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Whittier First UMC

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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 Whittier First United Methodist Church

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Rekindle the Gift

NOT ASHAMED WORSHIP SERIES

“Faith helps us be the best people that we can be! When we claim our faith with boldness and enthusiasm, it allows faith to grow. Faith is also learned and passed down from generation to generation. We receive faith from others as we extend faith to others. Because we are interconnected, when our faith is strong, it helps stabilize those who are struggling. When our faith weakens, we lean on those who stand strong in Christ. Let us continue to pursue faith in Christ, our stronghold and refuge!” – Pastor Angela

Join us this Sunday @ 10am, in-person or online, “Not Ashamed Part I: Rekindle the Gift”

Oct 2

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

Oct 9

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

Oct 16

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

Oct 23

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, September 25, 2022: **54**

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, September 18, 2022: **99**

Opportunities for involvement 10.01.22–10.06.22

Sat, 10.01.22	Hope Circle Kraft Friendship Room
Sun, 10.02.22	
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	Blessing of the Animals Sanctuary Patio
Tues, 10.04.22	
1:30 pm	Tuesdays with Art & Music Wesley Lounge & Patio
5 pm	Justice & Compassion Kraft Friendship Rom
7 pm	UMW Board Meeting Kraft Friendship Room
Wed, 10.05.22	
9 am	Sew n Sew Admin 101
7 pm	Trustee Meeting Online
Thurs, 10.06.22	
5 pm	Jubilant Bells Rehearsal Bell Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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.

Blessing of the Animals this Sunday @ 1 pm, Sanctuary patio For those who aren't able to bring your animals to the blessing, Pastor Angela & C-J will come to your home—call 562.698.0022.

BELONG Worship Service next week 10.9.22 @ 11:30am A new way to do church! Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 11:30am, in the Sanctuary

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.

October BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Gerhard Schaefer	18th	Robin Smith
5th	Kimball Coburn	19th	Jonas Sanchez
5th	Barbara Strout	19th	David Winans
6th	Gloria Grubb	20th	Susan Heninger
8th	Marvin Neumann	21st	Dottie Andersen
8th	Laurie Peel	23rd	John Peel
17th	Richard Kelly	26th	Rose Carnahan

If you would like to be included on the birthday list, please let the church office know about your special day.

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.

LEON & KAREN BENNETT

Karen and Leon are both “Baby Boomers,” born after their fathers returned from Army service in World War II. Both were baptized in Methodist churches as children: Leon as a baby at First Methodist Portland Oregon and Karen at age 6 at Holliston Avenue Methodist in Pasadena. Leon grew up in Portland and in the church where he was baptized, participating in children’s and youth choirs, Christmas pageants, summer camps, and MYF. His high school junior year his father was transferred to Los Angeles and the family moved to Hacienda Heights and to St Matthew’s Methodist. There he again joined the youth choir and MYF. After graduation from high school he participated in a 2 month work team, sponsored by the church, in Luebeck, West Germany. During college years he was a participant in Wesley Fellowship when possible and transferred to the adult choir. When Karen’s family moved to southwest L.A. in 1953, they became active in a nearby Church of the Brethren. She remembers Sunday school, children’s choir, summer camps, and youth group.

Karen attended Whittier College following high school and Leon joined her there in their junior year. They had two classes together his first semester at Whittier. He moved swiftly and asked for a date - 14 months later. They dated most of their senior year and graduated with Rich Cheatham and Martha Bailey in 1968. They continued close but attended different graduate schools, Karen at UCI Leon at UCSB. Then Leon was drafted and they were separated as, following training, Leon spent 14 months in Korea. Upon his return he was ready (finally) to marry. He proposed and was accepted. Once each had a regular job they married September 29, 1973. They made their home in Whittier and two years later transferred from St Matthew’s to Whittier First.

With Karen teaching at St Paul High School and Leon serving in the USAR, their church attendance was spotty. Leon served on the nominating committee (the first of 3 times) and Karen attended, but in 1989 their son, Charles was born and Leon had left the USAR so they had more time for church. Karen was a choir mom for Betty Spelman and Janet Davidson. She taught a 5th grade Sunday school class. Later she served on the staff as Christian education director which included an occasional children’s moment. Both volunteered to support children’s programs as Charles aged, helping with numerous VBSes, Christmas crafts workshops and Tuesday Art and Music.

Both also served in other positions as well. Karen has served for many years on the education committee and the Foundation. Over the years Leon has served on Worship, SPRC, Trustees and Ad Council. In addition, he has sung in the choir for over 20 years. Karen plays handbells and has taught music at VBS. Leon has served as a liturgist for decades, sometimes as a foil to a minister’s humor.

Together Karen and Leon have attended and been members of Whittier First for nearly 50 years. This church had provided both with opportunities to contribute and grow in the way of Christ.