



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



## ***The ParishScope*** September 2020

### **Assist People in Rebuilding Their Lives After the Hurricanes and Wild Fires**

St. Matthew's is taking up a special UMCOR offering to help people and communities impacted by recent natural disasters around our country begin the process of healing. This includes:

- Wild fires in the West, especially California
- Hurricane Laura in the Gulf Coast Region

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) specializes in helping people rebuild their lives and their communities. UMCOR often spends years in communities working on long-term recovery projects. 100% of every dollar given to UMCOR goes to help people and their communities. To support this work:

- Mark an envelope or check "UMCOR." Then send it to the church or put it in the locked box on the front door of the church office. The church's address is 15653 Newton St, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.
- Give online at <https://www.stmattsumc.com>. Click on "Donate." Then in the drop down box, choose "UMCOR."



### **St. Matthew's Concert via Facebook**

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Stmatts1> for a St. Matthew's Facebook Concert. The concert is happening at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and features 2AZZ1.

2AZZ1 has made appearances at the Playboy Jazz Festival, accompanied *Cirque du Soleil*, and performed with Nancy Wilson, and *Earth, Wind and Fire*.

– Elaine Ono



**Craig & Mary Durst**

## ● The Pastor's Pen ●

Whether we like it or not, we are learning how to live life differently in this time of global pandemic. As we live through this time, it is helpful to remember how the Chinese character for “crisis” is made. It is a combination of the characters for “danger” and “opportunity.”

We regularly encounter the real dangers in this time. Some have lost loved ones. Many others live in fear for themselves or loved ones. A significant number of families are fighting for survival because someone – or everyone – in the family has lost their jobs. Students and teachers struggle with distance/virtual learning. Many miss familiar ways of being with family, friends and getting out and about. For some – perhaps especially those with technological challenges – the isolation and/or social distancing often trigger bouts of loneliness, despondency, depression, . . . .

On the other hand, many tell me how their families or friends are regularly connecting as never before – some by zoom, some in other ways. Folks are doing new things. People tell me about gardening, DIY (Do It Yourself) projects, reaching out to help others, walking/biking in the neighborhood, engaging in educational pursuits or reading, long-postponed undertakings . . . . Our sense of neighbors and neighborhoods is changing/expanding as we discover ways of coming together where distance no longer matters. People are surprised by new ways of doing familiar tasks.

What is true for us as individuals is also true for our life together at St. Matthew's. There is a tremendous void when we are not able to gather each week in the sanctuary for worship and fellowship afterwards. But alongside this, an amazing, creative, adaptive spirit is emerging. By learning to do things differently, our church family continues to worship each week. Moreover, shut ins and people from outside the Hacienda Heights area connect with God through online worship at St. Matthew's. We are now touching the lives of more people each week than we have in years. Worship services are getting 200 to 300 views a week.

In the past, many who came to Sunday evening concerts expressed the wish the concerts could have a larger audience. Now it's happening. The recent ACE Trio concert has had more than 2,000 views! People have wondered how the church family could stay in touch. People often feel adrift and some groups have stopped meeting. Yet, both the men's and women's breakfast groups have grown. Once the adult Sunday School class resumed, new member people started coming. With car parades, we've even found a new way to come together and fellowship.

In March and April, the focus tended towards how do we survive until things get back to normal. Now I often hear people talking about learning to not only survive but thrive in the midst of an emerging new normal. At St. Matthew's, we sometimes struggle with this new normal. But, we are also discovering opportunities to reach out and connect in ways we had never imagined possible.

This fits the pattern of being an Easter people. On Good Friday, Jesus really died. There was profound mourning, loss and pain. But Good Friday was not the end of the story. On Easter, new life emerged. Jesus rose from the dead. The wounds of Good Friday were not erased. But, God's life-giving power proved to be stronger. Through Jesus, God makes new life possible and people come together in new, life-giving ways. Through it all, a new normal emerged.

I invite you to listen for what God is doing in this time to bring about Easter moments. Be open to new directions God is stirring up in our prayer lives. Be sensitive to new opportunities hidden in the changes. Read this *ParishScope* looking for what new things God is making possible in this time.

