

THE Oakleaf



January 19, 2018

Newsletter of the United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks
Making Faith Real

SPAGHETTI DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION!



Saturday, Feb 10, 6:00—9:00 PM



Adults-\$10; Children-(5-12) \$5; Families-\$25



Theme: **TELEVISION!**



Reserve a table to decorate based on a favorite show or commercial, or just come to enjoy the fabulous food & fellowship, and bid on a dessert!



Contact Rose Cole, our church
“Chair of Aesthetics and All Things
Decorative” to reserve a table.

Need ideas for your table?
See Youth Director Patty
Cogles.

Want to co-Chair this event or just
volunteer to help out in the kitchen?
Talk to Donna Ventura, chair of this
fun event.



For Your Spirit

A Word from Your Pastor...

We are well into the New Year, and if you are like me, you might still be thinking about what the year 2018 will bring and what you expect out of the New Year. However, the question I have for myself more than anyone else is this: Will this thinking be just that, “thinking”, or will it translate into actions? Here are my few thoughts: Life has taught us that we cannot control everything that happens to us, but we can control a lot of it. We can do something about it. My hope and prayers are that we will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, have a much better sense of what we want to focus on and accomplish in the year ahead.

As we begin a new year, take time to see and assess what you want, knowing that God has wonderful plans for you and wants good things for you. Set some goals in your life, for your family, your career, and also for your spiritual life. If you don't like the word goal, use dream or plan. Judy Pace, the author of “Hurry Less and Worry Less at Christmastime,” also recommends us to be more specific; be specific about what you want to accomplish in the New Year. Instead of saying “I am going to be a better Christian,” consider what one or two things you can do to be a better Christian. For example, plan on reading the entire bible in the year 2018. Perhaps your goal is to spend some more time with the family, but be more specific. Lastly, have a big dream and more passion about your future. Believe in Paul's words from Ephesians 3:20, “now to Him, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Remember Phyllis Borner's message a couple Sundays ago, on the book *Circle Maker*: “Dream Big,” “Pray Hard,” “Think Long.”

I pray that your New Year will be filled with many dreams as well as fulfillments. I pray that you will journey through the New Year with joy, trusting God, who will do great things through your life. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Pastor John

p.s. Speaking of setting goals, being specific, planning, and big dreams, they apply to our church as well. And I hope you will join us on February 17th, Saturday 9am -12pm, for our All Church Planning and Vision Day. See you there!

*Thank you, UMCTO, for the Christmas bonuses!
It is a pleasure working and serving here with you, for
you, & beside you - all in Christ's name.*

*With sincere gratitude, knowing we are blessed,
Pastor John, Romy, May, Diana, Patty, Gabe, and Mitch*



We are praying for...

Jonathan Brubaker
Carlene Embree (Bacon)
Sue Embree (Barwick)
Paul Fotsch
Marianne Harold
Randy Harold
Jean Hensel & family
David Hill (Gramlich)
Jim Horton
Richard Lolley
Dan Lush (Simonds)
John Marshall
Shirley Moran
Gary Morr
Jim Petras
Daelene Rainer
Esther Sanchez (Reyes)
Sharon Stoterau
Beth Ugino (Gramlich)
Louise Stevens (Williams)
Bob Williams
Young B. Yoon

HOMEBOUND

Mary F. Apgar
Buren Blackwelder
Doris Fish
Maxine Howe
Floyd Hutchings
Tom Maxwell
Elli Schubert
Marge Wilson

MILITARY

Jessica Chable
Chloe Diestel
Natalee Dueber
Jeremy Embree
Kevin Gramlich
Jesse D. Negrongarcia
Brock Pooler
Mark Rabens
Wesley Rabens

Worship

We cherish regular corporate worship

Fiesta Church!

Jan. 20, 5 - 7pm

Cuerpo Sano, Alma Sana

Healthy Body, Healty Soul

1 Corintios 12:12-27 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Maria @ 805-300-1607

Dori @ 805-402-2100

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Boy Scout Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WORSHIP WITH OUR SCOUTS!

