



United Methodist Church Westlake Village

# Covenant

The mission of the Church is to make, mature and mobilize disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

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## PASTORAL PERSPECTIVES: Community Cares



Pastor Walt

On Saturday, April 1, we are having a very special event on campus. It's called a **Community Cares Event** and it highlights 11 very important and effective non-profits in our area that serve our neighbors in need. These non-profits will be present, and besides conveying information about their purpose, they will offer opportunities to connect in service, right then and there. This will be an exciting time and attendees will be fed a tasty and *free* pancake breakfast in Alton Hall. Come join with us from 9 to 11:30 am. There will be something special for kids of all ages to do at each display.

For the month of April, our Mission Moment focus will continue the theme of Community Cares. We have a special assistance fund at our church that is designated to help anyone who comes to us from the community requesting assistance. The pastoral staff

disburses money from this fund on behalf of the congregation. Now that the pandemic is easing, we anticipate a growing number of appeals. Our **Community Cares Fund** is the way we respond directly to people in need and it supplements the very good work of the community's non-profits that respond to our community needs in a more systematic and comprehensive way.

Your support of your local church's Community Cares Fund and the non-profits highlighted in our Community Cares Event are good ways to put your faith into action. As we move through the month of April, please give these efforts your prayerful consideration, give generously, and engage in ministry that makes a difference.

Blessings.

*Walt*



*Easter egg hunt for the children immediately following the Easter Service on the Youth Building lawn. Bring your own basket!*

# MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

By Carol Ames, Communications Coordinator

The **Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank** was founded in 1971 by a group of people who felt that no person should ever go hungry in the Conejo Valley. Until recently, it operated for the past 50 years out of a 700 square foot house in the Old Town area of Thousand Oaks. Organized by Cathie Loeb as chair of the Missions Committee, a group of 11 people from UMCWV were able to tour Manna's new home on March 13.

Located at 95 N. Oakview Drive, the new facility has 7,000 square feet of space for its pantry, food storage and sorting, classroom and office space. Donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. People needing food can pick up some on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information, go to the [www.mannaconejo.org](http://www.mannaconejo.org) website.



*Tour of Manna's new home*

Pastor Kristi was in worship at UMCWV on March 26 and used the **Children's Time** to explain the way that Jesus used water to wash the disciples feet and how water is also used for the **baptism** of people of all ages. She had the children watch as she poured out water that Pastor Walt then used while the children watched as he baptized baby Winter.



*Bowls of Hope at CLU*

The **Many Mansions' Bowls of Hope** fundraiser was held at CLU on Sunday, March 26. UMCWV was well represented as staff, volunteers and participants. Several of the attendees are pictured in the collage of photos.



*Children's Time & Winter's Baptism*

The **Crafty Ladies and Membership Care** have teamed up to create cute Easter gifts that will be delivered to about 20 shut-ins in the UMCWV congregation. This is a cheerful way to let these folks know that their church remem-



*Saturday Night Supper*

**Saturday Night Suppers** met on March 25 in Alton Hall with a belated St. Patrick's Day theme. Hosts were Linda Northrup & David Schlueter and Candice & John Shehorn. It was an evening of good food and fellowship, as well as some Irish dance entertainment provided by two of Linda and David's nieces.



*Easter treats*





**July 24-28, 2023**

Pizazz Music Camp is an exciting adventure in music using non-religious curriculum for singing, handbell and choir chime ringing, dancing and music enrichment. (Masks optional)

Details & Apply online at [www.PizazzMusicCamp.org](http://www.PizazzMusicCamp.org)  
Applications being accepted now!  
Save \$30 by June 1



Pizazz Music Camp is happy to be back for its 29th year.

Open to students entering grades 1 - 8 (Fall 2023)  
Daily Schedule  
Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. + 7 p.m. performance





1049 S. Westlake Blvd. - 805.497.7884 - email: [pizazz@umcwg.org](mailto:pizazz@umcwg.org)  
Pizazz Music Camp reserves the right to cancel this program if new developments occur regarding health concerns, natural disasters or insufficient enrollment. If so, a full refund will be given.

**A Musical Kaleidoscope**  
**PIZAZZ**  
Music Camp 2023



## Pizazz Music Camp - Apply Now!

Celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> year, **Pizazz Music Camp** stresses the joy of music with a variety of musical experiences using a non-religious music arts curriculum. A highly qualified staff makes the week exciting with singing, handbell and choir chime ringing, dancing and music enrichment classes.