Yours in Christ,  
Richard



## What's Happening This Fall With Worship?

Plans are already underway for All Saints Sunday, Advent and Christmas Eve:

- **All Saints Sunday is November 1 this year.** The church family will gather to remember and give thanks for the lives of people in the church family who have passed during the last year. The service will also include an opportunity for people to lift up the names of other loved ones who have passed during the last year. Since many memorial services have been put on hold, the All Saints Sunday service is taking on new importance for family and friends who have lost loved ones. Possibilities are being worked out for how to hold the service even if the church family is still only able to gather together online.
- **Advent – the four Sundays leading up to Christmas – begins on Sunday, November 29.** There will be special music. The advent wreath will be lit. The scripture readings will point us toward the coming of Emmanuel – God with us – in this difficult time. There may even be some special surprises. Different ways are being worked out in case the church family is not yet able to worship in the sanctuary.
- **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will still happen.** The service will start while it's still light outside. As we worship, the sun will set. But, even in the darkness at the end of the service, there will still be hope because God is still with us. There will be lots of special Christmas music. The Christmas story will be shared. We will end by singing *Silent Night* to candle light. This service will still happen even if it's not yet an option to have in person worship in the sanctuary.

Starting this month, there will be more variety in music on Sundays. On many Sundays, organ music will again be part of the service. The Bell Choir will be ringing from time to time. Twombly award winners and/or other special soloists will be part of worship on a regular basis. There may even be a way for the Chancel Choir to virtually come together and sing on special occasions.

For the time being, worship indoors in the Sanctuary is not possible because we are in Los Angeles County. Church leadership is engaged in a conversation with the East District Committee on Reopening about having some kind of Saturday morning spiritual gathering on the front lawn. This might be a Bible Study. Or, it might be an informal worship service. It would probably happen about once a month. As soon as an outdoor Bible Study and/or Informal Worship has been approved, dates and times will be shared with the church family.

Some have asked why the church doesn't move the Sunday service outdoors. There are many people coming to the online worship service who would not be able to come to an in person gathering on the front lawn. Some are shut-ins. Others regularly join us who live too far away to come in person. Currently, the church does not have the ability to share worship online from outside on the front lawn. In addition, outdoor worship would significantly change the kinds of music that it would be possible to offer during worship. So, church leadership believes the best way overall is to continue online worship each Sunday while expanding our spiritual offerings to include Saturday events on the front lawn at least once a month. The Saturday outdoor spiritual events will continue until in person worship resumes in the Sanctuary.



## Coming to Church – On Your Landline Phone!!

People in the church family can now come to church on Sunday morning at 9:55 am by using their landline phone. That's right, you don't need a computer or internet access. All you need is an regular phone.

Judy Vroman will be hosting the gathering of people coming to the church service by phone. You can call in starting at 9:50 am. You can spend a few moments chatting with Judy before the service starts at 9:55. Unlike the online worship, this service only happens live. So you can only come during the actual time the worship service is happening on Sunday morning.



To come to church using a regular phone:

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Enter Meeting ID: 820 9058 2853#

If asked for a participant ID, enter: #

Passcode: 287674#

Contact Judy Vroman if you have questions, need additional information or have problems connecting by phone on Sunday morning.

## From *Lessons Learned in Life*

2020

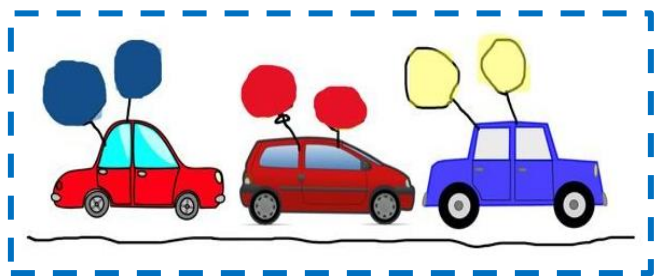
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has been a stressful year.  
We've been placed in situations  
we didn't ask for, we've  
experienced hardships we never  
imagined and we've seen things  
we never thought we would.  
But we learned God will never  
leave us. We are only here  
through His mercy and grace  
and I am a believer that He  
will bring us through.

