



CHIMES

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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NOV. 13 & 20

BALANCE

Presence, Prayer, Gifts, Service, Witness



"Have you ever heard the saying, 'What you give, is what you receive?' Many of us have experienced this in our everyday lives. For instance, if we work hard, then we will be rewarded. But this doesn't only apply to the physical world. Jesus highlights that the amount of grace we extend, is the amount of grace we will be able to receive. When we are generous, kind, giving, and forgiving, we create a capacity and an openness to receive these spiritual gifts in return. Let us imitate Christ, in giving and receiving grace."

–Pastor Angela

Join us for Worship in-person or online at WhittierFirstUMC.com
November 13, Balance, Part I: Presence & Prayer, Matthew 6: 25-34
November 20, Balance, Part II: Gifts, Service & Witness, Luke 6: 37-38

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, November 13, 2022: **64**

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, November 6, 2022: **100**

CELEBRATION OF LIFE RON ROSS

Saturday, November 19th @ 11 AM

Sanctuary & Wesley Lounge

Opportunities for involvement

11.20.22–11.24.22

Sun, 11.20.22

8:45 am

M&M Challengers

Kraft Friendship Room

10 am

Traditional Worship

Sanctuary & Online

10:15 am

Children's Sunday School

Library

2 pm

Friendsgiving

Evan Winans home

Thurs, 11.24.22

Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent & Christmas at Whittier First UMC

Colonial Gardens Giving Tree will be on the Sanctuary patio for the next few Sundays. Grab a gift tag off the tree and return the gift and tag to church at a date TBA.

Friday Faith Flicks is back! *Miracle on 34th Street* will be showing on December 2nd @ 7pm, in the Kraft Friendship Room.

UMW Christmas Boutique December 4th after Worship Service on the Sanctuary patio. Handmade gifts will be on sale as well as Christmas theme items.

Annual Christmas Craft Workshop December 4, 3-5 PM, East Whittier UMC, 10005 Cole Rd. All children are invited. Volunteers needed—ask C-J how you can help.

Annual UMW Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 6th, 5:30 PM, Wesley Lounge

All women of the church are invited for dinner and singing of Christmas carols. Dinner starts @ 6 PM, followed by a short program, and installation of 2023 officers.

Uptown Whittier Christmas Parade, December 10th, 10 AM The church will have a float entry for the annual event. The theme is “Decades” and we invite you to ride or help decorate the float.

Advent Cantata December 11th during Worship Marc Antoine Charpentier's *Christmas Cantata* and Gustav Holst's *Christmas Day* will be presented by our Chancel Choir, with orchestra, and organ.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 18th, during Worship We are looking for narrators to help present “Miracle on Bailey Street.” See C-J for more information.

Family Promise returns the week of December 18th. Overnight monitors and meal donations are needed. The sign up board will be posted soon.

Christmas Eve Services December 24th at 7 PM & 11 PM, Special Music at 10:30 PM with Communion at 11 PM Service

Gratitude for Service

LORI HARRIS

John Wesley said...

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

Lori Harris tries to live by this quote in the work she does for her family, friends, church and community.

At the First United Methodist Church of Whittier, she currently serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, our “temporary” bookkeeper, See’s Candies Fundraiser Coordinator, Co-VP of Programs for the United Methodist Women, a Trustee on the Whittier Methodist Foundation, an occasional liturgist, and an usher/greeter on Sunday mornings.

Lori is involved in several non-profit organizations that serve vulnerable individuals in our community. She has been an active member of the Whittier Committee of Special Children’s League for 28 years. The organization raises funds for programs that serve individuals with developmental disabilities.

For 17 years she has been involved with the Shelter’s Right Hand, serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for their “Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence” 5K Walk. She also volunteers at its thrift shop one day a week. This year she has the honor of serving as its president.

Every Tuesday morning you will find Lori at the Interfaith Food Center (IFC), one of the largest food pantries in Southern California. IFC provides food for our friends and neighbors in Whittier, La Mirada, and Santa Fe Springs that are faced with food insecurity. She also delivers meals to home-bound individuals through her involvement with Whittier Meals on Wheels.

Lori will tell you she is a bit “crazy,” but she enjoys taking friends to the airport, especially LAX!

Lori is grateful for the friends and family she has at Whittier First!

Thanksgiving Reflection

Rev. Geoff Nelson, Nov. 2022

I've been singing with the choir for just over a year now, something I always wanted to do but never felt like I could take the time, among my other pastoral duties. When I joined the choir I was amazed at how much I enjoyed it and how much it meant to me. In January of this year, when Covid spiked again, my wife encouraged me to lay off choir for a while. I did so for about a month. Then, the night after the first rehearsal after my Covid pause I had a dream of the choir. Later that morning the refrain "Thanks be to God" popped into my head and kept recurring through the morning. It was the hymn "For the Fruits of This Creation," (#97 in the Methodist Hymnal) but to the tune "Ar Hyd Y Nos," (#688 in the Methodist hymnal). It was a powerful experience of gratitude, such that I was compelled to add a verse of my own to the hymn.

