



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



## JANUARY *The ParishScope*

ST. MATTHEW'S UMC  
PRESENTS

*"Christmas in  
January"*  
*Facebook concert*

SUNDAY  
JAN. 31, 2021  
AT 5:00PM

[www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/](http://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/)

Please join us for an evening of carols  
and performances by  
Mary Palmer, Isai Solis,  
Joy and Terry Feulner,  
the Chancel Choir and Carillon Ringers.

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### Concert in January

Join us on Facebook for St. Matthew's UMC "Christmas in January," Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 5:00pm at [www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/](http://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/)

It will be an evening of carols and performances by Mary Palmer, Isai Solis, Joy and Terry Feulner, Carillon Ringers, and Chancel Choir. Let's keep the Christmas spirit of giving and remembering Jesus' birth as long as we can!

### Church Office Closed for Holiday

Our Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

"See you" again on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. I will be in office at 9:30am.



Louise  
Office Administrator



## St. Matthew's Shares Christmas Joy with 70 Local Families

A tremendous thank you to the church family for the amazing response to the Christmas "Baskets" for selected children and their families at Kwis and Newton Schools. This year, we provided \$50 gift cards so each family could have a special Christmas Dinner. People were invited to do this instead of providing poinsettias for the sanctuary or bringing food to the church for actual food boxes.

Originally, the schools were told that we hoped to provide 10 baskets to each school for a total of 20. But, the congregation's response was so generous that we quickly had to call the schools back. We told them that we could provide 25 baskets each for a total of 50! And then donations kept coming! So, we had to call the schools back yet again. Plus, make an additional trip to Ralphs to get more gift cards. In the end, St. Matthews was able to help 70 children and their families in our community have a more joyous Christmas.

In lieu of the Poinsettia Plants, usually purchased for our Sanctuary at Christmas, some of our Congregation contributed to the Christmas "Baskets" in honor and/or memory of loved ones and friends. Here is a list of those who did contribute in memory or in honor:

**Carol and Ian Rogers** in memory of Darl and Helen Bowser (Carol's parents).

**Marilyn Lutjens** in memory of Robert and Evelyn Lutjens, and Don and Carrie Jackson.

**Bob and Diane Hernandez** in honor of Cliff and Peggy Duck for their love and guidance to all who are blest to know them; in honor of our children, Brad, Tony, Bianaca, Rusty, and Aubrey; In memory of our beloved parents, Frank and Shirley Bell.

**David and Sheila Crain** with gratitude for the blessing of our children and grandchildren.

**Rich and Pat Kunishima** in honor of our family: John Kunishima's family, Jennifer Overdevest's family, and Brain Kunishima's family.

**Jack and Caroline Weatherford** in memory of Ron Gow and Elizabeth Gutierrez.

**Ruth Barnes** in honor of my children.

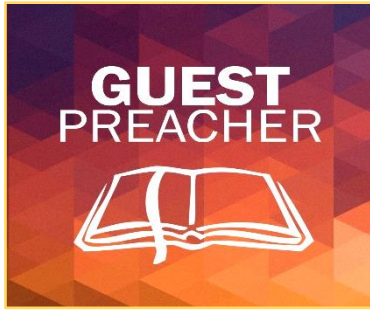
**Sharon Kline** in honor of the Women in Shalom.

**Debbie Nason** in memory of my parents, Russ and Pat Nason.

**Judith and Swede Rader** in honor of Shirley and Tom Aney, and Ruth Barnes; and in remembrance of Jeanine Sullivan.

**Richard Bentley & Ruth Hutchison** in memory of our parents, Richard & Marji Bentley, and Jack & Julia Hutchison.

**Dorothy Persinger** in memory of Jeanine Sullivan.



## Our DS Melissa MacKinnon Will Be Our Guest Preacher on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Richard is taking a mini-retreat the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> to focus on guiding us through the coming year. In order to let him have more retreat time, our district superintendent Melissa MacKinnon will be our “virtual” preacher on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Richard and the worship team will be in the Sanctuary on January 24<sup>th</sup> leading the worship service. But when it’s time for the sermon, our DS will join us virtually. As you may recall, something similar happened last September when Pastor Richard was on vacation. Our guest preacher, Pastor Marta Mathatas, joined us virtually from Ohio.

