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CHINO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Tidings



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am-12:00pm

Pastor's day off is Monday



Hello Chino United Methodist Church Family,

Just a Friendly reminder about the following mission items that you might like to take part in:

#1 Hygiene Kits

We are still in need of any items that you could share in order for us to make more Hygiene Kits.

#2 Food Pantry

Any food Items that you have or that you might pick up in the store would be Appreciated so we can have a well-stocked pantry

#3 Shoe Collection

We are collecting mainly children's shoes for the Neighborhood House. We Would like to have all donations by December 12th so the shoes can be Distributed for Christmas

Thank you for all you do with and for the Chino United Methodist Church.

Peace,

M&M Group Small Group



Registration for Sunday Service

Please continue to call in to the Church office Monday– Thursday for attendance on Sunday Church Office (909) 628-1107

If you plan on doing any shopping on Amazon this holiday season remember to go to Amazon Smile and add Chino United Methodist Church as your Charitable Organization and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the dollar amount of your purchases.



Tuesdays-Fridays, November 30-December 23: Virtual Advent Moring Devotions with Pastor Hee Jung at 8:15 a.m.

I am going to offer 30-mnute morning devotions during Advent.. Please use the church Zoom link or Passcode and ID to join.



December 24,2021 Christmas Eve Service will be at 5p.m Friday. Hope to see you all.



Church Office will be closed from December 24, 2021 through January 3,2022
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Advent Wreath

One of the most beautiful customs of Advent is the creation of the Advent wreath, and the burning of the candles. By the sixteenth century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these

Symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Each week, the candles are lighted-one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The candles represent the light which came into a world of darkness. In the candlelight, the congregation prays together in preparation for Christmas-the time when the true "light of the world" will come.

The Tradition

The practice of decoration homes and churches with flowers and plants dates back to the ancient days of Egypt. References to wreaths and garlands of leaves and flowers appear in the folklore and literature of all nations. Early Christians were forbidden by the church leaders to use fruits and flowers for decoration, because the practice was considered to be an un-Christian, pagan rite. However, in 1600, St. Augustine of Canterbury was advised by the Pope to permit the use of flowers within the church. Since then, flowers have flourished as decorations in Christian homes and Churches.

The Poinsettia

A colorful, tropical plant, the poinsettia is now recognized as one of the most cherished Christmas emblems. When Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, our first ambassador to Mexico, discovered the distinctive flower, called by the Latin Americans Flor de la Noche Buena(Which means, "Flower of the Holy Night"), he was delighted. Its rich red and green coloring make this plant a most appropriate Christmas decoration.

The Christmas Tree

Of all the Christmas symbols, perhaps none is more familiar than the Christmas tree. Decorating the is one of the most beloved of Christmas customs, and prevails wherever trees are available. History dates the customs of decorating trees for Christmas as early as 1521. Tradition holds that Martin Luther may have been the first to use an evergreen. The story says that, as he walked home through the forest one night, the full moon shone on the snow-laden branches of the trees. So entranced by their beauty was Luther, that he quickly cut down a small tree, took it home, and placed tiny lighted candles on the branches in order that his family might enjoy some measure of the splendor he had witnessed. The fir tree has been almost universally accepted as the Christmas tree. This is particularly appropriate because the end of each branch forms a tiny cross and the stately tree points up-

The Evergreens

Well before the Christian era, evergreens were used as an emblem of eternal life. For, although the cold winter weather killed most plants, evergreens remained, symbols of summer and life. It is said that in early Christian festival processions apples and rosemary were carried, typifying humanity's fall and God's redemption. At Christmas, greens were used, not only for decoration, but to emphasize the nativity notion that the child born in Bethlehem was both God and man "who would spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and flourish, and live evermore".

