

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sat December 2	11:00am	Christmas Carol Rounds
Sun December 3	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sat December 9	11:00am	Christmas Carol Rounds
Sun December 10	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) - GGUMC; <i>Clothing Drive Ends</i>
Wed December 13	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sun December 17	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun December 17	5:15pm – 6:15pm	Sevika Sangham Meeting - GGUMC, Room 20
Wed December 20	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Western Regional Monthly Bible Study - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sun December 24	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Christmas Carol Service - GGUMC; <i>Canned Food Drive</i>
Sun December 24	5:00pm – 5:30pm	Sevika Sangham Mary's Kitchen Outreach - GGUMC, Room 20
Mon December 25	9:00am	Christmas Service - GGUMC
Sun December 31	5:00pm	New Year's Eve Service - GGUMC

November Outreaches



Sunday School served the homeless by sorting toys and food at the Orange County Rescue Mission in Tustin.



Sunday School collected 17 shoebox gifts for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.



Horeb members donated a large amount of canned/dry foods for the First Southern Baptist Church homeless shelter in Buena Park.



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December 2017



Vicar's Message Rev. Binu P. Thomas

Dear Members in Christ,

Christmas is a time to look back to the day, about 2000 years ago when heaven came down to earth in the person of Jesus so that all of us could go back to heaven with

Him. Christmas is a time we look forward to the day when the promise of God among us be fulfilled, when shattered dreams and unfulfilled expectations will be erased, and when peace, joy and love will replace war, hatred, bigotry, racism and despair.

In the meantime, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to others in imitation of Jesus. Through the year, we have participated in Mary's Kitchen, partnered with Grandma's House of Hope, worshipped with the elderly residents at Terrace View Care Center and a number of other neighborhood missions. Jesus gave Himself to us and He asks that we give ourselves to others. It is what St. Nicholas (later Santa Claus) and many other saints have done throughout the ages, and what we at Horeb try to do every year.

We as a family are proud to celebrate Christmas for the first time as your Achen of this wonderful, and spirit filled community, a community that strives to be Christ like. Horeb is a faith-filled community that is steeped to be a model church for the coming generation and work towards reformation with enduring faith.

I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone for your Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Let us thank God for all the blessings He has sent us in Christ throughout 2017 and let us pray for God's peace, blessings, health and happiness throughout 2018.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2018 from our family to yours.

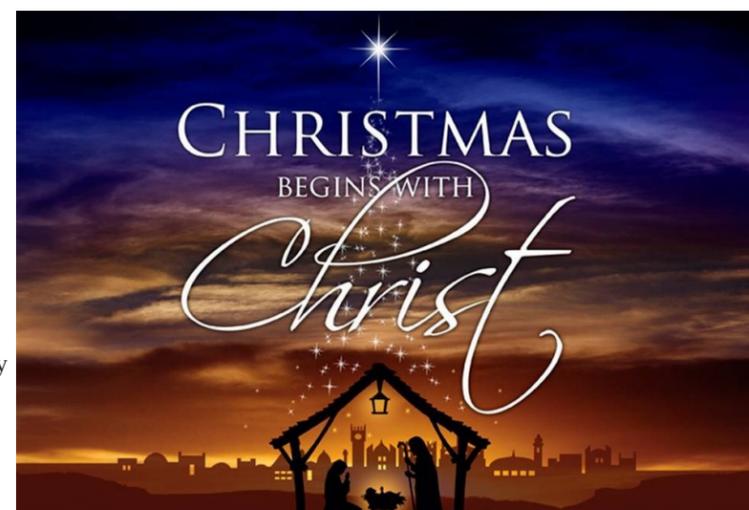
With Love and prayers,
Binu Achen, Elizabeth, Angelina, and Agnes

Saturday, December 2 & 9: Christmas Carol Rounds

Sunday, December 24 at 2pm: Christmas Carol Service at GGUMC followed by dinner in Acker Hall

Monday, December 25 at 9am: Christmas Service at GGUMC

Sunday, December 31 at 5pm: New Year's Eve Service at GGUMC





A Halo for Horeb

By Shanta Chandy

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
(1Thessalonians 5:11)

Horeb, the mountain of God with so many remarkable happenings holds a significant place in the Old Testament of the Bible.

Likewise Horeb of Los Angeles with its illustrious flock earns a special place in the hearts of all those who cross her threshold. Whatever makes an impression on the heart seems lovely in the eye.

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever” – John Keats.

The beautiful camaraderie with the Horeb family is indeed an everlasting joy. Its members, a powerhouse of potentialities, innovations and vibrancy provide delightful variety and radiate positive energy. It is indeed a rich fabric, so exquisitely woven and designed.

Wonderful and enriching were the many programs we could participate with you- the Retreat, Family night, Convention, Unity Sunday, Sevika Sangham Day etc. The dedication, the spirit of religious commitment and the fun-filled activities all enthused us.

From the bottom of our hearts, “Thank you Horeb” for the warm cordiality and close fellowship that made us feel so at home. We observed how close-knit the Horeb family is, one in sharing joyful times and in times of woe, praying for each other offering strength and support.

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary.....” (Isaiah 40:31)

May the Horeb family continue to soar like eagles with vim, vigor and vitality, in unity and fraternity, adhering to the fundamentals of Christianity, thus leaving an impact on society.

At this point I would like to quote a few lines from William Wordsworth’s “Solitary Reaper.”

“The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more”

May the harmonious blend reverberate and resonate the lovely music into the air. Yes, the bonding, the love, the melodious strains, we carry in our hearts as we go, always to cherish and remember. God bless Horeb. May the Halo of Horeb, the crown of light, shine in all its glory.

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HOREB MAR THOMA CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2017

*I bring you GOOD NEWS that will
bring great joy to all the people.*

~ Luke 2:10

Join us on
Sunday, December 24, 2017
at 2 pm

Garden Grove United Methodist Church
12741 Main Street
Garden Grove, CA

O Come Let Us Adore Him
with the Good News shared
in Song, in Word, & in Action.

Please join us for dinner after.

Share the Good News by
bringing canned/non-perishable
goods for local shelter.

Main Speaker:
Rajeev Nandakumaran



Contact Secretary@horebmtc.org for more
information.

Unity Sunday



Joint Youth Fellowship Meeting with CSI Church of LA



Thanksgiving Dinner



Guest Speaker: Finney Premkumar



By Aneela George



For unto us a child is born.

(Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas Bucket List



- Bake Christmas cookies.
- Donate a toy to a toy drive.
- Decorate a Christmas Tree.
- Go see Christmas lights.
- Make a gingerbread house.

- Write Christmas cards
- Go ice skating.
- Sing Christmas carols.
- Watch a holiday movie.
- Drink hot chocolate.

World Sunday School Day



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