— Shelby Condo

*Amen!*

*Amen! Your Church Secretary, Louise*



## Car Parade on September 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Matthew's is having another Car Parade on Sunday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup> to visit several people connected with the church family.

The car parade will start forming in the parking lot at 5:45 pm. Bring your car – decorated or not. For the most part, folks will stay in their own cars. If for some reason folks get out of their cars, the church family expects people to practice social distancing and wear face masks. While we're waiting to leave, some may wish to add last minute decorations to their cars. Then, at 6 pm we'll set out to visit people. We'll do our best to caravan together. But, maps and addresses will be provided just in case. At each home, we'll drive by slowly to have lots of time to honk, wave, smile, . . . Usually around 3 families are visited and the whole parade lasts less than an hour.

As we continue to live with the pandemic, a number of people are feeling cut off or isolated. Car parades help in two different ways. First, it provides an opportunity for folks who are parading in their cars to get out and see people from a social distance. This includes not only those being visited but others who are taking part in the parade. Second, the people being visited enjoy having “company” drive past their homes.

The church's understanding of who to visit is changing. People we used to think of as “shut-ins” are coming to church online every Sunday. Others who used to be able to come regularly in person to worship are finding the technology so challenging that they are not able to worship online. And yet others are in situations where concerns for their well-being mean that they seldom leave their homes or even see anyone from a distance.

St. Matts hopes to have a car parade each month. The church family plans to visit different groups of people each month. If you have suggestions of people to visit, contact the church office or Olga Baker.

## Working on the History of St. Matthew's UMC

We are working on St. Matthew's Church History for our website. Our stained glass window is not only an icon of the Church, it is an icon in our community.

Does anyone have in their possession a document or recall a sermon where the abstractions of the window were interpreted? We have contacted the window design-architecture firm and have learned much about the history of the window — the design was inspired by a 1962 Christian Magazine cover and the final design was named “Incarnation”.

Many people remember a document describing the abstract symbology of the window. But, to date, no one can produce a written description. Please contact David Crain if you have such a document. Also, let us know if you know early construction photographs including the ground breaking.



– David Crain

**“Engaging In Conversation: Let's Talk About It”  
A Churchwide Zoom Call, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**



In June, following the death of George Floyd, close to 30 of us participated in a Zoom conversation about race in this country and our lives. If you came away feeling there is still so much more to explore, learn, do, and understand, then we hope you will join us for the third of our follow-up conversations. We will further explore our perceptions and attitudes about race

Our third conversation will center on an episode from Emmanuel Acho's series, Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. Emmanuel Acho spent several seasons as a linebacker in the NFL and is now an analyst for Fox Sports 1.

He writes, *“Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man, is a safe place to have the uncomfortable conversations about race that many people have never been able to have. But enough is enough – I want to remove the barriers for why we’ve never had these conversations. I want to provide a free space for curious white people to answer the questions they’ve always had but have been too nervous to ask. Like, ‘How can I have white privilege if I’m not wealthy?’ or ‘is racial profiling ok if black people tend to commit more crimes’ and my personal favorite from a 19-year-old girl from rural Alabama named Amy who asked, ‘if black people can say the ‘N’ word, why can’t I?’ And many, many more.”*

Please join us for this engaging conversation. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81791551444?pwd=YVikNTh1ZFRmSk5MUUNSZ09Md3FEQT09>

or go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 817 9155 1444

Passcode: 752980

You can also come by landline phone by dialing:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

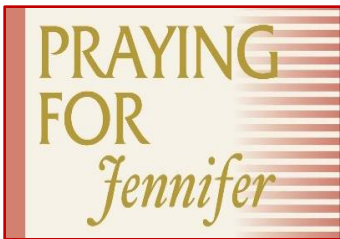
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See you there!

