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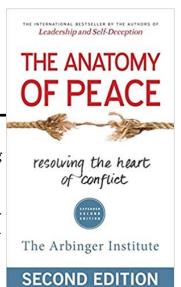
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# The Tidings

# **Study Class**

Beginning this Sunday, **January 6** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and continuing for five additional Sundays, please join with others from our Mission Area (Chino, Ontario, Upland, Montclair, and Rancho Cucamonga UMCs) for a study of the book, "The Anatomy of Peace: resolving the heart of conflict," as we anticipate the Special General Conference in February of 2019.



This class will be held at Ontario First UMC, and co-led by Ontario's pastor, the Rev. Blair Trygstad-Stowe, and our own Matt Seargeant. If we have enough interest, we can arrange a carpool from Chino to Ontario First UMC.

For more information, please contact Matt Seargeant.



### January 13th during Coffee Hour

Come hear Chris Wolfe with Chino Police Department speak of Value, Pledge, and Opportunity; ways we can

show we care about our community. For more information, please see the flyer on the General Bulletin Board.

# Inside this issue: Social Hall Roof Fund 2 Financial State of the Church 2 Alternative Christmas Market 3 From the Worship Committee 4 Small Groups 5

Dates of interest in January:

1st Happy New Year

6th Epiphany

20th Human Relations Sunday

#### Social Hall Roof Fund

Did you know we now have a Social Hall Roof Fund? Thanks to a generous initial gift, I am gratefully excited to let you know that you can make donations to this fund to replace the roof and fix the eaves of the Social Hall. This will cost at least \$8,000, but we already have a good start! Please note that it is crucial that we need to keep our general fund commitments completely separate from this special fund. Please consider adding to this fund. Mark your donations: roof.

With prayers and thanks, Margaret Hogarth

Church World Service

# GIFTS THAT WILL KEEP ON GIVING -2018 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET



Your generous hearts have helped those in need by supporting Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity International, Nothing But Nets (Imagine No Malaria), Church World Service blankets, David and The people of The United Methodist Church Margaret Youth Services, UMCOR, Third World Gifts and Hand Arts and Amy's Farms

Goat Milk Soaps. We raised \$1,697.06 and gave meaningful Christmas gifts to family and friends. Your continuing support, here locally and all over the world, has been a part of Chino Unit-

ed Methodist Church's history of helping those less fortunate. You have made a difference this past Christmas by giving gifts that give back, gifts that give twice.

# All-Church Workday Saturday, January 12, 8-10 a.m.

We will be picking up trash, weeding, and trimming. There will also be cleaning chores. It helps if you can bring tools such as gloves, trash bags, loppers, cutters, brooms, dust pans, that sort of thing. We have jobs for every ability and your help is much appreciated.

# Financial State of the Church

#### THESE ARE THE COMPARITIVE FIGURES THROUGH NOVMBER

	2017		2018		Difference	
Income	\$ 191,507	\$	199,871	\$	8,364	
Expenses	\$ 203,969	\$	199,349	\$	4,620	
Net Income	\$ -12,462	\$	522	\$		



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# News from Crocheting and More Group

The Chino UMC Crocheting and More Group has answered a call put out by All Saints Church - Pasadena, requesting prayer shawls for victims of the Borderline shooting.

One prayer shawl recipient shared with All Saints that her shawl helped her more than she could have imagined. She asked that additional shawls be gifted to the families of those who were killed, and those who were injured or witnessed the shooting.

Our knitters and crocheters contributed one dozen prayer shawls to the vital ministry.



# Choir Member of the Month— Carole Schuricht, Choir Director

I have had the privilege of leading the CUMC choir for 18 years. Music is my passion!.

My B.A. degree from Cal State LA (Los Angeles State College as it was then) is with a double major in Music and Education. Since then, I have studied choral conducting at Cal State Fullerton, taken additional piano and voice lessons, and attended numerous church music workshops. I have taught elementary school classroom and music and have instructed many private piano and voice students over the years. I have sung with the Pacific, William Hall, Claremont, and Mountainside chorales. I listen to KUSC classical radio most of my waking hours.

I am also an avid year-round swimmer, hiker, and dancer (ballroom, west coast swing, country, and contra dance.) I have enjoyed many Sierra Club trips to national parks and elsewhere.

I have a son, a daughter, and two granddaughters, aged 17 and 21. I reside in Diamond Bar, where I am a member of the board of directors for the HOA in my community.

In closing, I must express my special love for my church and my choir!

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# From the Worship Committee

Happy new year! Thanks to those who helped decorate and undecorate the church. Thanks to Carole Schuricht, Robert Phillips, and the choir. Thanks to Beth Mendoza for her solo. Thanks to those who helped with the Advent candle lighting. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas services special.

