St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

The ParishScope November 2019



All Saints Sunday, November 3rd

Sunday, November 3rd is All Saints Sunday. As part of the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services we will remember our members and loved ones who have passed during the last year. This includes our immediate family – parents, children and grandchildren.

We will also remember other family members, friends, neighbors, or people who have made an impact on our lives, and those who have moved away but were part of the church family for many years.

There is also time when the congregation in the pews will remember the names of loved ones who have died during the last year. This part of the service includes a time of silence for people to lift up in their hearts, the names of their loved ones.

Our dear members and immediate family members who have passed this last year are:

Harry Im Eileen Holder John Farley Ruth Heaton Carl Fallgren Edel Caruso Mary King Phyllis Vandeventer

Ronald Rogers (son of Ian and Carol Rogers) **Carmen Blancarte** (mother of Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes)



Thank you!!

A tremendous thank you to the entire St. Matthew's church family for their generous support of the 13th month special offering. Overall, the congregation contributed \$8,920 in extra 13th month gifts. These gifts

helped keep St. Matthew's strong and vital. They supported the church's overall ministry including a strong pastoral presence, amazing music, having a beautiful place to worship, and providing a foundation for a strong community presence.

Summer often brings giving doldrums because of travels, vacations So, St. Matthew's has to stretch to stay current on all the different parts which are necessary to the church's overall ministry. Salaries, utilities, maintenance play important roles in making the church's overall ministry possible.

This summer was particularly challenging. In addition, to the summer giving doldrums, we also had some unexpected expenses such as repairs from the July 4th earthquake.

And then the 13th month special offering happened! Sharing about how St. Matthew's makes a difference seemed to inspire catching up with overall giving and lifted us out of the summer doldrums. And, the 13th month gifts not only provided a much-needed boost out of the summer doldrums, but also provided significant help with the unexpected expenses.

Thanks to your generosity, your gifts of time, spirit and money, the church and its ministry now has a stronger foundation to positively benefit the lives of all in a hungry and hurting world. With gratitude and joy let us celebrate how we are blessed!



Getting Ready for Our Listening Post Sunday, November 3rd After Church

Pastor Richard will be leading a discussion about the current situation within The United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 3 after the 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Church Library. He will be talking about the impact of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference. This impact includes the "traditional" plan that is supposed to go into effect on January 1 2020. And, it also includes the different ways that churches in our area may respond to these changes.

The Annual Conference is hosting a Listening Post in our area on Saturday morning, November 9. The discussion with Pastor Richard will provide people with helpful information before going to the listening post.

LISTENING POST

Listening Post – Saturday Morning, November 9

The purpose of the Cal-Pac Listening Post is to give the people in local churches an opportunity to reflect on what is important to them in their Christian faith and in the United Methodist Church, then to imagine new directions for the church toward which God seems to be leading. The Listening Post for our area is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday morning, November 9 at First Filipino-American UMC, 1415 9th Ave, Hacienda Heights, CA.

Pastor Richard is offering a class on Sunday, November 3 after the 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Library to help prepare people for the Listening Post.



Thanksgiving & Christmas Potluck Sunday, December 8th at 5 pm

St. Matthew's is exploring a new tradition. It is a combined Thanksgiving & Christmas Potluck on Sunday, December 8th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Because of this potluck, there will *not* be a potluck on November 24th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Joy Feulner is coordinating the Thanksgiving/Christmas Potluck. Turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes will be provided. People will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Watch the December *ParishScope* and church bulletins for more information.



St. Matthew's Continues Helping Disaster Victims through UMCOR

In recent months, people of St. Matthew's has given just over \$4,900 through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to help with:

- Children at the U.S. border
- Victims of Hurricane Dorian
- Victims of the California fires

UMCOR specializes in long term recovery. So, it is often present for years after a disaster as it works with people to help rebuild homes, communities and lives.

100% of UMCOR gifts go to help with recovery work. UMCOR's administrative needs are taken care of in other ways.

You can continue supporting the work of UMCOR by placing a gift in the offering plate on Sunday or mailing it to the church office. Please make sure to mark your check or offering envelop "UMCOR." If you are giving to help with recovery work from a particular disaster, please also note this on your check or offering envelop.

Celebrating Our Church Family Connections



The St. Matthew's church family has been building bridges with all of the groups and ministries which are happening at St. Matthew's. Recently, this happened through a series of special Sundays:

- **Scout Sunday**, September 22 when young people from both Pack 710 and Troop 710 who did an amazing job of leading the 10 am worship service. The 9 young people who spoke about what "reverent" meant to them were particularly inspiring.
- **Blessing of the Preschool Sunday**, September 29 when preschool children, their families and the teachers were blessed for the coming preschool year. And, it was a blessing for the congregation to hear the children sing.
- *World Communion Sunday,* October 6 with more than 140 people from St. Matthew's, Blessed Chinese and Hacienda Korean worshiping and celebrating communion together. Please see the wonderful picture of the pastors and DS.

