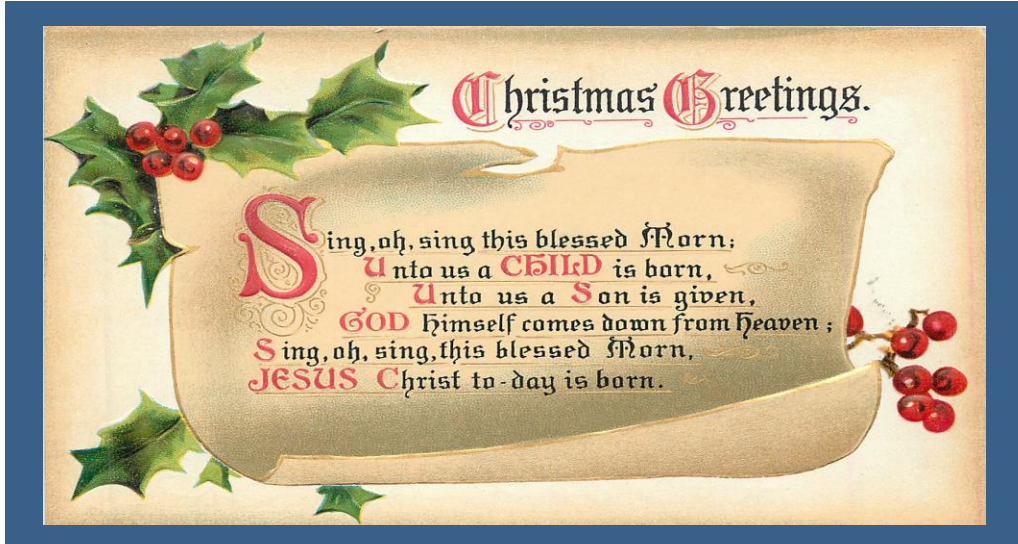


DECEMBER 2022

La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene



Merry Christmas

We are enjoying the Advent season – anticipating.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events happening at the La Mirada Church and within our District.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter - please do so by presenting to Pastor Debbie before the third week of the prior month (before printing).

It is our hope to keep you informed of the many things happening at our facility. Each month we will do our best to update and highlight new events.



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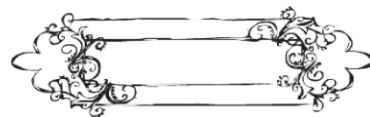
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Special events in our church's life:

- Drive by and see the progress on the new church building. It is changing every day.
- All were able to participate with families for Thanksgiving. Then, everyday is a day to be thankful..
- We heard from Pastor Arthur while Pastor Javier enjoyed some time to rejuvenate and enjoy time off.

**Love God,
Love others,
Empowered
by the Holy
Spirit.**



**"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You,
all whose thoughts are fixed on You." Isaiah 26:3**

DECEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries



If you do not see your name on this list and it should be, it is because the office does not have your information! Please keep us informed too. Fill out an information card and place in the offering or give to a pastor.

BIRTHDAYS:

Roy Licon* - 3rd
Guadalupe Cervantes* - 4th
John Tuck - 6th
Shirley Ruddell - 10th
Jamie Nellesen - 11th
Anthony Quintanilla - 11th
Julisabel Toyos - 14th
Beatriz Rodriguez* - 23rd
Amy Lazari - 29th

Delmi Guzman* - 31st



ANNIVERSARIES:

Roger & Rosie Sandoval - 4th
Karina & Victor Sanchez* - 10th
Mario & Ingrid Torres* - 25th
Herb & Darleen Huckins - 26th

New NMI reading books will be made available to us "online" for free downloads. Visit <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-missions-books>. Past books are available upon request from Pastor Debbie. Our next District Convention and award presentations will be April 23, 2022 (Place to be announced later).



Emphasis:

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Our Children's Ministry will be studying Missions education once a month. This year's study are studying in the Asia Pacific area. December's emphasis is on Australia. This month it will be back on the third Sunday.

On Christmas Sunday children will be remaining in the main sanctuary and no children's classes will be held.

LM1 La Mirada First



Tithes and offerings may be given in person on Sundays OR by mailing them to the church address OR a cover fee will be applied if using the Tithe.ly app listed on our website.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

NMI Emphasis is COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Dec. 3 – NYI 70's Party at College Ave. Church

Dec. 7 - Prayer & Praise on Facebook

Dec. 4 – Communion Sunday; 2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

Dec. 8 – Church Leadership Board Dinner Meeting 6 pm?

Dec. 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

Dec. 14 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Dec. 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent – Love; Children's Mission Lesson

Dec. 21 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Dec. 20 – Children's Mission Lesson on New Zealand

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Redeemer at 4:30 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service combined with Four Square Church; Final Sunday to contribute offerings and tithes for 2022 recording credit. Tithely will be recorded through December 31. Reports will be distributed next month.

