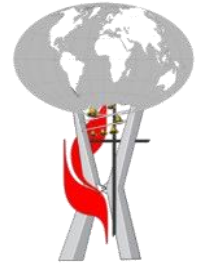


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Official Newsletter of Holman UMC



Unto Us a Child Is Born

DECEMBER 2023

OUR MISSION

To fulfill the Great Commission by inviting people into discipleship with Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VISION

*A place where bells are rung as we
GATHER for dynamic worship,
GROW through inspired learning,
GO into joyful service, and
LIVE the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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WALDEN'S WORDS

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas Holman Family and Friends!

Christmas is a time we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, we should be aware of the various distractions that can cause us not to focus on our religious identity and the *true reason for the season*. If we are not careful, we may be sidetracked by retail stores and internet sales taking our attention. Let us remember that a Savior Is Born.



The miraculous birth occurred in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere, and under difficult circumstances.

God can work miracles in the midnight hour, in the middle of nowhere, and under difficult circumstances, even when you feel all alone. Remember, God is with you always!

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden
Senior Pastor

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30am Prayer Svc	2
3 1 st Advent 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11am Worship Service 1 Corinthians, 1:3-9 "God is Faithful"	4 11:30am HUMC Staff Meeting	5 5:30 Lay Leader (805) 313-4179 Access #399683	6 5:30 p.m. SSAAH Mtg 7pm Advent Book Study	7 1pm Bible Study 7:00 p.m. CHARGE CONFERENCE	8 7:30am Prayer Svc	9 9am Holman United Methodist Men (Zoom) 11am HUWF Christmas Celebration @ Proud Bird
10 2 nd Advent 8am/11am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday School Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 "Steadfast Love"	11 11:30am HUMC Staff	12 8:30pm SPPRC	13 12 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library 7pm Advent Book Study	14 1pm Bible Study	15 7:30am Prayer Svc	16 12pm CYFC Christmas Extravaganza
17 3 rd Advent 8am/11am Worship 9:30 Adult Sunday School John 1:6-8, 19-28 "Sent from God" 3pm BACR Mtg	18 12:30pm HUMC Staff Meeting @ Parsonage	19 7pm Trustee Board	20 12pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library 5:30 p.m. SSAAH Mtg 7pm Advent Book Study	21 1pm Bible Study	22 7:30am Prayer Svc OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 4 th Advent 9am Christmas Program 11am Worship Service Lk 2:1-14 "Joy for All the People" 6pm Living Nativity	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED 	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Finance	27 12 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7pm Advent Book Study	28 1pm Bible Study 6pm Stewardship	29 7:30am Prayer Svc	30
31 Holman Young People/New Year's Eve 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11am Worship Service Lk 2:25-40 "Filled with Wisdom"	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6

Beyond the Battlefield 24/7 PRAYER LINE

Bible Study (Phone)*

Prayer Service (Phone)*

Adult Sunday School Class*

Children's Ministry/Sunday School*

(323) 703-1545

(605) 313-4179/Code: 399683

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Sundays @ 9:30am

[Electronic newsletter](#)

*Contact the office for details: (323) 703-5868

Happy Birthday!

