



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

*To make, mature, and mobilize disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Sunday Worship time  
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

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**Sunday, May 7**  
*Communion Sunday*  
"The Centrality of Jesus"  
The Rev. Dr. Walter Dilg

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**Sunday, May 14**  
*Mother's Day*  
"Living Up To  
and Into Our Identity"  
The Rev. Dr. Walter Dilg

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**Friday, May 19**  
5:30 p.m. - Messy Church  
The Rev. Diane Davis  
Fellowship Hall

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**Sunday, May 21**  
*Nursery School Sunday*  
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The Rev. Diane Davis

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**Sunday, May 28**  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. David Worthington  
Head of the Wesley Center  
in England

**WORDS FROM WALT: Who Are We?**

As immediate follow-up to the on-site visit of our Church Consultant, Paul Nixon, we focused our attention on determining who we perceived ourselves to be. The idea was to discern our identity: who we thought we were; what qualities or characteristics came together to compose the image of ourselves to others.

On Paul's advice we solicited input from our worshippers on Palm Sunday and through an eblast which attempted to pull in other people's perspectives who missed worship that day. Then, we had our office staff put our responses in a Word Cloud. It is presented below. The more frequently a word was used to describe us, the larger the word is presented in the Word Cloud.



# WORDS FROM WALT: Who Are We? Continued

We can easily see the dominant words were:

Welcoming – Caring – Loving – Family – Community  
Supportive – Musical – Traditional – Comfortable – Open

As Paul and the Lead Team processed the input of “who are we?” as revealed in the word cloud, it occurred to us that these words are descriptive of an ideal home ... a spiritual home ... home as place and people ... a place where spirit comes home.

So we are considering enhancing our church logo with the words: **Welcome Home**. Does this help say to your neighbors who we are and how we are? Let us know what you think. Blessings upon us all for being a part of such a congregation. Let’s live out these words.

*Pastor Walt*

Pastor Walt



## REV. DR. PHIL WOOD TO SUCCEED PASTOR WALT

As you may have already learned, the Rev. Dr. Phil Wood has been appointed to our congregation starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Walt is excited to pass the baton over to his friend Phil.

Phil comes to us from Fullerton First UMC, with Church of the Good Shepherd UMC in Arcadia and Glendale First UMC as prior appointments. He is a very talented and capable pastor, who has strong preaching skills, a compassionate heart, and a love of the Lord. He also has served in a variety of leadership positions at the District and the Conference levels, and in the churches’ communities. We look forward to him stepping into the role of our Senior Pastor and continuing forward the good work we have been doing with Pastor Walt.

Many opportunities will be presented throughout the summer to meet Phil and his wife Elsa; take advantage of one of these offerings that is convenient to you, so his ministry here gets off on a strong footing of good relationships.



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# LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY A GREAT SUCCESS



Nearly 60 people participated in our Small Group Lenten Study, with strong feedback being given on how great an experience it was for them. Many thanks to our talented and dedicated Group Leaders who helped facilitate this super experience: Karyn Moore, Charlie and George Ann Wurster, Ted and Paula Todd, Don and Cindy Rushing, Nick and Becky Cosford, and Russ and Melissa Toppi. Your church is grateful for your efforts. And many thanks to those numerous participants who set aside some of their precious busy time to engage in this study. You are leading the way to our congregation's future through your participation.

Small group experiences are foundational to building a strong and caring congregation. We are hoping that this good Lenten experience will lead to the birthing of more and different small groups in our church. Debby Fishburn, our Church Council Chairperson, is committed to seeing small groups flourish here at LJ UMC. Let her or Administrative Assistant Theresa Erb know of your interest in being involved in a small group in the future.

## Digestive System: Healthy Gut Class Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - 9:00am in Memorial Hall

It is no coincidence that four of the six letters in health are "heal". Your body's ability to HEAL is greater than anyone has permitted you to believe. If you have any health issue and your digestion is not perfect, then addressing your digestion should be the first thing that you do! This class will benefit human beings of all ages who eat and drink daily and/or those who care for others who do.

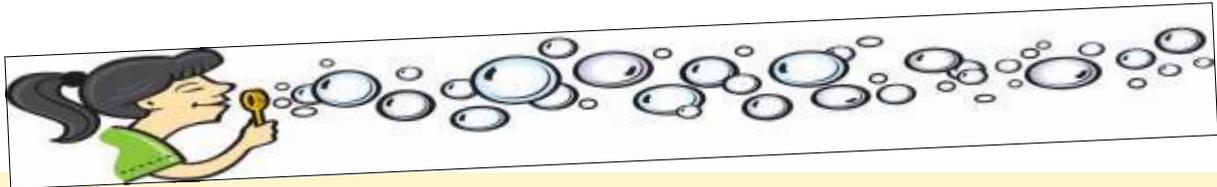


### Attention All 2017 Graduates!

If you or your child is graduating from preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, graduate or trade school please let us know. We will be honoring all 2017 graduates in our worship service Sunday, June 11. All graduates will have their name in the bulletin and receive a card and small gift. Please email Theresa at [terb@lajollaumc.org](mailto:terb@lajollaumc.org) or call the church office (858) 454-7108. We would like to know the full name of the graduate, where they are graduating from, and where they are off to next.

