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Whittier First UMC

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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

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Itching Ears

NOT ASHAMED WORSHIP SERIES

“We know that we ought to put God first. When we put God first, all the rest of our lives make sense. Yet, it is easy to get distracted and lose sight of the spiritual life. This is how it works: the more we focus on the Spirit, the more we will be interested in the spiritual life. Hence, let us become more curious about God and God's ways. Let us invest our lives in what is good and beautiful, and the rest will fall in its place.” –Pastor Angela

Join us this Sunday @ 10am, in-person or online, “Not Ashamed Part III: Itching Ears.”

Oct 2

Not Ashamed Part I: **Rekindle the Gift**
II Timothy 1:1-14

Oct 9

Not Ashamed Part II: **Present Yourself to God**
II Timothy 2:8-15

Oct 16

Not Ashamed Part III: **Itching Ears**
II Timothy 3:14-4:5

Oct 23

Not Ashamed Part IV: **Poured Out**
II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, October 2, 2022: **53**

Sunday, October 9, 2022: **34**

BELONG October 9, 2022: **32**

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, September 25, 2022: **82**

Sunday, October 2, 2022: **86**

Opportunities for involvement 10.16.22–10.20.22

Sun, 10.16.22

8:45 am **M&M Challengers**
Kraft Friendship Room

10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary & Online

10:15 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library

Tues, 10.18.22

1:30 pm **Tuesdays with Art & Music**
Wesley Lounge & Patio

5 pm **Messy Church**
Wesley Lounge & Patio

Wed, 10.19.22

9 am **Sew n Sew**
Admin 101

7 pm **Finance Committee Meeting**
Online

Thurs, 10.20.22

2 pm **Staff Meeting**
Kraft Friendship Room

5 pm **Jubilant Bells Rehearsal**
Bell Room

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
Choir Room

Donate used eyeglasses to the Lions Club. There are 2 donation boxes at church—in the office and Narthex. Contact Wes Murray for more information, 562.201.0131.

MASK MANDATE UPDATE

10.10.22

Trustees approved a change to the mask policy. Choir members may remove their masks when singing the anthem, if they wish. Masks are optional in small groups and when food is served, but are still required upon entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship service.

Note the time change and donation amount

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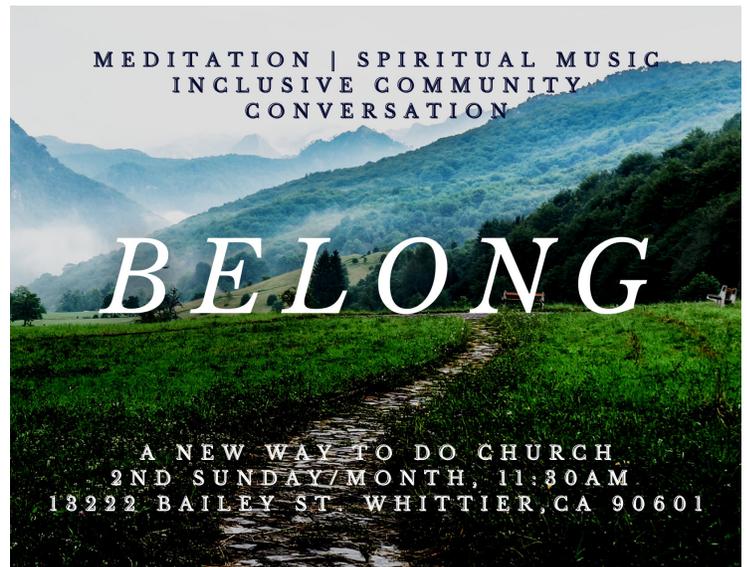
One Day Women's Retreat led by Rev. Dr. Faith Conklin

“The Book of Ruth”

Saturday, October 22, 9am-4pm

at the East Whittier Methodist Church

A continental breakfast and lunch will be offered. A cash or check donation of \$20 will be collected at the door, the day of the event, which will cover the cost of meals and retreat materials. All are invited!



Sunday, October 30—Prayers, Praise and Pumpkins
Join us for pumpkin carving and games after church in the Wesley building.

All Saints Sunday November 6th Send us pictures of your loved ones who have passed away in the last year as we honor them during worship service, Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com.