Afterwards the three congregations had a wonderful Fellowship meal together.

World Communion Sunday October 6, 2019

(from left to right)

Rev. Song, Hacienda Korean Methodist Church Rev. Richard Bentley, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon,

East District Superintendent

Rev. Joshua Khor, Blessed Chinese United Methodist Church





Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Again, this Thanksgiving Season, St. Matthew's is gathering food to distribute Thanksgiving Food Boxes to hungry families at two local schools. Dorothy Persinger, along with Sherry Morales, is taking care of this project. Thank you, Dorothy and Sherry for donating your time!

Cub Scout Troop 710 will be gathering food for the boxes. Our Preschool also helps by donating cans of corn.

St. Matthew's members can also help by contributing money to be used to provide gift cards to enable a family to purchase a turkey, ham or roast. Thank you for your support !

The Cubs will be in front of *Ralph's Supermarket* (Colima and Whittier Blvd.) on Saturday, November 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. collecting food. A list of suggested food items for the boxes will be handed out by the Cubs as well.

Our Preschool Director, Sherry Morales will be delivering the filled thanksgiving boxes to KWIS Elementary and Newton Middle School on Thursday, November 21st.

We will need help in packing those boxes. The day and time you can help fill the food boxes is Tuesday, November 19 starting at 1:00 p.m. Meet in the Church Office.

Please contact Dorothy Persinger or Louise in the Church Office if you would like to help pack the food boxes or need more information.

A Concert in November @ St. Matthew's UMC





ACE Trio will perform in concert at 5:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019.

The concert is a free will offering concert to be held in the Church Sanctuary. ACE Trio members include: Shannon Canchola (flute), Ryan Glass (clarinet), and Jason Stoll (piano). Coined a "Musical Tour de Force" by the Mountaineer Progress Newspaper, ACE Trio is a Los Angeles based modern ensemble rapidly distinguishing itself as one of the newest leading groups of its generation. With degrees earned from the Julliard School, CSUN, Glenn Gould School of Royal Conservatory, Cal Arts, and University of Redlands, ACE Trio has participated in a multitude of recital series. Performances include: Pasadena City College Guest Artist Series, the Wrightwood Classical Concert Series, Music by the Sea Encinitas Concert Series, and The Interludes in Torrance.

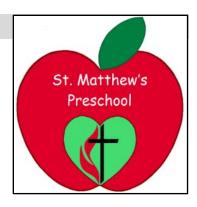
Separately, the members of *ACE* have impressive solo careers in addition to their success with their ensemble. Flutist Shannon Canchola can be heard

recording for many films, as well as working directly with *World of Warcraft* composer Jason Hayes as a member of his video game band *Critical Hit.* In addition to being an incredible clarinet, Ryan Glass is also a well-known independent film composer. Pianist Jason Stoll has had many recitals as a soloist throughout California, New York, Toronto, and orchestral appearances with the Miami Music Festival Orchestra, the York Symphony Orchestra, and the Tehachapi Symphony Orchestra.

Performing their own innovative arrangements and all accessible contemporary music by living composers from around the world, *ACE Trio* is dedicated to promoting the newest voices in our art. As recent winner of the 2018 Beverly Hills National Auditions, ACE Trio is a dynamic ensemble that is rapidly distinguishing itself as one of the leading ensembles of its generation.

What's Happening at the Preschool?

We are very excited that November has arrived! During this month we have so many important projects, activities and holidays to look forward to including Veteran's Day, our first fundraiser of the year, the preschool's annual Thanksgiving Feast and the Thanksgiving Holiday. The children will spend quite a bit of time learning about the men and women who help to keep our country safe and will learn about some of the things they do to help others in need. They will also get a chance to talk about the people



who are most important in their lives and we will also be learning about what we ourselves can do to help others in need.

As we have done in past years, the preschool is going to join St. Matthew's United Methodist Church and the Cub Scouts to take part in a canned food drive to help out those less fortunate. We will be setting up donation boxes outside the preschool office and are asking families to please donate cans of corn for the food boxes that will be given out to needy families affiliated with Kwis Elementary and Newton Middle School just prior to Thanksgiving.

Questions can be directed to either Dorothy Persinger of St. Matthew's Church or to Sherry Morales of St. Matthew's Preschool. Please join us in making the Thanksgiving Holiday special for all!

