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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

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"Our May 14th's sermon on *Places and Faces of Faith* brought us to Athens, first city of the mind in the Greco-Roman world. Our May 21st sermon takes us to Jerusalem. One might call it the city of faith, as Jerusalem is sacred to three world-wide faiths. Or one might see Jerusalem as the realm of the heart, but not just any heart: a passionate heart, a devoted, dedicated, fervently committed heart for God. Such places are dangerous. A heart or a religion gone wrong can go very wrong. Jerusalem has seen a lot of faith gone wrong.

But Sunday's scripture from *John 17*, takes us to the heart of faith and love going right. Hours before Christ's crucifixion, John allows us to read and hear what Jesus prays. He prays. . .for God's glory. . .and for his disciples in the Upper Room. . .and Jesus prays for us. What if we understood ourselves as a people for whom Christ prays? What if we understood all people as those for whom Christ prays? Now. Always. What do we learn as Jesus prays for us all, that 'they may be one, even as I and the Father are one?'" -Mike

Join us for In-Person or Online Worship: Sunday, May 21, 2023 @ 10am

"Places & Faces of Faith: Jerusalem," John 17: 1-11, 20-26, Rev. Mike Eggleston

THIS WEEK AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

Sun, 05.21.23

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| 10 am | Traditional Worship
Sanctuary/Online |
| 10:20 am | Children's Sunday School
Library |

Tues, 05.23.23

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| 1:30 pm | Tuesdays Art & Music
Wesley Lounge |
| 3:30 pm | SPRC Meeting
Online |

Wed, 05.24.23

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| 9 am | Sew n Sew
Admin 101 |
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Thurs, 05.25.23

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| 2 pm | Staff Meeting
Conference Room |
| 5 pm | Jubilant Bells Rehearsal
Bell Room |
| 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room |

During this time of transition, if you have questions about ministries, programs or outlooks of this congregation, or of the greater Methodist denomination, please contact Charles Bennett, Lay Leader and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, (562) 852-2512 or charleshbennett89@gmail.com.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, May 14, 2023: **74**

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, May 7, 2023: **112**

Thirty years ago several former members deeded cemetery plots at Rose Hills to the church. They have been "rediscovered" and are now for sale by the Trustees. Rose Hills is selling their plots for approximately \$15,000 each. The Trustees have set a price of \$8,500 for each of our six available plots. Please contact the church office or Sharon Hastings (562-693-2303) for more information.

PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Geoff Nelson is available for pastoral care, (562) 201-6521

GUEST PREACHERS:

May 21 Rev. Mike Eggleston,

May 28-Pentecost Pastor C-J Conklin;

June 4 Rev. Dr. Faith J. Conklin,

June 11 & 18 Rev. Mike Eggleston,
and June 25 Rev. Don Roe

Mike Eggleston was our appointed clergyperson from 2008 until retiring as of July 1, 2013. Although he thoroughly enjoyed preaching here, he hasn't been back to preach at FUMC Whittier in the nearly ten years since. Now, we're making up for that with five sermons from Mike over the next ten weeks. Preaching five times lends itself to a series of sermons. So here is what's coming with Mike:

May 14: "Places and Faces of Faith: Athens"

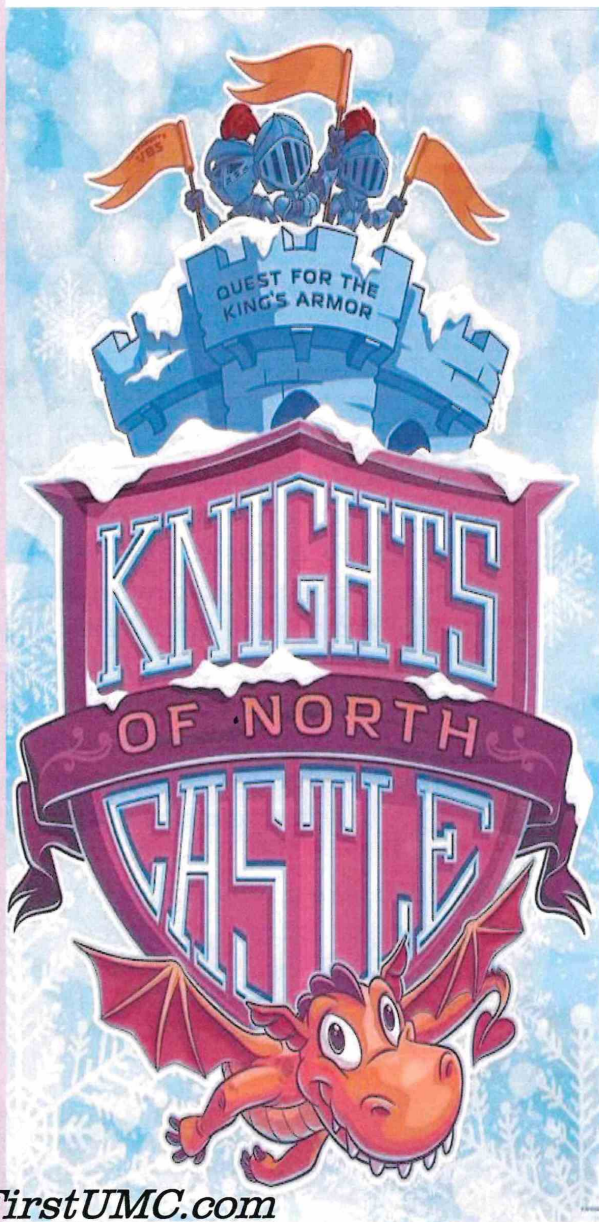
May 21: "Places and Faces of Faith: Jerusalem"

June 11: "Places and Faces of Faith: Capernaum"

June 18: "Places and Faces of Faith: Towns and Villages"

July 23: "Places and Faces of Faith: Grass Roots"

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Stay "cool" this summer at Bible School!

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor.

Quest for the King's Armor invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever.

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Resident Bishop

April 27, 2023

Ginny Ball, SPRC Chair
1322 Bailey St,
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Ginny Ball and the Congregation of Whittier First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and her Cabinet, I share with you that after much prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank's intent to appoint Rev. Jon Wesley Waterson to serve as your pastor effective July 1, 2023. Pastor Jon is a gifted and experienced pastor who has served for a number of years in the California-Pacific Conference. Pastor Jon is a spirit-filled leader and preacher with rich experiences in worship, music, young people's ministry, outreach and stewardship. As a church leader and developer, he is uniquely gifted to lead Whittier FUMC into an era of vibrant growth. Pastor Waterson will work together with Rev Angela Galanis-Price and your lay leadership for a smooth and effective ministry transition.

On behalf of our Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness, and ask you to hold these fine pastors and their families in your prayers during this time of change.

In ministry together,

Rev. Dr. Siosaia F. Tu'itahi (Saia)

District Superintendent
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