



# CHIMES

## Whittier First UMC

Good News for All...through learning, action, and love

IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 Whittier First United Methodist Church

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# Debts are Tossed

HAVING WORDS WITH JESUS WORSHIP SERIES

“Wisdom can come from places that are not expected. We are encouraged by Jesus to stay humble and to receive wisdom when it comes. We must not allow our own biases to stand in the way of truth, even if it comes from an individual that we do not like or respect. May we have ears to hear, and be challenged to live in wisdom.” –Pastor Angela

Join us this Sunday @ 10am, in-person or online, “Having Words with Jesus, Part III: Debts are Tossed”

#### Sept 4

Having Words with Jesus,  
Part I: **Counting the Cost** *Luke 14: 25-33*

#### Sept 11

Having Words with Jesus,  
Part II: **Finding the Lost** *Luke 15: 1-10*

#### Sept 18

Having Words with Jesus,  
Part III: **Debts are Tossed** *Luke 16: 1-13*

#### Sept 25

Having Words with Jesus,  
Part IV: **Gulf is Crossed** *Luke 16: 19-31*

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### In-Person:

Sunday, September 11, 2022: 72

### Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, September 4, 2022: 88

### BELONG

Sunday, September 11, 2022: 37

*UMW sponsored*

## One Day Women's Retreat led by Rev. Dr. Faith Conklin "The Book of Ruth"

Saturday, October 22, 8:30am-5pm  
at the East Whittier Methodist Church

A continental breakfast and lunch will be offered. A cash or check donation of \$25 will be collected at the door, the day of the event, which will cover the cost of meals and retreat materials. Reservations are required no later than October 16, [Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com](mailto:Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com).

## Opportunities for involvement 09.18.22—09.22.22

Sun, 09.18.22

10 am

### Traditional Worship

Sanctuary & Online

10:15 am

### Children's Sunday School

Library

11:30 am

### CHILI COOK-OFF

Wesley Lounge

Tues, 09.20.22

1:30 pm

### Tuesdays with Art & Music

Wesley Lounge & Patio

5 pm

### Messy Church

Wesley Building

Wed, 09.21.22

9 am

### Sew n Sew

Sewing Room (Admin 101)

7 pm

### HUDDLE I

Church Office

Thurs, 09.22.22

5 pm

### Jubilant Bells Rehearsal

Bell Room

7 pm

### Finance Committee

Online

7:30 pm

### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

## MASK MANDATE UPDATE

The Trustees have voted to make the wearing of masks optional in small groups and when food is served. Masks are still required upon entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship service and for Chancel Choir rehearsals and performances.

**FAMILY PROMISE** returns Sept 25-Oct 9  
Volunteers needed to help provide meals and overnight monitors.

**HUDDLE WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP** helps you to find guidance from the Spirit starts Wednesday, September 21, at 7-9 pm, 8 week commitment, in the church office, [Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com](mailto:Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com).

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** Sunday, Oct 2, @ 1 pm, Sanctuary patio For those who can't bring your pets during the afternoon blessing, we invite you to send in photos of your pets and we will share them during service that morning.

## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Warm up those vocal chords and join the choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting September 8th. The choir will learn music for upcoming services. Contact Marvin with questions at 626.798.9332.

## JUBILANT BELLS STARTING NEW YEAR!

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 5 pm, contact Brent Almond if you're interested, 714.658.5742.

**Recycle your old,  
even broken eyewear.**

It could improve a persons life  
in another country!



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.

## Gratitude for Service

# DIANE BRITTON

I am a Southern California girl, born and raised in San Bernardino. My father worked in the family stationery/office supply business, which my grandfather founded in the early 1920s. I attended First Presbyterian Church in San Bernardino as a child and made my decision to be baptized and join the church when I was 13 years old. After graduating from San Bernardino High School (whose mascot, the Cardinal, is the same as Whittier High), I attended the University of Redlands, where I met my future husband, Glenn. We were married in 1972 in San Bernardino, and two years later we moved to Whittier, Glenn's home town. Glenn was hired as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County, and I embarked on getting my Certified Shorthand Reporter's license. I worked as a deposition reporter in Los Angeles and surrounding counties from 1977 to 1990. Our son, Robert, was born in 1978, and Michael, in 1980. We raised our family in the house we have lived in for 48 years; and during those years, I delved into volunteer activities associated with our school-aged sons. After a hiatus, I returned to work as an instructional aide in the Whittier City School District and taught kindergarten for one year.

In the early 1990s I found myself seeking a church home. My friend, Martha Winans, invited me to visit Whittier First UMC. I still remember the first Sunday I heard Pastor Faith Conklin preach and heard the Chancel Choir and soloists. I knew that I had found my church home; and in April of 1994, I became a member of the church. Over the years I have taught Sunday School, served on what was then called the Missions and Outreach Committee, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the Whittier Methodist Foundation. For several years with my mentor, Betty Spelman, I taught recorder, auto harp, ukulele and songs to the delightful children at Tuesday Arts and Music. My great joy has been singing with the Chancel Choir since the 1990s and more recently ringing with the Jubilant Bells.

Over the years, I have found that there are many opportunities in Whittier for community involvement and service. Since 1992, I have been an active member of Shelter's Right Hand, the fundraising auxiliary to the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter (WCCS), serving two separate terms as president. In 1997, with a good friend, I originated the 5K Walk, "Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence," which is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year. I am still actively engaged with Shelter's Right Hand, as a volunteer and Committee Chair for the Shelter's Right Hand Thrift Shop and as the Walk sponsors co-chair. I was privileged to serve on the Board of Directors of WCCS for 22 years, just stepping down this year. I have been a member of the Whittier Women's Club since 1991, served on the board of Intercommunity Counseling Center, and have been a member of Soroptimist International of Whittier since 2005. For several years I was a cast member of the Victorian Feast to support the Whittier Historical Society.

I am truly grateful to have had opportunities to serve in our Whittier community and to have met many wonderful friends along the way. And my heart is full of thanks to have found my church home and to be a part of the family at Whittier First UMC.

-Diane Britton