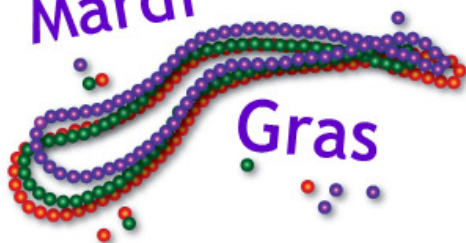


SHROVE TUESDAY!

FEBRUARY 13

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Mardi



Gras

Eat Pancake, Play Games, Crown
the King and Queen!



One last party before LENT



ASH
WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Service with
Imposition of Ashes
February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICER INSTALLATION 2018

United Methodist Women had a most unusual, hilariously fun, and noisy installation of officers and brunch on January 6. New Year's noisemakers formed table centerpieces and were used frequently as attendees were given many excuses for tooting their horns. Isaiah 40:31: *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint,"* was the basis for the theme: "Hope in the Lord."

Hope is part of the UMW vision statement, which members recited: "Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."



Pastor John and Mina led the installation ceremony, which recognized sub-group and committee leaders as well as officers. There was fun and laughter as the game "UMW Pictionary" was played by all attendees. It was a great way to find out how much we knew (or didn't know) about UMW.

Many thanks to the 2017 UMW leadership team, who supplied the food for the brunch. The 2018 leadership team and Pastor John are in the photo. Missing from the picture are two members of the team: Barbara Marshall and Judy Brown.

Save The Date

January 28th - UMW SUNDAY - Rev. Camille Mattick, the Children, Youth and Family Pastor of Simi Valley UMC will be the guest speaker for both services. Her sermon title is "Haiti: Hope in Hospitality."

February 3rd - Saturday - North District UMW Local Leadership Training will be held at UMCTO!! 9:00 to 10:00 - registration and breakfast. Group sessions will end at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Donna Kirby, (805) 495-1997 by Monday, January 22nd to make a \$12 reservation.

April 14th - Saturday - UMW SPRING LUNCHEON More information to follow. Save the date!

May 6th - Sunday - UMW SPRING BAKE SALE AND BOUTIQUE between services. This is just before Mother's Day so consider possible items that would make great Mother's Day Gifts from young children to adults.

DAHLIA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Dahlia Circle gathered at the home of Lois Sheen for their Christmas party December 4. Showing off some the gifts they made and donated for the UMW Christmas Sale are (back row) Kathy Ayers, Susie Johnson, Rhonda Garrett, and Mary LeVoy, (front row) Juanita Wilson, Susan Ruwhiu, and Leslie Maunu. Lois Sheen snapped the photo, so is not shown in the picture. Juanita entered the hospital just 4 days after this picture was taken.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the UMW Christmas Sale December 3. Thanks, too, to all members of the congregation who purchased the items. Your efforts raised \$ 2906 for missions in the U.S. and around the world.

Pictured are Donna Mullennix, Rose Cole, Mary Le-Voy, Man Maddox, Lois Sheen, Mina Yoon, and Kathy Ayers with some of the greens arrangements. Rose coordinated arranging of the greens;

Elizabeth Hokama is shown with some of the succulent arrangements featured at the sale. Elizabeth grew, arranged, and donated the succulents.



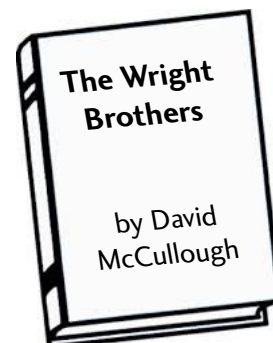
JANUARY UMW BOOK CLUB

will meet at the home of Sara Richard on
Monday, Jan. 22
at 7:00pm, to discuss



FEBRUARY UMW BOOK CLUB

will meet at the home of Barbara Marshall on
Monday, Feb. 26
at 7:00pm, to discuss



CROP WALK 2018 - MARCH 4



California Lutheran University Sports Center
130 Overton Court
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Registration at 12 p.m.
Walk at 1 p.m.
Walk is 10 km

For more information:
Marshall Mike Ambrose
mwambrose@gmail.com
or go to

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/thousandoaksca/>



You too can be Cream of the Crop - just like Glenda Clift!



Go to the CROP website to order a stylish tee-shirt from the several choices available!