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEMBER 2023 CELEBRANTS



2 HENRY C. NEBEDUM

2 DEBRA MARS

3 JEAN SMITH

4 EDWENA D. WEATHERSBY

4 PEARL CROWELL

5 JOYEUX NOEL BATTLE

8 ELAINE FULLER

9 GWEN CAMPBELL

10 DEBORAH A. MITCHEL

11 MARIO MITCHELL

12 IZAIAH DAY-LYONS

12 STACEY HEARD

16 ANITA T. JACKSON

16 CHRISTAL LYNN-GREEN

18 SHARON JACKSON

19 TA-LECIA ARBOR

20 DOROTHY DIXON

20 DOROTHY H. THOMAS

20 SUSAN WASHINGTON

21 KAYELYN DAY-LYONS

21 DR. CASSANDRA BAILEY

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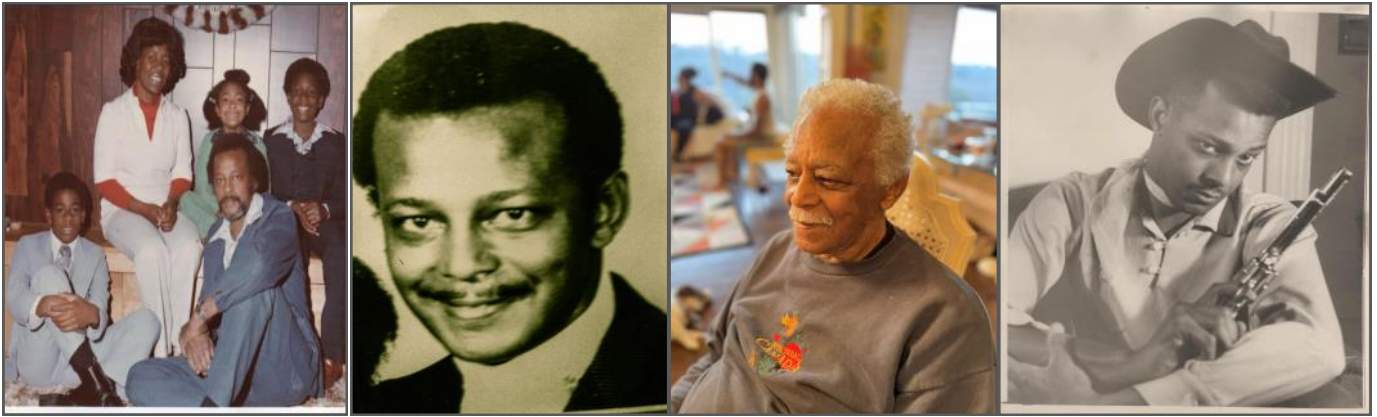
29 JOJO DENNIS-AMANFU

29 DON NORMAN

29 ROSE WHITEHEAD

31 VERA CINCORE

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12



Don Norman: A Family Tribute

December 29

On behalf of the friends, family and acquaintances of Don Anthony Norman we hereby acknowledge his 89 years on this earth and his unwavering support of all whom he encounters in a myriad of ways. His marriage of more than 60 years has produced kids, grandkids and great grandkids; all of whom have benefitted from his advice, love and compassion. As a loving husband, father, uncle, grand- and great grandfather he chauffeurs, fixes, manages, arranges and cares for a village worth of people and pets. He is a patriarch of the family, but his generosity also extends to colleagues, co-workers, church goers and strangers. All those that know him, know that he is at the ready with a smile, a conversation, a debate, a helping hand and sage advice.

While he has had an enviable and successful career as a photojournalist and media relations executive, many do not know about his commitment to Holman United Methodist Church as a long serving member of the Double Ring Club and in-house videographer of hundreds of church events. Others might not know about his dedication to teaching English language learners while juggling his primary career and family. For good measure he is also a U.S. Military Veteran and long serving member of the Radio Television News Association of America. Don Norman is not a professional juggler, but he, to this day, manages to juggle teaching, mentoring, maintaining a household and caring for people, the neighborhood and the wider community.

