered when orders are placed. Since the beginning of January, Scrip sales has raised \$520 for the church.



Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash, check or a credit card. Credit cards will have 4% service fee. Scrip cards are also available to purchase throughout the week during church office hours.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith. 951-764-3938 and ingalbraih5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

February

- 02 UMCOR - LA Fires Disaster Relief
- 09 Habitat for Humanity - Inland Valley
- 16 Neighborhood House Calexico
- 23 Local Food Pantries



On January 7, strong Santa Ana winds in Los Angeles caused wildfires to spread rapidly in multiple

communities. Thousands of homes and businesses have been destroyed, as well as multiple local United Methodist Churches. Preliminary assessments of the damage is underway. UMCOR has awarded two solidarity grants to the California-Pacific Annual Conference to undergird their immediate relief efforts. This includes evacuee support like food and essential supplies as well as support for volunteer efforts and other relief activities.

Join us in this response. Donate to support this disaster response effort.

<https://advance.umcmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>



The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community.

Learn more - <http://www.habitativ.org/>

Neighborhood House of Calexico, Inc. serves the Imperial Valley region, with a specific focus on the needs of low-income women and children.



Thanks to the generous support of the community, Calexico Neighborhood House is able to provide direct services to much of the community. We offer specific thanks to individuals, organizations, and collaborative partners who continue to help make our services available to the community through participatory or monetary support.

February Food Pantry Items Needed:



Canned Beans
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables



STEPHEN MINISTRY



TUMC's Stephen Ministers are volunteers trained to walk beside people experiencing difficult times. It's confidential and free, and available to anyone regardless of their affiliation with TUMC.

The TUMC Stephen Ministry chapter provides opportunities to talk openly and confidentially to a compassionate, non-judgmental listener. If you'd like to know more information, please contact our Stephen Leader, Dr. Anne DiPardo at dipardo.anne8@gmail.com. Our volunteer care givers are ready to meet with you free of charge! Just contact Pastor Drew for a referral at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com.

A graphic for Valentine's Day Breakfast featuring a pink background with various heart shapes hanging from strings. The text "Valentine's Day Breakfast" is in a bold, red, sans-serif font, followed by "Saturday, February 15, 2025, 9:00 am" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. Below this, "Donation \$10" and "Guests Free" are in a bold, black, sans-serif font, and "Sponsored by the MONKS" is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Valentine's Day Breakfast
Saturday, February 15, 2025, 9:00 am

Donation \$10
Guests Free

Sponsored by the MONKS

VOLUNTEERS & CARE

If you are looking for a way to be more involved in our family or seeking care in a specific area, one of these leaders might be able to assist you. If you are searching for something that is not listed, please reach out to Pastor Drew. You may be the leader he is looking for.

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AVAILABILITY UPON REQUEST

EXPERIENCE:

Nursery
Family

PRICE:

\$10/hr

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Martin Luther King Jr. "A Day of Service" at TUMC on January 20, 2025