Come on the 24<sup>th</sup> (or later) and hear the good news Rev. MacKinnon has to share with St. Matthew’s.

### Opportunities to Pray at Home During Worship

From now until Ash Wednesday (February 17), the St. Matthew’s church family is invited to try out three different ways of praying at home:



1) **Set aside a place at home for written prayer concerns.** It could be a bowl, a box or something else. During the week and/or worship service, write down prayer concerns on a small piece of paper. Then, place them in the bowl, box or other special place as a sign of placing them in God’s hands. Of course, you can also contact Pastor Richard or the church office to have a person or situation placed on the church’s prayer list. But often there are additional prayers in our hearts. This may be a meaningful way to see them lifted up and placed in God’s care.

2) **Join together in the silent prayer times during the worship service.** During the prayer time, Pastor Richard will suggest a prayer focus. Then, there will be a brief time for silent prayer. During this time, you can let the suggested focus guide your prayer. Or, you can pray in another direction as led by the spirit and/or your heart. At the end of each silent prayer time, everyone will be invited to come together in a brief response such as “Emmanuel, God With Us, hear our prayer.” Each Sunday there will be three or four suggested areas of prayer.

3) **Sharing in a brief video from our homes about how God has been “holding our lives” in God’s hands.** This may not be everyone’s cup of tea. But some – a person or family – may be led to share how they have felt the love and support of others, of God, in this time of disruption and pandemic. This sharing could be a sentence or two. Or it could be slightly longer. A video – either just one individual/family or a collage of several different participants – will be part of some of the worship services. If you would like to take part, please contact Judy Vroman at 626-964-7066 or by email at [jgvroman@msn.com](mailto:jgvroman@msn.com). You can also contact the church office at 626-333-6656 or by email at [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org).



Pastors Day  
Off

## Pastor's Day Off

With the beginning of the new year, it's time to remind everyone of Pastor Richard's availability. In the United Methodist Church, and in most Christian Churches for that matter, Sundays are counted as a work day making all of Friday and also as much of Saturday as possible Pastor's days off.

Now that the very busy Christmas Season is over, as Staff Parish Chair I would like to ask that we respect Pastor Richard's work free Fridays and also as much of Saturday as possible. Please avoid scheduling meetings or other activities that would involve Pastor Richard's time on those days. Of course, he, or his designated substitute, will answer Pastoral Care requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

*David Crain, Chairman  
Staff Parish Relations Committee*

### Until Further Notice . . .

During this time when COVID-19 is spiking again, the St. Matthew's Church office will be "closed" until further notice. The church is doing this to help both keep people as safe as possible and keep hospitals – including their over worked staffs – from being overwhelmed.



**Church Office**

Although the "office" is closed, the following will continue to happen:

- You can call the church office from 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday and 10 am to noon on Friday. Someone will answer.
- You can continue sending the church e-mails. And, the church will stay in touch with you through regular e-mails.
- The church's mailbox will be checked on a daily basis.
- The lock box on the front door of the church office will be regularly checked.
- The ongoing business operations of the church will all continue – just differently.



## A Thank You from Our Finance Committee

Thank you St. Matthew's! Why you ask? Thanks to your support, we have had our best year, financially, in a long time. Even in the midst of a pandemic, your gifts have kept the church functioning and have allowed us as a church to make some much needed improvements. I am overwhelmed by your continued generosity.

Last March, when the pandemic forced us to stop in person worship, the Finance Committee scrambled to find ways for the congregation to keep giving to the church. You, the congregation responded. Not only were we able to keep the church running, we were also able to replace the office roof which had been leaking badly. And, we were able to install a chair lift in the sanctuary. Now the preschool advisory board is in the process of finding a contractor to upgrade the preschool equipment. And, the funds are there to pay for it! Also, we were able to pay enough of our apportionments, 75%, that the annual conference will credit us with paying 100% of our apportionments.