Dec. 28 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve; Goodbye 2022

Be sure to refer to the Weekly Update sent out Saturday evenings for any additions or changes.

Our teen department is growing. This month they will participate with the District for a Christmas Party at the Whittier College Avenue Church. See Javvy for more information.

The Children's Department can always use more volunteers! Consider helping one Sunday a month! Thank you, Angelica for organizing some lessons and all your help. Have you noticed the growth in the number of kids??? It is essential to have parents sign their children out each week and make sure that their information is on file.

Children's Ministry will once again be resuming since our transition to Redeemer Church. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Pastor Arthur with your availability and ideas. **REMEMBER children are to remain with the volunteers until signed out by their parent/guardian following the afternoon services.**



In compliance with CA Bill AB500, each child needs an info sheet filled out on file with their personal information now including all allergies and the names of persons responsible to sign them out each week.

La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene

**During Construction we will
be meeting at the
Redeemer Church during
construction**

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Web Site:

www.LM1Church.org

**Come to Me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you
rest. Take My yoke upon you and
learn from Me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:28-29
May GOD Bless you!**

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

English Worship Service – 12:30 pm
Currently at Redeemer Church &
Online with Facebook

Hispanic Service – 2:15pm at the
Redeemer Church

Adult SS Class (F.B.I.) – 6 pm on Zoom

Wednesday

Bible Study & Prayer
Online on Facebook 6:30 pm

Youth at Redeemer in the Mountain
Room at 6:30 pm

Saturday

Prayer Group –
9:30 am on Free Conference Call – the
phone contact information is listed on
another page.

The Church has been using our
"Breeze" account that is able to
send out our mailings and
messaging. It has automated our
address system making it easier to
communicate with the members of
our church. **If at any time you wish
to be removed from our list, please
email us directly.**

NMI READING BOOKS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT PASTOR DEBBIE OR
CHARLOTTE IF ANY OF THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN READ.
Books for the 2021/2022 year have been added to
the website.

**Three new books for 2022 have been added to
the website. Hardcopies have not been
purchased but last years copies may still be
read for credit. WE HAVE ONLY 3 MONTHS TO
MEET OUR READING GOALS FOR PRIORITY ONE!**

The NMI website has been updated and can
now be accessed at: www.nazarene.org/nmi
then click on "About" on the task bar to find
the links to the Missionary Reading Books.
Reading the books are **free of charge!** This
gives our church extra credit toward our Priority
One Goal in March.

Please refer to the LM1 Weekly Update for up-to-date Information

We continue to adjust to new times
and new meeting places. Please
refer to the Weekly Update for any
changes. We look forward to the
day of returning to our "new"
facilities and all that our Lord has for
us in our future.....



La Mirada First COTN
15575 Foster Rd.
La Mirada, CA 90638



The Adult Sunday School has been meeting on ZOOM on Sunday evenings. Materials are available in the church office or for pick-up. Join us to connect with classmates, catch up with one another and LEARN from God's word. A weekly link is sent out with the weekly LM. PUSH Update and remains the same week to week.

Remember to keep our building program in your prayers...for the safety of the construction crew, for the speediness of their work and for the finances that are being used to build the Lord's house.

THE SATURDAY
MORNING
PRAYER GROUP
CONTINUES TO
MEET VIA
CONFERENCE
CALLS EVERY
SATURDAY
MORNING AT
9:30 am

If anyone would like to join the prayer time with your own request or to pray for one another, simply join us at:
1-701-802-5468
Access code is:
109758#

This is a FREE service and **anyone is invited** to join us. Simply call the above number and enter our reserved access code. There is power in prayer. To God be the glory!

Progress is happening every day! Note the cross on the elevator tower...the railings around the balcony...screening around the heating/AC units. More and more is being done to beautify our Father's house.





***Contributions to be communicated in this Monthly Newsletter should be presented one week before the end of the month. Information for the Weekly Update should be in no later Friday noon please. All events should be cleared by the pastor on the church calendar ahead of time. Thank you.



WE'VE MOVED!

We are proceeding with our Building Program!!! We are now meeting at the Redeemer Church in La Mirada during construction. Our first service was on October 24th. Redeemer Church is located at 15151 Cordova Road in La Mirada. It is visible from Imperial Blvd. near Home Depot. just .7 miles from our current property. (The corner of Cordova and Imperial Blvd.) Join us for in person services.



Building Program Progress ...



Check out some of the progress as of 11-29-22....

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM BANK OF AMERICA

Our church bank is now enforcing a security policy that all checks should be made payable to: ***La Mirada 1st Church of the Nazarene (No abbreviations).*** It has become a security issue and assures proper accounts are credited. Thank you for MANY changes.

Our annual CHRISTMAS MAIL accordion file will be available on the table in the back of the church to place your Christmas greetings to one another saving the postage. It will also remain through mid January to distribute the annual Giving Reports.

Join ADNMI, NYI and NDI (formerly SDMI) at the coming even at Anaheim First Church. Registration must be done online as listed below.