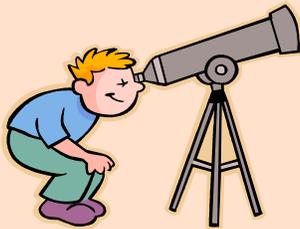
*All information must be received by Sunday, June 5.*





## Children and Family Ministries

### I Spy God



This spring and summer guide your kids to look for God in the beauty of the great outdoors. **Whether you're on a hike, at the local pool, or watching fireworks,** help your kids discover **God's handiwork in everyday things.** It can be a simple reminder at breakfast to look for God throughout the day, then take time to discuss what they discovered over dinner. Or challenge your kids to find ways God showed himself during **the day that they'd never thought of before.** You and your kids will develop a greater appreciation for God's creation and make faith discoveries outside the church walls.

## Sunday School News

During May . . . we will be studying how the church was started through Peter and his friends.

May 7  
Peter and John  
Acts 3:1-4:22

May 14  
Peter and Tabitha  
Acts 9:46-43

May 21  
Peter and Cornelius  
Acts 10:1-28

May 28  
Peter in Prison  
Acts 12:1-17

May Memory Verse  
*I tell you that you are Peter, and I'll build my church on this rock.*  
Matthew 16:18

### July 23 - 28



This Summer we are cranking up the creativity and helping kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too.

Mark your calendars now because this will be the best week of the summer!!

**Registration online at:**  
**Extended Care Option Available**  
**[www.lajollaumc.org](http://www.lajollaumc.org)**

### Robot And Rocket Making Contest!

*We're gearing up for VBS and need your help with decorations!*

Create a rocket or robot for us to use as part of the decor this summer.



**Must be 3ft. or larger**  
(Think recyclable craft items and junkyard finds)

Bring your creations to church on **Nursery School Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.**



# Library News

*The May Book Talk will occur on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. in the library  
Don Rushing will review WHEN GOD SAYS WAR IS RIGHT by Darrell Coles*

Don says " I would enjoy discussing this difficult subject with everyone.

Darrell Cole's book "When God Says War Is Right" was published in 2002 in the aftermath of 9/11 and our growing involvement in Afghanistan in the fight against Al-Queda. Dr. Cole is an Associate Professor of Religion at Drew University. He received his Ph.D. In Theology from the University of Virginia. The book, which I'll cover along with general concepts of Christian Just War Doctrine, tries to reconcile the character of the God of love with the use of force by his people. Although the book has been around for 15 years, given our continuing war on terrorism the topic is still timely."

Do bring friends to hear this very important and thought-provoking topic— Everyone is welcome!!

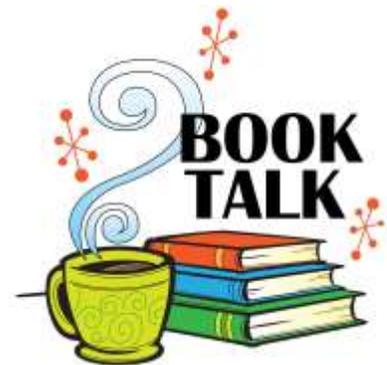
## New Books to the Library

### Fiction:

<i>The Country Road – A Tree</i>	Jo Baker
<i>Earthly Remains</i>	Donna Leon
<i>Faithful</i>	Alice Hoffman
<i>Murder of the Serpentine</i>	Ann Perry
<i>Song of the Lion</i>	Anne Hillerman
<i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i>	Lisa See

### Non Fiction:

<i>The Hello Girls</i>	Elizabeth Cobbs
<i>Halleluiah Anyway</i>	Anne LaMott



### **Bulletin and Journal Deadlines**

The deadlines for articles and announcements are:

**Sunday bulletin:** By noon on Wednesday.

Sunday's bulletin is printed on Thursday.

**Journal:** By the **15th of the month** for the following month's newsletter.

# Family Friendly Concerts to conclude 2016-2017 season

Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 pm.

The concert will feature Cathy Blickenstaff and the woodwind quintet, WW5 consisting of flute, bassoon, horn, clarinet and oboe. This is the same group that played Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," May of 2015.

There will be the usual instrumental show & tell followed by a wonderful second half featuring the individuals of WW5 in duets, trios, quartets and the quintet.

Doors open at 3:30 pm. As is our usual practice, no admission will be charged, but a freewill offering will be taken to compensate the musicians for their time and efforts. At the end of the concert, there will be an opportunity to meet and greet the musicians.

Families with children are encouraged to attend along with neighbors and friends. Child care will be provided and children can be excused before the second half of the concert to play and enjoy some outdoor games.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get up close and personal with some really good musicians playing some terrific music.

For additional information, please contact the Concert Series organizer, George Anderson at (858) 459-4622 and/or send an email to [gcanderson@ucsd.edu](mailto:gcanderson@ucsd.edu).



## **We need YOUR help!**

We need to recruit new volunteers in order to be able to continue our annual rummage sale as we know it! Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful community-building event. Call or text Margie (858-459-5133, [margieherrick@aol.com](mailto:margieherrick@aol.com)) or

## A Message from UMW

"Losing a child" is a phrase that conjures up the nightmare of a small coffin, but that is not the only way a child may be lost. Human trafficking steals hundreds of children every day right here in San Diego. You may not think your child is at risk, but maybe their friends or classmates are. Please take the time to begin this conversation with your children, and maybe include their friends and their friends' parents. United Methodist Women have provided a video, available in the church's library, to start this potentially life changing conversation on Human Trafficking.





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Church Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Library hours: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mon. & Fri. 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.