We were able to do all this because of your generosity. So thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your support. And, thank you for remaining faithful to the church!

*Bob Hernandez, Chair, Finance Committee*

## On-Line Giving to St. Matthew's

As we enter the New Year, it's come to my attention that while several families are utilizing the on-line Giving capability that there are also more people could be taking advantage of it. The only requirement is an email account and access to the internet.

I started using it. It is much easier than writing checks and then mailing them or dropping them off at the church.

If your practice is to give weekly or monthly, you can set things up one time. From then on, contributions will be made automatically. Special contributions like UMCOR, Thanksgiving and Christmas are easily made by just selecting the contribution type for a one time gift.

You can make your contributions by electronic check or credit card. I prefer the e-check as it has a lower cost to the church to process than a credit card.

The first time you use the system you have to input your bank information (router and account number from the bottom of a check) or your credit card information. From then on, the system remembers that information. But, it ensures that it really is you by sending a secret code to your email each time you want to process a contribution. Use the link below to give.

<https://stmatthewshh.churchcenter.com/giving>

If you try and have difficulties, feel free to contact me. I can walk you through the process. Let's put the counters out of business!!!!

*Terry Feulner*





## 4 Ways to Give to St. Matthew's

- 1) **Mail your gift to the church** at 15653 Newton Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. The church's mail comes to a secured mailbox.
- 2) **Bring your gift to the church.** There is a locked box on the front door of the office. The locked box is checked regularly.
- 3) **Give online.** Go to St. Matthew's website at <https://www.stmattsumc.com> Then, click on "Donate" on the upper right-hand side of the page.
- 4) **Text any amount to 84321** to give. Standard message and data rates may apply. Anytime you want to give, you can simply text your donation amount (and fund) to **84321** to initiate an online donation.

Call or email the church office at 626-333-6656 or [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org) for further instructions of how to "text" your giving.

### Thank You Cal-Pac Annual Conference!!



The Sunday after Christmas, Cal-Pac Annual Conference leadership gave a gift to St. Matthew's. The gift was especially appreciated by St. Matthew's hard working worship team and tech crew. Conference leadership recorded an entire Sunday worship service so that St. Matthew's (and all the other United Methodist churches in our region) could give their worship teams and tech crews a well deserved rest after the demanding Christmas season. The service included a short message from our Bishop Grant Hagiya. Our district superintendent Melissa MacKinnon led the prayer time. You can still connect with the service through "Recent Services" on the church's webpage at [www.stmattsumc.com](http://www.stmattsumc.com) or going to the videos section of the church's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos](http://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos)



### Charge Conference Met by Zoom on November 20<sup>th</sup>

This year's charge conference had a fun, festive spirit as it met by zoom on Friday, November 20th with our district superintendent, Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon presiding. Many pets were in attendance, getting special introductions and having their names included as official attendees!! In addition to the numerous pets, 28 people also attended. People were also invited to tell about significant United Methodist items which were in their homes. Perhaps most significant was the Bible which someone had received in 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School.

Charge Conference is our church's "annual meeting" so it also included:

- election of the 2021 church leaders
- setting the pastor's 2021 salary package
- taking stock of the church's life & ministry over the last year
- laying a foundation for the year ahead.

You can get a copy of the entire Charge Conference report by calling the church office at 626-333-6656 or sending an e-mail to [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org).

## The Board of Trustees Reports . . .



Dear Congregation,

Your Trustees were wearing masks and keeping a 6 foot distance, as they worked from morning to afternoon at the parsonage. The front yard had been extremely overgrown. It needed a major pruning and trimming of bushes, weeding and trimming of plants in planters, along with pruning the roses. Terry Feulner used his saw to trim the larger branches; while Marilyn McMullin, and Bob and Diane Hernandez used clippers to deal with all the rest of the smaller plants. Working within a budget, they spread 12 bags of mulch all around the base of the plants, to give it a nice finished appearance!

Sprinklers will be installed after the existing gophers are dealt with!

Huber Bongolan replaced the globe on an exterior sanctuary light so there is good lighting at night, to show off our campus. He is also organizing Boy Scouts to continue the many beautification projects to keep the exterior of St. Matthew's looking good!