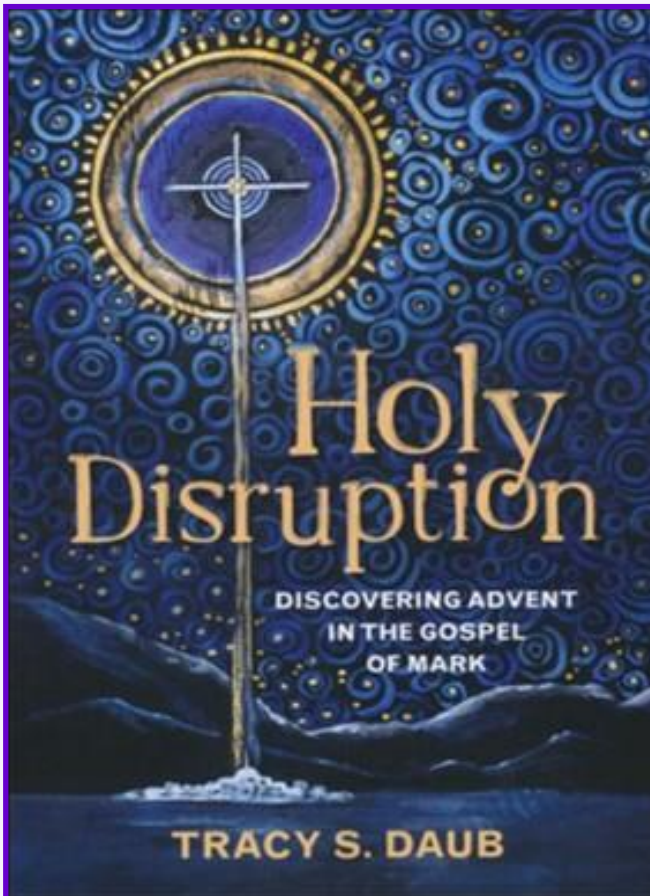
On this day, in the past, and going forward he is our rock and a pillar of the community. This lifelong Angelino has more than demonstrated his commitment to his family, friends, church and city. He is a treasure. We thank him and honor him for his humility, care and love in this Christmas season and on the occasion of his birthday.



Family Advent Activities 2023



Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Sunday—December 3	Sunday—December 10	Sunday—December 17	Sunday—December 24
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Buy an Advent wreath (or other gift) at the Advent Bazaar . Light the first purple candle.	Give a gift for Gift Sunday and Join us for Handel's Messiah concert at 3pm. Light 2 purple candles	Take a family Christmas picture.  Light all the purple and pink candles.	Join us for the “ Living Nativity ” and candle-light service at 6:00pm Light all 4 candles.
Monday—December 4 Write a family prayer about hope, peace, love and joy. 	Monday—December 11 Be kind to yourself—do something that makes you laugh out loud.	Monday—December 18 Say a prayer for each person who sent your family a Christmas card.  	Move Mary and Joseph in the Nativity  December 25 Happy birthday, Jesus!
Tuesday—December 5 Text, tweet or email a compliment to five people.	Tuesday—December 12 The King of Glory is coming! Read Psalm 	Tuesday—December 19 Call a friend or family member who needs Christmas cheer.	
Wednesday—December 6 Set-up and talk about the Nativity scene. Place Mary and Joseph far away from the Nativity.	Wednesday—December 13 Share positive posts on your social media.   	Wednesday—December 20 Share your Christmas memories with your family. How has Jesus touched your hearts this season?	
Thursday—December 7 Dance around the house to your favorite Christmas music.	Thursday—December 14 Order a poinsettia in celebration or memory of a loved one.   	Thursday—December 21 Watch The Advent Calendar (on Netflix) while sipping hot chocolate.	
Friday—December 8 Watch Candy Cane Lane (on Prime). 	Friday—December 15 Watch Best. Christmas. Ever. (on Netflix).	Friday—December 22 Go out for a drive and look at the Christmas lights. 	Advent Bazaar Saturday, December 2—Sunday December 3 9:30am—3:00pm Closed during Church services on Sunday Advent Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm Christmas Pageant December 24 at 9:00am
Saturday—December 9 Family dessert night. Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.	Saturday—December 16 Family karaoke night. Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity	Saturday—December 23 Family game night. Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.	For more information, please email: HolmanAdventTaskForce@gmail.com



