

## January Calendar

- Jan 01 New Years Day
- Jan 06 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Jan 07 SAC Lunch
- Jan 13 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 20 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Jan 27 Youth Zoom In Touch
- Jan 28 *This Is Me Fair*
- Jan 28 OCC Anniversary

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## SAC Lunch January 7



**611 El Camino Real  
Tustin**



## Good News... Look Both Ways...

By Pastor Ken Studer

My only grandchild is 8 years old. His name is Mercer. Whenever he and I have the opportunity to go somewhere together I often hold his hand, especially when we cross a street. I've tried to teach him to be careful and to always look both ways.

That's where we are at the beginning of 2023. It's a time when it is good to look both ways—backwards and forwards. What have you learned from the last 365 days? What do the next 365 days hold?

Looking back, the biggest stories in 2022 were the Uvalde school shooting, the supreme court reversal of the Roe vs. Wade ruling on abortion, the war in Ukraine and the death of Queen Elizabeth. We also saw crime and homelessness soar and border security deteriorate.

Looking ahead, what will 2023 bring? I wish I could accurately predict the future, but I can't. I can only guess. My guess is that the war in Ukraine will end, there will be another school shooting and a terrorist attack will take place inside the borders of the United States.

Biblically speaking, looking backwards and forwards is easy and always accurate. Looking backwards we see that there was war in heaven. Lucifer was cast out. Adam and Eve were created and Satan tempted them to sin.

Pain, suffering and death were introduced to the human race. Prophets were chosen by God to give people hope for the future. God sent His only son to die on a cross for mankind. He was resurrected three days later and went to heaven in order to prepare a place for mankind.

Looking forward we see that there will be wars and rumors of war. Evil will run rampant and sin will abound.

Jesus will come again and believers who have died will be resurrected. The believers who are alive when Christ returns will join the resurrected and will live in Paradise forever.

The Good News is that Satan and his followers will be destroyed forever. God wins!

# OCC FINE ARTS & HOBBY FAIR

## *This Is Me!*

You have a great opportunity on January 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to **share who you are** with our church family.

### God Made You Special!!

We would like for everyone to share with our church family what makes you the unique individual that you are. Start thinking now about a display you will present that would share with others who you are.

You might want to show artwork, hobbies, pictures of you growing up, awards received, your collection of spoons or recipe books— anything that says, **“THIS IS ME!”** This event will take place in the HUB.

When you decide you are going to participate, please contact Barbara Studer (714-469-8300) or [Barbara.studer617@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.studer617@gmail.com) . Displays should be set up January 28, 2023, by 9:30 a.m. and it is ideal for you to stand by your display to answer questions. Thanks for your participation!

### A Few of Our Past Participants



## January Birthdays

Tamura Oberkramer	January 01	Jayson Porsana	January 11
Mary Lou Calleros	January 02	Katie Tobin	January 11
Michelle Ferri	January 02	Cyrus Carlson	January 12
Jo Ann Haigh	January 03	Jacqueline Testman	January 12
Harvey Lee	January 03	Dorian Haulcy	January 13
Alhinyemi Ola	January 03	Ron Rapp	January 13
Kara Tobin	January 03	Tommy Lee	January 14
Beverly Daugherty	January 05	Kent Metfessel	January 14
Martha Riojas	January 05	Gary Schwandt	January 14
Liz Bendezu	January 06	Belinda Hszieh	January 15
Ronald Holness	January 06	Johan Marlissa	January 15
Hank Kim	January 06	Sean Moyer	January 15
Ernie Ngo	January 06	Semi Ola	January 15
Alice Chen	January 07	Immacolata Byfield	January 16
Julietta Galera	January 07	Setsu Tamura	January 16
David Moyer	January 07	Ethan Tsui	January 18
James Ping Ong	January 07	Tom Chen	January 19
Megan Fraizer	January 08	Judith Ladenberger	January 19
Beatrice Lucaciu	January 08	Gene Sottosanto	January 19
David Purvis	January 08	Arturo Barb Mingo	January 20
Tyler Riddle	January 08	Nathaniel Degner	January 20
Jesly Escalante	January 09	Elaine Tran	January 20
Javier Giles	January 09	Chad Rodriguez	January 26
David Giles	January 09	Susan Schwandt	January 27
Cameron Baker	January 10	Luisa Freytag	January 28
Sarah Dompas	January 10	Andres E. Ramirez	January 29
Harvey Harper	January 10	Gerald Ghelfi	January 30
Bahman Nakhaei	January 10	Gary Baker	January 31
Gus Tooma	January 10	Cheryl Bowers	January 31
Eric Barco	January 11		