Important Preschool Dates to Remember

11/11	School Closed for Veteran's Day
11/11	School Closed for Veleralis Day
11/15	See's Candy Fundraiser Begins
11/22	Thanksgiving Feast at 12 Noon
11/27	School Closes Early at 4 pm
11/28 &11/29	School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Sherry Morales, Preschool Director

An Update from Your Board of Trustees

Your Board of Trustees has been busy, behind the scenes.

- We've gotten a couple of bids for the Sanctuary chairlift project.
- Trustees and other church members have been "digging" in to help the Preschool Director, Sherry, to clean the outside of the preschool, the classroom cupboards, and to help make their large planter viable for future science/nutrition growing.
- The photo shop perspective of the garden beautification project around the Sanctuary was approved. Dick Cline is now getting bids for this landscaping project.
- The latest Boy Scout Eagle Project was completed. Under the guidance of Huber Bongolan, the Scouts painted new lines for the parking spaces in our parking lots and added several new handicapped parking spaces. We sure appreciate the Scouts good work.
- On our list to repair is filling-in of the spaces where concrete has disintegrated on the front handicap ramp.
- We've added the urgent reroofing of the main office building to our project list as well.

Please consider the needs of your church, as you plan your holiday giving.

LaVerne Shaffer, Secretary



Join Us for "Top-of-the-Hill"

Top-of-the-Hill will meet on Monday, November 11th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Douglas Westfall and the subject is Prisoner of the Civil War - The Story of the First Steam Powered Submarine. Meal cost is \$4.00 payable at the door. Please sign the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or the Church office.

Jerry & Eileen Casterline



Recycling Used Eyeglasses!

There is a world wide effort by Lions Clubs in 210 Nations collecting used eyeglasses and recycling them to people who have no source or cannot afford glasses. With Lions Clubs and your help, we can make a difference.

Please deposit your used eyeglasses in Lions collection box located in our Church Narthex (lobby) or give them to Bob Preston.

God bless, Bob Preston.



Reminder about Women's Retreat 2020

It'll be the best retreat yet ! So there's really no debate. Get out your 2020 calendar And save the date.

The laugher will be plentiful, The energy will flow. May 1st , 2nd , and 3rd of 2020, Are the day we all will go.

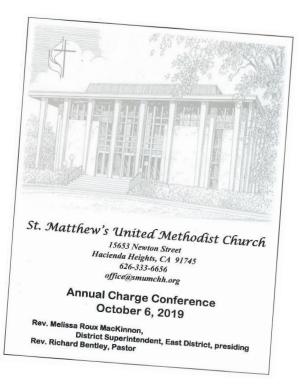
Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2020 for the Annual Women's Retreat in Carlsbad, California.

Now Available !

Copies of the booklet for our Annual Charge Conference held on October 6th, are now available in the Church Office.

The charge Conference book includes:

- 2020 church officers
- Reports by many of the church groups and ministries on their work for the last year
- Pastor Richard's state of St. Matthew's report and much, much more.





November Birthdays

- Nov. 4 Elaine Ono
- Nov. 10 Barby Straub
- Nov. 13 Vera Holte
- Nov. 19 Terry Feulner
 - Caroline Weatherford
 - Huber Bongolan, Jr.
- Nov. 23 Bob Preston
- Nov. 24 David Crain
 - Bob Hernandez
- Nov. 27 Harvey Spicher
- Nov. 28 Linda Pastrana
- Nov. 29 Veronica Cortez (Preschool Teacher)

November Wedding Anniversaries

Nov. 3rdGlenn & Dolores HayesNov. 14thMike & Naomi Burchardt



In Our Prayers

Prayers of thanksgiving that **Mike Gallagher**, **Irma Rosas**, and **Janet Shoop** are all back in church after recent surgeries. Also prayers of thanksgiving that **Janet** does not need radiation treatments.

Elaine Drake Hurst who continues to recover after a recent stay in the hospital. Naomi Mueller as doctors do tests to help her feel better.

Thanksgiving that **Jaxx** (great-grandson of Roger and Julie Williams) is well.

Carolyn Mueller who is in the midst of health concerns and treatments.

Kristen Wilkinson (friend of Carol Rogers) who is having chemotherapy.

Shelly Sanders (daughter of Tom and Shirley Aney) who is living with complications in her feet due to diabetes.

Ron Gow as he undergoes treatments. Margaret as she cares for him.

Carlita Bongolan as she recovers from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Luci Householder as she recovers from surgery and takes the next steps in her treatment.

Rebecca Oliver as she recovers from a compression fracture in her spine. Thanks to physical therapy she is beginning to get out.

Tom Aney. Prayers for Tom and Shirley during this time.

Kevin Matsumura is still off work because of a fall at home.