Advent Book Study

facilitated by
Dr. Walden and Rev. Chase

Wednesdays
December 6-27
via Zoom

Sunday, December 24

9:00—10:30 am

Children and Youth Ministries
present

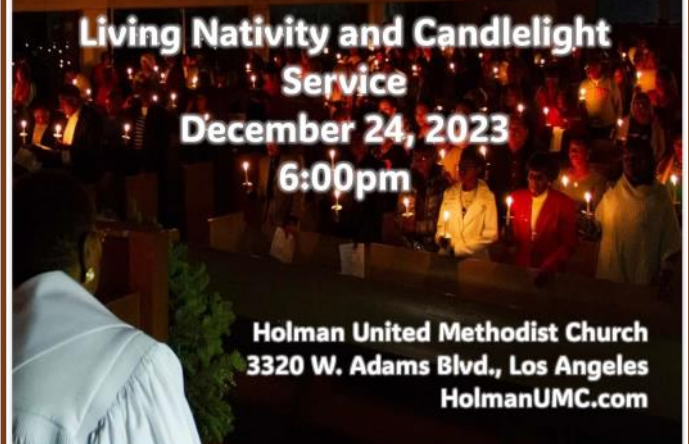
The Proclamations

11:00 am

Worship Service

6:00 pm

**Living Nativity
and Candlelight Service**





Poinsettia Donations

During the Season of Advent/Christmas, it is our tradition at Holman UMC to adorn our sanctuary with Poinsettia plants which have been donated by individuals in **Honor or Memory** of a loved one.

The donations received for the poinsettias are used to continue provide year-round worship and outreach to our community. Each 7" plant costs \$15.00.

I would like to donate _____ Poinsettia plant(s)

Name: _____ Telephone _____

My donation is in MEMORY of _: _____

In HONOR of: _____

Total # of plants donated: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



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THE PROCLAMATIONS

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 24 • 2023

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

L.L. WHITE HALL

Join us as we celebrate the joys
of the Christmas season.

For further information, please contact:
Caroline@holmanumc.com

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God Is Good All the Time!

Sharing My Testimony

Iwould like to share my experience with you, one of many testimonies. I was 15 years old when this took place.

One afternoon around 3:00 pm, I asked my mom if I could go to the store. My younger brother, Craig, was six years old. He wanted to go to the store with me to buy something like chips or candy. I told him I had to ask, so I asked my mom if he could go with me. She said yes.



I grabbed Craig's hand, and off we went to the busy main street, Pico Blvd. We waited at the corner to cross. When it was clear, we crossed Pico Blvd, went into the store, and bought our goodies.

As my brother and I came out of the store, ready to head back, I noticed an elderly, tall, White man, standing on the sidewalk getting ready to cross Pico. There was a lot of traffic. A few cars parked next to the sidewalk made it hard to see oncoming traffic. You had to step down into the street near the sidewalk to see if any cars were coming.

Anyway, I felt I had done this a hundred times. I knew how to cross Pico Blvd. The tall, elderly man was on the left side of me. He stepped down before looking. I was afraid that he was going to get hit by a car. I thought about telling him, but I didn't. I felt that if I said something to him, he might get mad and yell at me. Also, I figured he new what to do.

So I started looking both ways for cars. When I looked to the right I heard a car hitting its brakes, followed by a loud bang. I looked to my left. The elderly man was gone. I looked to my right. There he was, lying face down in the street with a pool of blood gushing from his head. I felt so upset, still holding onto my brother. I watched as the man lay there.

The next think I heard was the ambulance siren. I thought that was awfully fast for them to come, so I looked to the left to see them and couldn't. I looked back to the right to see the tall, elderly man lying in the street and he was gone! No blood, no body. I looked back to my left, and the tall elderly man was standing back in the same place. I was flabbergasted, confused, shocked. Well, I knew how to get home.

The tall, elderly man stepped down again. This time, as he got ready to walk out, I reached out for him and shouted, "Wait!" He stopped, and a car hit its brakes, missing him.

The traffic stopped, so I grabbed my brother and the man's hand and crossed the street. Once we got to the other side, the man said, "Thank you," and walked on.

I ran home, dragging my brother. I couldn't wait to tell my parents what had happened. God's lesson was never to judge a book by its cover.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

