



Cornerstone United Methodist Church

KNOWING, GROWING, AND SHOWING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

OUR HISTORY

- ▶ The Chinese United Methodist Church (UMC) of Los Angeles, under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Ma, felt that an English-speaking ministry was necessary, as each generation of their congregation was becoming more assimilated to the western culture around them. The following is an account of our history.

OUR HISTORY (CONTINUED)

▶ 1977

We began the mission church in Orange County in a small chapel at the Orange UMC in the city of Orange. Rev. Leo Hsu, Associate Pastor to the Chinese UMC was assigned to the mission church. Thirty people together with several friends, which included five core families Tom and May Lou, Ed and Mabel Joe, Eddie and Ruth Wong, Charlie and Minnie Lou, and Sen and Clarice Lew, began Sunday evening worship services. Bing Wong was the Administrative Board Chairperson. The first choir consisted of two members, Celeste Lew and pianist Arleen Lew. Craig Miller from CUMC of LA served as our Youth Director and Music Director.

OUR HISTORY (CONTINUED)

▶ **1978**

The church was chartered as *Chinese United Methodist Church of Orange County*.

▶ **1979**

The Wings of Faith youth choir gave many concerts at several churches throughout Orange County, Los Angeles and even traveled to Northern California to perform. They were awarded a certificate by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship and were recognized as one of the most Outstanding Youth Groups in the United Methodist Church.

▶ **1981**

CUMC of Orange County became a self-supporting church.

OUR HISTORY (CONTINUED)

▶ **1988**

We relocated to the Lark Ellen Christian Church in Brea.

▶ **1991**

We relocated to Orangethorpe UMC in Fullerton, where we established a shared facility covenant relationship. The Administrative Board approved changing our name to *Cornerstone United Methodist Church*.

OUR HISTORY (CONTINUED)

▶ 2003

We relocated to Placentia UMC and established a new shared facility covenant relationship, where we serve at the present time.

- ▶ We have been blessed through the dedicated service of many beloved pastors since our beginning: Rev. Ken Zeller, Rev. Timothy Ting, Rev. David Tsang, Rev. Daesun Chung, Rev. Jimmy Nih, Rev. Jerry Owyang, Rev. SonHye Kim, and Rev. John Mark Wang.

VISION

- ▶ **Our Vision is to help people “know, grow, and show the love of Christ!”**
- ▶ **During the COVID-19 pandemic, our church is focused on strengthening our congregation’s small groups by meeting on the Zoom and Discord applications.**

EXTRA Ministry

- ▶ Our college/young adult group is named EXTRA. It represents our call to live extra-ordinary lives like Jesus, and to go above and beyond what is normally expected. Our group provides a place for college students and young adults to explore and deepen their faith, and to have a community of brothers and sisters in Christ to do life together.



BASIC Fellowship (Brothers And Sisters In Christ)

- ▶ If you are a post-college young adult, BASIC Fellowship is the home for you! You're out of college and taking the leap into the world of jobs, rent, car loans, marriage, baby showers, and responsibility. Our young adult fellowship is aimed at creating relationships and learning about what it means to follow God as we navigate these new waters together.

HUGS (Homes Under God's Spirit)

- ▶ Career/Adult/Parent(s) – Our HUGS group meets every Friday night at 7:30 PM to share with one another in Bible journaling, building life-long friendships, and support each other in prayer. Everyone is welcome!

New Life – Retirees

Our New Life group gathers at 10 AM Wednesday for interactive Bible studies and to learn about God and our faith. If you are a seasoned retiree or senior (broadly defined!) we welcome, you to join us for fellowship and lasting friendships.



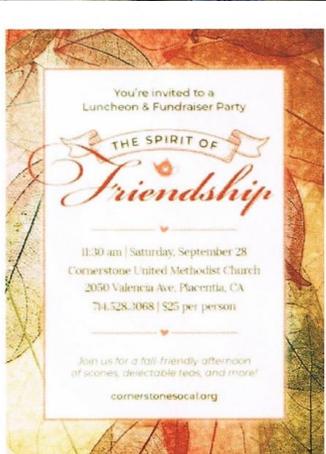
MISSION

- ▶ **Our church is partnered with Pathways of Hope, OC United, and the Friendly Center to address the issue of poverty and homelessness by volunteering and financial contributions.**



The Spirit of Friendship Tea

- ▶ The Spirit of Friendship Tea raised \$3,126 that was used to purchase Christmas presents for needy families through the Adopt-A-Family program.
- ▶ Our event drew over two hundred families from Orange County and Los Angeles County!





COMMUNITY PARTNERS