– *The Engaging in Conversation Team,  
Diane Hernandez, Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes,  
Glenn Hays, Bob Hernandez, Patty Graves, Pastor Richard*



***Praying for Jennifer* Study Resumes October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The Author – John Cobb – Leads the Class on October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Lenten Study was *Praying for Jennifer* by John Cobb. It was interrupted in March by the shut down. It will resume on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am and meet for the next three Thursdays, thru October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Instead of meeting in person, the class will meet by Zoom. One of the advantages of gathering by Zoom is that people can come to the study even if the person only has a landline phone. So, you don't need to have a computer or the internet to come.

John Cobb, the book's author, will join us by Zoom for the final session on October 15<sup>th</sup>. He will answer questions and share new insights about prayer he's had since writing *Praying for Jennifer*.

New people are encouraged to join the study. Indeed, the best part of the study – new insights into what it means to pray for others – are in the upcoming part of the study. You can get a copy of the book by contacting the church office or ordering online.

When the study resumes on October 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a brief review of what happened in first part of the book. Then, the class will move on to discuss chapters 4 and 5 entitled *Mr. Firestone* and *Ms. Williams*. The entire book is very short. So, try to reread it before the class resumes. Pastor Richard reports he learns something new every time he rereads the book.

*Praying for Jennifer* is about a teenager named Jennifer. She is involved in a serious auto accident. She is not expected to live. A nurse tells Jennifer's teenage friends that the only thing which can help Jennifer is to pray. Even though most of the teens are not religious, they pray. Jennifer makes an amazing recovery. But then unexpectedly no matter how hard her friends continue praying, Jennifer stops making progress in her recovery. This confuses the teens and leaves them with profound questions about how prayer does – or doesn't – work. So, they begin asking people questions to understand why their prayers were answered at first and then seemed to stop working. Most of the book is about the various answers people give the teens in language that the teens can understand.



**Handmade Face Masks Available**

I would once again like to offer the face masks I make to our congregation (see pics below). There is no cost. If you would like a mask please contact me at 626-347-7110 or email me at [Weatherfords90@gmail.com](mailto:Weatherfords90@gmail.com).

I can arrange to meet you at a designated time, maybe under the tress at church, to give you the mask.



– Caroline Weatherford



## A New Way to Give – by TEXT



There is now a new way to give to St. Matthew's. **Text any amount to 84321** to give. Standard message and data rates may apply.

### 1. Setup:

The first time you make a Text-to-Give donation, our system will respond with a message that includes a setup link. Tapping this link will take you to your mobile browser, and walk you through these steps:

- 2. Find your church:** St. Matt's will very likely pop right up. If not, the system uses your geographical location and phone number to suggest churches nearby (within 20 miles). If you don't see St. Matt's listed, then search by our address, city, or ZIP code (15653 Newton, Hacienda Heights, 91745) and filter results by church name.
- 3. Create your profile:** After choosing St. Matthew's you will be asked to enter your name and email address to either create a new donor profile (first time donors) or to log in to your existing donor profile (returning donors).
- 4. Add or select a payment method:** The first time you give by text you will need to specify your debit/credit card or bank account to be used for this first donation and future donations. After that, you can simply select a previously saved payment method.
- 5. Submit your donation:** Once you submit the donation, this will initiate that first donation and enable Text-to-Give for future use.

After setup, anytime you want to give, you can simply text your donation amount (and fund) to **84321** to initiate an online donation. For instance type 84231 as the recipient. Then in the message type the amount - for instance, "100" would be a \$100 gift to general use, or "100 UMCOR" would be a \$100 gift to UMCOR. You can give by text to 'gift', 'UMCOR', 'Singiser' and 'music.' Around the time of a concert, texting a gift to 'music' will go to support the concert series.

– Patty Graves



## Mark Your Calendars Now: Charge Conference is Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

Charge Conference is our church's "annual meeting." This year our charge conference will be at 3 pm on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> with our district superintendent, Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon presiding.

There will be one big difference with this year's charge conference. We will *not* meet in person at the church. Instead, we can meet from the comfort of our home (or work place) by Zoom.

During Charge Conference the congregation elects church leaders, takes stock of its ministry over the last year, and lays a foundation for the year ahead.

Church leaders are asked to get their charge conference reports to the church office by Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Submitting reports on time is a key part of making it possible for our secretary to organize and put together our charge conference book.

