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Sunday Schedule: Worship - 10:00 am



Children's Sunday School - 10:15 am

*A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.*

~ Ecclesiastes 1:4-5

Each morning, I wake without the aid of an alarm clock. I have my own alarm clock that is my dog Po. Po and I wake with the sun. As the first specks of sunlight break through the darkness, both Po and I realize there is a new day to be lived; a new beginning to be enjoyed; a new chance to be more and do more.

In a world that seems so dark, the sunrise is an acknowledgement of the consistent goodness of God. Each morning, the light comes; touching each part of the world. Each bit of the earth, each house and shelter, each village and town, each creature greets the dawn of a new day.

The book of Ecclesiastes is one of my favorites in our biblical texts, not only because chapter 3 sets my toes tapping with the tune of the Pete Seeger song "Turn, Turn, Turn" but because it is practical and logical. "There is a season for every purpose under heaven." To me, in a time of uncertainty, this is reassuring. When news of mass shootings, unspeakable violence and an increase in racism infect our lives, and it feels like we are drowning in darkness, we can take comfort that the sun will rise again in the morning. We can begin again. We can try again. We can be the people we are created to be.

Despite the pains we endure, despite the hurts we cause others, despite the mistakes we make, as the author of Ecclesiastes says, "the sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries back to the place where it rises." The writer of Psalms echoes these words in Psalm 30 verse 5b saying, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

May we continue to seek the bits of light that come every morning, every day in every moment of these lives we've been given. Blessings to you,

*Pastor Krista*



*Above: Our WUMC children during Children's Time: engaged, active and inquisitive.*

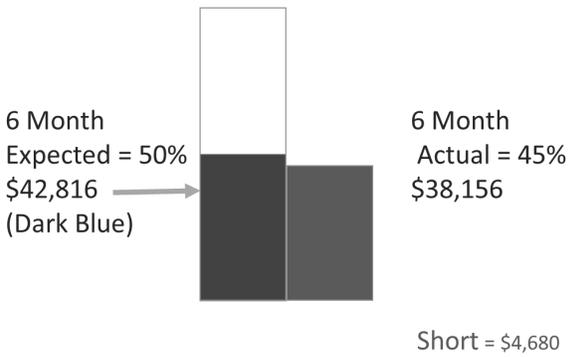


*Far Left: Marianna and Austin celebrate Austin's birthday at Fellowship Time.*

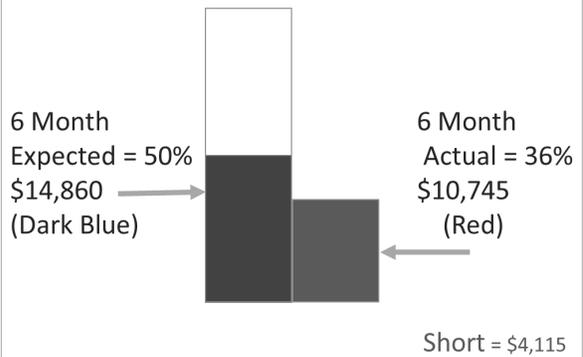
*Left: Charlotte leads a discussion in Sunday School.*



• Annual Pledge Budget = \$85,632



Annual Non-Pledge Budget = \$29,720



## Update From The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for supporting the work of the church with their effort, time and finances. Briefly, at this half –year point, we should be at about 50% of our financial giving. Our pledged support is at the 45% level and our non-pledged support is at about 36%. While we are slightly below our expected levels, we anticipate that we will catch up by the end of the year and hope that this gentle reminder will encourage you to review your giving. We understand that your financial circumstances can change and that you may need to alter your pledge or your level of giving to the church. If so, please do not hesitate to let us know of these changes so that we can make any needed budgetary changes.

We would like to thank Nellie Castillo and Lorna DePano for their temporary help with administrative office duties when we lost the services of our administrative secretary earlier this year. We also thank Pastor Krista for working with the reduced level of administrative support until the situation is rectified.

Again, we thank the congregation for their loving support and prayers for the work of our church.

May God Bless you and your family,

*Manny Don*  
Finance Chair



## Walnut United Methodist Women

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer! We will meet again Saturday, Sept. 14 for our Serenity Baby Shower at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and bring a friend. Serenity Foster Care and Adoption sincerely appreciates our donations for the newly placed foster children. I look forward to seeing you there!

### Serenity's Wish List:

*Newborn Sleepers*

*Newborn Clothes*

*Preemie Clothes*

*Infant Wash Cloths*

*Receiving Blankets*

*Infant Car Seat*

*Booster Seats*

*Youth Sports Equipment—Protective Gear (Helmet & Pads)*

*Angel Care Monitor*

*Personal Recordable Talking Teddy Bear*

*Cotton Hand Mittens (Newborn)*

*Infant Combs and Brushes*

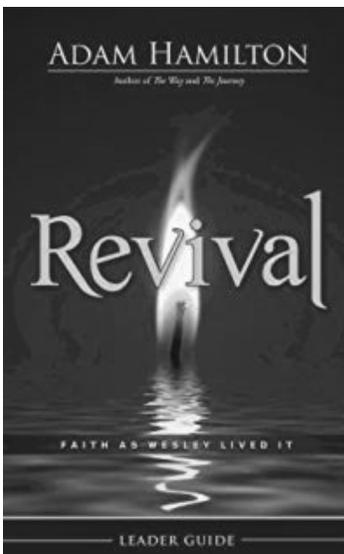
May you continue having a delightful, cool summer!