Gratitude for Service

NANCY LIBBY

Nancy grew up at Whittier First, as her parents were members of the CCB (Christian Character Builders) Class and her grandmother was a member of the JU (Join Us) Class. She was active in Junior High MYF and then in High School MYF, attending Winter Retreats and Easter Work Camps throughout high school. Chapel Choir was also on Nancy's activity list. During high school, she was a member of the Whittier High Drill Team (junior year) and a Flagster (senior year) as well as in the choir for a couple of years and the orchestra her junior and senior year. Nancy attended Chapman College full time for two years and part time for two years while working full time for the college. After marrying, she and her husband moved to Indiana where their first daughter, Karon, was born. California called again, and they moved back and second daughter, Mindy, was born in Whittier. Nancy became a single mom when the girls were 8 and 4.

Full-time work has kept her busy since college—working for Equitable Life Insurance in Indiana and continuing after returning to Whittier. When the Equitable office moved to Fresno, she remained in Whittier and worked for ICBO which later became ICC. A subsidiary of ICC, International Accreditation Service, was then formed and Nancy has worked for them ever since. Even though she retired November 2015, she will work as a contractor anywhere from 60-90 hours per month.

As her Dad was a member of the Y's Men's Club, Nancy went to a few conventions with her parents after the girls had moved out. She joined late in 2002 after attending an International convention with her Dad and Mom. By July of 2004, the Pacific Southwest Region of Y's Men had Nancy as their secretary which lasted four years. Since July of 2016, she has been the U.S. Area Secretary as well as continuing her role as treasurer for her Whittier A.M. Y Service Club (name change in 2012). You will also see her heading up the club's wreath sales at Christmas time.

In addition to Nancy's contract job and Y Service Club activities, she is also a member of a local chapter of P.E.O. (a women's philanthropic educational organization) since "retirement." In 2017 she was asked to work at the P.E.O. California State office, which is here in Whittier, during the annual reporting period. So, each year approximately mid-February through April, you will find her at the Whittier office during the working days. She also keeps in touch with the P.E.O. office throughout the year to discuss activities of the reporting changes and reviewing forms.

Nancy is a member of the TWIGS Sunday School class here at church, and even though COVID brought a pause to their regular Sunday morning classes, they have still kept in touch. Whenever TWIGS had a special event or a change to their regular Sunday morning schedule, Nancy would send out emails and/or postcards to all members.

As both daughters live on the East coast, TWIGS and church have been her "family" for many years. Nancy appreciates the friendship and sharing of the church.

Our church is the beneficiary of two recent Boy Scout Eagle Projects. As you may recall, earlier Eagle Projects performed for our church included repainting Ellie's Kitchen in the Wesley Building and painting safety stripes on the leading edges of the stairs from the narthex to the sanctuary balcony.

The first recent project was performed by Eagle Scout Candidate Gio Frumento, his fellow Boy Scouts, parents, and leaders. They cleaned out all the clutter that had accumulated in the basement of the Wesley Building (the "Wesley Hole"). Truckloads of items which were acceptable to nonprofit organizations accepting donations were delivered to the appropriate nonprofits while unacceptable items were disposed of. Now that the clutter has been removed and the Wesley Hole is usable again the Board of Trustees respectfully requests that no more items be dropped off there. While such "donations" may be well-intentioned they are unwanted and only cause unnecessary work to keep the space clear so it may be used. A list of organizations in the Whittier area which may accept your donations is included for your consideration below.

The second recent Eagle Project was performed by Eagle Scout Candidate Nathan Vasquez. Similar to the earlier Eagle Project performed by Eagle Scout Alejandro Magana which made the stairways from the narthex to the sanctuary balcony safer, Nathan and his fellow Boy Scouts, parents, and leaders painted the leading edges of the stairs in the stairway from the Wesley Hole to the Wesley Patio with white textured paint making the stairway safer. He also used a contrasting color of abrasive tape on the leading edges of the stairway from the Wesley Hole to the back alley, making this stairway also safer. Our church has been truly blessed to be the beneficiary of so many helpful Eagle Scout projects.

Assistance League of Whittier/6339 Greenleaf Ave. #573/562-693-6533

A to Z Mart/12734 Whittier Blvd./562-698-4613/antiques, furniture, art, décor, NO clothes

Bridge of Faith Upscale Thrift Store/7701 Greenleaf/562-907-0783/higher class items

Friends of the Library Bookstore/6703 Comstock/562-696-4498/books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, VCRs

Goodwill/15214 Whittier Blvd./562-789-0697

Morningstar Thrift Store/16268 Whittier Blvd./562-943-4606

PTA Thrift Shop (Lucy's Rags to Riches)/551 Whittier Blvd., La Habra/562-691-6375/mostly clothing for schoolchildren and people in need

Savers/15825 Imperial Hwy, La Mirada/562-943-1182/anything and everything

Shelter's Right Hand/12300 Washington Blvd./562-696-1399

Union Rescue Mission/15918 Whittier Blvd./562-205-3385

