

June 2024

# The Viewpoint



## This Month

- Pastore B.J.'s BS
- Brownies & Bingo
- Wonderful Wednesday

## Pastor B.J.'s Reflections



### God Loves Everyone: No Exceptions

In the words of Bishop Dottie, "This General Conference, unlike others, resulted in many changes. . . . This General Conference removed harmful language and rules related to our LGBTQIA+ siblings. And this General Conference revised our Social Principles. These, and other changes, have formed us in a new way of being United Methodist. Also, there are some things that will stay the same. We are still a church that lives out the image of the Big Table, a place where there is room for everyone in God's kin-dom. We are still a church that listens to each other as our discipline of love. . . . We are still a church that is in ministry to each other, and to the world God placed us in. We are still a church that chooses to love each other. No matter what."

As your pastor, I'm pleased by the changes to UMC Social Principles and Book of Discipline. Jesus always reached out to and included those society called "other," offering radical hospitality to all who found themselves excluded or denigrated by the social mores of the time. Jesus does the same today through the UMC position on what it means to be the body of Christ. Is just one way in which we build the kingdom of God and work to realize Isaiah's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom, where they shall neither hurt nor destroy on all my holy mountain.

Yours on the journey,

Pastor B.J.



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online services at  
[Lagunacountryumc.org](http://Lagunacountryumc.org)

**Daily Bible Readings**

**Sunday:** John 4-6  
**Monday:** 1 Kings 17-19  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 20-22  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kings 1-3  
**Thursday:** 2 Kings 4-6  
**Friday:** 2 Kings 7-10  
**Saturday:** Psalms 55-57

*Verse to Remember*

*"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" —John 6:35*

**FIVE & FOUR**

**Directions:** Each nonsense word below contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed*. When you're done, you should be able to read the two-word answer to the clue by reading down the letters in the squares and the letters in the circles. We have provided some help throughout.

JAILGLOST = A L  O T +  I G S  
SOUPCURTH = S     +      
SOBBIERAS = S     +      
SWINELOWD = W     +

**CLUE: CHANGES IN CARS**

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**Answer:** LUBE JOBS; allot + jigs; spurt + ouch;  
sober + bias; wield + snow. **TRIVIA QUIZ**  
1. World Wide Web; 2. 50 meters; 3. Germany, Italy, and Japan; 4. Australia; 5. octagon;  
6. Ferdinand Magellan; 7. Samsung; 8. horse;  
9. Marie Curie; 10. Hinduism; 11. 1989;  
12. Amelia Earhart; 13. brown

**TRIVIA QUIZ! GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

1. What does "www" stand for in a website browser?
2. How long is an Olympic swimming pool (in meters)?
3. What countries made up the original Axis powers in World War II?
4. Which country do cities of Perth, Adelaide & Brisbane belong to?
5. What geometric shape is generally used for stop signs?
6. Who named the Pacific Ocean?
7. What is the name of the biggest technology company in South Korea?
8. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
9. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize (in 1903)?

10. Worship of Krishna is observed by which religious faith?
11. Demolition of the Berlin wall separating East and West Germany began in what year?
12. Who was the first woman pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic?
13. What is the rarest M&M color?

# Dial - A - Devotion Ministry

Dial-A-Devotion always needs a few more dedicated presenters to supplement the group. If you follow this group via phone, you know that it means presenting a message about every three weeks from your home. It allows you to share a message that was meaningful to you or to others. Let the office know if you would like to try it out. 949.837.5433

1-Jun	LaFee Family	16-Jun	Dick Obermayer	1-Jul	Glenn Miller
2-Jun	Meg Estrada	17-Jun	David Atkins	2-Jul	Teri Lancey
3-Jun	David Atkins	18-Jun	Glenn Miller	3-Jul	Dick Obermayer
4-Jun	Glenn Miller	19-Jun	Teri Lancey	4-Jul	Marilyn Nicolas
5-Jun	Teri Lancey	20-Jun	Dick Obermayer	5-Jul	Joy O'Connor
6-Jun	Liz Heacock	21-Jun	Marilyn Nicolas	6-Jul	Sherry Atkins
7-Jun	Marilyn Nicolas	22-Jun	Joy O'Connor	7-Jul	Laddie Perez
8-Jun	Joy O'Connor	23-Jun	Sherry Atkins	8-Jul	Pastor B.J.
9-Jun	Sherry Atkins	24-Jun	Laddie Perez	9-Jul	Laura Daillak
10-Jun	Laddie Perez	25-Jun	Pastor B.J.	10-Jul	Don Forden
11-Jun	Pastor B.J.	26-Jun	Laura Daillak	11-Jul	LaFee Family
12-Jun	Laura Daillak	27-Jun	Don Forden	12-Jul	Meg Estrada
13-Jun	Don Forden	28-Jun	LaFee Family	13-Jul	David Atkins
14-Jun	LaFee Family	29-Jun	Meg Estrada	14-Jul	Glenn Miller
15-Jun	Meg Estrada	30-Jun	David Atkins	15-Jul	Teri Lancey