Sharon Jackson

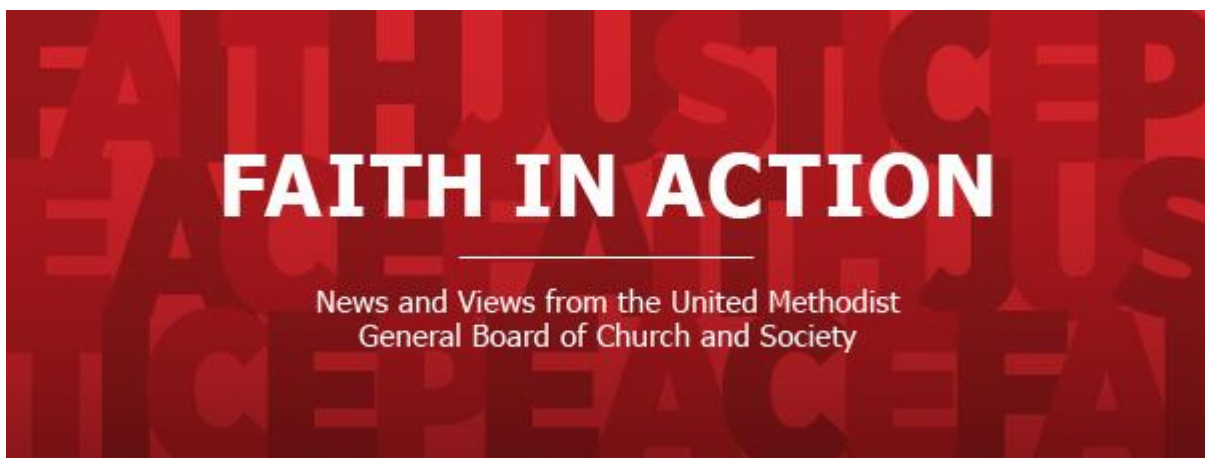
Chair, Holman UMC Hospitality



We aim to make "God is Good" a regular *Bellringer* feature.

Do you have testimony to share? Send your story to caroline@holmanumc.com and share the hope of God's redeeming power.

Check out [UMC Justice](#) for inspiration on making an impact in our world.



November in Review

...and a little October, too!





Clockwise from the top: Ethan and Candice Stevenson-Nguyen exchange vows; October 22, Holman United Women in Faith Celebrate Mission Emphasis Day; UWF President, Dr. Alnita Dunn, with Women's Day keynote speaker, Erin Hawkins-Smith; new beginnings for the Nguyens; author and liturgist Justin Walker on the Rotary Peace walk with friends; the Jubilant Voices of Holman grace the sanctuary with sound and style.



The World Is In An Uproar Danger Zones Are Everywhere

by Lorene Flanigan

We your people have lost our way,
It seems like we have forgotten our Lord and Savior
who created us and gone astray.
Like a caged animal that has been set free,
Generation after Generation are drastically losing faith and hope in
thee.
Our savior Jesus Christ who bled and died on Calvary.
Violence, murder, and bloodshed are everywhere,
in the homes, schools even in the church,
Lord rain down on us your power and the renewing of our minds,
I believe and trust in you that you are a God of restoration;
Never late—always on time.

People, where is the respect for God?
Bombing, torture, false imprisonment and burning people alive.
I believe this is the time to come together, repent,
ask God for forgiveness and peace on this earth
that he so beautifully created for man to survive.

Lord God you are the way --the only way to turn this disaster around.
With all power in your hand, fill us with your joy, peace,
and love for one another all over this land.
God, you said vengeance is yours.
If man would understand and stop all the wars and destruction and
believe,
You are the God of creation with the master plan.
The Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end. Hallelujah.

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Holman and USC: The Partnership Continues

Rev. Dr. Sunny Kang
Senior Pastor, United University Church

In the fall of 2022, Holman began partnering with people with various dietary needs. United University Church's campus ministry, Progressive Christians @ USC. In this past year, we have seen significant growth in our ministry.



Trojan Church Gospel Choir leads worship on Sunday November 5.

The center of PC@USC is our weekly bible study which averages more than ten students and this semester, more than 20 different students have participated. Our ministry is led by a team of five students who share the leadership responsibilities. Young people are eager to discover the bible for themselves and are engaged in deep spiritual conversations on how Jesus is manifested in their daily lives. Each semester we focus on a topic chosen by the young people including "Developing a Fear Free Faith" and "Understanding the Will of God", or what God wants from disciples of Jesus. The group also has a retreat each semester and several small group outings.

We also have Jubilee Café which addresses students' food insecurities, especially by international students. Each Tuesday we serve around 300 students and more than 1,000 students, staff and faculty participated this semester. We serve all plant-based food to promote healthy lifestyle that is environmentally friendly, and is inclusive of

We also have two different worship services on campus on Sundays. At 5 pm, a small group of about dozen students gather for the PC@USC student led contemplative worship service where they share scriptures that were meaningful to them during the week and where they experienced the presence of God in their lives.