Cream of the CROP shirt (front)

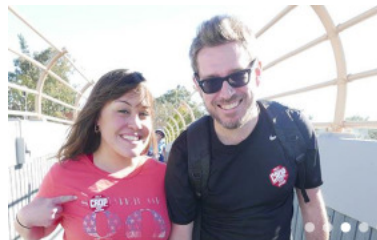
Marshal Mike Ambrose is gearing up to lead the MOST SUCCESSFUL CONEJO CROP WALK EVER!!! Thank you, Mike! And since we all know behind every



successful man stands a good woman, Susan is part of the team!

Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, enlist your moms groups, your coffee klatches, your fellow Boy and Girl Scouts, your cousins and

your babysitters! If you want to get more with this fun Ambrose family and maybe get YOUR picture on the site next year, call Mike or speak to him or Susan on any Sunday. Volunteers always welcome!



Sara Ambrose and her friends want to end hunger too, and dad appreciates it!



more tee-shirt choices



LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY UPDATE

Gerry Mortimer and Annie Lindo have retired from visiting the Lighthouse Women's Shelter each month, but this ministry will continue.

Three new angels will be accompanying **Jill Delaney**, who continues on, bringing the Word and your donations to the Shelter clients. They are



Michelle Ackerman



Tracy Diestel



Dani St. Clair

**PASTOR'S 4-WEEK LENTEN STUDY
"WHAT MAKES A HERO?" BY MATT RAWLE**

What Makes a Hero? offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head.

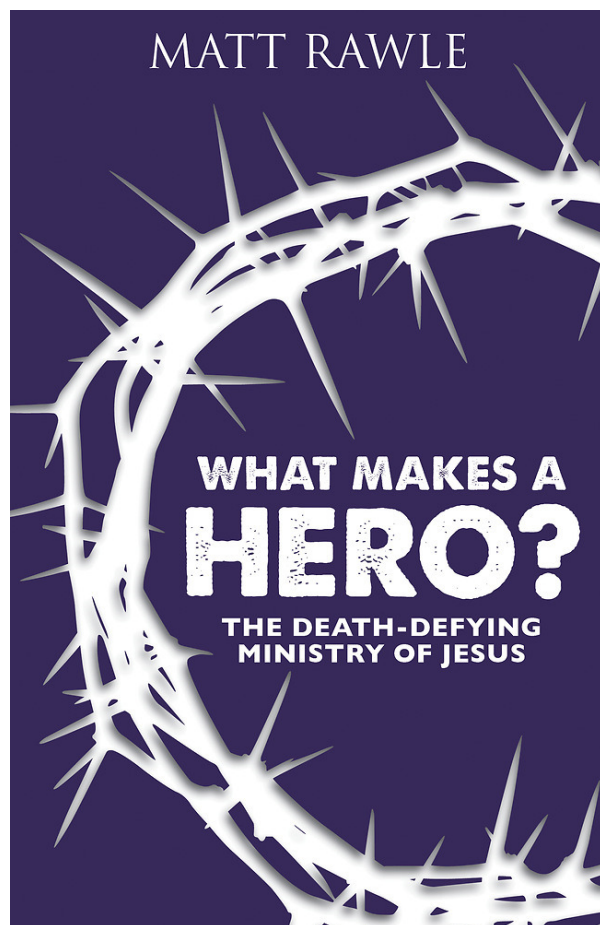
In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives. Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?

The study includes a DVD featuring Matt Rawle, with the following chapter titles:

1. Good, Evil, and God
2. Right, Wrong, and Holy
3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ
4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God
5. Old, New, and Covenant
6. Life, Death, and Resurrection

