


# THE *Oakleaf*



November 10, 2017



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



## Annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Worship Service

**November 22**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**UMCTO**

*Liturgical Dancers*  
*led by Patty Cogles*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**



**10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service**

**5:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Praise Band**

**11:00 Communion, Chancel Choir, & Candlelight**





# For Your Spirit

## **A Word from Your Pastor...**

Do you believe in miracles? No, I am not talking about ABC sportscaster Al Michaels' quote heard round the world after the U.S. National Hockey Team beat the heavily favored Soviet National Team at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Games and went on to win the Gold medal. Though it was a miracle that many people still remember to this day. It was called "Miracle on Ice." But what I am thinking of at this moment is the kind of miracles that we not only need to hope and pray for but also prepare for as followers of Christ. And the special season we are about to enter is a perfect time to ask ourselves that question. After all, the Christmas story in itself is all about miracles: the appearance of angels, the star that guided the Three Kings to Bethlehem, and most startling of all the virgin birth, the birth of our Savior. A miracle is simply a special divine action. God is the one who makes miracles possible. But I believe it needs our preparation too. The Story of Christmas and Mary and Joseph all show us how we can prepare our hearts and minds and hands for a miracle. "Do you believe in miracles?" Let's Prepare the Way for Miracles at UMCTO this Christmas as we focus on the Miracle of Bethlehem and Baby Jesus who became miracles for many. It will be our theme during the months of November and December.

During Thanksgiving, we will come together to give thanks for all the miracles God has provided for us. Albert Einstein once said, "There are two ways to live life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is."

November 19: Thanksgiving Sunday Service, 9 & 11 AM

November 22: Joint Wednesday Thanksgiving Service with the Temple at UMCTO 7:30

November 26: Christ the King Sunday, 9 & 11 AM

Then as we begin Advent Season, let us prepare for the new miracles God wants to bless us with.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." C.S. Lewis

Preparing the Way for Miracles:

December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent: "Keep Awake", Mark 13:24-37

December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent: "Back to the Beginning", Mark 1:1-8

December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent: "Who Are You?" John 1:6-8, 19-28  
7 PM Christmas Concert "Joy"

December 24: 10 AM Service: 4th Sunday of Advent: "How Can This Be?" Luke 1:26-38  
5 PM Christmas Eve with Children and Youth, Gabe & Worship Team  
11 PM Traditional Candle Light Service with Choir and Communion

December 31 10 AM New Year's Eve. One Service

With Blessings of Christmas Miracles,  
Pastor John

## **We are praying for...**

Tyler & Travis Bacon  
Mauricio Barquero  
Jonathan Brubaker  
Carlene Embree (Bacon)  
Sue Embree (Barwick)  
Paul Fotsch  
Don Harold  
Marianne Harold  
Randy Harold  
Jean Hensel & family  
David Hill (Gramlich)  
Jambazian family  
Richard Lolley  
Dan Lush (Simonds)  
John Marshall  
Shirley Moran  
Jim Petras  
Pietrangelo family  
Daelene Rainer  
Erica Rockabrand  
Flo Rogers  
Esther Sanchez (Reyes)  
Sharon & Peter Stoterau  
Beth Ugino (Gramlich)  
Peggy Souther & family  
Louise Stevens (Williams)  
Bob Williams  
Pamela Wilson  
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



**PASTOR JOHN'S ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

**Preparing  
the way  
for  
Miracles**

**at UMCTO**

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## PASTOR'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

*Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*



The class will run for four consecutive Thursdays, starting **November 30**.