## June Anniversaries

Henry & Shirley Schneider June 15th



## June Birthdays

Dakota LaFee June 4th

Lily Hong June 9th

Janet Dvorznak June 5th

Frank Bristol June 24th

Beverly Miller June 7th

Henry Schneider June 25th

Merry Weinstein June 7th

Robert Roa June 27th

Susan Villanueva June 28th

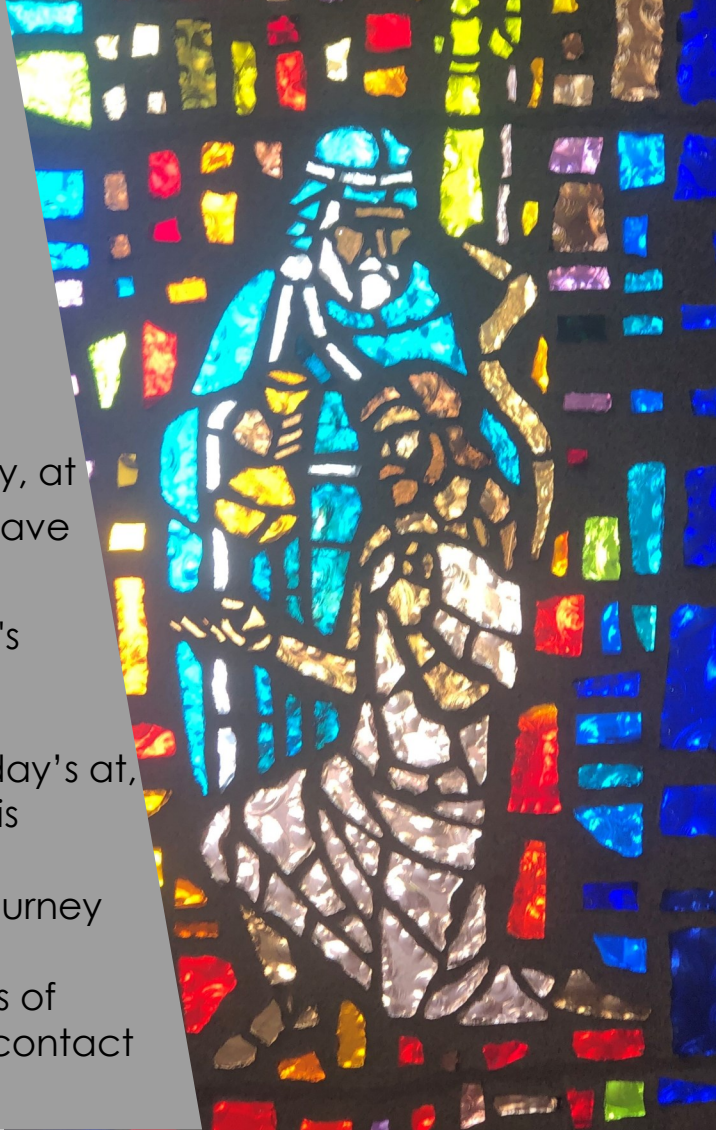


# Small Groups

**Prayer Group-** Every Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room. We would love to have you join us as we pray for the needs of others and ourselves. Find strength and peace in this

**Ok Chorale Alzheimer's Choir-** Every Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Did you know we have a therapeutic singing group for people with dementia and their care partners? It's fun and it's FREE! Contact the church office for more info.

**New Horizon's Small Group-** First and third Monday's at, 1:30 p.m. at Joy O'Connor's Home. Joy leads this special group for women. Come and join us for friendship, spiritual support, and hope on life's journey as we experience transitions and role changes. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. For additional information please contact Joy.



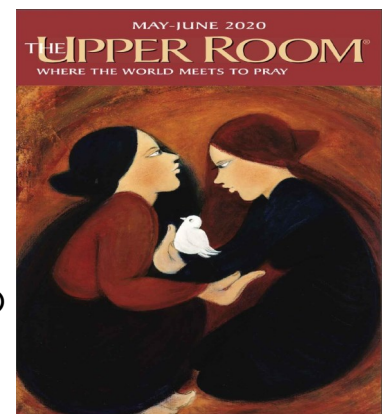
Please remember that we can give to the needy of our church and community at any time through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. To contribute to this fund simply write a check to LCUMC and include "Pastor's Discretionary" in the memo. Include your contribution in the Sunday offering plate or send it to the Church Office. Thank You!!

