



THE CHIMES

June 2019



Thank you!

I still feel overwhelmed with joy and thanksgiving to God for the Installation Service that just occurred this past Sunday. Early on, when I was discerning if I was meant to be the next Senior Pastor here, I kept hearing one same piece of information from clergy and lay people who knew this church and it was this, "*They are a very loving congregation.*" Indeed, that has been what I have experienced since my first Sunday with you and I certainly experienced this love shown abundantly and generously this past Sunday.

I want and need to thank all of you who made this special day so special for our church, for me, and for my family. I'm grateful for every single person who helped in some way to make the special worship service and/ or the huge reception afterwards, happen as well as it did.

Some particular people come to mind: people who were praying about this Sunday, people who helped in the kitchen, people who helped direct visitors to the church building, people who ushered, people who participated in the worship service, people who helped set up and clean up after the reception, the choir who sang their hearts out to God, our director of music who composed a special piece for me, on top of working hard with the choir, last but not least: Sylvia Campbell, Pelito Capistrano, Amber Ashford, Erika Dennis, and Dee Alatorre who tirelessly worked on so many details to make this day very special, indeed.

THANK YOU ALL from the bottom of my heart!!

My prayer is that we may continue to be a *loving congregation* to one another and to people outside of our doors. Everyone deserves and needs to know they are indeed loved by God and that here they will be loved with kindness and respect. I am honored to now join you (officially) in this ministry of love.

Thank you and now, please enjoy these beautiful pictures!!



Friends are like angels, they brighten our days in so many delightful ways. I want to thank all of my angels for all the cards, phone calls, flowers, prayers, and visits. It meant the world to me.

Thank you and God bless!

Marty Turchen

I would like to thank all who sent all the love and good wishes during my hospital and recovery time.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim Donahoo



Greetings!

The Youth & Young Adult Ministry here at church is still doing well. We have some graduations coming up, we've had some promotions and we've even passed some medical exams. Most importantly, we are excited about the summer.

On Fridays we meet at a cafe and spend time and on Sundays we have our own Bible study or Sunday school. So if you would like to spend time with us or support some of our upcoming trips and outings, just let us know. We would love to have you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Jamall C.



CHOIR VACATION

JULY 4TH THROUGH JULY 25TH

USHERS

Nate Purificacion
Niel Purificacion
Reuben Barrera
Melyn Limbo
Abner Limbo

LITURGISTS

Jerry May	June 2
Ester Banayo	June 9
Chris Dunn	June 16
Eygiel Limbo	June 23
Kennan Limbo	June 30
Erika Dennis	July 7

Calling all children! On the last Sunday of June, July & August there will be a special and fun activity planned during fellowship time. We will have relay races, face painting and other fun activities provided by members of our Christian Education Committee! So plan to bring your children or grandchildren to these events!



Community Congregational Church would like to honor you with a small note of your accomplishments. Please contact the church office before the 10th of the month so we can share your good news. Recent accomplishments: Joan Corey was given a Good Citizen Award by the city of Chula Vista at Norman Center. Nate Purificacion passed the Board Exam for nurses & he's smiling!

Donna Purificacion is thrilled that her recent bone scan is negative.

Congratulations to the 3 of you! Let's hear more from everyone else. We need good news!

From The Mission Board

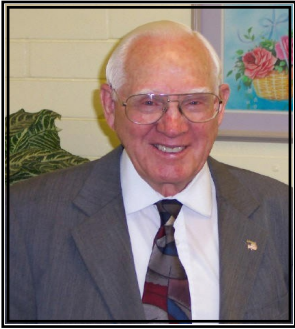
Please note there will not be a Rummage Sale at the Community Congregational Church on Saturday, June 1, as had been previously planned. If you have already donated articles, they will be sold at a later date.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, our June Celebration will begin at 11:00 AM in Bradley Hall with a program presented by Fredericka Manor's Ukelele Band. The catered Luncheon will be served at 12 Noon. All the Ladies of the Church that are 85 years old or better will be honored guests. The Luncheon for all others will cost \$10.00. Reservations can be made by calling Kay Rouse (619)-479-7676 by Friday, June 7th. Cancellations need to be made by Sunday, June 9th.



PASTOR JIM DONAHOO
MINISTER OF VISITATION



Our Father's Business

Read Luke 2:41-52

**Jesus said unto them, how is it that ye sought me?
Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
Luke 2:49 (KJV)**

My father taught his children many valuable lessons—the foremost being that we were to revere the name of God at all times and to honor the love and unity of our family. From the time I was very young, my father seemed to place a great amount of trust in me. In the safe and secure environment of our little town, he would send me to the bank to deposit sums of cash from the sales generated at his place of business. Within two months after my sixteenth birthday, having received my driver's license, my father allowed me to drive 120 miles to an out-of-state city to pick up supplies from the headquarters of his company. It felt good to “be about my father's business,” to represent him in what I thought to be important affairs.

