



One In The Spirit Together in Ministry

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November 2007 Newsletter

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From the Pastor's desk ...

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Hallelujah! As we move forward into the month of November, we do so with thanksgiving in our hearts--for all that God has done for us! How blessed we are! God has given our church family a joyful spirit, the gift of hospitality, and brothers and sisters who love extravagantly! We thank God for all of these blessings.



As we express our gratitude, we are at the same time made aware that there are persons among us who are suffering. Our hearts go out to our own church members who are experiencing illness and difficulties of various kinds. Our prayer list is a sign that we are a people of much faith. We truly believe that God hears our prayers and is with us in all circumstances. God has promised to "work all things together for our good."

We are keenly aware of our neighbors, as well—particularly those who have suffered loss due to the recent California fires. We must be in continuous prayer for them while we wait to learn how we can be of further help to them.

Trying to make sense out of why such things happen is not an easy task. This is the work of theology—the process of trying to understand who God is, who we are, and how God relates with us and our world. The key word is "relationship." As we have watched the news reporting of the California fires, this is the word that every victim has expressed as the most important thing in life. Possessions are secondary to the lives of those we love.

In the days to come, let us take a deeper look at the way God relates with us and the way we have been commanded to relate with one another. May God grant us knowledge, wisdom and insight as we accept this assignment! May our faith continue to increase as we discover how very much we are loved!

Blessings to each of you,

Pastor Mary

Calendar at a Glance:

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 4	9:30 a.m.	All Saints Sunday
Nov. 4		Heifer Project Starts
Nov. 4	10:30 a.m.	UMW Bake Sale
Nov. 4	4:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting, Potluck following
Nov. 4	6:00 p.m.	Special Charge Conference and Church Council
Nov. 4, 11, 18		Cranberry Sauce Collection
Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	Odd Couples / Bunco in the Parlor
Nov. 11		Heifer Booth (cont.)
Nov. 11	10:30 a.m.	Potluck following church service
Nov. 18		Shoes That Fit Collection
Nov. 18		Noisy Collection Sunday
Nov. 21	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service Ami Shalom in West Cov.
Nov. 22		Office Closed— Thanksgiving

****Notice: Special Charge Conference****

A Special Charge Conference will be held in the Church Parlor immediately prior to our Church Council meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will last less than 10 minutes. Two votes will be taken: One has to do with Trustee Committee assignments and the other has to do with lay leadership in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference. All are invited to attend this Special Charge Conference.

Serving our Lord

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Nov 4	Liturgist	Ken Arnold
	Acolyte	Cimone Dailey
	Ushers	C. Ford, L. Hurney, E. Wright, R. Batcheller
	Coffee Hosts	Anita and Clinton Chan
	Communion	Duane and Gwen Marshall
Nov 11	Altar Flowers	Ruby Miranda
	Liturgist	Ruby Miranda
	Acolyte	Amanda Chan
	Ushers	C. Ford, L. Hurney, E. Wright, R. Batcheller
	Coffee Hosts	Carol and Bill Bainbridge
Nov 18	Altar Flowers	Lenore Vogel
	Liturgist	Ruby Miranda
	Acolyte	Amanda Chan
	Ushers	H. Paulo, J. Truax, S. Morrison, L. Alexander
	Coffee Hosts	Willie and Lenore Vogel
Nov 25	Altar Flowers	Jan Hunter
	Liturgist	Steve Hurney
	Acolyte	Cora Arnold
	Ushers	H. Paulo, L. Alexander, M. Pang, S. Morrison
	Coffee Hosts	Juanita Carr and Rhonda Powers
	Altar Flowers	Melanie Graf

Altar Flowers

Dedication forms are available in the Narthex. The cost per floral arrangement is \$25.00.

Birthdays

Nov. 4	Thelma McDonald
Nov. 5	Ruby Miranda
Nov. 12	Chet Hilton
Nov. 12	Juanita Carr
Nov. 14	Willie Vogel
Nov. 16	Tiffany Stanford 19 yrs old
Nov. 23	Frances Nelson
Nov. 24	Carlito Bautista
Nov. 27	Wilda Wolfe
Nov. 28	Benjamin Filio
Nov. 29	Alan Pavallemas

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Happy Birthday to You!
Happy Anniversary to You!
 May God Bless and Keep you another year through

Anniversaries

Nov. 5	Jocelyn and Rizaldo Bartolo
Nov. 7	Tom and Beverly Chell 54 yrs
Nov. 12	Jim and Dorothy Morris 56 yrs
Nov. 21	Wayne and Glenna Dailey
Nov. 26	Carole and Mark Mullner
Nov. 29	Ron and Donna Stranak 10yrs
Nov. 30	Jocelyn and Wilfredo Bote

Pumpkin Patch Thank You

Many thanks to our Special Events coordinator **Linda Robinson** who organized our wonderful
Pumpkin Patch!!