Huber Bongolan has been voted as Trustees President for 2021. Dick Cline is our Vice President. Secretary is LaVerne Shaffer, with Terry Feulner as assistant to the Secretary.

*From your Trustees Committee*



## Bon Voyage to the Duck Family

On Sunday afternoon, November 15<sup>th</sup> there was a safe, socially distanced farewell time for Cliff and Peggy Duck outside their home in Brea. People visited with Cliff and Peggy one family at a time while wearing face coverings and keeping a safe social distance. Cliff and Peggy had a wonderful time connecting with many long-time friends just before they moved out of the area in order to be closer to their son.

Joy and Terry Feulner worked with the Duck's daughter Laura to coordinate the farewell time.

You can write to Cliff and Peggy at their new home at 22 Shasta Lane, Pacifica, CA 94044.

## Update About St. Matt's Women's Retreat



This year the Women's Retreat was postponed, not cancelled, until we can meet again and be safe. We are looking forward to being together for our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Retreat. Some of us are working on getting a Zoom meeting started. Many different ideas are in the works. Each of us miss being together with all of our "sisters". Let's hope it's not much longer.

*Joy Feulner*

## “Let’s Talk About It” -- What’s It Like to be a Police Officer?



On Monday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup> Bob Hernandez answered questions about law enforcement from the perspective of a retired police officer as part of “Let’s Talk About It”. It was a town hall meeting via Zoom with more than 25 people attending. To get the ball rolling, the moderator – Diane Hernandez – asked Bob a number of thoughtful questions. The questions helped Bob get started sharing about what it’s like to be a police officer. And, of course everyone else was also able to throw questions into the mix. We came together with open minds and talked comfortably with our friend, a police officer, about difficult policing issues.

The evening was part of St. Matthew’s effort to encourage people to come together to explore and deepen awareness of:

- how it is that racial tensions are still so prevalent in today’s life,
- what needs to be done for meaningful, lasting change.

Past “Let’s Talk About It” gatherings included:

- the disregard of the humanity of others (as in the relocation of Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II), led by St. Matthew’s Rodney Kurimoto,
- the tools of fear, class, and profiling used to maintain the status quo, (as in a black repairman needing to explain his inventory, tools, receipts and being afraid to work at night),
- the ways racism is justified and deflected in daily conversations (as in references to black on black crime, stereotyping, media portrayals).

Look in this and future *ParishScopes* for additional opportunities to engage in conversation.



## “Let’s Talk About It” Resumes Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

*They would not listen. They did not know how.*

- from “Vincent” by Don McLean

***This session will be different.*** It will focus on helping people develop stronger listening and communication skills as a foundation for engaging in conversations in a deeper way.

Listening skills are teachable. And, they can change how people listen and communicate. Please plan to join us. Mark your calendar now.

If you are coming by computer, tablet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 817 9155 1444  
Password: 752980

If you are coming by phone: (you don’t need a computer to join us):

Dial 1-669-900-6833  
Meeting ID: 817 9155 1444#  
If asked for a second ID: #  
Password: 752980#

“Making your way in the world today takes everything you’ve got.

Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.

You want to go where people know,

People are all the same;

You want to go where everyone know your name.”



## Re-inventing Sunday Afternoon Concerts

The church has had several amazing “Worship Through Music” services (aka “Concerts”) online recently. Elaine Ono tries to organize one each month. Since people are coming through Facebook, people can connect with them either at 5 pm on certain Sundays or later.

While it is wonderful to hear the concerts live in the sanctuary, more people have been coming since they started being shared online. Every “Worship Through Music” Service has had at least 200 views! And the Ace Trio actually had more than 2,000!

You can continue to connect with these special “Worship Through Music” service on either the church’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos> or by going to “recent services” at the church’s webpage at <https://www.stmattsumc.com>

You can also connect directly using these link’s:

- Christmas Concert with Soo Kim:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/200018991743638>
- Thanksgiving Concert with Michael Ragonese and his sister:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/873004243470450>
- Stay at Home Concert with with Randy Guiaya and Billy Burke:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/786294638821234>
- Ace Trio (a must!!):  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/803344027082346>



## St. Matthew’s Traditional Thanksgiving Gathering Happened – Just Differently



The annual church-wide Thanksgiving Gathering once again happened this year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22<sup>nd</sup>). It just happened differently.