**THURSDAYS IN THE WESLEY ROOM
MARCH 1,8,15,22**

15 books ordered - first come/first served - \$12



MATT RAWLE

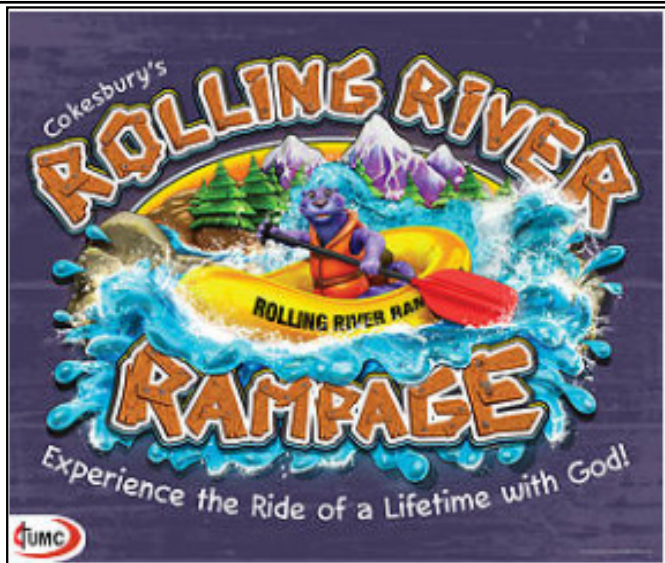
"WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD'S NARRATIVE,
BEAUTIFUL ART, AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY?"

from mattrawles.com **WHO AM I?**

I am the Lead Pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana and a graduate from the LSU School of Music and Duke Divinity School. I'm an international speaker who loves to tell an old story in a new way, especially at the intersection of pop culture and the church. I'm also the author of *What Makes a Hero?*, *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, *Hollywood Jesus*, *The Salvation of Doctor Who*, and *The Redemption of Scrooge*. My wife, Christie, and I have four pretty awesome kids: Isabelle, Annaleigh, Cecilia, and Robert.

Formation

We welcome all people into Christian community



VBS 2018 THEME: ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

DATE: June 25 - 29

TIMES: 9am - noon

Watch for opportunities to volunteer !



DOERS OF THE WORD - STEPHEN MINISTERS

Jesus told us we are to bear one another's burdens. Here at UMCTO, our Stephen Ministry is one of the resources the church uses to serve Jesus. Our Stephen Ministry stands by Matthew 25, Jesus calls us to love and care for one another. The Holy Spirit blesses us with gifts for a caring ministry, that is where our Stephen Ministry can come in and provide Christian caring for those going through trying times. We want to be there for you in your time of need. This ministry is a wonderful outreach of Jesus' love to our church and to our community. James tells us "We need to be doers of the Word, not just hearers". Stephen Ministry is a great way to be doers of the Gospel. This Ministry is here for you.

Blessings and Happy New Year,
Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

IT TAKES A TEAM!



Heidi Kane is filling in as Interim Director of Children's Ministry and Julia Snyder is overseeing Safe Sanctuary issues, until our new Director is hired.



MORE DOERS OF THE WORD - UMCTO YOUTH

The UMCTO Youth Group will be signing up folks who want the youth to come over and do some spring cleaning soon. Be thinking about what YOU need done, that you are not strong enough to do yourself.

This is a gift from our youth to our elders!

More details to come...

The Intersection of Outreach & Formation

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - SHORT TERM

Playground Update

Coming Soon! After several years of dreaming and planning, we have finally arrived at Phase 1 of our New Playground Project for our older kids, ages 5 thru 12.

Starting in February, you will see some landscaping changes happening directly across from our existing playground in the area we currently use for a parking lot. It will be transformed into a beautiful new playground area similar to the pre-school playground.

Phase 1 of the plan is to remove the asphalt, fence and bushes, and put a wrought iron fence around the area. The space will be filled with wood chips for now until we acquire our actual playground equipment, which we hope to acquire early in 2018.

At the same time, we will be excavating the sand pit area behind the youth rooms 15 and 16 and installing a 4 person swing set. So watch out for the construction work starting sometime in February and be prepared for a fresh and attractive scenery change at our entrance. Also, during construction, the recycling program will not be available until further notice (see article at right for more details).



RECYCLING PROGRAM

We will be halting the recycling program starting February 1st due to construction work near the area where we store the cans and bottles.

Please do not bring in any recycling items until further notice.