For students entering grades 1-8 in Fall 2023, the dates this year are July 24-28. The daily schedule is (M-Th) 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., (Fri.) 9 a.m.-2 p.m. plus a “**A Musical Kaleidoscope**” performance at 7 p.m. It is open to any interested students from the Conejo Connect churches and the community.

*Applications are being accepted now.* Tuition, which includes a \$25 non-refundable application fee, is \$130 if full payment is received by June 1 or \$160 if payment is received after June 1. No refund will be given for cancellations after July 21. Tuition includes snacks and a T-shirt with the Pizazz 2023 logo.

Limited scholarship assistance is available for those who need it. ***Donations to the Noel Sparks Memorial Pizazz Scholarship Fund are gratefully accepted and appreciated.***

Pizazz is sponsored by Music Ministry at UMCWV. Gloria Hilliard, Carol Ames and Lynn Dokken have been the primary leadership team members since the first year of Pizazz in 1993. They are now the “Emeritus Leadership Team” and are training and supporting the new co-coordinators, Phyllis Marbach and Laura Bintliff, and some new classroom teachers. Photos and bios of the staff and teachers are on the Pizazz Music Camp website.

Questions? Email: [pizazz@umcwg.org](mailto:pizazz@umcwg.org). For more details, to see the brochure, print the application/release form or to apply online with PayPal payment, go to the website: [www.PizazzMusicCamp.org](http://www.PizazzMusicCamp.org).

# Community Cares Event

Come ~ Eat ~ Learn



**Saturday, April 1**  
**9:00-11:30 am**

**United Methodist Church**  
**Westlake Village**  
**1049 S. Westlake Blvd.**

★ Enjoy a FREE Pancake Breakfast and activities for kids of all ages! ★



Come meet and learn how these Non-profit Organizations benefit our community!

Casa  
Pacifica

Gold Coast  
Veterans

Manna

Harbor  
House

Las  
Virgenes  
Water

The Growing  
Place

Moving  
Seniors  
Forward

Westminster  
Free Clinic

Senior  
Concerns

Many  
Mansions

Fit-4-The-  
Cause



[umcww.org](http://umcww.org)





*Collaborative Ministry*

# Holy Week Services

*With our sister churches of Conejo Connect*



**Maundy Thursday (4/6) @ 6:30 P.M.**

**hosted by**

**St. Matthew's UMC in Newbury Park**

**Good Friday (4/7) @ 7- hosted by**

**UMC Thousand Oaks**

## **QUENCHED YOUTH GROUP**

**MON APR 3 & 17  
5:30-7 GRADES  
6-12 @UMCWV YB**



*Collaborative Ministry Talent Show!*

# Emotiation



BY YOUR TALENT MAY WE EMOTE!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

# TALENT SHOW

APRIL 30 @4:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S UMC 1360 S. WENDY DR. NEWBURY PARK

SIGN UP FOR YOUR SLOT HERE



Stay up-to-date on Conejo Connect - visit the Website: <http://www.conejoconnect.org>

# MISSION MOMENT



## UMCWV Community Care Fund

The special mission offering through the season of Lent is the **Community Care Fund**. Created by the Missions Committee to strengthen our pastor's ability to care for needy people in our community, you are encouraged to give a generous gift to this fund. Your gift to The Community Care Fund will help translate our compassion into helpful action, and steady the lives of members of the community. Please give and make a difference.

**Mail a check to the church office:**

*make payable to:* **UMCWV**

*memo line:* Community Care

UMCWV

1049 S. Westlake Blvd.

Westlake Village, CA 91361

**Or Donate online to Mission of the Month**



## MANNA FOOD DRIVE

### MANNA DROP OFF:

- AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY OR
- UMCWV PARKING LOT
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 9 FROM 3-3:30.**
- DRIVE THROUGH WITH YOUR ITEMS.
- WE WILL COLLECT & DELIVER TO MANNA.

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL CATHIE LOEB AT (818)439-7990.





LIVING FAITH. SEEKING JUSTICE. PURSUING PEACE.

