

# THE NESTOR BELL

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**“A nurturing center for ALL people, Making Disciples for Christ”**

## The Way Forward

As I'm writing this article, I'm connected via internet to the historic General Conference of the United Methodist Church in St. Louis MO. After a long study of "The Way Forward" commission, several options were suggested by the commission regarding the issue of human sexuality, and this special General Conference will decide which way to go forward. You can read more about the issues at <http://www.calpacumc.org/> or at <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session> John Wesley said, "We think and let (others) think." We are around eight million United Methodist people in the United States and another four million in different countries around the world. Twelve million people have a lot of ideas and opinions! Churches face unique situations and multiple factors in their places of ministry that determine the way the church should move forward. While things are still being decided, nobody at this time knows what the aftermath of this General Conference will bring to our beloved UMC as a whole.

One of the most frequent questions is... how is this going to affect the local congregation? That is exactly what we will see in the future. For now, I can say that as Nestor UMC, in the last 5 years we have been dealing with our own issues and conflicts, our dreams and vision, our possibilities and challenges.

We continue to look for new ways to serve and do ministry. The CORE Nestor project has been approved by the District, so our prayer is that doors can be opened for the financing for this project. At the same time, we recently "cast the net" and started a new worship service in Spanish, responding to the fact that almost 75% of the population around our campus is Hispanic. It is proven that when you start a new ministry in a church (and particularly a new worship service) the other ministries also benefit as there is more exposure and interest from the community. This is not a recipe, but I'm a firm believer that if we are faithful to our mission of being a nurturing place for all, making disciples for Christ, God will bless the intention of our hearts and the work of our hands.

Finally, I'm blessed to see the response of the congregation with donations for several ministries that the Methodist Church of Mexico has for deportees. We also have several members in our congregation that are volunteering at the Safe Harbors ministry in San Diego, providing support for refugees.

My prayer is for wisdom, vision and that God might bless the intention of our hearts and the work of our hands.

See you Sunday in church,

Pastor Luis



## SAVE THE DATE

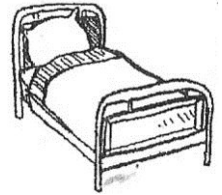
The Interfaith Shelter is coming!  
Saturday, March, 23 through Saturday, April, 6.  
We will need volunteers in the following categories.

Cleaning, set up and prep.

Dinners provided. Sleep Over Chaperones.

Donations food, for breakfasts and lunches. Donations of toiletries, soaps, shampoos and feminine care. Donations of cleaning supplies, for daily cleaning in the shelter.

Contact Kent Raysin or the Office for more information.



## Lenten Season and Holy Week Schedule at Nestor UMC

This year we walk together the journey of Lent with our friends at Park Hills UMC.  
Here is the Schedule for Lenten Season and Holy Week.

**Shrove Tuesday**-March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Join us for this Annual UMW Pancake Supper.

**Ash Wednesday** March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Park Hill UMC  
Pastor Luis will be sharing the message.

**Lenten Bible Study** Wednesdays of Lent beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Soup Supper at 6 and Bible study to follow.  
See ad on next page for more info.

**Palm Sunday** April 14  
Services at 8:30 am, 10 am and at 11:30 in Spanish.

**Maundy Thursday.** Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Nestor UMC  
Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

**Good Friday.** Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Park Hill UMC.  
Remembering the Last 7 Words of Jesus on the Cross.

**Egg Hunt.** Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30  
Telling the story of Easter for children and grown-ups!

**Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>** – The Lord has risen... He has risen indeed!  
Easter Worship at 8:30 am, 10 am and in Spanish at 11:30 am –  
**Carne Asada Potluck at 1pm.**  
**Come and Celebrate**

~\*Bible Study - Gracism\*~

Race, Religion, Relationships and Reconciliation.

The 3R's+1 will begin Sunday February 10, 2019 at 9:45 in the kitchen. The class will be 9

weeks long. We will use 2 books during the study. One is a workbook, and one is a book for the class discussions. Jim Geddes is leading this class.

Please let the office know if you're interested in participating.

The books we are using are, Gracism by David Anderson and Multiethnic Conversations by Mark DeYmaz and Oneya Fennell Okuwobi. The books can be ordered, through Amazon, and are available in used copies, and digital copies as well.



\*~Lenten Bible Study with Pastor~\*

Wednesdays of Lent, March 13-April 10  
Soup supper at 6 pm, bible study to follow.