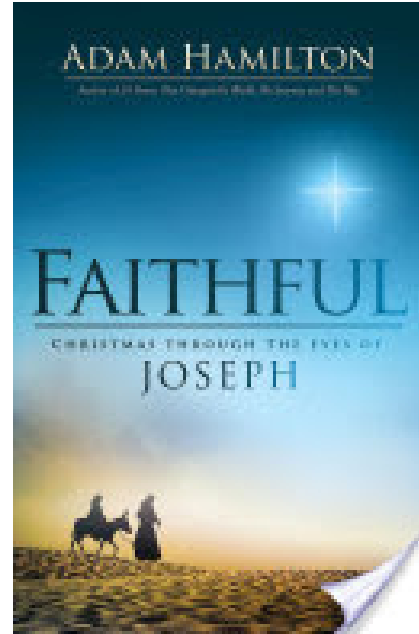
Please join us in the **Wesley Room at 7:00 p.m.**

About the study:

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

Intriguing chapter titles are:

1. A Carpenter Named Joseph
  2. Whose Child Is This?
  2. Raising a Child Not Your Own
  4. The Journey to Bethlehem
- The Rest of the Story



The church has ordered 20 books, first come-first served. Cost is \$15. Call the office to reserve your copy.

If you prefer, you can order your book online through either:

[Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com)

## ADVENT FAMILY FAITH WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 26

Come between services to make a family craft that will teach and remind you of the special weeks leading up to Christmas.

Diana always has imaginative ideas!



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again, we will partner with Lutheran Social Services to "adopt" 20 families this Christmas season. As soon as we are provided names and family descriptions, we will have the tags available that will inform you of the child's name, age, clothing size and toy preferences.

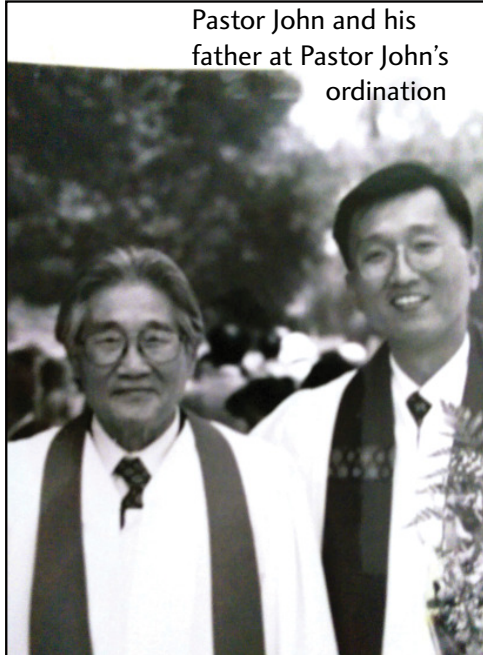
If you would like to help organize this, please call the church office!



Pastor John and his father,  
Pastor Young Yoon



Pastor John and his  
father at Pastor John's  
ordination



Indomitable Reine is  
smiling down at us!



## CANDLE OF COMMITMENT HONOREES

At the UMW Fall luncheon, four "Candle of Commitment" honorees were named for being "Strong and Courageous" in facing hardships and challenges: Susan Ruwhiu, Reine Wiley, Tyler Bacon, and Rev. Young Bong Yoon. They were not only honored at our local luncheon October 7, but also at the Cal-Pac Conference UMW Annual Celebration on October 2.

Tyler is shown with his wife, Haley; Rev. Young Bong Yoon is shown with his son, our Pastor John (as a little boy and at Pastor John's ordination).



The Strong! - Tyler and Haley

Faithful through it all  
and always ready to help  
others - Susan Ruwhiu



## UMW GREENS, BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 IN DICKERSON HALL

It is that time of year when UMW prepares for the annual fundraiser of Greens, Boutique and Bake sale. Volunteers will be needed for the following dates:

Sunday, Nov. 26 starting at noon in room 4  
Floral foam and candle placement in containers

Monday Nov. 27 and Tuesday Nov. 28 9:00 - Noon or 1:30 - 4:30pm in room 4 (2 shifts)

Wednesday Nov. 29 9:00 - Noon in room 4

Saturday Dec. 2 (time to be determined)  
Set-up in Dickerson Hall

Sunday Dec. 3 8:00am to noon  
**Sale set-up, sales and clean up.**

Contact Jean Hensel if you are able to volunteer for any of the floral arrangement times.

Contact Heidi Kane or Doris Gillespie if you are able to volunteer for the set-up, selling, or cleaning up of Dickerson after the sale.