After the online Thanksgiving concert by Michael Ragonese, people were invited to come to a Thanksgiving zoom gathering. Over 20 people came. The highlight of the gathering was a rich time of sharing about what people were thankful for. Each person had an opportunity to share, often from deep within their hearts. Less than an hour after the gathering started, it ended with folks wishing each other a Happy Thanksgiving.

Many thanks to Joy and Terry Feulner for organizing this special time that touched so many hearts.



## The 2020 Advent and Christmas Season at St. Matthew's

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Advent and Christmas a special time. Of course, it was different since we were worshipping from our homes. But some report that they felt a sense of God's presence in their homes in ways which they had never experienced before.

Each week, we got to journey to a different home as different families lit the advent wreath in their home. On Christmas Eve, a family gathered from all across the country through Zoom to light the wreath. After a family lit the advent wreath in their home, the worship team invited everyone to light an advent "candle" in their own home. And, then at home people lit all kinds of different candles. Perhaps, they used a votive candle or taper candle; or even a birthday candle, electric candle, or the light on a mobile phone.

There was lots of special music to uplift our hearts and encourage our spirits. The Bell Choir shared Christmas music from the sanctuary while staying safely socially distanced. (Sadly, once the surge began after Thanksgiving, this had to be put on hold.) On Christmas Eve, the virtual Chancel Choir made its debut. Along the way, there were lots of guest musicians as well as opportunities for everyone to sing Christmas carols.

This year the Christmas Eve service was done so that families could join the Candlelight and Carol service either at 6 pm or at a later time, whichever best fit with their plans. The heart of the service was the reading the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:1-20. As the story was read, there were places to pray and sing Christmas carols. The service ended with the Sanctuary illuminated by candlelight as people were encouraged to light candles in their own homes and sing *Silent Night*.



## 2020 I Am Her Conference Report



Last October I attended an online *I Am Her 2020 Leadership Summit* held by the United Methodist Church. The recordings are now available, you may visit <https://www.iamher.gntv.info/>.

Of particular interest to me was the segment, Leading in a Liminal Season with Susan Beaumont. Beaumont utilized leadership material from Harvard's Ronald Heifetz, who I consider to be the father of leadership. She spoke about leadership and liminal space. Blaise Pascal, a French 17<sup>th</sup> century mathematician said, "Liminal space is 'crossing over' a space where you left something behind, yet you are not fully in something else." We all are experiencing a transition space filled with uncertainty but we can also choose to embrace this space. Times are fearful and tumultuous—sometimes changing from one day to the next. Other times, we see a glimpse of hope, only for it to be a fleeting moment. I have moved on to interpret this to be a time of discovery and expectation. It reminded me of I Kings 19-11-12, regarding God's revelation to Elijah. *"Then He said, 'Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; and after the fire a still small voice."* NKJ

I hope that our glimpses of hope extend to moments and moments to become days of expectation. I encourage St. Matthew's UMC women to consider attending this type of events to remain informed and aware of critical issues from a church perspective. And, I encourage St. Matthew's leadership to include information on future opportunities in the *ParishScope*.

Here is a brief recap of the topics covered:

### Day 1: Thursday, October 8, 2020

#### Opening Worship and Plenaries

Opening Worship with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, GBOD

- Bishop Tracy Malone, Preaching
- Plenary Panel Session "I AM Her Women in the Bible" Bishop Sally Dyck, moderator
- Second City Collaborative Communications

#### Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber and "The Hedge of Protection Group"

### Day 2: Friday, October 9, 2020

#### Worship and Plenaries

- Opening Worship with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson
- Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, Preaching
- Plenary Session: Women in Leadership Panel Discussion "Stony The Road..." Bishop Tracy Malone and Dawn Wiggins Hare, Moderators
- Second City Collaborative Communications and Storytelling
- Leading in a Liminal Season with Susan Beaumont