The book is "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado  
The book can be purchased from Amazon or Cokesbury.

If you need a book, please call the office.



~Our Love Packs~



Nestor U.M.W. are asking for your help in collecting the following items for Pastor to assist with the Methodist Ministries in Mexico to distribute. Instead of buying chocolates and candy for Valentine's Day, show your love towards the world.

We would like to fill backpacks with the following items. You can purchase one item, fill your own bag, or purchase a box of one of these items to help us to make our Love Packs.

1 t-shirt  
2 pair of underwear  
2 pair of socks  
Toothbrush  
Tooth paste  
Small towel  
Bar of soap  
Comb or a brush  
Chap stick  
Tissues

Baby wipes (can be used to clean up when no shower is available.)  
Razor  
Hand sanitizer  
2 bottles of juice  
2 bottles of water  
2 boxes of raisins or applesauce pouch  
5 granola bars  
And a back pack, or duffle bag to put them all in.



~\*~\*~Upcoming Events Around Nestor ~\*~\*~

March 2– U.M.W. Meeting at 10 am

March 5– Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 7pm

March 6– Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm

At Park Hill UMC in Chula Vista

March 13 Lenten Bible Study with Pastor

Soup Supper at 6pm and bible study to follow.

InterFaith Shelter Begins March 23

Contact Kent Raysin for more info.

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## All Church Spring Clean Up

We cleaned up inside, and outside. It is looking beautiful.

Thanks to all our volunteers and helpers. Here are some before and afters

Lots, and Lots of weeds pulled around the church planters. Watch for all the beautiful blooms coming up soon.



Janet and Debbie made the Choir/ Book/ Junk room a good space for our homework club.



The Labrynth was being reclaimed by the weeds. Now it is beautiful and ready for spring services and prayer walks.



### ~PRAYER REQUESTS~

#### Strength, Comfort & Healing:

Connie Hoffman, Sherry and John Davidson, Meghan Dixon and Matthew Powell, Limson Castillo, Thelma Gorospe, Rosalie Cline, John and Barbara Eveland, Drake Walker and Family, Janice Dahl, Myrtle Hedrick, Samuel Jasmin, D.J. Beshears and Family, Jesse Dahl, Scott Welch, Ruben Vaca, Lorraine Hanley, John Walden, Skip Clowery, Monica Wong, Bill Shipley

#### Comfort in Loss-

The family of Cordelia Larry.  
The family of Michael Davis.

#### Children:

Alicia Keith Gregorio Racelis, James Austin Welch, Arya Hope Narciso, Julia Jeter, Rhiane Ramos, Royce Rogers, Ryder Sheppard, Averi Williams, Braydon Yeltin, Victor Hernandez, Jayda Jeter, Sophia Narciso, Yhazzie Ramos, Makayla Soria, Aden Narciso, Graham Wahamaki, Jayden Coucke, Anthony Sayers, Nolen Bumatay, Ezra Martucci, Jahniya McClellam, Addilynn Robinson, Jaxon Schaffer, Madison Pepper, Julian Zarate

#### Active Duty Military:

Keenan Flores, Spencer Brandt, Henry & Lucy Steele, Josh Peterson, Rafael Navarrete, Josh Glover, Joy Zanghi, Dajeur Bruce-Malone, Sara Fernandez, Dairon Frazier, Michael Waters, Joe McGuffie, Chris Duran, Arturo Mota, Ron Ramos

Roger Bumatay	3/3	Makayla Soria	3/10	JL Morrison	3/22
Dorothy Jones	3/3	Tristen Campbell	3/11	Fantasia Rivera	3/22
Jahniya McClellam	3/3	Inez Scott	3/16	Laura Dildine	3/23
Margarita Wraight	3/4	Miranda Mariscal	3/17	Yuriko Kelly	3/23
Ida Callo	3/6	Melissa Jamieson	3/19	Nikole Camden	3/30
Kaila Otto	3/9	Mitzie Hoffman	3/21	Bob Gibson	3/30



## March Birthdays



**Feeding the Community**

### The Good Neighbor Center

Also The Good Neighbor Center can use a few extra hands on delivery day. The second Thursday of the month, when PALLETS of food get delivered, and have to be transferred from the pallets, to dollies and brought inside to be stacked.

Please Call the office or Deb Raysin for more information.