For years now, I have also represented my heavenly Father's business—the most important in the world. It amazes me that God entrusts the affairs and cares of the human soul to us disciples. Though for years I preached sermons with words from the pulpits of churches, today I preach with my daily words and actions.

Prayer: Father God, teach us to be trustworthy in serving you by serving others. Amen

Wil I. Jackson (North Carolina, USA)

Thought for the Day

Every day I can deliver God's love and grace to a weary world.

JUST A THOUGHT

By Erika Dennis

Observing our younger generations, we find that many of them have trained themselves to focus their mental capacities on a very narrow field of interest. The lure of that small flat box, the cell phone, has produced a new type of addiction that has even trapped some of the older folks. It is the need for mental stimulation by looking for hours at a high-tech device. Unfortunately, this new kind of “entertainment” has led to the social isolation of young people who no longer want to be part of the crowd; the crowd that taught our youth proper social behavior not too many years ago. This single-mindedness has produced an unbalanced state that is unhealthy for the human body. Admittedly, a disciplined narrow focus, used for the right purpose, has produced excellent engineers and inventors who have moved us far into the Age of Technology. But it has also damaged the social fabric of our society. Depression and suicidal thoughts have increased at an alarming rate. How can we reestablish the balance essential for a healthful life?

Human beings were never meant to live in isolation. Our communities, towns as well as cities, are proof that we thrive in cooperation with others, where we pool our varied talents to create a better life for all. Communication produces a type of overall balance. But this depends on the inner, individual balance of each member of the community. How did we lose this balance? How can we find it again? For centuries, the well-educated person had to have studied the humanities as well as science, as much as was known of the latter at the time. The humanities include several branches: art, music, architecture, philosophy and literature. These studies are now offered as liberal arts at universities, leading to the BA or bachelor of arts. The study of sciences, or mathematics leads to the BS or bachelor of science. In modern times, the BS degree has been considered superior to the BA degree. Some people even thought that liberal arts studies were for the student who was not smart enough to study science. What could you do with a degree in liberal arts? Become a teacher? A course of study in sciences included only a few liberal arts classes, usually in the sophomore year. This heavy emphasis on one field of study produced an imbalance in a student’s education.

In recent months the argument has been made that including the humanities in the high school curriculum will teach the adolescents a more balanced view of themselves and the world, and help them to resist addiction to the cell phone. How could this be possible? Philosophy explains where each thing in this world has its place and contributes something to the existence of it all, no matter how small this contribution may be as seen by itself. Students can gain a measure of self-respect as they become willing to accept their responsibilities in this grand scheme. Other branches of the humanities also help to reestablish the balance in human life and education. Literature conjures up pictures in the mind’s eye as colorful as any painting. In the museums of art, benches invite to contemplate any of the great masterpieces. Colors can elicit a wide range of feelings from exuberant excitement to tranquility and peace. They also speak to the tactile senses, producing sensations of soft velvet; smooth, cool silk; scruffy animal fur, for example. Music speaks through sound. What the message will be is left to the individual human brain. It becomes apparent that engaging in such activities also leads to contact with other human beings and thus socialization. What a pleasurable way of getting humanity back on a healthful track.

FATHER'S DAY IS COMING: *The Art of Leadership* by Wilferd E. Peterson
I have adjusted the word *followers* to be *children*, and the word *leader* to be *Father*,
but the rest fits perfectly for Father's Day.

Simply and plainly defined, a Father is a man who has children. The Father has earned recognition. Authority alone is no longer enough to command respect.

The Father is a great servant. Jesus, the Master of all, expressed the idea of leadership in a democracy when he said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

A Father sees things through the eyes of his children. He puts himself in their shoes and helps them make their dreams come true.

The Father doesn't say, "Get going!" Instead he says, "Let's go!" and leads the way. He does not walk behind with a whip; he is out in front with a banner.

He considers his children partners in life and sees to it that they share in rewards. He glorifies the team spirit.

Father does not hold his children down, he lifts them up. He reaches out his hand to help his children scale the peaks.

Father has faith in his children. He believes in them, trusts them and thus draws out the best in them. He has found that they rise to his high expectations.

Father uses his heart as well as his head. After he has looked at the facts with his head, he lets his heart take a look too.

Father is a self-starter. He creates plans and sets them in motion. He is both a man of thought and a man of action—both dreamer and doer.