## Liturgists For June & July

June 2nd	Marilyn Nicolas	July 7th	Frank Bristol
June 9th	Pendra LaFee	July 14th	Sharon Holmes
June 16th	Glenn Miller	July 21st	Meg Estrada
June 23rd	Lily Hong	July 28th	Hanne Booth
June 30th	David Atkins		

## The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional is available in the Narthex at the cost of \$1.00. If you wish to start receiving your daily Upper Room devotional by e-mail, you can go to [www.upperroom](http://www.upperroom) and sign up. There is no cost



# Sermon Themes

## More Questions Than Answers

### **June 2nd- Why Does Sabbath Matter?: Mark 2:23–3:6**

A friend of mine told me about her favorite class in seminary—a class on Sabbath practices. Initially, she was nervous about signing up for a class that met for 11 hours once a month. It never occurred to her that they would spend their Fridays practicing Sabbath, but that's what they did once a month all semester long. She's now developing her own Sabbath practices on Fridays, not because she must but because she can. This is what God intends for us in the commandment to "keep the Sabbath holy."

### **June 9th- How Do We Become Family?: Mark 3:20-35**

Jesus makes it clear that family is no longer defined by biology or lineage, but rather by a shared faith in God and in the new realm of God is establishing in the body of Christ—a body with a shared vision for living our Christian faith. We are family, not because we're members of LCUMC or we're related to some particular people. Rather, we're family because we're following where Christ leads, trusting Christ's message to guide our steps, even when that guidance challenges and stretches us.

### **June 16th- How Do We Grow?: Mark 4:26-34**

Planting a garden is surely an act of faith. Is it any wonder that Jesus compares God's realm and reign on earth to the planting of seeds with hope that they will grow? We are encouraged to water and nurture the seeds within ourselves and within our world a little bit each and every day. One step at a time, one seed at a time, one watering can at a time, one act of love at a time, we fulfil the words of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come."

### **June 23rd- Why Are We Afraid?: Mark 4:35-41**

Fear is a powerful trickster, convincing children that there are monsters behind closet doors and that nightmares are real. Fear is a powerful trickster, convincing adults that an angry friend is as dangerous as a saber-toothed tiger, causing us to strike back rather than calmly listen and apologize for hurting their feelings. Why are we afraid? Christ is present in those moments, ready to calm the storms around us, ready to silence our fears and even the dangers that frighten us.

### **June 30th- How Does Healing Happen?: Mark 5:21-43**

Jesus is with us. As he offered healing and peace to a woman on the road, he offers healing hope and peace to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. As he wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, Jesus weeps with us in our sorrow when healing doesn't happen. As he saw in Jairus' daughter, Jesus sees possibilities when we only see dead ends. And still, we are left with the mysterious questions as to why sometimes healing happens and sometimes it doesn't. I don't have answers to those questions, so I try to find peace in simply trusting that Jesus weeps with me, walks with me, and offers healing as he may, even when my own health falls short.

# June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Fellowship Opportunities

**June 9th**– Second Sunday lunch, bagels and bingo!

**June 19th**– Wonderful Wednesday lunch and entertainment by Tony Rodgers.

**June 15th**– Men's Breakfast at 9:00 am. Come enjoy a breakfast, fellowship and a program.

**June 26th** - Lunch Bunch at Rodrigo's, meet at the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m.





# United Women in Faith

Western Jurisdiction UWF Quadrennial Event 2024  
Anchorage, Alaska – May 9 to 11

What is the Quadrennial Meeting? Every four years, UWF members gather in five separate Jurisdiction Events (North Central, Northeastern, South Central, Southeastern, and Western). Western Jurisdiction is divided into seven Conferences (Alaska, California-Nevada, California-Pacific, Desert Southwest, Mountain Sky, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest). Jurisdiction Events convened around the nation for inspiring and spirited worships, engaging workshops, riveting and motivating speakers, and renewing soul care as voting delegates elect their region's representatives to serve a four-year term on the National Board of Directors. Voting delegates to the Jurisdiction events are elected at each of the 55 UWF Conference Annual Meetings. What is the National Board of Directors? At the national level, the organization of UWF is led by a board of directors with advisory input from the Program Advisory Group. The work is guided and implemented by the National staff. The Board of Directors sets policy, secures funding, and determines the budget that provides opportunities to connect within the United States and around the world. The board consists of 25 directors, 20 of whom are elected by their jurisdiction and five are nominated and elected by the National organization. Some of you may have heard that I attended the WJ UWF Quadrennial event in Alaska. One of the special guests at the Western Jurisdiction event was Sally Vonner. She is the UWF General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer. It was an honor to meet her personally! There were approximately 250 attendees, 41 from California-Pacific. It was great to see old friends and my former California-Nevada Conference's colleagues. I went on official duty as California-Pacific Conference's National Director nominee.