## QUIET DISCIPLES

Rose Cole and Jean Hensel were honored at the North District UMW Annual Celebration in September for being "Quiet Disciples", having generously used their floral arranging talents to raise money for missions for many years.

Each year they have coordinated the design and assembly of gorgeous fresh Christmas greens arrangements that are sold at our local UMW Christmas sale.

Thanks to their tireless efforts, and with the help of other women in our congregation, more than \$2,000 is raised for UMW missions every year, just from these arrangements alone!



## UMW BOOK CLUB

will meet at the home of Donna Mullennix on Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:00pm, to discuss

"Destiny of the Republic"  
by Candice Millard.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Live Christmas evergreens are needed and may be brought to the church on or before November 26. Please wash the greens and have them placed in buckets with water. The greens can be dropped off outside classroom 4. If you have any decorator items for the mugs/centerpieces, please bring them to the church office.



# Outreach

We share our resources

## TRUNK OR TREAT 2017

Attendance,,183! Most importantly, we had more than 80 children/teens!

The attendees were a perfect mix between UMCTO families, Fiesta Church families, Study Buddy families, Harvest Families, VBS families, and in general people from around Thousand Oaks who heard about it via a friend, a flyer, a sign, or the Acorn.



## NOVEMBER 11th YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BE A HERO IN DISGUISE!

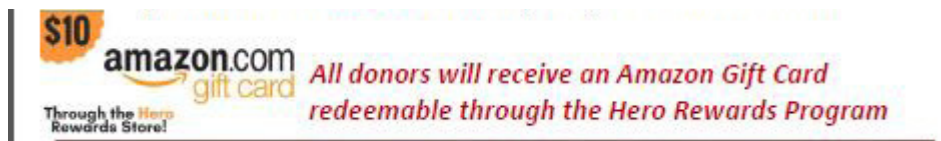
### Donate blood and save a life!

The next blood drive will be Saturday November 11, from 8:30 am to 12 noon in Dickerson Hall.

Make an appointment at: [www.UnitedBloodServices.org](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org). Use sponsor code 8921

Give blood and receive a \$10 Amazon gift card redeemable through the Hero Rewards Program.

If you have questions please contact **Heidi Kane**.



## SOCK DROP 2017 BREAKFAST



**Sunday November 19**

### Annual Sock-Drop Breakfast

Pancakes & Sausage with a side of fruits

Serving 8:30 AM until 11 AM

Cost: your choice

#### Men

Dark v-neck t shirts  
Dark colored briefs  
- need some big sizes



#### Women

Sports bras,  
cotton panties  
- durable & practical

#### Toiletries

Shaving creams, disposable razors, soaps, shampoos, chapstick, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes  
- must be small!



## LOOK WHO'S HELPING WITH THE RECYCLING? AND, MOZART IS COMING!

George Williams has been filling in for Susan Ambrose while Susan has been on vacation.

Remember to bring **only CA-CRV containers** - no milk jugs or wine bottles, please.

Money for recycling goes to UMC missionary support, including supporting the work of **Mozart Adevu** in Accra, Ghana. He is the Africa coordinator of Sustainable Agriculture and Development for UMCOR.



**Mozart will be here in Thousand Oaks from December 6-9**, staying at the Hong residence. if you would like to hear Mozart speak, call the church office for information on his whereabouts during that time.



