

The Outlook

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

August 13, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

August 17: Hebrews 11:29-12:2, 12:49-56, "A Cloud of people like us"

August 24: Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13, 10-17, "I come in Fire..."

August 31: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14, "Angels Unaware"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

I have had challenges getting a hold of people when I call on the phone. I wonder if it is because I have an bay area code. I know I am hesitant to answer calls where I do not know the number. 408-821-2443 This is my cell number. Please add my number to your phones so it will be easier to connect in the future!

Disciple Bible Study will start again soon. I found my time in Disciple classes to be amazingly enriching and the bond I formed with the class is still something I treasure. So please join us! A Sign up sheet will be available after church to decide which day of the week classes will be held.

The choir will be coming back soon, so warm up your voices!

My friends,

School is starting soon and although I am learning people's names, there is much I still want to learn! I have four questions I want to share and learn from. They will be distributed one Sunday at a time and collected so that I can read them and see your great ideas and answers! Our first question is simple, *Where do you encounter hope in this church community?* It will be distributed in church this Sunday. I really hope that everyone participates, I will share the answers with the AD council and will do a Sermon on them too. It will be a great way to celebrate our successes and plan some new things too!

May God shower his blessings on you

Pastor Cindy

Dear Wesley UMC of Bakersfield
(Children's Sunday School),

Thank you for your generous donation
to the Los Angeles Fires Recovery
Fund.

Your gift will provide immediate physical
and spiritual support within our church
communities of Altadena and Pacific
Palisades. On January 7, 2025, the
unprecedented high winds sparked
blazes which ravaged these two historic
towns over the following days. The
aftermath of devastation and loss of life
are heartbreaking to witness. The
strength and resilience in the faith of our
neighbors is truly inspiring.

Over 100 years ago, Community UMC
of Pacific Palisades was one of the
original buildings which founded the
town of Pacific Palisades. Altadena
UMC has been a staple in the historic
African American community of
Altadena since 1880. We may have lost
both church buildings and one
parsonage, but we did not lose the heart
and spirit of these communities. We will
support, care, pray, and build back
because of the many donors like you.

Our connectional system shows the best
of us, and my heart is warmed by your
gift and your heart of giving.

Grace y paz,
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles
Area

Prayer List

Concern: Linda Tilton will be able to
make a catalog purchase.

Thanksgiving: for Cindy Wilson's
birthday.

Deadline

The next deadline to submit articles to
the newsletter, *The Outlook*, is Monday,
August 25.

Coffee Bar

Thank you to the volunteers who host
the coffee bar on Sunday mornings.
There is a volunteer sheet on the coffee
bar if you would like to host an
upcoming Sunday.