Father has a sense of humor. He is not a stuffed shirt. He can laugh at himself. He has a humble spirit.

Father is a leader who can be led. He is not interested in having his own way, but in finding the best way. He has an open mind.

Father keeps his eyes on high goals. He strives to make the efforts of his children and himself contribute to the enrichment of personality, the achievement of more abundant living for all and the improvement of civilization.

Some famous fathers of the Old Testament: Adam, Noah, Abraham, David. They were not perfect, but memorable. Remember Proverbs 1:8 "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching."

Happy Father's Day!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We had six children on Mother's Day. Below are the stories we are studying in the month of June.

Summer 2019

Unit 1: Church Family

Date	Session	Bible Story	Bible Verse
June 2nd	1	Peter and John	Acts 3:1-4:22
June 9th	2	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-42
June 16th	3	First Called Christians	Acts 11:19-30
June 23rd	4	Believers Share	Acts 4:32-37
June 30th	5	Choosing the Seven	Acts 6:1-7

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Please see Sylvia Campbell if you wish to purchase flowers for the altar. They are \$25.00 and you can pick what Sunday you would like to purchase them.

To keep the cost down, we need to return the vases each week to the florist. Sylvia has floral bags she will give you to transport your flowers.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Aldra Cruz	3rd
Brian Bowen	6th
Val Jean Zieber	6th
John Willett	7th
Kennan Limbo	8th
William Rathmann	8th
Diego Cruz	10th
Ben DeLeon	11th
Marquel Valentine	13th
Pastor Jim Donahoo	14th
Jesselle Limbo	15th
Kyle Limbo	18th
William Roubinek	20th
Sherry Smiley	20th
Cynthia Hosier	25th
Wanda Moody	29th
Ester Banayo	30th

Social Responsibility Committee

Your Social Responsibility Committee continues to work on ways to help our Church become a little more “green.” There are many easy ways to help make our church “cool,” including turning off lights in unused rooms, avoiding over-heating or over-cooling rooms, improving waste through recycling, and encouraging congregants to walk or use mass transit when possible. Your church enjoyed sharing similar wisdom at the recent South Bay Earth Day Fair. We hope to encourage additional volunteers for next year’s fair, especially to help set up and break down our booth. In addition, the Committee has proposed an updated church policy to request our vendors not to use styrofoam, as this material is not compostable. We are already using compostable cups for our Fellowship Hour and other events. As such cups are more expensive than styrofoam, we may ask for donations towards that cost.

Your Committee will also engage the congregation regarding the ONA process. To that end we are planning a Forum after church on September 22, 2019, where we will share personal stories of our fellow Christians who have experienced discrimination against themselves or their family members based on gender or sexual orientation. Other Forums and events will be announced in the future.

We are continuing to assist our neighbor church in Tijuana as it shelters migrants bound for the United States. Pastor Jose Altamirano from the Albergue Camino de Salvacion intends to be at the installation of Pastor Liz and may be available to discuss the progress his church has made in assisting those in dire need. To date we have helped provide the shelter with nearly \$6,000 in cash, in addition to socks, underwear and clothing. Most of these donations have come from other churches and individuals in the East and other SCNCUCC members. We will continue to ask our congregation to assist these impoverished migrants, as the need is great and will exist long-term.

We wish you a wonderful summer!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
26	27	28	29
8:30am - Renewing Life Church 9:30am - Worship @ Sanctuary 1pm - FOV @ Jewel Chapel & 2pm - FOV Youth @ Community	Memorial Day @ United States 8:30pm - Cub/Boyscouts @ 8:30pm - Girl Scouts @ Lounge 8:30pm - Laubaah ESL @ Small	8am - Quilter's @ Quilter's Room 4:45pm - Amerloan Youth @ 8pm - FOV @ Jewel Chapel 7pm - AA - Top of the Hill @	9am - Quilt Class @ Lounge 8pm - FOV @ Jewel Chapel
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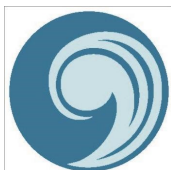
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Community Congregational Church (UCC)

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey... you are welcome here!"

Mission Statement

- We strive to be a multi-generational, culturally diverse family of people dedicated to the principles of Christ, and the service of God in the world and local communities.
- Based on our open, loving relationship with God, we invite, through action and service, others throughout our changing community to join in faith and fellowship of our church.
- We strive to be a church where members are empowered to bring beliefs, skills, and passions. We strive to embrace change consistent with our sense of selves and our community.
- We seek to present our diversity of worship and program experiences based on interests, needs and concerns.
- We are a member of the United Church of Christ



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