Judith Rader to continue making progress even though her therapy is finished.

Evan (son of Eleanor Brown) as he lives with complex health concerns.

Chris Kozak (son of Rich and Denise Kozak). Prayers for his ongoing recovery.

Virginia Kozak (mother of Rich Kozak) who is 99 and recently entered hospice.

Prayers of safety for **Steve Donahue**, US Army, (nephew-in-law of Ruth Barnes) who is deployed in Afghanistan.

Prayers for the family of Lynn (friend of Patty Graves) who passed away after a battle with cancer. **Shiryl Boerlin** as she lives with cancer. You may can send cards and notes to her at

24825 Lakefield Street, Lake Forest, CA 92630.

Bill Cook (college friend of Richard Bentley) who suffered a stroke.

Linda Spicher is in ICU at Kaiser Anaheim being treated for pneumonia and an infection.

- Keep the following in your prayers: Bonnie Hauck, Joan Zoller, David Burton, Judy Ketchum, Peter Matsumura, Bob Preston, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Mary Acosta, Dorothy Tarvin, Marie Peterson, Audrey Butler, John Clonts, Gary and Donna Lyons, Don and Linda Pastrana, Harvey Spicher.
- Keep our family members in our prayers: Diane Crawford (daughter of Shirley Butler), Jay
 Youngblood (grandson of Olga Baker), Adam Bouma (grandson of Ruth Barnes),
 Andrew Aguirre (grandson of Charlie and Marcie Dietrich), James Michael (grandson of Lori
 Novak), Dave Pontius, (son-in-law of Ken and Annette McCone).
- Keep our friends in your prayers: Mary Larson, (friend of Richard Bentley), Michael Merrigan (Shirley Aney's roommate's son), Tom Lindley (friend of Tom Aney Aney), Judy Estrada (friend of Richard Bentley), Jan Kaiser (friends of Richard Bentley), Lynette McElhanney (friend of Glen Hayes) whose son, Victor was a student killed at USC, Steve Vogel (friend of Richard Bentley).



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Bold type indicates special activity, changes and/or additions to calendar. * Every Sunday from 9:00am to approximately 2:30pm – Blessed Chinese UMC conducts Prayers, Worship, Sunday School, Classes and Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, Dodrill Hall, and Youth Room.

* Every Sunday at 11:30am- Hacienda Korean Methodist Church holds Worship in the Sanctuary. Following Worship they use the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship. * St. Matthew's Preschool is open Monday thru Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm.

Poinsettia Plants &/or Donation to Feed Hungry Starts Sunday, November 10th

POINSETTIA ORDER and/or HELP FEED THE HUNGRY DONATION FORM 2019

Poinsettia plants are \$10.00 each. You may choose to have a live Poinsettia Plant(s) placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas . . .

OR

you may wish that instead of placing a live Poinsettia plant(s) in the Sanctuary - the \$10.00 price for each plant be donated directly to the *East San Gabriel Coalition for the Homeless* in helping feed the hungry in our area . . .

<u>OR</u>

for the price of \$20.00 you order a live Poinsettia plant for the Sanctuary (still \$10) AND the other \$10.00 goes to help feed the hungry.

Please note that whichever you chose, you still do so in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends and your name will be listed on the "Poinsettia/Donation" list included in our Christmas bulletin. Please also note that your monetary donations to feed the hungry will be credited to your Giving Statement.

Please make your check payable to St. Matthew's UMC with the notation of "Poinsettia/Donation" on the check. Please print all information needed. <u>*LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR "ORDER" IS</u> FRIDAY, DEC. 13th

Christmastime Blessings from St. Matthew's UMC Worship Committee

POINSETTIA/DONATION FORM 2019
No. of Poinsettia Plant(s) to order. (\$10 each).
I would like my \$10.00 donated to help feed the hungry.
I want a Poinsettia Plant AND to donate to help feed the hungry. (\$20.00)
NAME:
In honor of:
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* FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid: Date Check#/Cash
Donation to help feed Hungry



For Worship, We Always Need . . .

Coffee Fellowship Hosts and/or Hostesses

Sign up on the sign-up board in the Narthex or call the Church Office.

You only need to provide Coffeetime snacks and take coffee supplies back to the kithcen.

Our trusty Morgan Matthews makes the coffee and drinks each Sunday.



Chancel Flowers or Food Baskets for Sunday Morning Worship Contact the Church Office for details.





Ushers for Worship Contact Judy Vroman to serve as an Usher for any Sunday morning.

Worship liturgy, please contact Olga Baker.

ontact Judy Vroman to serve as an Usher for any Sunday morning. *Liturgists to Assist in Worship* If you would like to be assist in our Worship Services reading the



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