ONE MISSION... ONE VOICE
AN NMI - NYI - NDI EVENT

JANUARY 28 AT 9AM-12PM
ANAHEIM 1st CHURCH
1340 N. CANDLEWOOD ST.
BRUNCH, WORSHIP, WORKSHOPS
& DR. LARRY GARMAN

DAVID HAZEL
I hear You
calling... What's
my next step?

ROD HARRISON
Tuning my ear to
God's Spirit in a
chaotic world

DOUG GUNSALUS
I'm called to serve,
but I am burned
out... HELP!

JOE HOLLOWAY
Where does God
show up when life
slows down?

REGISTER BY JANUARY 19 AT [HTTPS://ADNAZNDI.REGFOX.COM/MISSIONEVENT](https://adnazndi.regfox.com/missionevent)

We WILL be worshipping together on Christmas Day. The Four Square Church will be joining us for a joint service. Pastor Javier will be bringing the message. For those who would like to attend a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Redeemer has allowed us to join them again this year. Last year was beautiful and am looking forward to it again.

UPDATE: COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR UKRAINIANS

Your Generosity Helps to Support Ukrainians In a Time of War

The ongoing invasion of Ukraine by a neighboring world power that began February 24, 2022, has displaced millions of residents from their homes. The number of Ukrainians living as refugees in other countries has swelled into the millions. Meanwhile, the number of internally-displaced Ukrainians—those who have fled their homes but remain in the country—is just as high. Altogether, more than 14 million people have fled their homes in Ukraine. This war has caused the fastest forced population movement since World War II.

With your help, Nazarene missionaries, pastors, and volunteers are partnering with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to help displaced people travel to safe areas, secure shelter, and acquire food and supplies. All over the world, churches and districts are responding with compassion for the Ukrainian people. You are a part of that compassionate response.

The Compassionate Ministry of Neighboring Countries:



In **Moldova**, Nazarene church leaders and members have transported hundreds of Ukrainians both fleeing and returning to Ukraine.



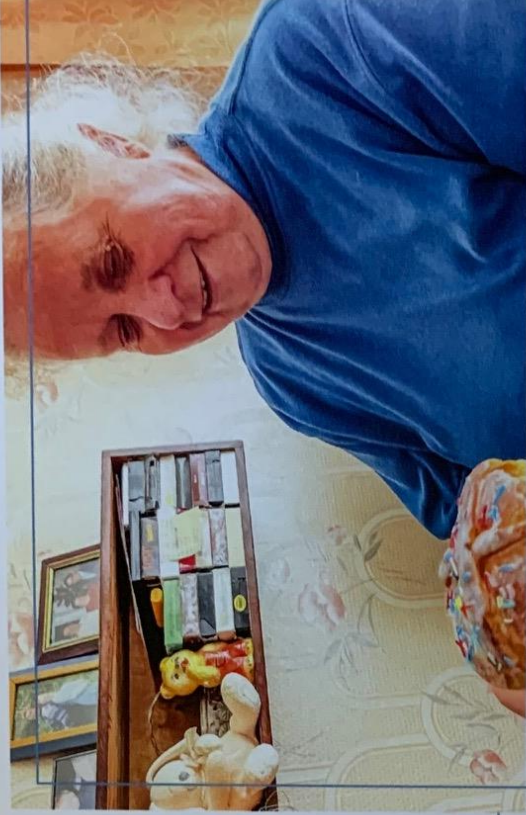
The Blessings Church of the Nazarene in Bucharest, **Romania**, has housed Ukrainians living as refugees since the start of the conflict in late February.



Churches in **Hungary** have collected and distributed clothes, medical supplies, groceries, and baby care items for hundreds displaced by the war.



In **Poland**, workers strategically positioned a distribution warehouse at the border for delivering food and Crisis Care Kits to people living in Ukraine.



Lydia, pictured above, is one of many senior adults being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave.

Nyura's Story

Nyura* and her husband lived with their daughter and family in Chernihiv, Ukraine, when the war began. Early in the conflict, their city came under attack. Thankfully, the household of seven had sought shelter elsewhere the day their home was destroyed by rocket fire. With no house to return to, Nyura and her family crossed the border to Moldova. Many Ukrainian senior adults are being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave; either choice holds challenges for securing basic needs.

Nyura's family found food and shelter through the Nazarene church in Chisinau, led by Sergey and Irina Talalay. Church members have been transporting, sheltering, and feeding Ukrainians since the beginning of the conflict. The Chisinau church has also provided hygiene items and medicine when possible. Sergey, also from Ukraine, tells about the positive impact the church has had on thousands of displaced Ukrainians. "I am very grateful to our local church," says Sergey. "Although it is small, it has a very big heart."

**Name is changed to protect privacy.*

Your support is helping meet the essential needs of Ukrainians living within the country and those seeking refuge in other countries. Thank you for the part you are playing.

Learn more about the Ukraine crisis response at ncm.org/ukraine-crisis