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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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Wash and Be Cleaned

PROPHET MARGINS WORSHIP SERIES



“The job of the prophet is to reveal a spiritual truth or key life component that we might not see otherwise. It can be a warning of the dangers that might come or it might be an invitation to return back to the teachings and understanding of God's love. Either way, the invitation this summer is to listen. When we listen, we also pay attention to stay on the Spiritual path!”

–Pastor Angela

Join us this Sunday @ 10am in-person & online,
“Prophets, Part I: Wash & Be Clean.”

July 3 Prophets, Part I: Wash and Be clean
2 Kings 5:1-14

July 10 Prophets, Part II: What do you See?
Amos 7:7-17

July 17 Prophets, Part III: Living in a Bitter Day
Amos 8: 1-12

July 24 Prophets IV: Pity on the House
Hosea 1:2-10

July 31 Prophets V: Cords of Kindness
Hosea 11:1-11

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, June 26, 2022: 71

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, June 19, 2022: 307

Opportunities for involvement 07.02.22–07.06.22

Sat, 07.02.22

9 am

Hope Circle fabric collage class
Board Room

Sun, 07.03.22

8:45 am

M & M Challengers
Kraft Friendship Room

10 am

Traditional Worship
Sanctuary & Online

10:15 am

Children's Sunday School
Library

Mon, 07.04.22

Office closed

Tues, 07.05.22

7 pm

UMW Board Meeting
Kraft Friendship Room

Wed, 07.06.22

9 am

Sew 'n' Sew
Admin 101



Family Promise returns to FUMCW July 31-August 7 in our Asbury rooms & Kraft Friendship Room. Volunteers are needed for overnight monitors and to provide food/meals. A sign up sheet will be available soon. Contact CJ for more information.

A Celebration of Life for Martha Winans will be held in our Sanctuary on Sat., July 16, 2022, @ 10am.

SING WITH THE CHOIR

This is your opportunity! Come and practice with the Chancel Choir at 9:15 Sunday mornings and sing the anthem for that day's service, starting July 10th. There are no Thursday rehearsals - only the Sunday warm-up at 9:15. Questions? Contact Music Director, Marvin Neumann, 626.798.9332.

July BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Arlene Enriquez	11th	Lori Harris
4th	Seraphina Hope Adams	11th	David Leehy
5th	Judy Flanders	14th	Joshua Cox
5th	David Ray	15th	Cora Davis
6th	Hiacynth Martinez	17th	Donna Padgett
7th	Mackenzie Brown	22nd	Amy Ray
7th	Emalyn Grunbaum	23rd	Joan Meister
7th	Maureen James	24th	Alana Jimenez
9th	John Smith	24th	Alexander Jimenez
10th	Janet Campfield	29th	Art Hastings
10th	Judy Kraft	30th	Lucia Coulter
11th	Lynne Drayer	30th	Joyanna Sanchez
		30th	Patty Slack

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



Gratitude for Service:

RICH & NANCYB WARNER

Nancyb has been a lifelong member of this church. Both her parents in the CCB class and grandparents in the 2-in-1 class, attended this church. She participated in the Sunday school program including the junior and senior high MYF youth programs. She also attended the Wesley college group including working on their Easter work camps to Mexicali.

She graduated from Whittier High School and Rio Hondo Junior College before attending and graduating from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo where she and Rich met.

Rich graduated from Lodi High School in Lodi, California and San Joaquin Delta Junior College before attending and graduating from Cal Poly. Rich also graduated with an MS in Environmental Science from West Coast University.

Rich and Nancyb were married in the summer of 1969 and Rich was drafted into the army in November. He and Nancyb moved to El Paso where Rich served as a Clinical Lab Specialist in the army until he was discharged.

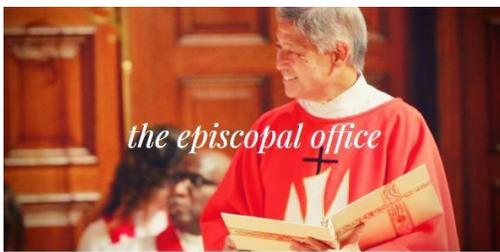
After returning to Whittier in the early 70s. Nancyb and Rich became active members of the TWIG class. Nancyb was active planning and organizing the annual Halloween party for 17 years and Christmas workshop for 13 years with the help of the TWIG class and many members of the church. Prior to the COVID pandemic, Nancyb called on her shut-in members each month. She also arranged for ushers for the first Sunday of each month and the midnight Christmas eve service.