If you're thinking about coming up with some goals for the new year, you might want to attend our goal setting worship service on Friday, January 25, 11 a.m., in the church. Please also mark your calendars for these events:

Friday, January 25, 11 a.m., church, Goal Setting Lay-led Service

Saturday, February 16, 1 p.m., social hall, Love Bingo and Opportunity Drawing

Tuesday, February 26, Pomona Valley Musicians "America Del Sur" Concert

Sunday, March 17, after church, social hall (during coffee hour), Green Party

Friday, April 19, 7 p.m., church, Good Friday Lay-led Service

Sunday, April 21, after church, patio, Easter Egg Hunt

Possible "Birds and Bees" Organ Concert—not yet determined

Friday, May 31, 7 p.m., church, "Rising Above" Ascension Lay-led Service

Saturday, June 29, 7 p.m., patio, Hymn Singalong

Possible class in July—not yet determined

Saturday, August 24, 7 p.m., church, Talent Show

Saturday, September 21, social hall, Biblical Women Workshop

Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m., patio, Animal Blessing Lay-led Service

Saturday, October 26, 7 p.m., church, Halloween Organ Concert

Friday, November 1, 11 a.m., church, All Saints' Day lay-led service

Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m., church, Decorate Church for Christmas

Saturday, December 28, 10 a.m., church, Remove Christmas Decorations

Wednesday, December 25, social hall, Christmas party at church for parishioners without family

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT EPIPHANY

Many people think that the Christmas season starts the day after Halloween and continues until December 25, when it ends. In actuality, the season starts on Christmas Day and continues to January 6, which is Epiphany, the day to celebrate the arrival of the Magi, Wise Men, or Three Kings, at the place where Jesus was born.

The word "epiphany" means "appearance" or "revelation." Epiphany was first noted as a Christian feast day in AD 361 by Ammianus Marcellinus St. Epiphanius. We celebrate Christ's nativity on December 25, the visit by the Magi on January 6, and Christ's baptism on the Sunday following January 6.

The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to acknowledge Jesus as king and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The Magi are popularly referred to as wise men and kings. The word "Magi" came from a word referring to the priestly caste of Zoroastrianism. As part of their religion, these priests paid particular attention to the stars and gained an international reputation for astrology, which was at that time highly regarded as a science. Their religious practices and use of astrology caused derivatives of the term "Magi" to be applied to the occult in general and led to the English term "magic".

Traditions identify a variety of different names for the Magi. In the Western Christian Church they have been commonly known as Melchior of Persia, Caspar or Gaspar of India, and Balthasar of Arabia.

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# From the Worship Committee - cont.

The phrase "from the east" is the only information Matthew provides about the region from which they came. Traditionally, the view developed that they were Babylonian or Persians or Jews from Yemen. The belief was they were from Babylon, the center of Zurvanism, and hence astrology, at the time.

There are many traditional stories about what happened to the Magi after they left Jesus, with one having them baptized by St. Thomas on his way to India. Another has their remains found by Saint Helena and brought to Constantinople, and eventually making their way to Germany and the Shrine of the Three Kings at Cologne Cathedral.

In recent tradition, the Magi have been portrayed as three kings, or noble men, of different origin. One was from Western Europe (usually Celtic-like from the British Isles or France), another was of African origin (usually Abyssinian, Ethiopian), and the last was from Asia, either from the Arabian Peninsula (e.g. Yemen or Oman) or the Far East (usually China). The European is often portrayed with the g, since the other two gifts were native to Africa and Asia. Myrrh and Frankincense gifts vary between "king".

The Magi are described as "falling down", "kneeling" or "bowing" in the worship of Jesus. This gesture, together with the use of kneeling in Luke's birth narrative, had an important effect on Christian religious practices. They are indicative of great respect and were typically used when venerating a king.

Three gifts are explicitly identified in Matthew: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of priesthood, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

What subsequently happened to these gifts is never mentioned in the scripture. In the Monastery of St. Paul of Mount Athos, there is a 15th century golden case containing, purportedly, the gifts of the Magi. Apparently, they were part of the relics of the Holy Palace of Constantinople.

House blessings have become an Epiphany tradition.

In Italy, La Befana (a female) visits the homes of children on the eve of January 6 to fill their socks with candy and presents if they are good, or a lump of coal or dark candy if they have been bad.

In France, people eat a kings' cake, which has a trinket, usually a porcelain figure of a king or a bean, hidden inside of it. The person who gets the piece of cake with the trinket inside of it is declared king for the day, or that person might be selected as the one who will provide the cake the following year.

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# CHINO UMC — January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		HappyNewYear	<b>2</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	4 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	5 9:00 a.m. Crocheting & More
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4th Marilyn Polcyn

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8th Meredith (May) Apablaza

15th Misty Esqueda

15th Margaret Hogarth

16th Judy McConnell

17th Carole Schuricht

24th Brinda Moffitt

24th Allison Robb

30th Marcus Baca



22nd Marilyn & John Polcyn26th Bettye & Jerry Corum

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

6th Adult & Family Ministries

13th Friday Night Group

20th Messengers

27th Amigos

#### Greeters

6th Al & Lupe Alcantar

13th Bettye Corum & Jeanne Vanzant

20th Steve & Carol Adams

27th Donna Maddox & Marilyn Polcyn

#### Liturgists

6th Kim Few

13th Beth Field

20th Rachel Houseberg

27th Marilyn Mack

#### Sunday School

6th Carol McFarland

13th Sylvia Smith

20th Carol McFarland

Don Calliu - Youth

27th Sylvia Smith

#### **Communion Assistants**

Marilyn Mack & Jennifer McDermott

#### Blessers

Gerald Esqueda & Joy May

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