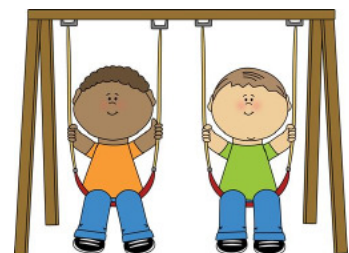


If you recycle appropriate containers at your own homes (using currently available recycling programs offered by the city), please consider continuing to support our missionaries with the funds you collect. You can use one of the self serve recycling centers around town and then donate the proceeds (which have always been used to support our missionaries) back to the church.

Be sure to mark your donation as "Recycling". Thanks for your cooperation.




Area to be re-landscaped and re-fenced in preparation for swingsets and jungle gyms!



Calendar

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 AM Membership meeting 3:00 PM Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 PM Faith Journey Bible Study- Wesley Room 7:00 PM Youth Group – D. Hall	2 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 PM Community Shelter & Dinner Program	3 9:30 A - 3:30 P North District UMW Local Officer Training – campus wide
4 9:00 A Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Traditional Worship 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	5 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 A -Stephen Ministry Supervision - Room 11 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga/Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP of Ventura County 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P UMW Dahlia Circle Mtng –Wesley Room 7:00 P Troop #716	6 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Prayer Group 10:15 A Spirituality Class –Wesley Room 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Stephen Ministry – Room 8 7:30 PAA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	7 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley Room 10:00 A Stephen Ministry Supervision - Wilson - Room 11 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic 6:30 P Youth mentor meeting 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 PM Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 PM Faith Journey Bible Study - Wesley Room 7:00 PM Youth Group – D. Hall	9 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 PM Community Shelter & Dinner Program	10 9:00 A Stephen Ministry Continuing Education - Wesley Room 6:00 P Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction
11 Boy Scout Sunday Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 A Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Traditional Worship 2:00 P piano recital - sanctuary & Dickerson Hall 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	12 9:00 A Harvest 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga/Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716	13 Shrove Tuesday 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Prayer Group 10:15 A Spirituality Class –Wesley Room 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 5:30 P Shrove Tuesday Celebration & Pancake Supper 7:30 PAA Meeting - Dickerson Hall 7:30 P Finance Committee	 14 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley Room 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic 7:00 P Ash Wednesday Worship Service	15 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 PM Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Faith Journey Bible Study - Wesley Room 7:00 P Youth Group – D. Hall	16 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 P Community Shelter & Dinner Program	17 9:00 A All-Church UMCTO Planning & Visioning Day! 5:00 P Fiesta Church
18 9:00 A Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Traditional Worship 11:00 A Rehearsal for Lenten Play 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	19 Church office closed Presidents' Day 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 A Stephen Ministry Supervision - Room 11 6:00 P PDAP 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716	20 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Prayer Group 10:15 A Spirituality Class –Wesley Room 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Stephen Ministry - Clouter – Room 8 7:00 P Trustees Committee –Wesley Rm 7:30 PAA Mtng – D. Hall	21 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study - Wesley Room 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Faith Journey Bible Study - Wesley Room 7:00 P Youth Group – D. Hall	23 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 P Community Shelter & Dinner Program	24 8:30 A UMM Breakfast with Pastor John 1:00 P wedding
25 9:00A - 3:30P Purim Carnival - parking lot 9:00 A Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Traditional Worship 11:00 A Rehearsal for Lenten Play 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	26 9:00 A Harvest 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga/Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P UMW Book Club 7:00 P Troop #716	27 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Prayer Group 10:15 A Spirituality Class –Wesley Room 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 6:00 P Lighthouse Women's Shelter 7:00 P Church Council –Wesley Rm 7:30 PAA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	28 9:00 A Conejo Valley Garden Club 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's Room 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study - Wesley Room 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic 6:00 P UMW Girasol & Ruth Circle Meeting 7:30 P Choir Rehears.			

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Our Thanksgiving offering this past year went to the ministry Bruce Arvizu supports called Blessyouinc. This ministry provides temporary housing in the form of motor homes and trailers to those whose homes have been destroyed by fires and natural disasters. We donated \$1070.00 to this cause.

Sunday Worship Times

9:00 a.m. Modern Worship & Children’s Sunday School/Nurserycare

10:15 a.m. Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Wesley Room;
Youth Sunday School, Rooms 15/16

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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