## Social Concerns Committee

**A HOME FOR EVERYBODY**  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THOUSAND OAKS

**UNA CASA PARA TODOS**  
VIVIENDAS ACCESIBLES EN THOUSAND OAKS



**MARCH 29TH** | **6:00 - 7:30PM**  
**29 DE MARZO**

**GRANT R. BRIMHALL LIBRARY**  
1401 EAST JANSS ROAD,  
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362



**SIGN UP | REGISTRATE:**  
<http://bit.ly/AH032923>



SCAN ME  
ESCANÉAME



Live interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish.  
Habrá interpretación en vivo en Inglés y Español.

Please join us for a gathering of local experts and community voices to talk about the need for affordable housing in Thousand Oaks.  
Asiste a una reunión de expertos locales y voces de la comunidad para hablar sobre la necesidad de viviendas accesibles en Thousand Oaks.

**Affordable Housing Overview & Breakout Discussions On:** Thousand Oaks General Plan | Inclusionary Housing | Affordable Housing Myths | Affordable Housing & the Climate Crisis | Unhoused & Unstable Housing | Housing for Low Income Families & Individuals, People with Disabilities & Older Adults

**Información Breve Sobre Viviendas Accesibles Seguida De Una Discusión Sobre:** Plan General de Viviendas en Thousand Oaks | Viviendas Inclusivas | Mitos Sobre Viviendas Accesibles | Viviendas Accesibles y la Crisis Climática | Viviendas Para Personas Inestables Sin Hogar | Viviendas Para Familias y Personas de Bajos Ingresos, Personas con Discapacidades y Adultos Mayores



*This program is not a Thousand Oaks Library sponsored event.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS!



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Attention High School Graduates and those enrolling in College, Junior College, or Trade School:** It is the time of year for applying to the Scholarship Committee if seeking an award. Four Scholarships of up to \$1,000 each are available. They are as follows:

- ◆ Z Frann Krajieski Memorial Scholarship – for community service;
- ◆ Raymond “Ray Todd Memorial Scholarship – for musicians or athletes with community service;

- ◆ Nancy Phillipson Memorial Scholarship – for musicians or singers;
- ◆ Women’s Ministries Council Scholarship – general.

Contact the Church Office to secure your Scholarship Application or for more information. Deadline for submittal to the Church Office of a completed application is **Monday, May 15, by 9:00 am**. Awards will be made as part of the worship service on Graduate Sunday, June 4.



The United Methodist Church Westlake Village encourages all persons to celebrate LGBTQI+ Pride during the month of June. Use the month of June 2023 to raise awareness about the current state of LGBTQI+ human rights and how as Methodists we support all LGBTQI+ individuals. My goal for UMCWV is to offer a totally open and accepting membership to make each LGBTQI+ feel welcome without reservation.

God loves everyone, including all LGBTQI+ folk. Join me in celebration of **Pride month** in Westlake Village California.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions

David Keddle  
LGBTQI+ Leader  
United Methodist Church Westlake Village  
[David.G.Keddle@gmail.com](mailto:David.G.Keddle@gmail.com)

## **SIGN-UP SUNDAY for the VANCO MOBILE APP**

**Bring your phone and/or tablet and join us on  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 @11:15 a.m.  
in Alton Hall with refreshments provided**

**Learn how to:  
Download the app  
Use the app**

**Sign up to be in specific church groups  
Plus ways this will improve UMCWV communication**

**Videos, step by step instructions, questions answered**

**INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED**



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HOPKINS, Tom & Connie	04/04
MENGES, Doug & Linda	04/12
LOEB, Wayne & Cathie	04/13
COOPER, Gene & Carolyn	04/14
LANGBERG, Steve & Susan	04/23

OLSEN, Sandra	04/01
TATTERSALL, Jennifer	04/01
MEIRON, Zachary	04/02
MURPHY, Mairin	04/02
SORENSEN, Curt	04/04
DESANTIS, Riley	04/06
ELGINER, James	04/06
BONDS, Nancy	04/11
HAWKINS, K. Jean Gilbert	04/12
HARRISON, Don	04/15
CHAVOY, Cassia	04/17
COOKE, Carol	04/19
MONTELEONE, Lil	04/22
STEPHENS, Jake	04/23
MARTIN, Bill	04/25
SWANSON, Glen	04/25
DOUGLASS, Macey	04/27
PHILLIPSON, Jennifer	04/27
STUART, Michael	04/28
CHAMNESS, Patty	04/29
FEY, Nathan	04/29
STULL, Richard	04/30

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>February 2023 Income</b>
\$38,213
<b>February 2023 Expenses:</b>
\$52,000
<b>Fiscal YTD Income:</b>
\$88,281
<b>Fiscal YTD Expenses:</b>
\$92,877

## ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	YouTube	Total
Feb 5	88	101	189
Feb 12	89	51	140
Feb 19	92	68	160
Feb 26	65	65	130

The February YouTube totals represent number views as of 03/27/2023.