Watch the *ParishScope*, Sunday's announcements and e-mails for the Zoom meeting info, how to get a charge conference book, and other helpful information.



## Notes from Elaine Ono, Director of Music

The Carillon Bells will again begin their rehearsals on Thursdays! After a long hiatus, their first rehearsal is Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m in the Sanctuary. Please be assured that the Bell tables will be socially distanced more than 10 feet apart and everyone will be wearing masks.



– Elaine Ono



## Women - Invite to Join the Shalom Group

Dear Women of St. Matthew's,

A group of women meet at church out in the fresh air every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. We select books to study and discuss, with some laughter included too. We would like to see our group grow. We welcome all, come join us!

– Sharon Kline

## Nifty After Fifty Zoom Party Saturday, September 12 at 5:00pm



The Straubs hosted a wonderful St Patty's Day Potluck in March, which was the last time our group met. Then the COVID quarantine happened. So, when you can't beat 'em join 'em! Nothing formal is planned, just a time to share what we've been doing since March.

- The Nifty after Fifty group will be ZOOMING on Saturday September 12 at 5 pm.
- Mark your calendar and join us for a 'Catch Up Klatch'.
- Grab a cup of coffee or cool drink and we'll have some long overdue conversation.

Click on the Zoom link, or call in by phone if you don't have a computer or Smart Phone. See information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85773767415?pwd=dXMyYm00V2FCT2Fmc25DK0VRcXk5QT09>

Meeting ID: 857 7376 7415

Passcode: 059987

Dial by phone

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 857 7376 7415

Passcode: 059987

– Judy and Larry Vroman



## How to Connect with Online Worship

For the complete detailed instruction on how to view St. Matthew's Sunday Services Live, or view previously recorded Worship Services at any time you like, please contact the Church Office. Email your request to [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org) or call 626-333-6656. We will be glad to mail or email you the pages of complete instructions.

– Louise, Office Administrator



## Join Us Sunday Morning for Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School Class has resumed at 8:45 am each Sunday. All are welcome. Several new people have joined the class recently.

The Adult Sunday School Class is under the leadership of Rodney Kurimoto. The class is part way through a study of the history of the Christian movement. You do not need to register in order to come to the class. But, if you do contact Rodney by e-mail or phone, then he can send you helpful material for each week's class. His e-mail is [rkkurimoto@gmail.com](mailto:rkkurimoto@gmail.com). You can get his phone number by calling the church office or looking in the church directory.

The class uses Zoom to listen/watch each week's presentation. Afterwards, there is a class discussion. While the presentation is a video, its content makes sense even if you can only hear it by phone. The notes Rodney sends in advance are particularly helpful to those who are listening by phone.

*If you are coming by phone (i.e. you do not need a computer to come),*

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446#

If asked for a second ID: #

Password: 778913#

*If you are coming by computer, tablet, . . . .*

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446

Password: 778913

You can also e-mail the church office for a link at [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org)



## A Thank You

*Thank You*

Dear St. Matthew's,

A short note just to say thanks for all your notes and letters and thinking of me.

– Joy Kraft



## Chancel Choir and Carillon Ringers Continue to Get Together via Zoom

St. Matthew's Chancel Choir and Carillon Ringers have been "getting together" via Zoom conferencing. We get together on Thursdays as we usually do when we are rehearsing for Sunday Worship.

If anyone else would like to join and socialize with the choir and bell ringers – we would love it! We "meet" every other Thursday at 3:00pm. In September we "meet" on September 10 and September 24.

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716181867?pwd=N0VVdEZPRVd5VmhJTINmMFBJSmJvQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 1618 1867

Password: 536478

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+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 827 1618 1867

Password: 536478

Hope everyone is staying cool, getting some exercise, eating well, and finding ways to be happy and connected during these uncertain times.

– Elaine Ono



## Women's Breakfast Group Gets Together

As we all are adjusting to our being home EVERY day, our personalities are becoming lighter and happier again as before the virus. Join us and be happy again!!!! We miss ALL of you. Call me for the link to get on – Joy at 909-784-8085 or [joyfeulner@verizon.net](mailto:joyfeulner@verizon.net).