# Calendar

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley R. 10:00 A Stephen Ministry - Wilson - Room 11 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic	<b>2</b> 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 A Membership meeting 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Faith Journey Book/Bible Study – Wesley R 7:00 P Youth Group - Dickerson Hall	<b>3</b> 9:00 A Harvest 5:30 P Community Meal Program	<b>4</b> 9:30 A - UMW Board Meeting
<b>5 All Saint's Day</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AA Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Traditional Worship Service 6:00 P Youth Rise Against Hunger event at WVUMC 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	<b>6</b> 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 A Stephen Ministry - Rabens-Room 11 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga & Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP Meeting 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716 7:00 P UMW Dahlia Circle Mtng –Wesley R	<b>7</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Intercessory Prayer 10:15 A Spirituality Class – Wesley R. 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:30 P AA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	<b>8</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley R 5:00 P Westmin Free Clinic 6:00 P Liturgical Dance Rehearsal - sanctuary 6:00 P UMW Girasol & Ruth Circle Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Faith Journey Book/Bible Study – Wesley R 7:00 P Youth Group - Dickerson Hall	<b>10</b> CVUSD Holiday - no school 9:00 A Harvest 5:30 P Community Meal Program  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 8:30 A UBS Blood Drive - D. Hall 9:00 A Stephen Ministry CE - Wesley Room
<b>12</b> 9:00 A Modern Worship Service 10:15 A Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Parent Connect & Youth Bible Study 11:00 A Liturgical Dance Rehearsal – D. Hall 11:00 A Traditional Worship Service 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	<b>13</b> 9:00 A Harvest 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga & Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP Meeting 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716	<b>14</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Intercessory Prayer 10:15 A Spirituality Class– Wesley R 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 6:00 P Visit to Lighthouse Women's Shelter 7:00 P Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 P - 9:00 P AA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	<b>15</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Conejo Valley Garden Club 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley R. 5:00 P Westmin Free Clinic 6:00 P Liturgical Dance Rehearsal - sanctuary	<b>16</b> 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Faith Journey Book/Bible Study – Wesley R 7:00 P Youth Group - Dickerson Hall	<b>17</b> 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 P Community Shelter & Dinner Program	<b>18</b> 8:00 A West Free Clinic Zumbathon 5:00 P Fiesta Church
<b>19</b> 8:30 A Annual Sock Drop Breakfast 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 Service 11:15 A Liturgical Dance Rehearsal – D. Hall 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	<b>20</b> 9:00 A Harvest 10:00 A Stephen Ministry - Rabens-Room 11 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga & Pilates –D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP Meeting 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716	<b>21</b> 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Intercessory Prayer 10:15 A Spirituality Class – Wesley R 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Trustees Committee Meeting –canceled 7:30 P AA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	<b>22</b> CVUSD Holiday - no school 9:00 A Harvest 5:00 P Westmin-Free Clinic –canceled 7:30 P Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Worship Service at UMCTO	<b>23</b> <u>Church Office Closed</u>  CVUSD Holiday - no school  <u>Happy Thanksgiving Day</u>	<b>24</b> <u>Church Office Closed</u> CVUSD Holiday - no school 9:00 A Harvest 6:00 P Community Shelter & Dinner Program	<b>25</b> CVUSD Holiday - no school 11:00 A Vartan Jambazian memorial
<b>26</b> CVUSD Holiday - no school 9:00 A Modern Worship & Children's Sunday school 10:00 A Advent Family Faith Workshop - Patio 11:00 A P Traditional Worship Service 6:00 P AA Meeting - D Hall 8:00 P AA Meeting - Wesley Room	<b>27</b> Greens preparation 9:00 A Harvest 1:45 P Healing Faith Yoga & Pilates–D. Hall 6:00 P PDAP Meeting 6:30 P Disciple Fast Track Bible Study 7:00 P Troop #716 7:00 P - 9:00 P UMW Book Club	<b>28</b> Greens preparation 9:00 A Harvest 9:00 A Intercessory Prayer 10:15 A Spirituality Class – Wesley R 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Church Council Meeting –canceled 7:30 P AA Meeting - Dickerson Hall	<b>29</b> Greens preparation 9:00 A Harvest 9:30 A Crafters, Knitters, Talkers – Bride's R 9:30 A Mom's Bible/Book Study – Wesley R 5:00 P Westminster Free Clinic	<b>30</b> Greens preparation 9:00 A Harvest 3:00 P Study Buddy Tutoring 7:00 P Pastor's Advent Study - "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" 7:00 P Youth Group - Dickerson Hall		

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**Sunday Worship Times**

**9:00 a.m.** Modern Worship Service & Children’s Sunday School/Nurserycare  
**10:15 a.m.** Parent Connect, Room 4; Estudios Biblicos para Adultos, Wesley Room;  
 Youth Sunday School, Rooms 15/16  
**11:00 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service

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