Rich was active on various committees within the church including finance, ad council and Whittier Methodist Foundation where he served as President for several decades. Rich has also served as usher on the first Sunday of each month beginning in the early 70s until the COVID pandemic.

Nancyb remains active in PEO and the East Whittier Women's Club and Rich continues with part time consulting and teaching in occupational health and safety where he has been recognized by his professional organizations for work in this field. He continues his membership in several professional organizations.

Both Nancyb and Rich are members of the Whittier Model A club and the Whittier Traveling Ramblers. Rich is also member of the American Legion.

Nancyb and Rich love traveling both in the US and foreign countries and most of all always try to visit each of their children twice each year. Nathaniel and his family lives in Abingdon, Virginia and Becky has been living at various military bases throughout the US and in South America with her husband who is serving on active duty in the military.



Bishop Hagiya's Statement on Dobbs v. Jackson

One of the most difficult pastor care situations I faced as a local church pastor occurred in my second appointment. I had a good 15 years of pastoral experience under my belt; and completed all of my Ph.D. classes in theological and social ethics, so I was not a pastoral rookie. A church family was in crisis over the pregnancy of their teenage daughter. The parents, fearing this would destroy their daughter's future, wanted her to get an abortion. The daughter, in her first trimester, wanted to keep the child. The daughter's boyfriend was so immature he could not commit to anything, so she would be alone in raising the child. The daughter was also so young that she could not foresee the challenges of teenage motherhood, as she would be a sophomore in high school. Both parents and child lobbied me to take their side and try to convince the other that they were right. Much of my book knowledge and pastoral experience went out the window in such an emotionally charged situation. I kept reminding this family that I was not there to take a side but to provide emotional and spiritual support so that they could make the best decision. I kept reminding myself that I had to leave my values and options out of their decision, and my role was to provide a safe holding space for them to hash this out and make the best possible decision.

The Supreme Court decision of Dobbs v. Jackson has taken such decision-making out of the hands of this family for many states who will outwardly ban abortions. We are lucky to be living in a state that will still allow it, but many other Americans will be denied this crucial decision-making ability.

No one decision, doctrine or law is a solitary matter. United Methodists from around the world worked over many years to revise our Social Principles to ensure that the church's stance was clear on many current issues and realities. That includes abortion:

"Our commitment to the sanctity of human life makes us reluctant to condone abortion. We unconditionally reject it as an acceptable means of birth control or a mechanism for gender selection and other forms of eugenics. We support measures requiring parental, guardian or other responsible adult notification and consent before abortions can be performed on girls who have not yet reached the age of legal adulthood, except in cases of alleged incest."

"We oppose late-term or partial-birth abortion, a process also known as dilation and extraction. We call for the end to this practice, except when the life of the mother is in danger, no other medical treatments are feasible, or when severe abnormalities threaten the viability of the fetus. We recognize that these and other tragic conflicts of life with life may justify decisions to terminate the life of a fetus. In these limited circumstances, we support the legal option of abortion and insist that such procedures be performed by trained medical providers in clean and safe settings."

"We urge all those considering abortions to seek appropriate medical advice and pastoral counseling and to engage in searching, prayerful inquiries into other alternatives, such as making babies available for adoption. We pray for those facing unintended pregnancies and offer our prayers and support as they attempt to discern God's will and seek God's wisdom and guidance. Regardless of the circumstances in which someone might get an abortion, we do not condone bullying or shaming people for their decisions or actions."

"We acknowledge that young women of childbearing age frequently report that they lack the ability to make meaningful life choices or exercise effective control over their own lives. We challenge pastors, congregations, campus ministries, and others to be at the forefront of efforts to empower these young women. Additionally, we support resource centers that offer compassionate care and help women explore alternatives to abortion." (*The 2020 Revised Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, K. Reproductive Health and Abortion*, p. 28-29).

As always, I am impressed with the collective wisdom of our church on this stance. It is a balanced and compassionate stance that takes into account the autonomy of women to make their own decision on what is best for their lives and the future. Too often, the patriarchy of our culture means that men make decisions that are not theirs to make. Dare I also say that our legal and political system is making this same presumption. Abortion, as difficult a decision as that is, must be decided by the individual woman and her family.

In the end, no legal court, no political system, and no church can unilaterally make that decision for an individual woman.

In the coming days, I pray that you will openly and compassionately discuss this with each other and your church members. We will have different options and values on this, but we need to dialogue openly and listen to each other.

Be the Hope,
Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop