



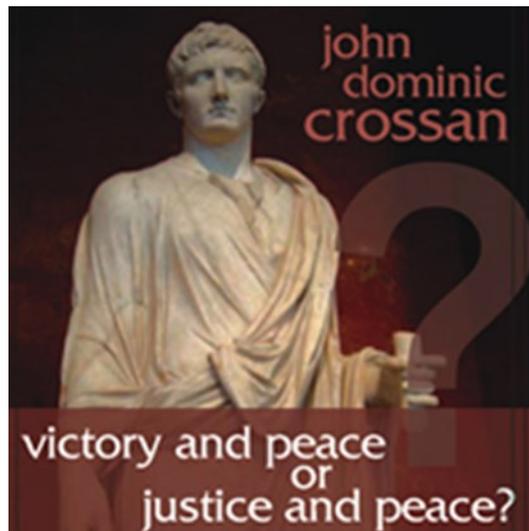
Church Banister Update

Here you can see our friend Doug working hard welding our banister panels. Doug is a gifted expert and we are so lucky to have his help! We drilled holes in the angle iron for mounting, prepped and painted. We bought a couple more lengths of U-channel for the edges, and finished welding the rectangles for the landings at the top of the stairs.



The church emergency stairway banisters will be finished soon. Don't they look great? Sometimes, it takes a village! Thank you to all who helped cut, weld, paint, drill, and bolt! If you signed up to sponsor a panel, please get your check into the church! Your sponsorship and help is much appreciated!

Yours in Faith,
Trustees



Lenten Study

Beginning Monday, February 26 and continuing four consecutive weeks, Rev. Seargeant will lead a DVD-based discussion, using John Dominic Crossan's "Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace." This study is produced by *Living the Questions*.

We will offer the class on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Each session will feature a lecture by Crossan, interspersed with questions from the study guide. There is no "extra" reading required.

If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office, so that we know how many to expect.

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Dates of interest in February:

- 11th Boy Scout Sunday
- 14th Ash Wednesday
- 19th Presidents Day



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. On that evening there will be an informal worship experience at 7:00 p.m. Our service will include a voluntary imposition of ashes on the forehead. We anticipate ending before 8:00 p.m.

Alternative Christmas Totals

CWS Blankets / Clean Water:	\$82.17
Habitat for Humanity:	\$320
Heifer Project:	\$205
Get Net/Imagine No Marlaria:	\$270
David & Margaret:	\$45.00
HomeBoys/3rd World:	\$814.01
Tax:	\$25.32
Goat Milk Soap:	\$176.00
CUMC bookmark, bag:	\$15.00
	Total: \$1,952.50
Women's Bean Project	\$685.75
35% to SAM =	\$240.01



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Thank you, church family, for your missional support!
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Thank you for the \$50.00 donation made to our church. This is in recognition of our continued patronage. Let's keep it up!

Financial State of the Church

THESE ARE THE COMPARITIVE FIGURES THROUGH DECEMBER

	2016	2017	Difference
Income	\$ 213,091	\$ 210,971	\$ -2,119
Expenses	\$ 217,430	\$ 222,386	\$ 4,139
Net Income	\$ -4,339	\$ -11,415	\$ -7,075





BE IMPRESSED!

A concert of Impressionistic music will be presented here at CUMC, Tuesday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be sponsored by the Pomona Valley Musicians' Club and will feature our expanded choir, organ, piano, soloists, English horn, and harp. Music of Faure, Ravel, Debussy, and McDowell will be heard. This impressive concert is free, with a gala reception to follow.

Choir Member of the Month—Michele Houska

Our newest choir member, Michele Houska (pronounced Huska) has jumped in with both feet. Not only did she join the choir, but she joined the church! This is no surprise, since she has been singing in school and church choirs since second grade. She also played flute in high school.

Michele was born in South Dakota and lived in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Wyoming before moving to California in 1968. She attended the University of Redlands and Cal State L.A., earning degrees in German and Education, as well as elementary and secondary credentials in German, Math, and English. Michele and Charles Houska were married in 1976 and raised two sons, Jeremy and Neal. Husband Charlie passed away in 2010.

