

# The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church

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## Being United Methodist Pastoral Letters on the UMC - Our History -



This is my 4th letter in the “I Love the UMC!” Series. The 1st three were about our Articles of Religion. This letter begins the portion on history of the UMC, which you could say goes back all the way to June 28, 1703. This is the birthdate of **John Wesley**, one of the founders of the Methodist Movement.

John was 15th of 19 children born to Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Samuel was a rector in the Anglican Church. When John was 5 years old, a devastating fire broke out in their home. Though everyone else got out safely, John became trapped in an upstairs room. He called through an open window and neighbors stood on each other’s shoulders to rescue him. He believed God saved him for a great purpose and called himself, “**a brand plucked from the fire.**”

John and his younger brother, Charles, were both educated at Oxford and became Anglican priests. These two brothers, along with a few others, were called “Methodists” behind their backs. It was because of the methodical way they met for Bible Study, prayer, communion and delivered food to those in prison. In those days, prisons did not provide food.

Their method of observing their Christian faith attracted others, so John organized people into “classes” and then into smaller groups within the classes called “bands”.

This experience of small group meetings changed lives and grew exponentially. When colonists sailed to America, they brought their “Methodist” ways with them and started new classes and bands in the new world.

John never meant for this movement to become a denomination apart from the Anglican church. But when people pushed him to provide leadership in the new world, he reluctantly ordained other priests, though he wasn’t a Bishop with the authority to do it.

It didn’t matter. Methodist societies cropped up like weeds. The first conference of Methodist preachers in the colonies was held in Philadelphia in 1773. The ten who attended pledged allegiance to Wesley’s leadership and a system of regular conferences was inaugurated.

We continue to meet at Annual Conferences. Not only pastors, but also lay member delegates from every church, attend to business & worship together. Your CUMC Lay Members to Annual Conference this year are Linda Faxon and Steve Dempster. We’ll meet at the Burbank Marriott this year June 12 thru 15. Please keep us in prayer as we continue to #BeUMC.

Making the UMC my Home,  
Pastor Susan

## The 2024 Trustees Auction was a HUGE Success!

The Trustee Auction has been a staple at CUMC for 50 years and this years was one of the best! The food from Cowboy Surfer Grill was amazing and the bidding was high! We wee over sold on tickets and had 68 of our 70 seats full so a great turnout and we hope to be even bigger next year.

We raised almost **\$9,000** for CUMC in just one night! This was due in large part to everyone who participated in the bidding as well as those who worked so hard to get donations for the auction. A special thank you to the Scouts who supported and helped with serving the food and clean up in the kitchen.

A special thank you to all of the local businesses who supported us with donations, gift cards, items and more. Please thank those businesses below who helped support our church when you visit them!



CORONA/NORCO  
**SETTLEMENT HOUSE**  
100 YEARS



- May Needs:**
- Pull-Tab Pasta
  - Individual Cookies/ Granola Bars
  - Fruit Cups

Please place any non-perishable food item donation for Settlement House into the wagon by the front door. Thank you!



## Seams of Faith

We not only sew and visit, we enjoy other activities. Thanks to Louise Berkley, we had glasses to see the eclipse. Join us on Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for our Seams of Faith gathering. You will have a good time and get to know each other better.

Louise Berkley & Linda McGranahan, co-chairs





### Make It Cozy Kitchen Collection

Thank You for all the kitchen supplies you gave to help the homeless of our community have what they need as they move into permanent housing.

Cheryl Lum & Linda McGranahan, Co-Chair Missions & Outreach

# Thank You







## ALTAR FLOWERS

We are happy to tell you about a new way to donate flower arrangements for the Sunday Service.

You may use the source of your choice to purchase the flowers, or you may create your own arrangement. There are no size or design restrictions.

Please have your flower arrangement set up by 9:30 Sunday morning, set up in a way that does not block the cross or candles on the altar.

Payment for the flowers will no longer go through the church. You will pay your vendor directly. Just keep the receipt with your financial records as this is tax deductible.

Just stop in the Narthex as you enter the church and sign up on the Flower Chart. Church secretary Caren will keep track of the sign-ups to put in the Sunday bulletin on the appropriate Sunday.

We now have a new option for a florist vendor, who is Sophie B. She will provide free delivery to the church on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Sophie B.'s phone number is 951 858 7770.

You are free to use Corona Rose, Norco High, other florists of your choice, or bring your own flowers.

Jennie Ferrette  
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May 2024						
◀ April						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7pm <u>Children &amp; Youth Ministry meeting</u>	<b>2</b> 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u>  7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u> <u>Pack Camp out 5/3-5/5</u>	<b>4</b> 8am <u>All Church clean up</u>
<b>5</b> 10am <u>Worship</u>  <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 Dinner  6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	<b>6</b> 10am - 12pm <u>Seams of Faith</u>	<b>7</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>8</b> 6:30pm <u>Trustee meeting</u>	<b>9</b> 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u>  7pm <u>Bad Girls of the Bible (Zoom)</u>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <u>Mother's Day</u> 10am <u>Worship</u>  6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Cub Scouts</u>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10am <u>Worship</u>  <u>REACHurch</u> 4:30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 Dinner  6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	<b>20</b> 10am - 12pm <u>Seams of Faith</u>	<b>21</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>  1pm <u>Finance Committee meeting</u>  7pm <u>Church Council meeting</u>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10am <u>Worship</u>  6pm <u>Prayer meeting (Zoom)</u>	<b>27</b> <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>28</b> 9am <u>Faith Journey</u>	<b>29</b> 10am <u>UWF Executive Board meeting at Faxon's House</u>  11am <u>UWF Book Club at Faxon's House</u>	<b>30</b> 7pm <u>Boy Scouts</u>	<b>31</b>	





- 5/4 Jake E
- 5/5 Jan N
- 5/8 Carolin B
- 5/8 Christine L
- 5/9 Diane E
- 5/18 Jim B
- 5/28 Pamela R
- 5/31 Barbara C



**Finance Committee**

March Month to Giving: \$34,928.99  
 (Including \$8,697 from Trustee's Auction)  
 April Month to Date Giving: \$14,414.84  
 (Including \$1,034 from Trustee's Auction)  
 Budget Needed: \$30,000

Attendance 3/17/24: In person - 105  
 Attendance 3/24/24.: In person - 94  
 Attendance 3/31/24: In person - 124  
 Attendance: 4/7/24: In person - 77  
 Attendance: 4/14/24: In person - 63

We wish to THANK you for your Tithes and Offerings.  
 Your GIFTS support the Mission of this church.

*Church Announcements*

\*A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 23rd April for it to be included on the next messenger.

**How to Give**

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!  
 Please place them in the offering box located in the back of the sanctuary, send by mail, or use Zelle by going to Zellepay.com or download the App.

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