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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 **Whittier First United Methodist Church**

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Under the Wings

GATHERED UP IN JESUS WORSHIP SERIES



“In our lifetime, we will make mistakes. There are many ways we can approach this. Some of us will pretend the mistake never occurred. Others of us will hold on to that mistake for a lifetime. How do we take responsibility for the ways we fall short and still have an opportunity to grow from it? How do we personally experience grace and extend grace? In God's love, through Christ, we can find our way to true repentance and a change of heart! In this Lenten Season, may we live into our best and true selves!” –Pastor Angela

03.06.22 Lent 1, Gathered up in Jesus, Part I: An Opportune Time, *Luke 4:1-13*

03.13.22 Lent 2, Gathered up in Jesus, Part II: Under the Wings, *Luke 13:31-35*

03.20.22 Lent 3, Gathered up in Jesus, Part III: If It Bears Fruit, *Luke 13:1-9*

03.27.22 Lent 4, Gathered up in Jesus, Part IV: Lost & Found, *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

04.03.22 Lent 5, Gathered up in Jesus, Part V: Filled with Fragrance, *John 12:1-8*

Lent 6, Gathered up in Jesus, Part VI: The Lord Needs It, *Luke 19:28-40*

We send prayers of comfort and peace to the family of **Rev. Lee Hirt**, who passed away on March 1st. Please send condolences to:
Mrs. Mary Hirt 10101 W Palmeras Dr., Apt. 311 Sun City, AZ 85373-3012.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person

March 6, 2022: **58**

Online (Facebook & YouTube)

February 27, 2022: **156**

Opportunities for involvement 03.12–17.22

Sat, 03.12.22	5 pm	Hope Circle Donna Padgett's home
Sun, 03.13.22	8:45 am	M & M Challengers Kraft Friendship Room
	10 am	Traditional Worship Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School Library
	1 pm	Young Adult Gathering
	7 pm	Confirmation Class Online
Tues, 03.15.22	1:30 pm	Tuesdays with Art & Music Wesley Building
	5 pm	Messy Church Wesley Building
Wed, 03.16.22	9 am	Sew 'n' Sew Admin 101
	7 pm	Finance Committee Meeting Online
Thurs, 03.17.22	2 pm	Staff Meeting Kraft Friendship Room
	5 pm	Jubilant Bells Rehearsal Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

UNDIE SUNDIES a Lenten service project

During the six Sundays in Lent, the Church asks that you donate items to benefit the Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter in Whittier. WCCS provides a safe haven to those who are victims of domestic violence. Please bring the items to Church on the designated Sundays or drop off during the week to the office:

March 6—Boy's underwear

March 13—Girl's underwear

March 20—Women's underwear

March 27—Socks

April 3—Toiletries or Gift Cards

April 10—Any of the above



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

UMW sponsored AUCTION on Sunday, May 1st, after worship in the Wesley Lounge.

Join us for music, munchies, and more. All proceeds to benefit the Church fund. Contact Martha Bailey if you would like to donate items or services, 562.696.3196.

A Postponement and a Schism

There were two important developments in Methodism last week. First, owing to the pandemic, visa delays, and other reasons, the 2022 General Conference has been cancelled and Methodists will next meet at the regularly-scheduled 2024 General Conference. Secondly, the Wesleyan Covenant Association, a group of conservative and literalist Methodists, has decided that they cannot wait to leave the denomination, and will be leaving to form the Global Methodist Church on May 1 of this year. Most of the churches that are leaving are located in the American South and abroad; FUMCW and the vast majority of churches in the California-Pacific Annual Conference (Cal-Pac) will be remaining in the United Methodist Church for the time being. The protocols for this schism remain unclear with no General Conference to approve the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. This decision will have ramifications for United Methodist Women, United Methodist Committee on Relief, and many other organizations that are part of the United Methodist Church. This is by no means the first schism within Methodism; there have been various schisms and mergers within the Methodist movement over the years, most notably between Northern and Southern Methodists prior to the American Civil War. This schism will eventually result in Western Methodists being a part of a sect that is much more progressive, tolerant, and accepting of the LGBT community.

I am in dialogue with various clergy and laity from around the Cal-Pac Conference about the ramifications and politics of this schism, and I am happy to answer questions from people in this congregation.

Charles H. Bennett

Lay Delegate to the California-Pacific Annual Conference

Greetings in Christ,

A couple of weeks ago I wrote you a letter detailing all that we hope to achieve as a church this year. As Christ has called us to be good stewards, Church Council has met and we have looked even closer at our estimated budget and dedicated accounts. The culture of this church is to invest heavily on music and worship. We are very blessed to have classically trained musicians. We are also blessed to be able to stream our worship online, so that everyone and anyone could engage. This is through our new Audio Visual Coordinator and team. In all transparency we want to share with you an updated pie graph of our estimated budget and dedicated accounts. All of these areas are important to keep our church active.

To accomplish all that we hope this year, we need about \$53,000 more. As we were looking at the numbers, we can achieve this figure if about 51 families would commit to giving an extra \$20 a week, which would be \$1,000 a year. If the Spirit moves you to give a little extra, we are grateful. If you are already giving at your limit, we thank you as well! I trust that God is with us every single step of the way.

Please continue to pray so that we can continue to seek Christ and move in wisdom. Thank you for all the ways you continue to be generous.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Dr. Angela Galanis Price