There were ten National Director nominees representing our conferences in Western Jurisdiction. Western Jurisdiction elected two National Directors and one National Director Alternate; I was elected as National Director Alternate to serve a four-year term 2024-

2028. I am looking forward to this new role and will need all your prayers and support.

"Together we can do more. Together we can be more. Together the power of love in action can change the world."

Your sister in Christ,

Laddie Perez, Church Lay Leader  
Laguna Country UWF Treasurer

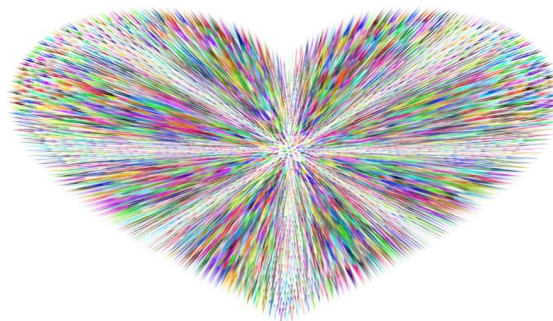
## Quiet Day Apart

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Community UMC

6652 Heil Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

We honor our Quiet Disciples



Theme: With a Servant's Joyful Heart

Registration: 9:00 am

Worship and Program: 9:30 am

Lunch to follow

Please consider making an offering to Missions Undesignated. Checks should be made out to South District United Women in Faith.



# Meet Michael

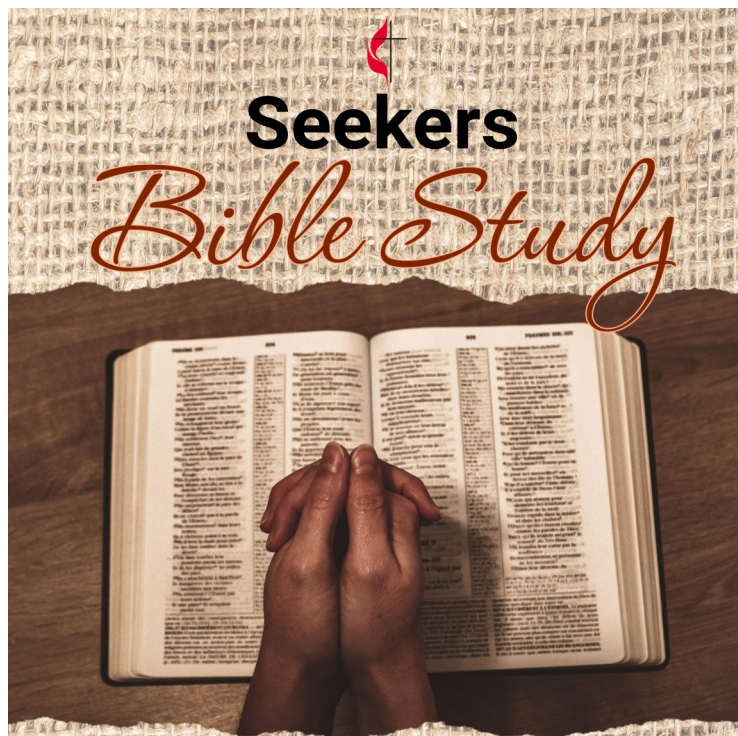
Director of Technology, Media, & Communications



As the son of 2 pastors, I have been involved with the church for basically my entire life. My father is a United Church of Christ pastor, and my mother is a pastor for the United Methodist Church so I have extensive experience with both denominations. In particular, I have been involved with the United Methodist Church since it started intertwining with my passion for filmmaking and media production. In High School, knowing I wanted to consider film as a career path, I began attending the California Pacific Annual Conference Summer Film Camp led by Rev. Hilly Hicks. While attending the camp my passion for media only grew and became a great way for me to connect my work with the church to my career ambitions. There I met several mentors including Rev. Hicks, Ken Malec,