"For the gift of song together, Thanks Be to God
And the skills of Tom and Marvin, Thanks Be to God
For a church which treasures music as a gift of God's great mercy
May we all rejoice in singing, Thanks Be to God"

That all sounds confusing as I try to explain it. Here is a link to a choir singing this hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbBUFSOkbdM>

This was a gift to me and I share it in gratitude for First Methodist and the Chancel Choir. I'm grateful that the leadership of this church has seen fit to continue to provide great choral music for our worship services. I realize how rare it is for churches to do so these days.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Stuffing & Cornbread
- Mashed potatoes & gravy
- Chicken or beef broth
- Canned vegetables
- Cranberry sauce or jelly
- Cream of mushroom & canned yams



To Donate:

Scan the QR codes
OR visit our website at:

www.interfaithfoodcenter.org

Make a difference this holiday season!

By donating food, gift cards or making a financial contribution you will help make this holiday season a memorable one for children and families in need.

Donation Drop off Dates & Times:
October 17 - November 11 & November 28- December 9
Mon/ Tues/Fri. 12 pm - 2 pm / Wed. & Thurs. 8 am - 1 pm
11819 Burke St. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
For more information call: 562-903-1478
No pick-ups are available. Bring your non-perishable items to the Interfaith Food Center

Holiday gift cards



We are not accepting toys this year.
Instead we are kindly asking for \$20 gift cards to:
Target, Walmart or Amazon

BRING JOY TO THE SEASON!
WE ARE FUNDRAISING WITH SEE'S CANDIES!

Our 2022 See's Candies Winter Fundraiser is underway! Orders will be taken now through Tuesday, November 29th, with the candy delivered on or before Sunday, December 11th. Order forms will be available in the church office, included in the Church Bulletin and Chimes Newsletter, or you can ask Lori Harris to send you one. Below is a copy of the order form and the items that are available to purchase this year. Ask your neighbors and friends if they would like to participate. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the Church's end-of-year expenses.

The prices for the items available are the same as the prices you would find in the See's Candies Retail Stores, however, the church is once again able to purchase the items at a discount. The difference between the retail price and our cost is our fundraising "profit." For example, the retail price of a Holiday Llamas Box is \$11.00, but we purchase it for \$5.50. Our "profit" is \$5.50 or 50% per box.

Following is the profit margin for the items that are available this year:

<u>Item(s)</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Sleigh Box/Merry Holiday Llamas Box	\$11.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
Assorted Peppermints/Assorted Molasses Chips	\$13.75	\$11.00	\$2.75
Assorted Lollipops	\$27.00	\$21.60	\$5.40
Peanut Brittle	\$28.00	\$22.40	\$5.60
Toffee-ettes	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$5.50
1 lb. Milk Chocolates/1 lb. Dark Chocolates	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$5.50
1 lb. Nuts and Chews/1 lb. Assorted Chocolates	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$5.50
2 lb. Nuts and Chews/2 lb. Assorted Chocolates	\$53.00	\$42.40	\$10.60
Truffles	\$31.00	\$24.80	\$6.20
Gift Card	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$3.75

Gift Cards are available on a separate order form this year. Please let Lori Harris know if you would like to purchase any. She can send you a form or fill one out for you.

Remember: Order forms and payments should be given to Lori or sent to the church office by Tuesday, November 29th.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. ***You won't need to stand in line, and the candy will be delivered to you!***

If you have any questions, please call Lori Harris - (562)698-1598.

See's CANDIES®

2022 Winter Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$27.50 #550318
2 lb \$53.00 #550319



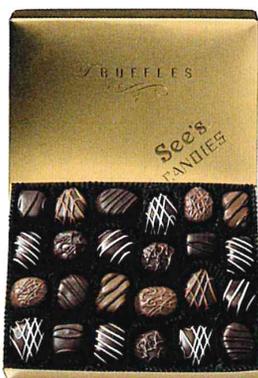
Milk Chocolates
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$27.50 #550326



Dark Chocolates
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$27.50 #550330



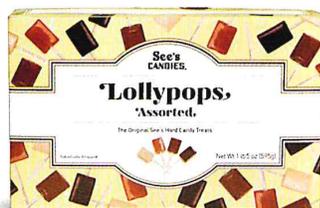
Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$27.50 #550334
2 lb \$53.00 #550335



Truffles
Wonderfully decadent and rich.
1 lb \$31.00 #500902



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$27.50 #500316



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Laté and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$27.00 #500296



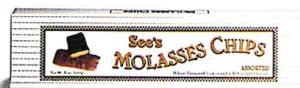
Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$28.00 #500355



Sleigh Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #503117



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk
and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$13.75 #500358



Assorted Molasses Chips
Crispy wafers covered in milk
and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$13.75 #500360



Holiday Llamas Box
An irresistible treat.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #503118

