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Picnic Exercise Play

**May 29 at 5:00 P.M.
Ralph B. Clark Park**

8800 Rosecrans Ave. (South side), Buena Park,
CA 90621 (just East of Beach Blvd.)

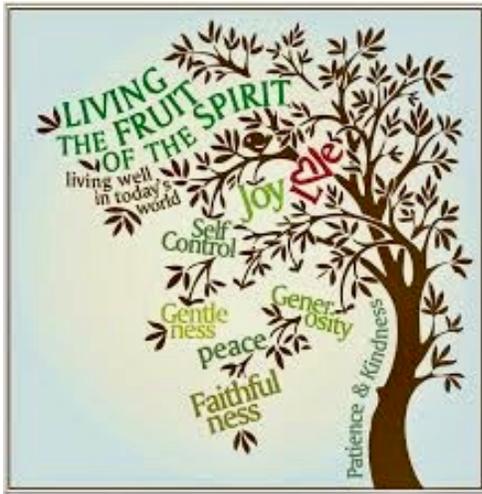
Come join us for an evening of Bring-Your-Own-Supper, a walk or two around the lake, some table and lawn games, etc. We meet the last Tuesday of each month through September. If you don't have an Orange County Park Pass, the entrance fee is \$3. For more comfort, bring your own chairs.

When you come in the entrance, turn right and drive around to the far side of the lake to Parking Lot #5.

If you have questions, contact the church office at (562) 691-1797.



*Mother's Day, May 13
Membership Care Committee
is pleased to serve
Coffee Hour
on the Patio after Church*



Women's Retreat
Luther Glen Retreat Center
Oak Glen
October 26 - 28
Living the Fruit of the Spirit
with
Wendy Svenson

Plans are well underway for the Women's Retreat this fall. It looks like we will be having a grand time. Wendy Svenson will be our speaker. Wendy is Sally's sister and she will guide us thru the weekend of inspiration, humor and just plain fun. She has chosen "Fruit of the Spirit" for her theme. You can find the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

If you haven't made your reservation you may do so at anytime. You have several choices: send a check to: LHUMC-Programs, sign up with Nancy Tittle and make payments. (Nancy will keep track for you), or let Nancy know the best plan for you. The cost is \$225 which includes two nights lodging, 4 meals (3 on Saturday and Sunday Brunch). There are some funds for Scholarship aid to defray some of the expense as needed. If you have questions talk with Sally, Karen, Kris, Nancy, or Dorothy.

The schedule is relaxed with lots of time to enjoy the mountain setting, take walks with friends, play games, laugh, enjoy fellowship with a great group of women. Hope you can make it.

Be sure to buy you ticket for the Opportunity Drawing for the beautiful quilt made by Joanne donated by the Shoup's to help defray expenses of the retreat. It will be on display soon if you did not get a chance to see it on Easter Sunday.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, May 16 - 1:00 PM

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets every third Wednesday of the month. We get together for a nice meal and fellowship. Come join us for this month's event on May 16, at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at the Original House of Pancakes, 16363 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

Hope to see you there!



May 1 – Tuesday

10:30 AM – Memoir Class

May 3 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store

2:30 PM – Exercise Class

6:30 PM – Choir

May 5 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

May 6 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class

10:30 AM – Worship Service

May 8 – Tuesday

11:30 AM – Hope Circle

7:00 PM – Patience Circle

May 10 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store

2:30 PM – Exercise Class

6:30 PM – Choir

May 12 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

May 13 – Sunday – Mother’s Day

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class

10:30 AM – Worship Service

Coffee Hour on the Patio after service

May 15 – Tuesday

10:30 AM – Memoir Class

7:00 PM – Trustee Meeting

May 16 – Wednesday

1:00 PM – Out-to-Lunch Bunch –

Original House of Pancakes – Whittier

May 17 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store

2:30 PM – Exercise Class

6:30 PM – Choir

May 19 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

6:00 PM – The G.A.P. – The Gaston’s

May 20 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class

10:30 AM – Worship Service

May 24 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store

2:30 PM – Exercise Class

6:30 PM – Choir

May 26 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

May 27 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class

10:30 AM – Worship Service

May 28 – Monday – Memorial Day

Church Office and Preschool Closed

May 31 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store

2:30 PM – Exercise Class

6:30 PM – Choir



Preschool News

During the Month of May the children will be participating in the La Habra Citrus Bubble Parade on May 4. If you want to walk with us or just need more information, please call the preschool office.

We will be celebrating our teachers during the week of May 7 - May 11.

We will be celebrating Moms on Friday, May 11 - **Muffins with Mom.**

The preschool will be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day.



I know that we're a month away from Father's Day but I've been thinking about my dad recently. I have his high school graduation picture on my desk. Inserted into the frame is my son's high school graduation picture. They look remarkably alike.

When I was growing up I'm not sure I really tried to understand my dad. He was solid, quiet, and thoughtful. We spent time in Indian Guides, picking avocados, figuring math problems, and sometimes struggling to spell. I was never very good at that last one, but dad would patiently drill me in the evenings. My dad was always there when I needed him. Until one day he wasn't.

In a way I was just getting to know him when he died at the age of 62. Though he was still my father, we were now both fathers. I understood him a little better from that perspective. I'm sorry we didn't spend more time in this new relationship.

Many years ago I was working with my son on a project. I asked him to hand me a tool. I guess he thought I was being lazy. "What's wrong, old man, can't get it yourself?" he kidded with me. I realized that day that our age difference was the same as mine and my dad. I was in my 40's. I had never thought about dad's life as he was aging. Now I do think about that.

Some would say that Father's Day has its roots in the religious celebration of Jesus' father. St. Joseph's Day was celebrated in honor of fathers in much of Europe. Immigrants brought the tradition to the United States. I wonder what it was like to raise Jesus.

The Bible tells us that Jesus used *abba* (father in his language) in reference to God. I hope that means that he had a good relationship with Joseph. Though, when you think about it, our relationship with God is at least as complex as our relationship with our earthly fathers (or mothers for that matter).

Though he is now not physically present with me, my relationship to my father continues to deepen. It's not like I can talk with him, though I wish I could. It is more like deepening my relationship with my own feelings and emotions draws me closer to what I learned from him. And maybe even some things that I wish I had learned from him.

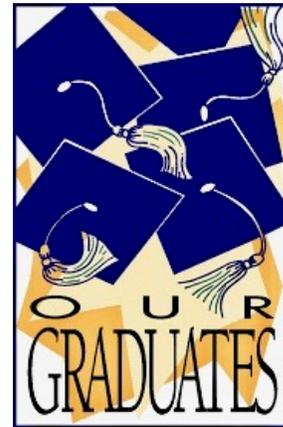
I had a dream one night many years ago. In the dream my father was as present with me as he ever was in real life. I had been trying to make an important decision. In the dream my father said to me: "I know you will do the right thing." That dream gave me some assurance that I was on the right track. I suspect that this was my deep subconscious trying to fight its way into my active mind. It was also a reflection of the actual way my father raised me to always do the right thing.

Jesus wanted to teach us that having a relationship with God is more important than anything else. He also wanted us to know that God wants deeply to have a relationship with us. At our best we try to be the kind of fathers to our children that God is to us. That is something to honor when June 17 rolls around.

Pastor Doug



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If you or a loved one has recently graduated, please notify the church office so we can include the names in the Vista.

...if we forgot your birthday, please contact the church office...