#### Nadia Bolz-Weber Keynote

## 2020 I Am Her Conference Report, continued . . .

Day 3: Saturday, October 10, 2020

### Saturday Worship and Plenary

- Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Preaching/Call to Action
- 19th Amendment Video Presentation
- Voter suppression conversation with Clara Ester, Civil Rights Activist, United Methodist Women, and Rev. Francine Thirus, JD

### Jurisdictional and Central Conferences Breakout Sessions – Get Out the Vote!

*Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes*



### Zoom the Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School Class has resumed at 8:45 am each Sunday. All are welcome. Some people come by landline phone. But most come on their computer, tablet, electronic device. Several people have joined the class since it started meeting by Zoom.

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)

## How to Join Us for Worship Services on Sunday Mornings

Join us for worship starting at 9:55 am each Sunday morning:

- 1) Go to the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1/>  
(You do NOT need to belong to Facebook to do this)
- 2) Go to a special page on the church's website.  
(This page only works when a Facebook live service is happening)  
<https://www.stmattsumc.com/facebook-live/>



During the week, the easiest way to join the worship service is by going to the church's website and click on "Recent Services" <https://www.stmattsumc.com>

For the complete, detailed instruction on how to view St. Matthew's Sunday Services Live – or to 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 complete instructions.



### Women's Breakfast Group Gets Together

The St. Matt's Women's Breakfast meets each Wednesday at 8:30am on Zoom. Since the virus we have all enjoyed keeping together on Zoom, learning about family happenings, sharing many joys and sorrows and just being there for each other. It's nice being able to be as close as before the virus with women who have moved away or are on vacation. We'd love to have anyone join us.....our hearts are big and welcoming.

*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*

## January Birthdays

<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Judy Ketchum</b>
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Sandy Koh</b> <b>Peter Matsumura</b> <b>Carol Crosby</b> <b>Jamin Toby</b>
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Cliff Duck</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Dick Cline</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>Harold Barnes</b>
<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>Orlen Willoughby</b>
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Joy Kraft</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>Ruth Barnes</b>
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>Joe Graves</b>
<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Mary Ann Edminister</b> (Resident @ the Palms)
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Mike Gallagher</b> <b>Don Pastrana</b>
<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Shirley Aney</b>
<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>LaVerne Shaffer</b>
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>John Sardo</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Violet Nielsen</b> <b>Johnny Doyle</b>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Rob Reggio</b>



## January Anniversaries

<b>January 1</b>	<b>Joel &amp; Anita Lopez</b>
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Sophia Kozak</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Diane Hernandez</b>
<b>January 13</b>	<b>Tim Gudz &amp; Lynda Zheng</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Lisa Zepeda</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<b>David &amp; Sheila Crain</b>



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>January</i>						
<b>3 Epiphany Sunday</b>  8:45am – Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship	<b>4</b> 7:30pm Finance Committee	<b>5</b> 7pm-Trustees Meeting	<b>6</b> 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	<b>7</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Baptism of the Lord</b> 8:45am – Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm-SPRC	<b>13</b> 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms <b>7:30pm – Special Charge Conf. &amp; Church Council Meeting</b> 	<b>14</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 7:30pm – Finance Committee	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:45am – Adult Sunday School 9:55am - Worship	<b>18</b> <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Church Office closed</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	<b>21</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 East District Superintendent Rev. Melissa MacKinnon Guest Preacher</b> 8:45am – Adult Sunday School 9:55am – Worship	<b>25</b> 7pm – “Let’s Talk About It”- Skills for Deeper Conversation 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	<b>28</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:45am – Adult Sunday School 9:55am – Worship <b>5:00pm – “Christmas in January” Concert on Facebook</b> 						



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### We continue to keep in touch:

- 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.
- Church Council* – To be determined.
- Finance Committee* – to be determined.
- Small Groups also keep in touch by phone during the week.

Be sure to call or email the Church Office with any questions about meetings, classes, or “get togethers” at 626-333-6656 or [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org).



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