Today, Michele teaches Math at Don Lugo High School, having taught years of German besides. She enjoys gardening, cruises, concerts, and puns!! (which she happily shares with the choir). She is well-traveled, having visited extensively throughout the United States, and much of Canada, Mexico, South America, England, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France.

So, introduce yourself to this fun, interesting, and accomplished lady.



A “LOVE”LY PUZZLE

Match the person with the object of his or her love. (You can find the answers by reading the text cited.)

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| 1. Christ (Ephesians 5:25) | A. Husbandry |
| 2. Father (Luke 15:20) | B. An adulteress |
| 3. God (John 3:16) | C. Salutations |
| 4. Isaac (Genesis 27:1-4) | D. Tamar |
| 5. Amnon (2 Samuel 13:4) | E. World |
| 6. Young ruler (Matthew 19:22) | F. Rachel |
| 7. Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:1, 10) | G. Savory meat |
| 8. Jacob (Genesis 29:18) | H. Prodigal son |
| 9. Scribes (Mark 13:38) | I. Church |
| 10. Hosea (Hosea 3:1) | J. Possessions |

From the Worship Committee

Thank you to everyone who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. This church is filled with amazing people who are always there to do what needs to be done. What a blessing!

Our “Show and Tell” worship service was great. Everyone brought an object that held special meaning to them, and it was interesting to hear their stories. We’ll do this again.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, named for the custom of a priest’s making a cross from the ashes of the previous year’s burned Palm Sunday fronds on the foreheads of believers. It was first observed in the sixth century, during the papacy of Gregory the Great. It used to be thought that bathing in ashes would remove all traces of past transgressions. Romans bathed in ashes at their New Year festival of atonement in the month of March. Christians adopted this practice.

Lent is the forty-day period, excluding Sundays, prior to Easter, and it is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. It was first observed in the fourth century; however, the forty-day time frame did not become official until the eighth century. The word “Lent” comes from the Indo-European *lan-gat-tin*, “long day,” referring to the lengthening days of spring. The period before Easter was already being used for fasting, confession, and educating candidates for baptism on Easter Eve.

The number forty carries much religious significance. Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert after his baptism and before beginning his public ministry, Moses and Elias spent forty days in the wilderness, the Jews wandered forty years in search of the Promised Land, Jonah gave the city of Ninevah forty days’ grace in which to repent, and Noah’s flood lasted forty days and nights.

The determination of the fast was left up to each group of Christians. Some ate no meat, others ate no milk or eggs, and still others ate only one light meal each day. Today, fasting is usually a “token fast,” such as giving up chocolate or chewing gum.

During Lent, many churches cover the crosses in their sanctuaries with a veil, which is removed just before the Easter service. Also, some churches have their parishioners write the word “alleluia” on a piece of paper. The papers are gathered, put into a box, and buried, to be dug up again on Easter morning, the most joyous day of the church year.

Valentine’s Day began as the Roman Catholic Church’s attempt to supersede a pagan holiday. As early as the fourth century B.C., Romans held an annual young man’s rite of passage in honor of the god Lupercus. The names of teenaged females were placed in a box and were drawn by young men, so a man was thus assigned his woman companion for the ensuing year. During the year, the two engaged in sexual activity. At the end of the year, another celebration was held and new names were drawn. Church fathers decided that this celebration needed to be done away with, and they chose Valentine, who had been martyred two hundred years earlier, as their focus of a new celebration.

In A.D. 270, in Rome, Valentine got in trouble with the crazy emperor Claudius II, who had issued a decree forbidding marriage, because married men made bad soldiers, choosing to remain with their families rather than going to battle. Valentine, bishop of Interamna, told young couples who wanted to marry to come to him, and he officiated at the ceremony. Valentine became known as the “friend of lovers.” Claudius instructed him to convert to worshipping Roman gods, which Valentine refused to do, so on February 24, 270, he was clubbed, stoned, and then beheaded. While he was in prison, awaiting execution, he fell in love with the jailer’s blind daughter, and he miraculously restored her sight. He signed a farewell message to her, “From Your Valentine,” a phrase that lives to this day. In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the Lupercian festival. He kept the box for the names, however, although in it were placed slips of paper containing the names of saints. Men and women drew names from the box and were expected, during the ensuing year, to emulate the saint whose name they draw. Some young men were, undoubtedly, disappointed by the change.

