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# The Spirit of God is in the Natural World

APRIL 18 - MAY 23, 2021

“Have you ever wondered why we feel so much better being in nature? I feel the most peace and joy when I'm out experiencing the beauty of the natural world. I get lost in the sunset that melts into the horizon. I feel renewal when I breathe in the crisp air in the morning. My heart is filled with wonder and awe when I gaze into the ocean. It is because we are looking at the face of God! So may we continue to experience the presence of the Spirit, who is all around us!” –Pastor Angela

**April 18** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part I: Wind/Breath, *Genesis 2:4-7*

**April 25** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part II: Cloud, *Exodus 24:9-16*

**May 2** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part III: Ground/Dirt, *II Chronicles 20:13-19*

**May 9** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part IV: Water, *Isaiah 44:1-4*

**May 16** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part V: Light, *John 8:12-20*

**May 23** The Spirit of God is in the Natural World, Part VI: Fire, *Acts 2:1-13*

## MUSIC with MARV workshop on THURSDAY, APRIL 22 @ 7 PM

Come and see why music that is 500 years old is still being sung in the church today. A Zoom invite will be sent out by request. See you then!

-Marvin Neumann, Director of Music

## EDUCATION TEAM MEETING on SUNDAY, APRIL 18 @ 12 noon

Parents, volunteers, and kids are welcome and encouraged to give input and ideas on the upcoming **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & MUSIC CAMP**! Contact C-J Conklin directly or join us for the beginning of our informational meeting on April 18th at noon on Zoom after coffee hour! We need you!



Messy Church Online

"Good Ground"

**Tuesday, April 20 @ 5pm**

Join us as we dig up the real dirt on the parable of the sower!

Please tell you friends & families!

Craft supply bags can be delivered.  
Contact C-J for Zoom link,  
lilysilverheart@yahoo.com.

## Guided Meditation for Compassion

April 28 at 6 pm  
Last Wed of the month



## FRIDAY FAITH FLICKS — May 7 @ 6:00 pm, Kraft Friendship Room

For this Flick we will be watching it in person for the first time in over a year!

We will follow protocol & guidelines set by the state and Cal-Pac Conference: which means masks, social distancing of at least six feet, and a maximum of 10 people in the room. There will be no food, but film, fellowship and fun! Since there is a room capacity limit, we will need you to RSVP by contacting the office, 562.698.0022 or Info@WhittierFirstUMC.com

The Flick is the 2008 American comedy-drama film directed by Mark Pellington, "Henry Poole is Here" starring Luke Wilson and George Lopez.

*Having been diagnosed as terminally ill, Henry Poole purchases a tract house in his hometown, a working class suburb of Los Angeles, and awaits the inevitable, fortified with whiskey and frozen pizza. His peaceful solitude and self-imposed exile are disrupted by his meddling neighbor Esperanza Martinez, who insists she sees the face of Christ embedded in the stucco wall of his home and is convinced the image has miraculous powers when it begins to exude drops of blood. Before long, she is leading pilgrimages to his backyard and inviting Father Salazar from the local parish to bless the supposedly sacrosanct blemish. To Henry the image is a water stain.*

BLOOD DONATIONS

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**First United Methodist Church Blood Drive**  
Sponsored By: Venture Crew 546

Location: Wesley Lounge  
6725 Friends Ave.  
Whittier, CA 90601

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**  
**9:00am–3:00pm**

**ALL DONORS AND STAFF WILL BE SCREENED BEFORE ENTERING THE DRIVE.**

Please schedule an appointment online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **CREW546** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.

Picture ID Required.

Please schedule an appointment so we can social distance donors.  
Only healthy donors will be allowed inside.

**Schedule a blood donation appointment today:**

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Greetings in Christ,

This year I was invited to participate in the United Methodist Women's Mission U Event. I will be leading a workshop on **Bearing Witness to the Kin-dom**. As I was preparing for the workshop and reading through the curriculum, I noticed that Chapter 1 is focused on the natural world and how the Spirit is always moving in it. I am also starting a new sermon series this week called **The Spirit of God is in the Natural World**. Wow. What a coincidence! Or maybe that's how God shows up? The Spirit has a way of confirming and reaffirming the spiritual journey that we are on.

Which leads me to this question for you: Where have you seen God today?

A *Kairos* moment is one that gives you pause and brings you to a place of reflection. It could be a beautiful moment or a disturbing moment. God is always trying to teach us something of value and beauty. In these moments, God is trying to talk to you, pointing to something worth remembering.

If there is a thought or a circumstance that you can't get out of your head, turn to the Lord and ask: "God what are you trying to teach me today?" You might be surprised by what comes up for you. Then follow that question with "What do you want me to do to respond to your direction?"

May all our eyes be opened to the leading of the Spirit.

**Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:**

**Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship**

Friday June 25, 7-9pm

Sat. June 26, 1-3pm, 4-6pm

Sun. June 27 1-3pm

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Angela Galanis Price

# SAVE THE DATE

## *Living into the Church's Moral Witness* Cal-Pac United Methodist Women Virtual Mission u 2021

**This year our studies are:**



### **Finding Peace in an Anxious World**

English: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (7:00-8:30PM) **OR**

English: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8 (2:00-3:30PM)

Tongan: July 30, August 1, 2 (7:00-9:00PM)

Spanish: July 10 & 24 (4:00-5:30PM), 17 & 31 (4:00-6:00PM), and August 7 (4:00-5:00PM)



### **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship**

English: June 25 (7:00-9:00PM), 26 (1:00-3:00PM & 4:00-6:00PM), 27 (1:00-3:00PM) **OR** (PASTOR ANGELA WILL LEAD)

English: June 27, July 11, 18, 25 (4:00-6:00PM)

Tongan: July 10, 17, 24, 31 (4:00-6:00PM)

Spanish: July 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00AM-12:00)

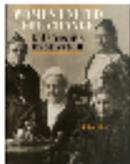
Korean: July 10, 17, 24 (1:00-3:00PM), 31 (1:00-2:30PM)

Bridging (combination young women & seasoned women):  
June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 (7:00-8:30PM)



### **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 (7:30-9:00PM)



### **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission**

June 21, 28, July 5 (7:00-8:30PM)



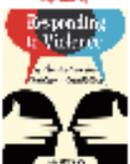
### **Youth Study: Managing Anxiety (ages 12-17)**

July 16 (5:00-7:00PM), 17 (10:00AM-12:00 & 1:30-3:30PM), 18 (2:00-4:00PM)



### **Youth Study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence (ages 12-17)**

July 9, 10 (12:00-4:00PM)



### **Children's Study: Responding to Violence (ages 6-11)**

June 26, 27, July 10, 11 (1:00-3:00PM)

Studies are free. Invite a friend! You need not be part of UMW.

All are welcome to attend multiple studies. Please register at: [calpacumc.org/umw](http://calpacumc.org/umw)

You can purchase your study books at:

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources), Smile.Amazon, or Amazon Prime.

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