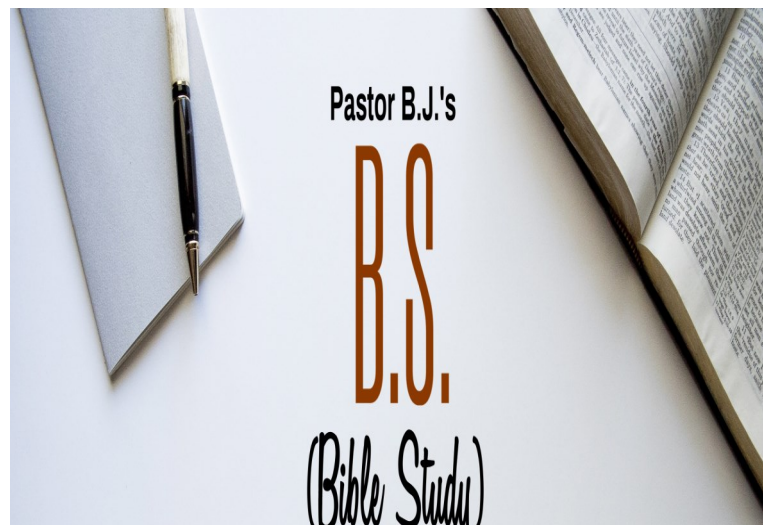
and Ken Ellis, all of which were hugely influential in both my spiritual and professional journeys. After High School, I attended California State University Northridge for Cinema and Television Arts. While attending college I began to work part-time with a few different churches and nonprofits helping with their media production. This continued to be a very spiritually fulfilling outlet for me while I completed my higher education. I graduated in the Fall of 2019, shortly before the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic, leading to serious challenges in my search for employment. During this time I began reaching out to different churches and pastors that might be looking for assistance with their online ministry due to the lockdowns and isolation. Soon after, I was offered a job by Pastor Leigh Ann Shaw at the United Methodist Church of Vista, where I began working part-time as their Video and Technology Coordinator. From there I continued my work and also got contracted for various editing and technology work with several other churches. While working with these other churches, I met Pastor Rick Uhls through an editing position for San Luis Obispo United Methodist. Both of us worked well together previously, so when he emailed me asking for assistance at his new church, Shepherd of the Hills, I was eager to accept. Following a year of employment at Shepherd, where I concluded work on their technological system, I decided to pursue new opportunities. I am delighted to share that I am now part of Laguna Country, a church community I have been connected with for nearly ten years. My journey at Laguna Country began in 2016 when I received a scholarship for college. I have cherished the people and relationships I have cultivated throughout the years. Contributing to worship services, assisting with outside activities, and sharing my film projects created during the CALPAC Summer Film camp in high school has been a fulfilling experience. I am thrilled to be back at Laguna Country in a professional capacity. I look forward to diligently and faithfully serving the church through its numerous ministries in the days ahead. It is an honor to be part of this community and contribute to its growth and impact.





**Seekers**  
*Bible Study*

**2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS**  
**AT 1:30 P.M.**  
**In the conference room**  
**Led by Rev. Glenn Miller**



Pastor B.J.'s  
**B.S.**  
*(Bible Study)*  
*"The Meaning Of The Resurrection"*  
**June 4th, June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th,**  
**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

We will explore the resurrection stories in the four Gospels and in Paul's epistles to the church at Corinth and Ephesus. What do these accounts share? How do they differ? What resonates with our personal faith? What is the meaning of resurrection for us today? These questions and more will guide our study.



**FELLOWSHIP**  
*Schedule*

First Sunday - Choir  
 Second Sunday - Sunday Brunch - Fellowship  
 Third Sunday - United Women of Faith  
 Fourth Sunday - Trustees  
 Fifth Sunday - Circle of Friends

If you have a special event you would like to celebrate, like a birthday or anniversary, please let Teri Lancey, Coffee Hour Coordinator know.



*Non-Competitive*  
**Bridge**

**June 10th & 24th**  
**at 12:30 p.m.**  
**In the Wesley Room**

Contact Mary Barrows to reserve a place.  
 All bridge players welcome.



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## The *OK* Chorale

Wednesday's at  
1:30 p.m



The OK Chorale is a therapeutic singing group for people with dementia and their care partners. The group is led by Karen Skipper a board-- certified music therapist, along with her piano accompanist Richard Warne. It's fun and it's FREE! Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

A vibrant collage of Mexican food including tacos, burritos, a sombrero, jalapeños, and guacamole, with a festive banner at the top.

# Lunch Bunch

at *Rodrigo's*

**JUNE 26TH**

11:30 a.m.  
Meet in the church  
parking lot to carpool

## Men's Breakfast



June 15th at 9:30 a.m.





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