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United Church of God
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Announcement Bulletin

February 28, 2026

Hymn Leader: Mr. Greg Hilgen
Sermonette: Mr. Lincoln Marini
Sermon: Mr. Nathan O'Malley

Sabbath Thought

Ps. 2:10-12, "Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."

Wiersbe's Commentary points out, "In view of the Father's decree and promised judgment, and the Son's victorious enthronement in heaven, the wise thing for people to do is to surrender to Christ and trust Him. Today, God speaks to mankind and pleads with sinners to repent and turn to the Savior."

(A Psalm of David When He Fled from Absalom His Son.) **Ps. 3:1-2**, "Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, 'There is no help for him in God,' Selah (it likely means to meditate or a musical pause)."

Wiersbe's Commentary explains, "The prayer begins very abruptly with 'Lord.' David didn't have time to go through a long liturgy, for his own life was at stake and so was the future of the kingdom. David knew that God is a 'very present help in trouble' (Ps. 46:1). Absalom had taken a long time to build up his support for taking over the kingdom, and the number increased day by day (2 Sam. 15:12-13; 16:7-8; 17:11; 18:7). Absalom was handsome, smooth-spoken, and a gifted liar who knew how to please the people and steal their hearts (2 Sam. 15:1-6)."

“GETTING TO KNOW OUR UCG-ORANGE COUNTY BRETHREN” CONTINUING

Our project of “Getting to Know Our UCG-Orange County Brethren” is continuing. Last Sabbath we featured the interesting life of Brian Higa. Extra copies of his profile are on the Information Table. We would like to feature others in our congregation, If you have any questions or would like the guidelines emailed to you, please contact Jean Updegraff at jeanupde@sbcglobal.net. If you have previously submitted a bio and want to update it, please contact Jean.

COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 16

We will be having our next council meeting via Zoom on Monday, March 16, at 7:00. Our regular council meeting devoted to the budget for our next fiscal year is April 20.

SPRING HOLY DAYS

Passover: Tuesday evening, March 31, here at our church facility at 7:30.

Night to be Much Observed: Wednesday evening, April 1. Some may want to have their own gatherings but there are group opportunities in the north area and south area. Details are in this bulletin.

First Day of Unleavened Bread: Thursday, April 2, here at our church facility with one service at 2:00 p.m.

Last Day of Unleavened Bread: Wednesday, April 8, here at our church facility with services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. with the Fellowship Hall open during the lunch time for those who want to bring their own lunches.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

On February 22, God allowed 10 people to take UCG booklets at the South Coast plaza Mall. Many thanks to Irene Larvie, Karen Werstiuik, Jean Marini and Ray Roberts for serving and the fellowshipping. Our next outreach is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, at either Brea Mall or South Coast Plaza Mall if approved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wolfgang Spengler, Roy Tower, Linda Kozacheko, Knox Anson, Rebeca Azar, Christa Sanchez, Nancy Dailey, Cheri Musser, Irene Larvie, Lincoln Marini, Jeff Lewis, Ramona Morrissette-Nagai, Mark Dyches, Enrique Vidal, Pam Snyder, Jimmy Ortiz, Carmel Cini, Brad & JoAnn Slater, Helene Rosenberg, Melanie Bryan and Brennan Hilgen

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED IN COSTA MESA APRIL 1 (please sign up by March 22)

This Night to be Much Observed group opportunity will be Wednesday evening, April 1, at the **Pom & Olive restaurant in Costa Mesa** (1400 Bristol). A Mediterranean dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. but you can come earlier.

A delicious Mediterranean dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The menu includes your choice of the following items: **Baked Lamb Shank** with mashed potatoes (\$28), **Lamb Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$28), **Filet Mignon Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$28), **Chicken Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$23) and new this year: **Koobideh (\$26)** (two strips of seasoned ground beef or chicken). You can order a combo (one strip of each) or both beef or both chicken – with rice mixed with lentils & raisins. Note: you can substitute the side with mashed potatoes or Basmati rice upon advance request. There is a **Children’s menu at \$15** per child.

Each meal includes Matzos and hummus, a Mediterranean salad, your choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink, and Baklava for dessert. The price includes tax and tip. Please sign the list on the Information Table or contact Jean Updegraff (phone 714-546-4695) or email her at jeanupde@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to pay Jean is the Sabbath of March 28– cash or check payable to her or Zelle to her email.

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED IN ANAHEIM APRIL 1

There is a another group opportunity for the Night to be Much Observed on Wednesday evening, April 1, at 6:30. The location is a Mediterranean Buffet at **Dimassi’s Restaurant** (5711 E La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807 (Imperial Ave area near the 91 freeway). The menu includes salads, soups, rice, potatoes, veggies, chicken & beef kabob, lamb shank, baked fish, gyro, drinks & coffee, desserts.

Prices: Adults \$25 includes tips and taxes; Children 3-9 - \$10. Troom here is room for 40 people. Donations will be accepted to help subsidize those in need. If you would like to join this group. Please sign the list on the Information Table.

COFFEE SOCIAL ROTATION

| Date | Region in Charge |
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| Feb. 28 | #4 (South) - Marinis |
| Mar. 7 | #1 (West) – Moore family |
| Mar. 14 | #2 (North & East) = Towers |

SUNSET: Sunset this evening is at 5:48 pm; next Friday at 5:53 pm.