You are certainly welcome to be part of this group of women who live and care for each other. Our talks cover any topic you can imagine. And if you have something that interests you, you are welcome to share.

Join us every Wednesday on Zoom starting at 8:30 a.m. until 10:00.

– Joy Feulner



## Men's Breakfast

Every Thursday, we get together for a cup of coffee (formerly breakfast) on-line. It's a great opportunity to stay connected with friends and with what's going on at Church. So next time 8 O'Clock Thursday rolls around, drop in on our Zoom meeting — there's plenty of room for more! Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Use the Meeting ID: 638 574 0531, Password: 118405. Or, if your computer has no video camera, just call in: 1-669-900-6833. Contact David Crain at [davidwcrain@aol.com](mailto:davidwcrain@aol.com) for more information.

– David Crain







## Celebrating September Birthdays

2	Herb Milligan (Resident @ The Palms)
3	Sharon Kline
5	Sherry Morales (Preschool Director)
6	Don Pastrana, Jr.
8	Rosa Robles
8	Dorothy Dodrill Gray
8	Michael Vandeventer
12	Glenn Hayes
13	Jean Logan
13	Naomi Burchardt
13	Virginia DeGuzman
14	Louise Burnett (Resident @ The Palms)
18	Denise Kozak
19	Millicent Cazares
25	Wendy Wyatt
26	Judith Rader
28	Sam Robles
30	Al Sardo
30	Anita Lopez



## Celebrating September Anniversaries

September 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 19<sup>th</sup>

Cliff and Peggy Duck  
Gail and Dorothy Persinger



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm - Trustees Meeting	2 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm - <i>The Palms</i>	3 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 6:00pm - Bells Rehearsal	4 1pm-Martha Circle	5
6 Communion 8:45 - Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship 	7  Office closed	8 2:45pm-Preschool Advisory Group 7pm - SPRC	9 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm - <i>The Palms</i>	10 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 3:00pm - Online Choir & Bells Social Time 6:00pm - Bells Rehearsal	11	12 5pm - Nifty After Fifty Zoom Get Together 
13 8:45 - Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship  6:00pm - Car Parade	14 9:30am - Shalom 7:30pm - "Engaging in Conversation/ Let's Talk About It" (Online) 	15	16 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm - <i>The Palms</i>	17 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 1pm - Eve Circle 7:30pm - Church Council meets 6:00pm - Bells Rehearsal	18	19
20 8:45 - Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship 	21 9:30am - Shalom	22	23 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm - <i>The Palms</i>	24 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 3:00pm - Online Choir & Bells Social Time 6:00pm - Bells Rehearsal	25	26
27 At 5:00 p.m. View on St. Matthew's Facebook . . . <b>CONCERT</b> featuring <b>2AZZ1</b> 	28 9:30am - Shalom	29	30 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm - <i>The Palms</i>	27 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 6:00pm - Bells Rehearsal	28	29



### TO VIEW OUR WORSHIP SERVICES:

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Stmatts1>. You can also view past services by going to going <https://www.stmattsumc.com/facebook-live-test/> then click on the service you want.

### WE ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please watch your emails with details on how you can join in . . .

- Every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. - *Shalom* (contact Sharon Kline).
- Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - *Women's Breakfast Group*.
- Every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. - *Men's Breakfast Bunch*.
- Trustees* - First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. each month.
- SPRC* (Staff Parish Relations) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee* - to be determined.
- Church Council* - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Small Groups keep in touch by phone during the week.

Please note that if you are currently serving on one of our church's committees, participate in a class or social activities and have any questions, please contact your committee chairperson or leader.



Humor IS the Best Medicine

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are



At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Thinking we can all use a laugh



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"

And so it begins....



I got thrown out of my local park after arranging the squirrels by height.

They didn't like me critter sizing.



Peace  
BEGINS  
WITH A  
Smile 😊

*Mother Teresa*



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Greg Gomez, Custodian      Morgan Matthews, Sound Technician  
Sherry Morales, Director of Preschool, 626-330-8340, [www.smumpc.org](http://www.smumpc.org)

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