



Ash Wednesday—March 6

This year, Chino UMC will be participating in a Mission Area Ash Wednesday service. We plan to worship at 7:00 p.m. at the First UMC of Upland on Wednesday, March 6, joining the Upland and Ontario congregations. The service will be led by the Revs. Catie Coots, Blair Trygstad Stowe, and Matt Seargeant. Please plan to be there to support United Methodism in our area!



Lenten Study

Are you giving up anything for Lent this year? Let's hope it's not your desire to learn more about yourself and your faith, because we are offering a 5-week Lenten study, beginning March 12 and 13. Our subject will be the 2000 Academy Award nominated film, *Chocolat*. As in past studies, the class will be offered at the church in two identical formats – Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00- 11:30 a.m. For those who are interested, we will show the film in its entirety at the church on Monday, March 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheet on Sunday morning or call the office.

CHINO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Tidings

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Dates of interest in March:

- Transfiguration Sunday—3rd*
- Ash Wednesday—6th*
- Daylight Saving Begins—10th*
- UMCOR Sunday—31st*

Cozy Closet Coming Soon!

Have you ever felt that a calling has been placed your heart? A feeling so strong that it keeps coming back no matter how many times you put it to the side? Marilyn Mack has experienced just such a feeling. And she will finally get to activate her deep-seated desire to help people with their clothing need.

Beginning March 20th and every 3rd Wednesday of the month, Cozy Closet will offer a free clothing distribution for two hours on the Chino UMC courtyard.

Have some free time on these Wednesday mornings? Consider coming down and helping out. Cozy Closet hours: 10 a.m. – Noon. Set up will be between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

A hearty thanks goes out to Meagan Leshar who spread the word and garnered enough clothing donations to make this possible!



Because some of us enjoy eating at IHOP from time to time and bringing in your receipts, we sent in receipts totaling \$118.25 and IHOP generously sent us a check for \$150.00 to add to our church finances. Thank you to you and to IHOP!

Blessings to all,
M and M Groupo

Financial State of the Church

THESE ARE THE COMPARITIVE FIGURES THROUGH JANUARY

	2018	2019	Difference
Income	\$ 15,390	\$ 18,523	\$ 3,133
Expenses	\$ 12,785	\$ 15,229	\$ 2,444
Net Income	\$ 2,605	\$ 3,294	\$





Choir Member of the Month— Robert Phillips

Robert Phillips is our church keyboardist, master of the piano and organ. He can also play other instruments, including the triangle and kazoo, and he can belch a recognizable melody. His parents noted his musical talent when, while he was still in diapers, he reworked his Mattel See and Say to play Bach cantatas and he started composing baroque pieces using his toy piano.

At age 5, Robert started taking piano lessons, frustrating his mom by endlessly playing “Alley Cat” and other novelty songs. He switched to organ at age 12 and got his first church organist job a year later. The clergyperson chastised Robert for playing too loudly during prayer time, so one Sunday, Robert just pretended to play. Afterward, he asked if the volume was soft enough, and the clergyperson assured him that he’d finally gotten it just right.

At another church, the clergyperson criticized Robert’s musical taste, telling Robert that he needed to play more “praise songs.” That clergyperson was never seen again, but there was, for the longest time, a very foul odor emanating from the widest organ pipe.

Robert enjoys working with church choirs, although he has little patience for screechy, off-pitch sopranos. One such chorister mysteriously disappeared, but her special stew was served at the next church potluck. Robert was overheard commenting, “She really put herself into her cooking.”

Robert is an experienced musician, choir director, composer, and arranger, and he has perfect pitch. He proves this by revealing what the pitch is of an occasional episode of flatulence. Such talent! If you’re wondering why Robert is follicularly challenged, it is because he has pulled out many of his flowing tresses on Wednesday evenings (choir practice night).

Robert proved to be the perfect keyboardist for CUMC when he met Dan Bentley’s challenges and successfully recalled and played theme songs from numerous old television shows and was able to notate and play songs that Cyndy Haworth wanted to do, having only a YouTube video to go by. He also demonstrated a talent for coming up with theme songs for individuals and situations (such as his playing “If It Takes Forever, I Will Wait For You” to herald the late arrival of certain individuals to choir practice).