The Trojan Church, an Afro-centric worship service led by the USC Gospel Choir meets at 7 pm. Trojan Church is an official partnership between USC Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Progressive Christians and is the official Protestant Church on USC campus. Our Gospel Music Director has started a Gospel Choir that has more than 15 students and regularly leads the service. So far it has been well received by students and we regularly have 30 to 40 students in attendance. One of the purposes of Trojan Church is to connect local African American congregations to students at USC so we invite local African American pastors to come and preach. We are also grateful that Dr. Walden made time to come and profoundly encourage students in their spiritual journey.

We are grateful for wisdom of Dr. Walden in our partnership, and we hope to continue to build a deeper connection between Holman, UUC and USC.







It's that time of year again. We, at the Children Youth and Family Collaborative (CYFC) are excited to present a captivating and Sparkling Christmas! During this season we come together to spread happiness, warmth and a joyful spirit among the youth in our community. We invite to join CYFC, a Holman Outreach Ministry embark on this heartwarming journey again.

Extravagant Gift Sunday

Save the date. On Sunday, December 10, 2023, Gift Sunday marks the beginning of our celebration! On this day we invite you to join us in bringing smiles to faces by donating brand new unwrapped gifts. These presents will make an impact this holiday season for children and young adults ranging from toddlers to college students that are in the foster care system. We support youth in kinship care and homeless families also.

Where to Share Your Generosity

Experience the joy of giving by dropping off your gifts at Holman United Methodist Church located at 3320 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90018. Look for the designated box ready to receive your contributions. Your act of kindness will make an impact, on those who need it most.

Join Us in Making a Difference

If you're interested in getting hands on and creating an impact, consider volunteering your time and skills. We wholeheartedly welcome individuals to become part of our volunteer team. To sign up or inquire about opportunities please feel free to contact us at (323) 730-9400 or email us at holidayfestival@cyfcla.org. Your presence and support will truly help create an experience for the people we serve.

Spread the Word

Help us maximize the influence of 24 Carat Christmas by sharing the news within your community and social circles. Spread the word about our event details. Encourage others to join this celebration of giving. Together we can make this holiday season even brighter for everyone involved.

Sponsorship and Donation Opportunities

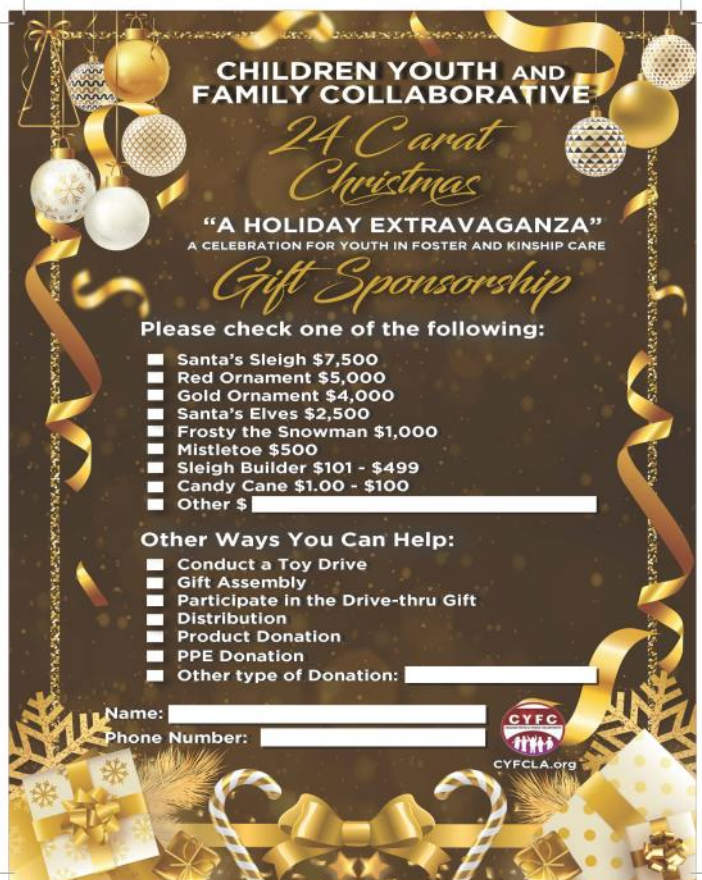
For those who prefer to contribute, CYFC provides sponsorship and donation packages. Your support is tax deductible and will contribute to making 24 Carat Christmas a success. Also aid CYFCs ongoing essential work throughout the year. To explore sponsorship options or make a donation reach out to us at (323) 730-9400 or email holidayfestival@cyfcla.org.