See's CANDIES®

2022 Gift Card Fundraising



Redeemable online or in-store
No expiration date



2022 Winter Fundraising
PRE-SELL FORM

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE #

	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #550318	2 lb Assorted Chocolates #550319	1 lb Milk Chocolates #550326	1 lb Dark Chocolates #550330	1 lb Nuts & Chews #550334	2 lb Nuts & Chews #550335	1 lb Truffles #500902	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #500316	1 lb 5 oz Asst. Lollypops #500296	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #500355	3.5 oz Sleigh Box #503117	8 oz Asst. Peppermints #500358	8 oz Asst. Molasses Chips #500360	3.5 oz Holiday Llamas Box #503118	TOTAL
1.	\$27.50	\$53.00	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$53.00	\$31.00	\$27.50	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$11.00	\$13.75	\$13.75	\$11.00	
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Total Quantity of Each Item															\$

TOTAL



FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

2022 Winter Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

Total Quantity of Each Item

Amount Due

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All purchases are subject to our terms and conditions which can be reviewed at sees.com
For additional information, call 800.733.7123.



2022 Gift Card Fundraising

PRE-SELL FORM

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

Gift Card
#4871

CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE

\$25.00

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Total Quantity		\$

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Please fill out form completely.

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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

Gift Card
#4871

\$25.00

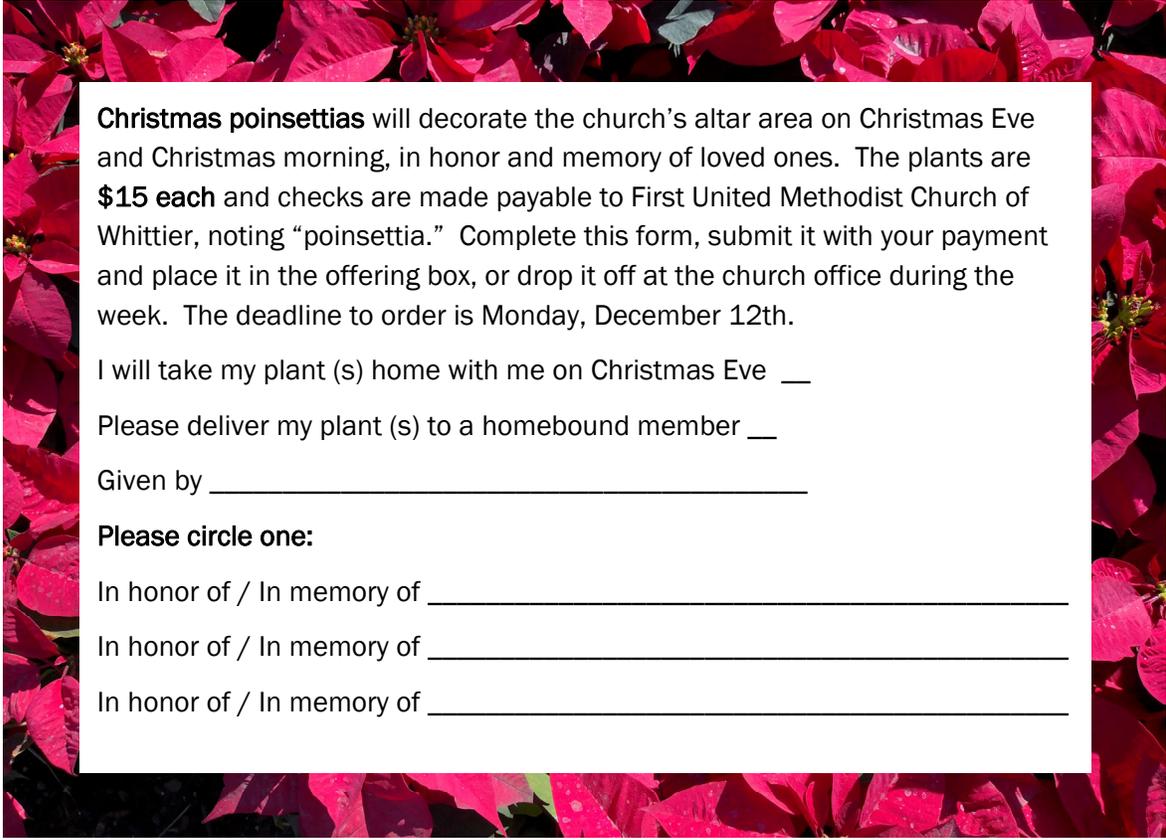
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Amount Due

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Christmas poinsettias will decorate the church's altar area on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, in honor and memory of loved ones. The plants are **\$15 each** and checks are made payable to First United Methodist Church of Whittier, noting "poinsettia." Complete this form, submit it with your payment and place it in the offering box, or drop it off at the church office during the week. The deadline to order is Monday, December 12th.

I will take my plant (s) home with me on Christmas Eve ___

Please deliver my plant (s) to a homebound member ___

Given by _____

Please circle one:

In honor of / In memory of _____

In honor of / In memory of _____

In honor of / In memory of _____