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Sunday, September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

In-person gatherings remain suspended at CGS.

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching

Fruits of the Spirit: Kindness

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

"This Sunday in Worship"

***Prelude: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Bell Tree Duet
with Leanne Baroldi and Barbara George***

Introit: "Let All the World"

Anthems: "They'll Know We are Christians" and Garrison Holder solo

Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal:

***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#139)", "Wonderful Words of Life (#600),
and "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us (#331)"***

Sunday School has started!!

Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids is now meeting by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45**. Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other information. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in the newsletter and prayer chain in your prayers.



Flu Shots will be offered by Health Ministries

Sunday, October 11, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Contact Margaret Blair, [\(626\) 574-1827](tel:6265741827) for a reservation. Leave your name and contact phone number. This will be a drive-through program. We are doing only people over the age of 18 years. Note that we are offering the trivalent vaccine which is being provided through Methodist Hospital, not the quadrivalent vaccine. The quadrivalent, which is stronger than the trivalent & recommended & licensed for those over the age of 65 years, may be obtained through your physician or local pharmacy. The CDC recommends that almost everyone 6 months and older receive a flu shot by the end of October to boost their immune systems and prevent complications from the flu.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years Forming Fellowship Groups



It is not surprising to learn that, when our church opened, members began forming Fellowship groups. That's what Methodists do, isn't it? Gather together in small groups to worship and to socialize? By the end of the first year, all age levels had established themselves. We have their annual reports to give us a glimpse of their interests and projects. To read those reports from 1945-8 brings feelings of both pride and nostalgia. This was the post-World War II era, a time for new hope and fresh faith. People gathered together in ever-increasing numbers, as the following reports show. To capture the flavor of all the groups' interests and donations, we're going to take the time over two weeks to describe them.

The Women's Society of Christian Service grew from 52 to 68 members in just a couple of years. They organized neighborhood circles for the first time. Their projects were diverse: sponsoring Brownie and Bluebird troops, providing a Sunday morning nursery, and making vestments for the Junior High choir. Gifts of about \$1,400 went to the WSCS mission program, the parsonage project, released time for the church program, and the church's building and furnishing fund.

The Church School grew quickly in the church's first year, with average attendance of 85 in June and of 173 only nine months later. Eight or ten new students were enrolled each week, making a total of 326 at the time the report was written. Arrangements were made with Holly Avenue School for use of their auditorium to provide additional meeting space.

Challengers Young Adult Fellowship started in 1946 and within a year had 26 members, with about 20 usually attending meetings in members' homes or in the Study bi-weekly. For part of the year, they met at a morning church school class to hear a variety of speakers. Several meetings were devoted to working with mentors to help develop a peace plan. For fun, the Challengers spent a snowy weekend retreat at Wrightwood. They sent CARE package to Germany, and they donated \$100 to the building fund.

Next week we'll see what other Fellowship groups did when they started.

BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern



Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Tuesday, September 22, No Bible Study

Sunday, September 27, 9:00-9:45 am – Ruth 2

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98117667154?pwd=QWdBaVEzZmJTaVFHT2poU0NwVlVpdz09>

Meeting ID: 981 1766 7154

Passcode: 4hSeTK (Zoom is now mandating that we use a passcode for our meetings)

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Foothill Unity Center 40th Anniversary!

As you can imagine, the pandemic has been tough on non-profit organizations this year, especially **Foothill Unity Center**. Demand for food and critical social services has increased dramatically, and donations have lagged behind the demand. To complicate things, Foothill Unity Center's annual major fundraiser now needs to be virtual. But the good news is that this virtual event will be fabulous. **On Saturday, September 26, starting at 6:00 p.m.** we will celebrate Foothill Unity Center's 40th birthday with heartfelt greetings, inspirational stories, superb entertainment, and even a splendid auction. The Center needs your help! So please plan to celebrate Foothill Unity Center's 40th birthday with us. Your attendance, sponsorship, and donations will be greatly appreciated. Keep healthy!

Gary A. Kovacic, President, FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER, INC., 790 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Website: <http://foothillunitycenter.org>



Virtual Coffee

As online only Worship Services continue, we also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30 am! Use the following login or call in information to join us for virtual fellowship from the comfort of your home. **Here is the Zoom Login Info: Only the meeting ID is needed- no password required.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87937808985>

Meeting ID: 879 3780 8985

Drive Thru Communion on October 4 Celebrates World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. On this day we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. A special World Communion offering will be collected during the Drive Thru for the United Methodist Scholarship Fund that supports diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ.

For Worship on October 4, World Communion Sunday, we will continue to have the Love Feast during the on-line worship service, but we will also offer a Special Drive Thru Communion option as well at the church.

- Please Enter the Large West Parking Lot off Duarte and Follow Signs to Stations 1-3
- Remain in Your Car at All Times
- You may open your window (if you choose) when you stop at each station, but **MUST WEAR A MASK** and your car must remain six feet away from each greeter at the Stations.
- At the last Station- Pastor Eva will give you a Communion Blessings and Benediction.



Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons



Thank You to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. The Center is still collecting these items. During this “Stay at Home” era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, those bags and egg cartons can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to Foothill Unity Center.

—*Vern and Lynne Whitaker*

Youth Events

If you are in 6th-12th grade, our church offers some fantastic opportunities for you to learn more about God and meet other youth your age. We would love to have you join us via Zoom until we can safely gather at church.

On Sundays, when elementary Sunday School starts up, we will be helping with the elementary Sunday School from 9:15-9:55AM.

Youth Bells, under the direction of Carolyn Noonchester will be starting up as soon as they are able.

Youth Choir under the direction of Janice Clark will be meeting from 5:30PM-6:30PM via zoom (Schedule to follow),

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) will be meeting from 6:30 – 7:15PM every Sunday. UMYF is an opportunity to share joys and concerns, play games, and discuss current events.

On Wednesdays, we will be having Wednesday Night Devo from 8:30PM-9:00PM. This will be a chance for a short mid-week devotion and Bible Study to get you through the rest of the week.

For more information and the zoom links, or if you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

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