Small Groups—

Crocheting & More 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00a.m. - Parlor	Grateful Cleaners Tuesday 8:00a.m. - Social Hall	M & M Groupo Monday 9:00a.m. - Parlor	Messengers Tuesday 1:30p.m. - Social Hall
Seekers Sunday 6:00p.m. - Social Hall	Thursday Morning Bible Study Thursday 9:00a.m. - Social Hall	Wesley Amigos Thursday 7:00p.m. - Parlor	



United Methodist Women

Thursday, February 1 @ 10:30 a.m.—Social Hall *New Day and Time*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 10, 2-4 p.m.: Valentine's Day Party

Friday, March 9, 6-9 p.m.: International Women's Day Evening Prayer and Film

Friday, March 30, 7-8:30 p.m.: Lay-led Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 1: Easter Egg Hunt after Church

Saturday, May 26, noon-3 p.m.: Forgiveness Workshop

Saturday, June 30, 6-8 p.m.: Singalong on Patio, "Oldies and Brownies"

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS (SUNDAY READINGS), YEAR B

February

Sunday, February 4, Epiphany 5: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11, Transfiguration, Scouting Sunday: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 18, Lent 1: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 25, Lent 2: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

C H I N O U M C — F e b r u a r y 2 0 1 8

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. UMW 7:00 p.m. Wesley Amigos 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	2 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 9:00 a.m. Crocheting & More 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion
4 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Special Charge Conference 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:00 p.m. Seekers Group	5 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	6 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers	7 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	8 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wesley Amigos 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 2:00 p.m. Valentine Party
11 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon SPRC 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:00 p.m. Seekers Group	12 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	13 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers	14 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	15 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wesley Amigos 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	16 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	17 9:00 a.m. Crocheting & More 3:00 p.m. Musicians' Concert Rehearsal
18 9:00 a.m. SAM 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Church Council 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:00 p.m. Seekers Group	19 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	20 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers	21 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House	22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wesley Amigos 7:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana	23 Pastor's Day Off 6:00 p.m. Rivera EDOH Reh/Dec 7:00 p.m. Movie Night	24 10:00 a.m. Rivera EDOH 3:00 p.m. Musicians' Concert Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
25 9:00 a.m. The Focus Group 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Worship Committee 1:00 p.m. Potters House 1:00 p.m. Iglesia Cristiana 4:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Church 6:00 p.m. Seekers Group	26 9:00 a.m. M&M Grupo 7:00 p.m. Scouts	27 8:00 a.m. Grateful Cleaners 1:30 p.m. Messengers 7:30 p.m. Musicians' Club Concert	28 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Potters House			

Please call the church office if you have corrections or additions.



4th Matt Seargeant
11th Richard Cassler
15th Marita Isidore
23rd Kim Few
25th Bettye Corum
25th Michele Houska



12th Glenn & Rita Robison

Coffee Fellowship

4th UMW
11th Boy Scouts
18th Seekers
25th Messengers

Greeters

4th Ron & Bobbie Lane
11th Mike & Marion Proffitt
18th Don & Roseanne Callju
25th Brian & Sharon Baier

Liturgists

4th Dan Bentley
11th Greg Wolfe
18th Brian Baier
25th Marion Proffitt

Sunday School

4th Carol McFarland
11th Sylvia Smith
18th Carol McFarland
Don Callju - Youth
25th Sylvia Smith

Communion Assistants

Mabel Cross & Jennifer McDermott

Blessers

Nancy Nichols & Carole Schuricht

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



The next *Tidings* deadline is Sunday, February 18. Please email articles to ChinoUMC@yahoo.com or leave them in the church office. Thank you.

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