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CHINO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# *The Tidings*



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April 7, 2022

Carol Adams, SPRC Chair  
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Dear Carol and the Congregation of Chino UMC,

On behalf of Bishop Grant Hagiya and his Cabinet I share with you that after much prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Grant Hagiya's intent to appoint Rev. Hee Jung Yu to a new pastoral appointment beginning July 1, 2022.

Pastor Hee Jung has been a presence of God's loving grace to persons in all walks of life and she will be missed at Chino UMC. At the same time, you can send her to her new ministry setting confident that her receiving congregation will soon benefit from her care and guidance.

In the days ahead, be sure to take time to remember the work of the Spirit you shared. I know Rev. Yu has been blessed by the community of faith at Chino, and all of you will value these final days as an opportunity to look back and be thankful, while also looking ahead with hope and anticipation for what God will do next. In the days ahead, I will be working with your Staff Parish Relations Committee as the Bishop and his Cabinet continue to discern for the next pastoral appointment for Chino UMC.

On behalf of our Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness, and ask you to hold Rev. Yu and her family in your prayers during this time of change.

In ministry together,



Rev. Dr. Siosaia F. Tu'itahi (Saia)

District Superintendent  
East District

April 18, 2022

Dear members and friends of Chino United Methodist Church.

On April 7 of this year we received news that Rev. Hee Jung Yu, our Pastor, is being reappointed to another congregation effective July 1. While this and last year have been tumultuous ones for our church, we have grown in our faith by her gentle yet strong faith: the Methodist Church does move its Pastors, and we will treasure our year with Hee Jung, knowing she will also bring to her new congregation her strength and admirable organizational skills. As we learn more about the future of Chino United Methodist Church, we will keep you informed and involved.

Rev. Yu will be attending Annual Conference as our Pastor the week of June 13 and be taking her last weeks of paid vacation the weeks of June 19 and 26. Visiting Pastors will be in our pulpit June 19 and 26, Rev. Yu's last Sunday in our church's pulpit being June 12. We will be preparing for our new Pastor the last two weeks of June and will welcome this new servant of God on Sunday, July 3. And now we wish Rev. Hee Jung Yu well in her new appointment.

Peace,  
Carol Adams  
SPRC Chairperson  
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April 30, 2022

Dear church family,

You may recall that earlier this year your church council requested that a Paragraph 213 process be conducted to evaluate the viability of our church. As a part of that process the Rev. Siosaia Tu'itahi, East District Superintendent (DS,) and Rev. Catie Coots, Change Manager, conducted numerous consultations and document reviews to assess the sustainability of our church.

This past Sunday our DS and Rev. Coots met with approximately 40 of our church members to provide a brief overview of the viability of CUMC and to discuss some scenarios for CUMC membership to consider as they plan for the future.

Like many other churches with aging congregations, CUMC's membership has diminished as members passed away or relocated their families. Sadly, our shrinking membership has contributed significantly to our diminishing financial situation. Equally unsettling, we have fewer and fewer members available to pitch in to provide administrative support or volunteer for leadership positions.

Last, we have a looming deferred maintenance problem that will need to be addressed as we move forward. Although our aging rental units and parsonage have been a welcomed source of income, we cannot ignore that maintaining these resources may be costly. In addition, our church buildings will need additional roof repairs and the exterior paint is beginning to peel.

Our Equitable Compensation award will terminate at the end of June. It is *extremely* unlikely that our District will provide Equitable Compensation assistance to subsidize our new pastor's salary. Our future plans must consider our financial resources.

It is clear that our present direction is not sustainable. We need to prayerfully consider new options that balance our financial and volunteer resources as we plan for the future of our church. Here are several of the scenarios discussed at our recent Paragraph 213 meeting:

- Requesting a part-time pastor

- Requesting a student pastor

- Requesting an intern pastor

- Merge with other churches

- Merge with other churches on neutral ground (a campus new to all of the churches)

- Make a Plan to "buy another year" (so we can determine the best strategy to follow)

- Close our church down

- Securing another church/organization to use (and rent) our facilities

- Seek rental opportunities (weddings/receptions/concerts)

### **Additional Considerations**

Pastoring has changed. In addition to ministering to the flock and delivering sermons, today's United Methodist pastor has a heavy administrative workload. Data requests, committee assignments and report generation are the norm. Today's pastors need to be not just technologically savvy; they need to be near experts.