Conclusion


As we eagerly await the festivities of 24 Carat Christmas lets unite in making an impact, on the lives of foster children and young adults within our community.

Be a part of something this holiday season. Your involvement, kindness and assistance will make a difference in the lives of those who truly need it. Together let's experience the joy of giving and create memories that will last forever!

Please feel free to contact our member Missionary Lydia Cincore Templeton, Esq.
at lydia@cyfcla.org or (323) 730-9400



Looking Ahead 2024



**Greater Los Angeles
Homeless Count**

January 25, 2024

8:00 PM

at Holman UMC

Register [here](#)



**United
Women
in Faith**

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Celebrating The Gift
of Christmas: Emmanuel!**

Saturday, December 9, 2023
11 am— 3 pm

Proud Bird Restaurant—Mission Room
11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles California 90045

All are invited! Come one! Come all!
Join us for a time of Fellowship and Celebration!

*Good Food, Inspirational Speaker, Great Music,
Installation of Officers, and More!*

Tickets: \$50.00 each; Child's ticket \$25.00 (age 12 and under)
Ticket purchase deadline: December 3, 2023
Menu Entrée choices: Chicken, Brisket or Vegan

**Purchase your ticket on Sundays after worship
beginning November 12th thru December 3rd, in the library,
or mail check to treasurer, Barbara Hartell
6140 Canterbury Drive, Apt. 310, Culver City, CA 90230-7184
Make check payable to "Holman UWF"**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
of Tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**In the spirit of Christmas, wear your holiday season RED,
or favorite holiday sweater, and bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift
or gift card (in envelope) for our gift exchange!!**

The Holman Choir presents...

Handel's MESSIAH

Part 1

Featuring:

**THE HOLMAN CHOIR, GUEST SOLOISTS,
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William Campbell, Jr., Director
Robert Johnson, Jr., Organist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023, 3:00PM

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HBCU Scholarship

Opening doors and increasing diversity
in the communications industry.



Scholarship Details

The scholarship will cover the recipient's junior and senior year at an HBCU. Upon graduation, an internship opportunity will also be offered to the scholarship recipient.

Important Dates

Applications must be received by March 15, 2024. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced in April 2024.

Selection Process and Requirements

We are looking to reward a California Community College student transferring to an HBCU who:

- Cares about others and their surrounding community
- Values education
- Shows a passion for language and communications

For more details about the selection process and requirements, please visit

<https://www.hoffman.com/hbcu-scholarship/>



If you have questions, please reach out to us at HBCU@Hoffman.com

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled at a California Community College during the 2023-2024 academic year.
2. Provide a letter of acceptance from one of the 39 HBCU partners that participate in the California Community College Guarantee to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
3. Applicants must major in a discipline that falls under the communications umbrella at their attending HBCU.
4. The Selection Council reviews the applications and identifies the top candidates in March 2024.
5. Heather and Lou Hoffman interview 3 candidates and announce the scholarship recipient in April 2024.



The
Hoffman
Agency

The Hoffman Agency — a global communications consultancy — is determined to advance diversity across the communications profession with the launch of its scholarship geared towards a California Community College student who transfers to an HBCU to study communications.



5th Annual Cancer in the Community Conference

The Future in Cancer Therapy: From Participant Engagement to Scientific Discovery



Saturday, December 16th, 2023
8 AM – 11:30 AM PST/11 AM – 2:30 PM EST
Location: Aresty Conference Center (NRT) or Via Zoom
1450 Biggy Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Free parking available for those who register!