Robert also plays with a rock band. He loves to read, do crossword puzzles, collect records and sheet music, and grow plants (especially carnivorous ones, which are good for destroying evidence). He’s incredibly smart (he was valedictorian of his high school class and graduated summa cum laude from college). He’s amazingly talented but unusually humble, which is one of a multitude of reasons why he is loved by his lucky wife of 35 years, who enjoys living with him in perfect harmony.





United Methodist Committee on Relief - UMCOR

"The hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world."

UMCOR Sunday, March 31, calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Our gifts lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere. Through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts, the costs of doing business is covered. Because of this, 100% of our designated gifts go to the projects we specify. These projects are in the areas of US Disaster Response, International Disaster Response, Global Health including anti-malaria bed nets, Sustainable Development, Water and Sanitation and Sustainable Agriculture. Through these gifts we make it possible to reach out to a hurting world.

We Are in Mission

Let us begin by thanking the Church Family again for helping us with our small but vital mission projects - hygiene kits, food pouches and food pantry. We wouldn't be able to do it without YOU! If you happen to be in any of the local stores such as Dollar Tree or Big Lots, these are excellent venues to find and bring in any items that you wish to bring to the church.



HYGIENE KITS

On the morning of February 12th, our small group (M and M) plus a few friends were able to put together 50 hygiene kits. These kits include water, toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrush/tooth paste, comb, shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion. We were able to take 25 kits to Hope Partners in Pomona. As was mentioned before, our goal is to take 25 kits a month to Hope Partners. We also have kits available to share with our homeless/low income who inquire at the church. Again, we received a nice thank you note from Inland Valley Hope Partners for our efforts.

FOOD POUCHES

We continued to have food pouches available at the church for those in need. These pouches contain items such as water, chips or crackers, potted meat, fruit snack, granola bars/cookies or similar items.



FOOD PANTRY

We continue to share what we have with those in need from our food pantry. Recently we were able to find those items that were due to expire and we took them to Hope Partners as they are used almost immediately. Also, the SOUPER BOWL cans of soup were split between HOPE PARTNERS and the NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE here in Chino. So these food items were put to good use. Again, we can always use more food items.

From the Worship Committee

Our Valentine's Day "Love Bingo" event was held on February 16. We played bingo and Uno, and prizes were given out. No one left empty handed. We even crowned a Valentine queen! Thanks to all who helped with this event.



For St. Patrick's Day (March 17) this year, we'll be having a special contest during coffee hour in the social hall. The person who wears the most green will be named our parish leprechaun and will get a special prize. Please be there—the prize just might be a pot of gold!

Patrick (Maewyn) was born in 385 in Roman Britannia in the modern-day town of Dumbarton, Scotland. He opens his autobiographical St. Patrick's *Confession* with these lines:

My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers. I am looked down upon by many. My father was Calpornius. He was a deacon; his father was Potitus, a priest, who lived at Bannavem Taburniae. His home was near there, and that is where I was taken prisoner. I was about sixteen at the time.

Known as the Patron Saint Of Ireland, Patrick was instrumental in bringing Christian beliefs to Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day became a day to commemorate Catholicism in Ireland. Originally, it was a day of feasting and celebration held every year on the day of St. Patrick's death, although until the 1700s, the holiday didn't exist in any formal capacity.

One of the more popular myths about St. Patrick is that he drove all the snakes from Ireland after they attacked him during a 40-day fast. He supposedly drove all the snakes into the sea, and that is why there are no slithering serpents in Ireland today.

We now know, however, that there were never any snakes in Ireland. The legends about the snakes actually served as a metaphor for Druidic symbols in Ireland and of St. Patrick's eradication of the pagan traditions that preceded Catholicism in Ireland.

St. Patrick was taken from his home at age 16 and became a slave to Irish pirates for six years. When he was free, he entered the clergy and later returned to Ireland as a missionary. Before he was a prisoner, Patrick's Christian faith meant little to him. That changed during his captivity. His previously ambivalent faith galvanized and served to buoy him through those long, dark days. When he returned home and became a priest, he felt a tremendous burden for the people that had kidnapped him, so he returned to Ireland with a mission.

While he was not, in fact, Irish by birth, he embodied the spirit of Ireland and a love for the country. Somewhat ironically, St. Patrick was an immigrant to Ireland the same way so many Irish would later become immigrants to the United States, where modern St. Patrick's Day was born.