The money saved by requesting a part-time or student/intern pastor may not necessarily guarantee savings or success. If a pastor is not skilled in the administrative workings of the United Methodist Denomination, or technologically gifted, someone in the church will need fill that gap. The question remains are there technologically gifted church members who are both able and willing to serve as a pastor's tech backup?

Church mergers require intense planning, and dedicated volunteers. Do we have a sufficient number of volunteers who are willing and able to serve on the committees necessary to make a church merger a reality?

Planning to "buy" another year to figure things out, as well as closing our church will require a devoted group of volunteers willing and able to dedicate the time necessary to steer these options to fruition. Last, soliciting other churches and organizations to use (and rent) our facilities may require building upgrades, a dedicated staff person to manage the facilities and additional paid or volunteer custodial support.

### **Wrapping it up...**

Our problems are not unique. Many, many small churches face the same challenges. No one is to "blame." Where do we go from here? One of the consistent themes that Rev. Catie Coots shared from her interviews with our members was that "We don't want to let one another down, or hurt one another's feelings."

My friends, admitting that we can no longer continue to worship exactly as we have in the past is *not letting anyone down* – it is identifying and working with our reality.

Admitting that we can no longer continue to worship exactly as we have in the past is not "letting anyone down," it's giving us all permission to plan what we want our church to become.

Please discuss our Paragraph 213 meeting and this letter with your friends. And stay tuned, we will be having additional ZOOM meetings to address our way forward.

Blessings,

*Terry Moffitt*

Terry Moffitt


# C H I N O U M C — M a y 2 0 2 2

Join Zoom meeting

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:30 Worship Holy Communion 3rd Sunday of Easter  All Church 2p.m.	<b>2</b> M & M Group 10 a.m.  <b>Pastors Day off</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Special Church Council Meeting Via Zoom @ 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.	<b>6</b> Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Crocheting & More 9 a.m. UMWIF Trip to botanical Garden 10 a.m.
<b>8</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 4th Sunday of Easter  <b>Happy Mothers Day</b>	<b>9</b> M & M Group 10 a.m.  <b>Pastors Day Off</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.	<b>13</b> Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 5th Sunday of Easter  Church Council 2 p.m.	<b>16</b> M & M Group 10 a.m..  <b>Pastors Day Off</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.	<b>20</b> Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	<b>21</b> Crocheting & More 9 a.m.
<b>22</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 6th Sunday of Easter	<b>23</b>   <b>Pastors Day Off</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.	<b>27</b> Friday Fellowship 7 p.m.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 7th Sunday of Easter	<b>30</b>   <b>Pastors Day Off</b>	<b>31</b>				
						
Please call the church office if you have corrections or additions.						



- 8th Mike Lomeli
- 9th Ron Lane
- 10th Sheku Fofana
- 11th Nancy Nichols
- 11th Sandy Pryor
- 13th Joy Boese
- 21st Patricia Ogas
- 23rd Lonnie Morrison
- 24th Carol McFarland
- 25th Barbara Kramer



- 3rd Mac & Roberta Brazelton
- 6th Emil & Martha Trimillos



### Notes...

The Chino UMW met in early April at Betty Morrison's house. We were treated to a baked potato lunch, including a salad and dessert. She also had a special event to help her downsize, so guests were able to take home some prized possessions to keep or rehome. There will not be a May meeting in lieu of our field trip. If you have questions or would like to join us, please see any of our members!

As of March 2, 2022 the "United Methodist Women" will now be known as:

***United Women in Faith***

**Chino United Methodist  
Church**

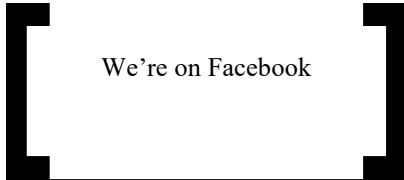
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