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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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An Opportune Time

GATHERED UP IN JESUS WORSHIP SERIES

"Lent is a season for self-examination, and renewal. We are invited to create time to look inward, to release the things in us that are not at their best, and to be gathered up in Jesus. Let us take a closer look at the life and ministry of Jesus, as he is intentional in gathering up those who are forgotten or neglected. May we feel Jesus' embrace for all!"

-Pastor Angela

03.06.22 Lent 1, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part I: An Opportune Time, *Luke 4:1-13*

03.13.22 Lent 2, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part II: Under the Wings, *Luke 13:31-35*

03.20.22 Lent 3, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part III: If It Bears Fruit, *Luke 13:1-9*

03.27.22 Lent 4, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part IV: Lost & Found, *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

04.03.22 Lent 5, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part V: Filled with Fragrance, *John 12:1-8*

Lent 6, Gathered up in Jesus,
Part VI: The Lord Needs It, *Luke 19:28-40*

We send prayers of comfort and peace to the family of **Jenny Gordon**, who passed away on February 26th. Cards can be sent to the Brown family:

2322 W 546 W,
Cedar City, UT 84720-1881

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person

February 27, 2022: 56

Online (Facebook & YouTube)

February 20, 2022: 96

Opportunities for involvement

03.05.22–03.10.22

Sat, 03.05.22

5 pm **Hope Circle**
 Donna Padgett's home

Sun, 03.06.22

8:45 am **M & M Challengers**
 Kraft Friendship Room
10 am **Traditional Worship**
 Sanctuary & Online
10:15 am **Children's Sunday School**
 Library
7 pm **Confirmation Class** Online

Tues, 03.08.22

1:30 pm **Tuesdays with Art & Music**
 Wesley Building

Wed, 03.09.22

9 am **Sew 'n' Sew**
 Admin 101

Thurs, 03.10.22

5 pm **Jubilant Bells Rehearsal**
 Bell Room
7:30 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
 Choir Room

UNDIE SUNDIES a Lenten service project

During the six Sundays in Lent, the Church asks that you donate items to benefit the Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter in Whittier. WCCS provides a safe haven to those who are victims of domestic violence. Please bring the items to Church on the designated Sundays or drop off during the week to the office:

- March 6—Boy's underwear
- March 13 —Girl's underwear
- March 20—Women's underwear
- March 27—Socks
- April 3—Toiletries or Gift Cards
- April 10—Any of the above



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Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

UMW sponsored AUCTION on Sunday, May 1st, after worship in the Wesley Lounge.

Join us for music, munchies, and more. All proceeds to benefit the Church fund. Contact Martha Bailey if you would like to donate items or services, 562.696.3196.

Attitude of Gratitude

Whittier First UMC is blessed with several members who give their time and talents to support not only the church but the community. In the coming weeks we will highlight different members, not only in the newsletter but in-person at church, who go above and beyond what is asked of them.

This week in the Chimes, we honor: **WES MURRAY**. (Thank you Wes for all you do!)

Paying it forward...

When I was in the last years of grade school, I joined a YMCA, and learned to swim, it wasn't long after that I became a life guard and then began teaching other youth how to swim. As time went on I began running Saturday movies at the "Y" and that was followed by other types of involvement. When I graduated from college my first professional job was as a Director of Boys Activities at a "Y" just east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

During high school summers I also volunteered at day camps run by the YMCA and our church, in addition to my ongoing involvement at the "Y".

When I left the Air Force in 1968, we moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where I received a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. During our time in Philadelphia while "paying it forward," I received an Outstanding Award from the Human Relations Commission in Philadelphia. Since that time I have received a Social Service Award from Whittier, a Quiet Disciple Award from UMW here at FUMC, a Volunteer of the year award from the Boys & Girls club and also one from the Whittier Host Lions.

Over the last 30+ years here in Whittier, I been a volunteer in any number of organizations. Among others, Veterans Resource Center at the Library, PIH Blood Donor Center (before it closed), Mended Hearts, Saddleback College (on their Landscape Advisory Board), La Serna High School (Senior Project Review), as a Board Member of Metropolitan Whittier Y.M.C.A., plus on the Advisory Council of Habitat for Humanity (HfH) and also the founding president of HfH of southeast Los Angeles County.

While in addition to four years teaching at the Landscape Architecture at the University of Oregon, I have "payed it forward" by also be a guest/visiting lecturer at Saddleback College, Cal Poly Pomona, New School of Architecture, Drexel University, M.I.T, and the University of Pennsylvania.

I became a Landscape Architect/Urban Planner, mainly because of my time in the AirForce and the many missions I flew over Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war and the type of damage the bombs we dropped that created both physically damage to the landscape but also the damage that people are still suffering in terms of post-traumatic stress (PTSD).

In 1988, I was asked by a City Council member and the Assistance City Manager if I would serve on the Planning Commission. I said yes, and to date have served fifteen and a half years (15 ½). To date I have served 34 years on five different city boards, commissions and committees.

Here at FUMC, I have had the opportunity to serve on a number of committees. I have also spent time with the B.A.R.F. (Beautification and Repair Friday) team replacing burntout light, repairing broken things and similar projects so that our facilities can not only serve those who use the rooms but maintain the beauty of the structure.

In summary, my involvement in the things I do is to "pay it forward," in such a way that my activities will make the environment and human relationships better. That we can learn from the past and each other and be better prepared for the future. -Wes Murray