## Finance Corner

**Q. What is a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD)? Can I specify which UMCWV funds I would like my QCD to be allocated to?**

**A. A Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD)** is a distribution made from an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) to an eligible charitable organization, such as UMCWV. The distribution must be made payable to the charity. If you receive your distribution check made payable to UMCWV before sending or giving the check to the UMCWV church office, you may wish to write in the memo section of the check all of the funds and amounts you wish your allocation to go to. For example, Operating Budget fund #101, Apportionments fund #112. You may also give a note to the church office about your allocation wishes.

The QCD option is available regardless of whether an eligible IRA owner itemizes deductions on [Schedule A](#). Transferred amounts are not taxable, and no deduction is available.

*Please check with your tax advisor or financial consultant to ensure that you meet the requirements for giving a QCD.*



Ministries of the church happen through the faithful efforts of its lay people.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:**  
**Chair: Rick Schroeder**

**OFFICERS**

Lay Leaders: ..... Jeanie Severance  
Lay Delegates to Annual Conference:..... Lynn Dokken, Candice Shehorn,  
..... Rick Schroeder  
Treasurer:..... Lee Friel  
Assistant Treasurer:..... John Shehorn  
Financial Secretary: ..... Agnes Dougherty  
Church Historian ..... Carol Ames

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

Communications:..... Carol Ames  
Conejo Connect..... Rick Schroeder  
Finance: ..... John Shehorn  
Foundation: ..... Don Phillipson  
Nominations: ..... Pastor Walt  
Staff Parish Relations:..... Phyllis Marbach  
Stewardship.....  
Trustees ..... Mike Stone

**PROGRAMMATIC COMMITTEES**

Christian Education.....Amy Comparato  
Growing Place..... Lynn Dokken  
Membership Care.....Jeanie Severance  
Membership Growth.....  
Missions Committee..... Cathie Loeb  
Music.....Barbara Ghosh & Carol Ames  
Social Concerns Committee .....Chris & Kitty Soltow  
Worship ..... Linda Menges

**AGE-LEVEL MINISTRIES**

Family Ministries: ..... Liz & Aaron Peak  
Men's Ministries: .....John Shehorn  
Women's Ministries:.....Candice Shehorn

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Clergy.....Pastor Walt  
Youth Rep.....  
General ..... Nancy Moravec, David Keddle, Boyd Donavon



## STAFF - PARISH RELATIONS

SPRC is always interested in hearing from our Church Family. You may e-mail members at [SPRC@umcwg.org](mailto:SPRC@umcwg.org), contact the chair, Phyllis Marbach, through the church office or attend one of its upcoming meetings for a brief discussion time.

**S**  
**P**  
**R**  
**C**

Candi Wilcox  
Roz Thebaud  
Don Phillipson

} 2023

Phyllis Marbach, chair  
Doug Menges  
Tom Sutphen

} 2024

Polly Tattersall Martin  
Jan Sorenson  
Cindy Faccone

} 2025

**COVENANT DEADLINE**  
For May issue: **Noon April 15**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Walter C. Dilg, Jr.  
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**Bell Choir Director:** Nick Newkirk

**Treasurer:** Leroy Friel

**Financial Secretary:** Agnes Dougherty

**The Growing Place Preschool**  
**Director:** Jen Sorensson



**Resident Bishop:**  
Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank

**North District Superintendent:**  
Rev. Melissa R. MacKinnon

*Office Phone:*  
805-497-7884



### Welcome!

*Join Us For Worship Each Sunday  
At 10 a.m.*

*In-person worship is available in the  
sanctuary.*

*Or*

*Join us for the online service live at 10 a.m.  
each Sunday at [umcwg.org](http://umcwg.org) - or watch it  
later on our website or YouTube.*

*Check website for additional details or  
changes in scheduling.*

*UMCWV continues to thrive. To see ways  
you can be a part of our community, go to  
[umcwg.org](http://umcwg.org)*



*Setting a Course for a Better Life*

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Westlake Village