

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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What is Messy Church?

By Jim White

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There they were. Four dads. Wearing shower caps. Shower caps covered in shaving cream. There we were. Four lines of kids and adults. Each line had a one-cup measuring cup and an extra-large bowl of Fruit Loops. The mission of each relay line was to gather a cup of cereal, race to our respective “king” (aka Dad) and bejewel his crown by tossing the Fruit Loops onto his shaving-creamed head. What followed was four minutes of hilarity. (By the way, we were learning about the kings of Israel!)

Welcome to MESSY CHURCH, an interactive and intergenerational worship experience that combines faith, food, fellowship, and fun. I first discovered the Messy Church movement when I was serving Aiea United Methodist Church on the island of Oahu. Rev. Nicole Reilley (who at that time was the Director of New Ministries for the California-Pacific Annual Conference) trained me and a few Aiea United



Methodist Church leaders, and our community wholeheartedly embraced it. Ours was a church with three different language ministries (English, Korean, and Samoan) and two separate congregations. Plus, we were partnering with a local elementary school kitty-corner from our church. So, every month at our Messy Church gathering, we had a conglomerate of children and their families from all over Aiea. Some folks worshiped with us on Sunday mornings, but many others did not. And that was perfectly okay!

The Messy Church movement started in the mid-2000s, when leaders of an Anglican Church in Portsmouth, UK, tried to address their lack of children and families on Sunday mornings. They had good facilities, good leaders, and even some good ideas, but still, few children. Facing the harsh reality that they obviously weren't truly connecting, they began searching for fresh new expressions for ministry with families. Eventually, Messy Church was born. And what do you know: it turns out that one Anglican church in Portsmouth wasn't the only faith community in need of an intergenerational worship experience that attracts new people and brings new life!

Messy Church is usually a once-a-month gathering for two hours at a time. Each experience involves an opening activity, various games, crafts, and science experiments, a celebration time (think songs, prayer, and storytelling), and then finishes with sharing a meal together – all focused around one theme or biblical story. Personally, I find it an incredibly liberating way to release creativity in using all of our senses to experience God's love, truth, and hope.

At the heart of Messy Church are its five core values.
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It is **Christ-centered**. The goal of every gathering is to share the love of Jesus and God's inclusive kingdom. It is **intergenerational**. There's no breaking off into age groups here. Everyone experiences it together. It is grounded in **celebration**. Messy Communities take the time to celebrate both the ups and downs of their participants, acknowledging that they're all in this together. They relish **creativity**. We serve a God who majors in creativity. Why shouldn't God's creations have creative ways to take all that in? And Messy Church is committed to **hospitality**. All are welcome, and the table (literally) always has room for at least one more!

The bottom line is that Messy Church is not some "program" (or even children's ministry) that a church

can "use" to get people to weekly Sunday morning worship services. Messy Church is a church community in and of itself. It's designed to be a fun and interactive experience that people would naturally want to invite their friends, neighbors, and co-workers to. I truly believe that people are looking for meaningful opportunities to deepen their faith and spiritual lives. Messy Church helps congregations with a connection that works.

I absolutely love Messy Church. I look forward to having it as a part of whatever congregation I'm called to serve. It's that powerful (and fun).

Rev. Jim White, lead pastor at Palmdale UMC in Palmdale, CA. Jim is a board member of Messy Church USA. He has been active in Messy Church in Palmdale and at his previous church appointments in Hawaii.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Richard Barron | 14 Lisa Mosier |
| 7 Donna Mays | 15 Lois Queen |
| 8 Bill Queen | 20 Linda Haas |
| 8 Kendra Jeanty | 23 Mary Jean Thompson |
| 8 Mike Boffo | 24 Frank Russell |
| 9 Kennedy Jeanty | 24 Henry Brown |
| 12 Dotty Everling | 31 Melinda Bouchez |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 JD & Pascale Daniel | 4 Winston & Enis Nathaniel |
| 3 Ed & Debbie Grimes | 11 Dan & Dotty Everling |
| 4 Frank & Pam Delnero | 30 Bill & Lois Queen |

2023 May Budget Summary

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.

Income

Total Income: \$27,961

Expenses

Church Programs: \$97

Finance: \$29

Church Administration: \$645

Facility Maintenance: \$7,035

Personnel: \$20,624

Conference Apportionments: \$8,385

Total Expenses: \$36,815

Income Under Expenses: \$8,852

The budget for 2023 is **\$489,821** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$40,818 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. Although we have begun trying to cut expenses where we reasonably can, we are still feeling the financial pinch. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and even the current storm we are in.

Thank you for your loving generosity in keeping this church operating!

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4th of July BLOCK PARTY

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June 12, 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	3 — OFFICE CLOSED — 8:00am Conn. Kids Chapel 9:00am Theater Camp	4 Independence Day — OFFICE CLOSED — 11am July 4th Block Party 	5 8:00am Conn. Kids Event 9:00am Patchwork Friends 9:00am Theater Camp 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	6 9:00am Theater Camp 9:00am Ladies Day Out	7 9:00am Theater Camp 1-3pm Food Pantry	1 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 8 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 6:00PM Lion, Witch, & Wardrobe Performance
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Fellowship 3:pm Lion, Witch, & Wardrobe Performance	10 8:00am Conn. Kids Chapel 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study 9:30am Kids' Playtime	11 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 7:30pm Broadstreet	12 8:00am Conn. Kids Event 9:00am Patchwork Friends 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	13	14 1-3pm Food Pantry	15 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ice Cream Social	17 8:00am Conn. Kids Chapel	18 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 7:30pm Broadstreet	19 8:00am Life Line Screening 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	20 11:30am Ladies Day Out 4:00pm Leadership Team Mtg	21 1-3pm Food Pantry	22 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 3:00pm—7:00pm Juneteenth Party @ Sandpoint
23 Parent's Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	24 8:00am Conn. Kids Chapel	25 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:00pm Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe 6:30pm Soliloquy 7:30pm Broadstreet	26 8:00am Conn. Kids Event 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 6:00pm Family Yoga	27	28 1-3pm Food Pantry	29 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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July 2023



FUMC Staff

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J.D. Daniel - Organist	
Steve Rossi - Sound Tech	
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