Must Register at: <https://qrco.de/beZTVT>
 Simultaneous translation will be available in **Spanish** and **Mandarin**
 Gift cards will be raffled!



Opening Remarks
 Caryn Lerman, PhD
 Cancer Center Director



Introductions
 Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, PhD, MPH
 Associate Director for Community Outreach and Engagement (COE)



Session 1
Cancer Metastasis: Charting New Frontiers in Personalized Medicine
 Josh Neman-Ebrahim, PhD
 Associate Director for Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination (CRTEC)



Session 2
Prostate Cancer "Where Have All The Blue Ribbons Gone?"
 Renee Reams, PhD
 Professor at Florida A&M University/NCI U54 Principal Investigator



Session 3
Moving Science Forward Together With Patient Engagement
 Heinz-Josef Lenz, M.D.
 Associate Director for Clinical Research/Co-Leader of the Gastrointestinal Cancers Program

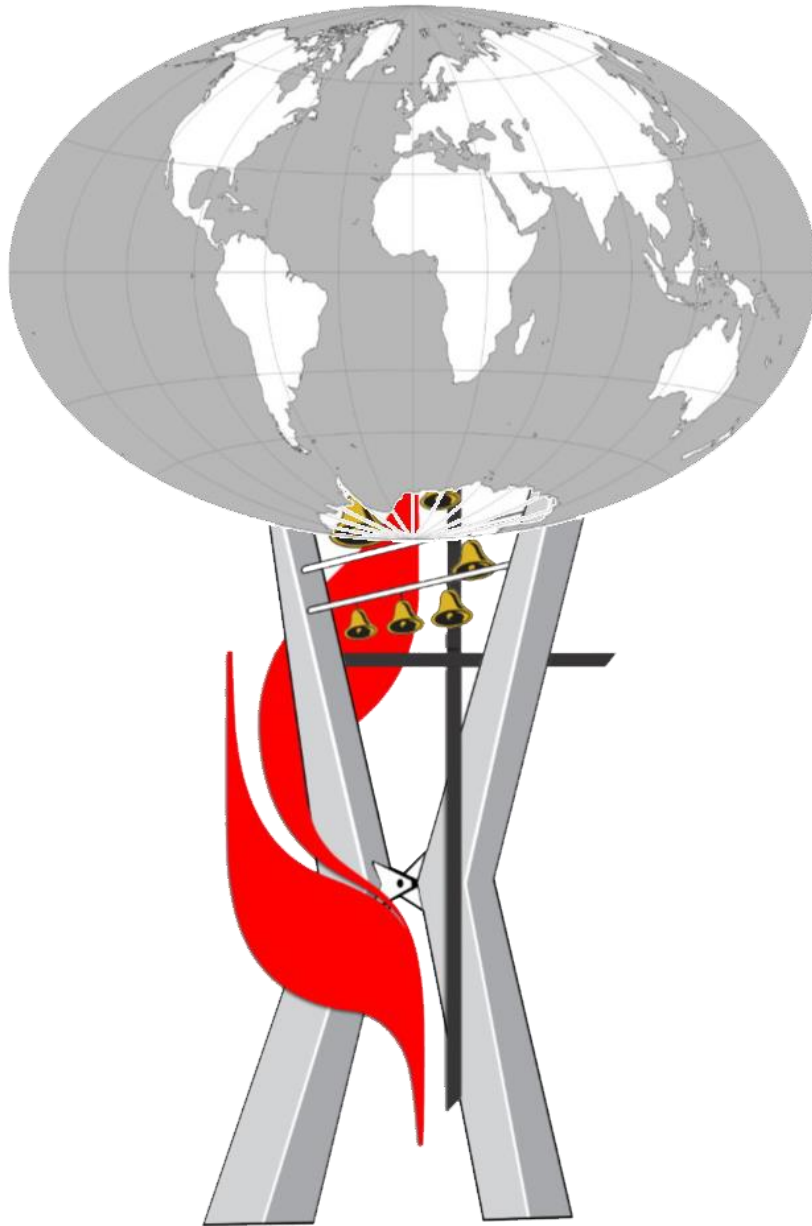
The Conference will Conclude with a Poster Session!

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