Also thank you to all those who helped in volunteering to make this event and all the activities such as
success:

Leroy Alexander	Correnda Ford	Dotti Kesinger	Ampy Paulo	Ellen Wright
Pam and Ken Arnold	Ruben Garrido	Susie Leinbach	Henry Paulo	Ray Bulthuis
Bill Bainbridge	Elizabeth Geiger	Duane Marshall	Marlynn Pavaella	Beverly Bulthuis
Carol Bainbridge	Karen George	Gwen Marshall	Sam Pavaella	
Ola Beucler	Gary George	Dennis Matthews	Linda Robinson	
Rhonda Burno	Melanie Graf	and Scouts	Myrene TampadJ	
Rose Cabrera	James Heathcote	Kris Mendolia	Jack Truax	
Brad Carpenter	Emily Hess	Dorothy Morris	Arlo Truax	
The Chan Family	Doug Hess	Lidya Morrison	John Vanettes	
Bill & Barbara Dugan	Mary & Jim Hollifield	Carole Mullner	Lenore Vogel	
Sarah Dugan	Liz Hurney	Ortega Family	Willie Vogel	
Betty Ferguson	Steve Hurney	Oliver Pda	Mary Lou Woodford	



*Linda Robinson and
Louie*

Thank you also to
Ray Bulthuis who
provided donuts to
the workers!!

**West Covina United Methodist
Women's News!
Bake Sale!**

We will have another marvelous sale on Sunday, November 4th immediately following worship service. Mark your calendars! See you there!



**Odd Couples– Bunco Night!
Saturday November 10th
7:00 P.M. Parlor**

Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring (1) one wrapped White Elephant gift per person and your favorite snack to share.

Everyone is invited, so come join the fun!

For more information call:

Sam and Marlynne Pavarella 909/594-1651

(or)

Barbara Dugan 626/ 962-4630

Hope to see you there!

Church Flowerbeds!



A Big Thank you to all of those listed below who were able to help with planting flowers in the church flowerbeds! They look so beautiful and add so much sunshine to our church garden!.....

Willie Vogel

Correnda Ford

Lenore Vogel

Ellen Wright

Betty Ferguson

Betty Batcheller

Pastor Mary

White Cane Project



Do you have old eyeglasses, cell phones, or hearing aids that you no longer need or use? The Lion's Club of West Covina collects these items year round to send to optical missions in developing countries. The eyeglasses and hearing aids are cleaned, repaired, classified by prescription and then distributed to persons in need. The cell phones are recycled. The money collected helps fund mission projects the world over. Special collection boxes have been set outside the Sanctuary and inside the Church Office. Thank you for being a part of this project which helps persons across the world to see and hear!



Children's Moment

Mark Your Calendars!

The children's Christmas program has been scheduled for Sunday December 23, during our worship service. The dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 22, 2007. Time to be announced.

Sharing The Gift of Christ

Windsong Southland Chorale 13th Season 2007-2008

Please join us in congratulating

Bill Dugan and Gary George

for their annual participation with the Windsong Southland Chorale.

We have all been invited to hear and participate in the joyful voices these most gifted individuals bring to our community for the arts.

Please plan on attending one of these events.

Flyers and General Info. are available at Church Office.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Cranberry Sauce Needed!

Please remember to add a can or two of Cranberry sauce to your grocery list!

Action Food Pantry of West Covina will distribute Thanksgiving baskets again this year to local families who are in need.

Our church has been asked to donate 150 cans of cranberry sauce. Any kind and any brand will be appreciated.

You may bring your cans to worship on Sunday mornings or to the Church Office during the week.

Thank you very much for contributing to this ministry of love!



Our Mission Statement:
West Covina United Methodist Church

To make disciples for Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world, becoming
community in the process

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