St. Patrick never wore green, according to most accounts, but he did use the Irish shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to his followers.

The shamrock was meaningful long before Catholicism made its way to Ireland, as it was used in Druid rituals and stories. The significance was the three prongs. Three held significance in pagan traditions. Patrick was successful in converting and baptizing the pagan king.

Green was a color associated with the shamrock and certain groups in Ireland, but in the mid-1700s it fell out of fashion. Blue was the color then most commonly associated with St. Patrick. A group of Irish Protestants rebelled against the British and reclaimed green as their symbolic color. "Wearing the green" came from a popular theme song for the rebellion and has

Small Groups—

Crocheting & More	Grateful Cleaners	M & M Groupo	Messengers
1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00a.m. - Parlor	Tuesday 8:00a.m. - Main Building	Monday 9:00a.m. - Parlor	Tuesday 1:30p.m. - Social Hall
		Thursday Morning Bible Study	
		Thursday 9:00a.m. - Social Hall	

From the Worship Committee - cont.

been synonymous with Irish nationalism ever since.

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737 as a celebration of Irish culture in the colonies. It later spread in popularity to Dublin and to other American cities, and is now popular in other countries, including Asia. The first parade in Ireland was held in the 1930s.

Patrick was never canonized by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint. Patrick himself told us he was a sinner, not a saint. He died on March 17, 461, in Saul, where he planted his first church.

"St. Patrick's Breastplate" is attributed to Patrick. The word breastplate is a translation of the Latin word *lorica*, a prayer, especially for protection. These prayers were written out and placed on shields of soldiers and knights as they went out to battle. St. Patrick's *Lorica* points beyond himself and his adventurous life. It points to Christ, the one he proclaimed to the people who had taken him captive:

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

C H I N O U M C — M a r c h 2 0 1 9

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 9:00 a.m. Crocheting & More
3 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon UMW 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation for AA	4 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. <i>Chocolat</i> 7:00 p.m. Scouts	5 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers	6 7:00 Ash Wednesday @ First UMC Upland 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	8 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Game Night	
10 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation for AA	11 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	12 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study	13 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 9:00 a.m. Crocheting & More
17 9:00 a.m. SAM 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Church Council 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation for AA	18 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	19 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study	20 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study 10:00 a.m. Cozy Closet 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	22 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 p.m. Movie Night	23
24 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Worship Committee 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation for AA	25 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	26 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study	27 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	28 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	29 Pastor's Day Off	30 8:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Cleaning
31 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Meditation for AA						
Please call the church office if you have corrections or additions.						



2nd Sara Dack
6th Jennifer McDermott
6th Jessica Seargeant
16th Thomas Hogarth
19th Isaiah Baca
26th Nichole DeShazer
30th Ena Santos



23rd Marcus & Alicia Baca

Coffee Fellowship

3rd Friday Night Group
10th Messengers
17th Choir
24th Amigos
31st M & M

Greeters

3rd Margaret Hogarth & Joy May
10th Sandy Miller & Vera Wall
17th Rachel Houseberg & Wendy Waters
24th Betty Morrison & Marcia Pine
31st Al & Lupe Alcantar

Liturgists

3rd Jennifer McDermott
10th Brian Baier
17th Dan Bentley
24th Gerald Esqueda
31st Kim Few

Sunday School

3rd Carol McFarland
10th Sylvia Smith
17th Carol McFarland
Don Callju - Youth
24th Sylvia Smith
31st No Sunday School

Communion Assistants

Mabel Cross & Marilyn Mack

Blessers

Gerald Esqueda & Joy May

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The next *Tidings* deadline is Sunday, March 24th. Please email articles to ChinoUMC@yahoo.com or leave

Church Council	<i>Dan Bentley</i>
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Boy Scout Troop	<i>Larry McFarland</i>
United Methodist Women	<i>Wendy Waters</i>
Lay Leader	<i>Jennifer McDermott</i>
Pastor	<i>Rev. Matthew J. Seargeant</i>
Choir Director	<i>Carole Schuricht</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Phillips</i>
Church Secretary	<i>Marcia Pine</i>

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ who Love God and Love Neighbor”