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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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Gulf is Crossed

HAVING WORDS WITH JESUS WORSHIP SERIES



“Have you ever encountered a stubborn and difficult person? They may be stuck in their own perspective and bias and not able to see the whole picture. This parable of Jesus is meant to challenge our perspective and help us see beyond our limited scope. Could we be the ones that are stubborn in our own privileges and biases? May God give us grace to see past the great chasm to the other perspective so that we may receive grace.” –Pastor Angela

Join us this Sunday @ 10am, in-person or online, “Having Words with Jesus, Part IV: Gulf is Crossed”

Sept 4

Having Words with Jesus,
Part I: **Counting the Cost** *Luke 14: 25-33*

Sept 11

Having Words with Jesus,
Part II: **Finding the Lost** *Luke 15: 1-10*

Sept 18

Having Words with Jesus,
Part III: **Debts are Tossed** *Luke 16: 1-13*

Sept 25

Having Words with Jesus,
Part IV: **Gulf is Crossed** *Luke 16: 19-31*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, September 18, 2022: **63**

Online (Facebook & YouTube):

Sunday, September 11, 2022: **88**

Opportunities for involvement 09.25.22—09.29.22

Sun, 09.25.22

8:45 am

M&M Challengers

Kraft Friendship Room

10 am

Traditional Worship

Sanctuary & Online

10:15 am

Children's Sunday School

Library

Mon, 09.26.22

1:30 pm

Shawl Ministry

Kraft Friendship Room

Tues, 09.27.22

1:30 pm

Tuesdays with Art & Music

Wesley Lounge & Patio

4 pm

SPRC Meeting

Online

Wed, 09.28.22

Children's Ed Committee

Church office & Online

Thurs, 09.29.22

2 pm

Staff Meeting

Kraft Friendship Room

5 pm

Jubilant Bells Rehearsal

Bell Room

6 pm

Nominations Committee

Church Office & Online

7:30 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

MEMORIAL SERVICE for JUDY JACOBUS

on Saturday, October 1 @ 1pm in the Sanctuary

BELONG WORSHIP SERVICE 10.9.22 @ 11:30am

A new way to do church! Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 11:30am, in the Sanctuary

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, Oct 2, @ 1 pm, Sanctuary patio—For those who can't bring your pets during the afternoon blessing, we invite you to send in photos of your pets and we will share them during service that morning, email them to Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com by Sept 28th.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Warm up those vocal chords and join the choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting September 8th. The choir will learn music for upcoming services. Contact Marvin with questions at 626.798.9332.

SAVE THE DATE: PRAYERS, PRAISE & PUMPKINS

Pumpkin carving on Sunday, October 30, after worship service in the Wesley building.

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.

**Recycle your old,
even broken eyewear.**

It could improve a persons life
in another country!



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.

MASK MANDATE UPDATE

The Trustees have voted to make the wearing of masks optional in small groups and when food is served. Masks are still required upon entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship service and for Chancel Choir rehearsals and performances.

Gratitude for Service

ROGER REYNOLDS

My service for the First United Methodist Church of Whittier began at an early age, when at 13 I became an acolyte and served with my older brother Scott. Being an acolyte in those days did not just involve lighting the candles before the service and extinguishing them at the end, but also involved assisting in communion. As many will recall, in those days communion was celebrated in the pews with the ushers passing separate trays containing small glass cups of juice and cubes of bread. Each of the round juice trays contained 40 small glass cups of juice and it was the job of the acolytes to carry a stack of these trays to the ushers when the ushers came to the front of the church. We acolytes lived in fear of tripping and dropping an entire stack of trays filled with over a hundred small glass juice cups. Fortunately, in my case at least, this never happened. As a result of this service, and with study under the guidance of Rev. John McGee, I earned the Boy Scout God and Country Award in 1968. This in turn helped me earn the rank of Eagle Scout in 1971.

After graduating from La Serna High School in 1971 I moved away to college at USC and, not having a car to get home on weekends, my attendance at the church lapsed. I did return to the church on August 2, 1975, when I married my high school sweetheart, Lori Johnson, whom I'd taken away from the East Whittier Methodist Church. (We recently celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary.) However we soon moved to Los Angeles so that I could attend Loyola Law School with Lori working to support us. We eventually moved back to Whittier and, after being blessed with a daughter in 1987 and a son in 1988, we renewed our relationship with the Church.

I believe I first renewed my service to the Church when a member of the nominating committee asked if I would serve on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. He told me that, with Rev. Faith Conklin as our minister, the job was easy. However, shortly after I became the chair of the committee, Pastor Faith left our church and the position became much more challenging.

I was elected to the Board of the Whittier Methodist Foundation in 2001. In February 2019 I was elected Board President. I left the Board in February 2021 in compliance with the bylaws which require a minimum of one year off the Board after serving for a certain number of years. I was reelected to the Board as President in February 2022.

I believe I started serving on the Board of Trustees in 2007 and I became the secretary in 2008, which continued until January 2013. At that time, I left Trustees and became a Co-Lay Leader with Judy Kraft. In 2014 Judy Flanders replaced Judy Kraft as my Co-Lay Leader. I continued in this position until 2017 when I went back on the Board of Trustees. I took over again as Board Secretary in July 2019, a position I still hold.

I've had the pleasure of singing in the Chancel Choir for at least 15 years. After serving for several years as the Choir Treasurer I was elected the Choir President several years ago, a position I held until recently when a new president was elected, and I reassumed the position of treasurer.

I have also served as an occasional liturgist for well over a decade, however after we adjusted to the start of the pandemic this became a regularly scheduled monthly event.

In addition, I have been an active volunteer in the Church's Boy Scout program. My son John joined Cub Scouts in 1994 and I became the Cubmaster of the Church's Cub Scout Pack in 1996, after which I served as the Webelos Den Leader. After John bridged over into the Church's Boy Scout Troop in 1999 I became an Assistant Scoutmaster. I took over as Scoutmaster in December 2002 and continued to hold that position until June 2006, when Randy Winans agreed to take over as Scoutmaster. I continued to support Randy as an Assistant Scoutmaster until the Troop sadly folded in September 2015. I have continued to serve as Chartered Organization Representative for the church's Venture Crew.

Regarding my career, I worked as a law clerk for a small law firm in Whittier during my last two years of law school and, after passing the bar exam, continued to work there as an attorney for another year. I then joined the Bank of America Legal Department. I moved to the Wells Fargo Bank Legal Department nine years later in 1988 and stayed there for 32 years. For twenty years I served on the Executive Committee of the Corporate Law Departments Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and I chaired the section in 1987. I also served on the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association from 2006 to 2008, and on the Board of Trustees of the USC Institute for Corporate Counsel for several years. I am now happily retired.