The Holly and the Ivy

Holly and ivy are also popular forms of decoration at Christmas. Among the ancient Romans, laurel was an emblem of peace and joy, as well as victory. The Christians placed it in their windows to indicate that Christ had entered their home. In old England and France, the holly and ivy took the place of the laurel. Holly with its shiny green leaves and bright red berries, has a special significance at Christmas. Some scholars believe that the name "holly" is derived from the word "holy". They base their assumption on the holly's long association with sacred religious rites. With the holly and the ivy this morning, we include an olive branch: a common symbol of peace.

The Mistletoe

Another favorite Christmas green is mistletoe. Mistletoe is a parasitic plant, growing only on other trees-totally dependent on them for existence. We have chosen mistletoe for part of our flower arrangement to remind us of our dependence on God. The arrangement also includes, three red roses, representing the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The Legend of the Christmas Rose

Listen now to the Legend of the Christmas Rose: As the wise men from the East, brought forth their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, a shepherd girl, watching from afar wept because she had no gift to offer the Christ child. As her tears fell to the ground, flowers sprang up, which she gathered and hastened to bring to the infant. In adoration, she knelt at the manger, so Jesus could see her gift, and when his hands touched the flowers, their petals turned to a delicate pink. And so a flower that never bloomed before, came into existence- the Christmas Rose.

C H I N O U M C — D e c e m b e r 2 0 2 1

Join Zoom meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9096281107?pwd=bEZLWFFIWTgySOx2TFJoa21ETzdnZz09>

Meeting ID: 909 628 1107

Passcode:12345

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Bible Study 10 a.m. Morning Devotional 8:30 a.m Via Zoom	3 Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	4 Crocheting & More 9 a.m.
5 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>All Church Fel- lowship</i> 2 p.m	6 M&M Group 10 a.m. Pastors Day off	7 Moring Devotional 8:15 a.m Via Zoom	8 Morning devotions 8:15 a.m Via Zoom	9 Bible Study 10 a.m. Morning Devotional 8;30 a.m	10 Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	11 Christmas Pa- rade & Fail 9 a.m
12 UMW @ 2pm @Brindas Umw 2pm @ Brinda's House	13 M&M Group 10 a.m. Pastors Day off	14 Morning Devorional 8:15 a.m Via Zoom	15 Moring Devotions 8:15 a.m Via Zoom	16 Bible Study 10 a.m. Moring Devotional 8;30 A.M Via Zoom	17 Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	18 Crocheting & More 9 a.m.
19 10:30 a.m. Worship Church Council 2 p.m	20 M&M Group 10 a.m. Pastors Day off	21 Morning Devotional 8::15 a.m Via Zoom	22 Morning Devotions 8:15 a.m Via Zoom	23 Bible Study 10 a.m. Moring Devotional 8:30 a.m Via Zoom	24 Friday Fellowship 7 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30 Bible Study 10 a.m	31 Friday Fellowship 7 p.m. New Years Eve	
Please call the church office if you have corrections or additions.						



1st Karifa Fofana
5th Bill Hogarth
6th Roseanne Callju
16th Betty Morrison
20th Sandy Miller
22nd Eric Cross
22nd Larry McFarland



2nd Steve & Carol Adams
24th Jonathon & Sandy Pryor
27th Alfred & Lupe Alcantar
29th Mike & Joy May

December 5– 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 12– 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 19– 4th Sunday of Advent
December 24– Christmas Eve
December 26– 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Liturgist : December 5– Jennifer Hampton
December 12– Jennifer Hampton
December 19– Steve Adams
December 26– Rachel Houseberg

If you would like to be a Liturgist contact Jennifer Hampton, Michele Houska, Pastor Hee Jung, or call the Church office. We would love to hear from you.

Please Keep in mind we are still following Covid Safety rules Masks must stay on at all times during service and social distancing is still required.

Also, we continue to stream Live during our organ music during gathering, Postlude, and ending music. Please keep conversations down as the microphones are live.

UMW still have post cards for sale if you are interested please contact Bobbie Lane.

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Church**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



The next *Tidings* deadline is Thursday, December 23. Please email articles to Chino UMC@yahoo.com or leave them in the church office. Thank you.

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