May God bless you with good health, hope, peace, joy, and love!

*Carroll Martin*

WUMW President

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## WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY JULY 17 -AUGUST 21 AT 10:00AM "REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT" BY ADAM HAMILTON

Founder of Methodism John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

Join Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

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### *Visioning and Potluck*

**August 25, 2019 at 11:15AM**

Join us for a potluck lunch and a time to discuss the future of the church. All voices are welcome! Please bring a dish to share and we will feast, talk and dream together.



*Above: Julie and Sandie greet the children and families at Summer Family Fun Day, July 27th.*



For the past two Sunday mornings, Marilyn and I have been at the ballfield watching and cheering on our 14 year old grandson, Alek, play in 14 and under Pony league tournaments. His all star team represented Covina Pony baseball from Hollenbeck Field. The first Sunday was at Northview High

School and there were large crowds of families and players in a girls softball tournament, older boys tournament and Alek's team tournament. Last Sunday was at Gladstone Park in Azusa with only Alek's division playing. As I sat in the stands with our family, I thought about all these folks missing church services on a Sunday morning. But then what I did see was love, family support, good sportsmanship and family time together. I am reminded of the years Marilyn and I were involved in youth sports with Kevin and Melissa. We have friendships to this day from those adventures. These young athletes are learning much about life on these Sunday mornings and the other times they play. It is a blessing for us to be there and share our friendships. Do we miss Sunday services, of course we do. Our spirit and faith take us to many places, and what a great place to be with our community youth on their life and faith journeys.

*Don Driftmier*

Youth Ministry

# August Calendar

Sunday, August 4	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Youth Pizza Lunch
Monday, August 5	7:00 PM	Trustees Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 7	10:00 AM	“Revival” Book Study in the Narthex
Sunday, August 11	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 AM	SPRC Meeting
Monday, August 12	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, August 14	10:00 AM	“Revival” Book Study in the Narthex
Saturday, August 17	6:00 PM	UM Night at Angels’ Stadium
Sunday, August 18	10:00 AM	Worship
Monday, August 19	7:00 PM	Preschool Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 21	10:00 AM	“Revival” Book Study in the Narthex
Sunday, August 25	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	“I See a New Church” Visioning & Potluck
Monday, August 26	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting

## *Worship Volunteers for August 2019*

Date	Liturgist	Refreshments	Acolyte	Special Music
August 4	Jackie Navarro	Tom Zhu and Ivy Young	Mikaela Hill	Krista Givens - Media
August 11	Pam Zwingman	Amy Nih	Areanne Custodio	Manny and Margery Don
August 18	Robert Macready	Sandy Woolley and Julie Fisher	Austin Lie	Linda Wilford
August 25	Jonathan Yu	Potluck	Jackie Peeler	Ara Vidal, Andreyana and Areanne Custodio

*If you would like to be involved in worship, there are many vital opportunities available: Singing in our Church Choir; Providing refreshments and flowers for the altar; Greeting people as they enter the church—offering a smile and some hospitality. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thanks!*



WUMC Children's Ministry



Dear Families,  
 I hope each family had an enjoyable, safe, and adventure-filled summer! May God bless and encourage the students who are going back to school very soon.

Summer Family Fun Day "Under God's Rainbow", July 27, was an extraordinary event! We were blessed to have about 31 children with their families, 93 total attended. Thank you very much to Charlotte Hill and Pastor Krista for planning and leading this special event. Thank you very much for the adult and youth volunteers who helped set-up; explained the activities; served the food; and aided the clean-up. The rainbow crafts, outside activities, water beads, delicious God's friendship salad, and Rainbow story book were very creative, fun, and memorable. All had a special time of Fellowship.



The children's choir will sing "Climb up Sunshine Mountain" in church in August. We were blessed to hear the children sing "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" in church in July. Thank you to Margery Don and Amy Nih for leading our children's choir! The children practice singing every week before the Sunday school lesson begins.

All children are welcome to come to Sunday school. Each week we watch a video about the Bible lesson, read the Bible, make crafts and/or play games, and learn how to be a part of God's family. In August, we will learn about different kinds of families in the Old Testament and how they relate to our families today. Our main Bible verse is "The Lord sees into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b).

August 4	David and Samuel	1 Samuel 16:1-23
August 11	David and Abigail	1 Samuel 25:1-42
August 18	David and Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 9:1-13 [Who is Mephibosheth?]
August 25	David and Solomon	1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:1-15

I look forward to seeing you each week!

May God bless you with peace, joy, and love.

*Carroll Martin*

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## UNITED METHODISTS AT THE BALLPARK!



Join Walnut UMC for an evening of fun. We have two opportunities to support our local teams: United Methodist Dodger Night is August 3rd and United Methodist Angel Night is August 17th. For tickets and details, please contact Pam Zwingman at [pjsperry@cpp.edu](mailto:pjsperry@cpp.edu)

**DODGERS**  
vs. San Diego Padres  
August 3 at 6:10PM  
\$30.00 - tickets

**ANGELS**  
vs. Chicago White Sox  
August 17 at 6:07PM  
\$15.00 - tickets

