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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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“This Sunday, we conclude our series on “Amazing Grace.” We have learned about God’s math (God’s infinite love multiplied by Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross minus the weight of our sin = God’s amazing grace). We have learned how God’s amazing grace is enormous in scope and has power to transform our lives. It isn’t fair but it is generous. We have learned about the “great reversal” of the kingdom of God where first is last and last is first. This week, we will find out how God’s amazing grace helps us to see the world through new eyes. Join us as we worship God together. All are welcome.”

–Pastor Jon

July 16 Amazing Grace, Part I:
“Let It Go” *Matthew 18:23-35*

July 23 Amazing Grace, Part II:
“Grace Isn’t Fair” *Matthew 20:1-16*

July 30 Amazing Grace, Part III:
“First is Last” *Mark 9:30-37*

August 6 Amazing Grace, Part IV:
“Speak Up” *Matthew 20:29-34*

Join us for In-person or Online Worship:
Sunday, August 6, 2023 @ 10AM

THIS WEEK AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

Sun, 08.06.23

- 8:45 am **M & M Challengers**
Kraft Friendship Room
- 10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary/Online
- 10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library

Thurs, 08.10.23

- 2 pm **Staff Meeting**
Conference Room
- 7 pm **Whittier Methodist Foundation**
Board Room & Zoom

CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF

September 10th
after Worship service

Our annual event is back!

Make a crock to serve 10-12

Bring them to church after worship
to the luncheon

or keep warm in Wesley Lounge
during worship.

This is a great time to bring a friend .

Cobblers welcome too.

We need LOTS of people to come,
eat, and vote as well!

Reservations not necessary.

Spread the word...

Spicy, veggie, hearty, healthy, chunky...

Now is the time to test out a favorite recipe!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, July 30, 2023: **68**

Online:

Sunday, July 23, 2023: **153**

PRAYER CONCERNS or CELEBRATIONS

Please submit prayers to the office at info@WhittierFirstUMC.com so our Whittier First UMC family can pray for you. They are shared every Sunday morning during worship service. Please mark confidential if you would like to keep prayers within the clergy team.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

Students of all ages, grades and levels are invited to bring your backpack, laptop, lunch box, etc...to worship service to start the new school year with special prayers.

Starting in September— JOIN the CHANCEL CHOIR

Warm up those vocal chords and join the choir on Thursday evenings. The choir will learn music for upcoming services and you could now be a part of that celebration by adding your voice in praise of God. Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room, right next to the Sanctuary. Contact Marvin Neumann with questions at 626.798.9332.

Call for 2023 School Supplies for Sherman Indian High School

The Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) of the California-Pacific Conference is collecting school supplies for Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California. Sherman Indian High School, formerly Sherman Indian Institute, was established in Perris, CA, 1892, as a U.S. Boarding School. Now in Riverside, CA, Sherman IHS is one of four residential schools for native American students still operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), now under the division of Indian Education.

The school has a limited budget, and the students most often come from great distance, making it difficult to arrive with much more than basic clothing. The school staff has reached out and let CONAM know of the usual needs for students coming on campus in August, 2023. In 2022, over 20 California-Pacific Conference churches provided school supplies, back packs, comforters, snacks, and incentive gift cards.

The following are items being collected:

School supplies, such as

- college ruled notebook paper
- college ruled composition books/notebooks
- #2 pencils
- colored pencils
- 3-ring binders / notebooks
- (other school or art supplies also welcome – **must be new**)

Student personal supplies, such as

- back packs
- large beach towels
- XL Twin comforters
- (personal hygiene items also welcome – **must be new**)

Snacks

Many students find the BIA's federal food program limiting, especially those participating in sports, and other extra curricular activities. Many have provided cheese & crackers, peanut butter & crackers, peanut butter, ramen, and other shelf-stable snack items.

Teacher Requests for small denomination gift cards to places like McDonald's, Target, Wal-Mart, Domino's, Little Caesars, Chic-fil-A, etc. Preferred amounts are \$5 or \$10. These are provided as incentive cards. Some generous church members have provided larger denomination cards which are held for class or group functions.

Many, many thanks to all who have helped make these students feel welcome and more at home. As one student asked last year when receiving a back pack filled with supplies, a beach towel, and snacks: "Who is doing this? Who cares about us?" Lorene Sisquoc, Sherman IHS staff & coordinator of this program, shared: "The United Methodist Church did this!"

Please bring items to church on Sunday or to the church office Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, before August 7th.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 12:30-3:30 PM
FREE ADMISSION!**

Family Peace Day Festival

SHARING AND CARING FOR WATER

Snacks-Crafts-Games-Stories
Special Guest: Touch Tank from
Aquarium of the Pacific!



Brought to you by First Friends Church Peace Camp
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**Saturday, August 12
9:00 - Noon**

Drive through or Drop by

**La Mirada Methodist Church
15700 Rosecrans Ave.
umclamirada.org**

Music & Refreshments

*For the Interfaith Food Center
Serving families in need in La Mirada,
Whittier, and Santa Fe Springs
interfaithfoodcenter.org*

