

The ParishScope

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*St. Matthew's
United Methodist Church*



Video Producer For Weekly Sunday Worship Service Needed

Do you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, friend, neighbor, . . . that is looking for a paid part-time position who could do this job well?

You will lead a small team live streaming a weekly Sunday morning worship service for St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Hacienda Heights, California. Other team members staff the sound system and non-remote control camera(s). In addition to leading the team, your role is combining worship slides made by church office, occasional pre-recorded videos by others, and several different camera inputs to live stream the worship service to Facebook using OBS (Open Broadcasting System) operating on a PC. Afterwards, you edit the live streamed worship service into a 30-35 minute "highlights" service for permanent posting on Facebook/YouTube. Video editing may be done on the software of your choice using either a PC or Mac.

Estimated 5-6 hours a week including prep work and post production editing. Must be present at the church on Sunday morning for the service. But prep and post production work may be done from home. This is a paid position with the church, at least \$150/week.

Filling this position is essential if St. Matthew's is going to be able to continue to have a strong, ongoing online worship presence. The volunteer who has led this effort for the last year would like to retire from the role. Because of the demands of the position, there does not appear to be anyone else who can do this on a regular weekly basis as a volunteer. So the SPRC and Church Council authorized the creation of this position.

For additional info or to apply send summary of your background/experience to richard@smumchh.org.



Worshipping at St. Matthew's

- **Early service at 8 am.** This service may meet outdoors at least part of the time.
- **Worship In-person at 10 am** in the Sanctuary.
- **Live online service at 10 am.** This service features the *entire* service as it is happening in the Sanctuary. It will only remain on Facebook for a short time after the service ends in the Sanctuary.
- **Ongoing online service available by 4 pm on Sunday.** This 35 minute service includes hymn singing, Sunday's sermon, prayers and some special music. This service will remain on Facebook so people may worship not only on Sunday but throughout the week.

All of St. Matthew's online services happen at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Stmatts1>

8:00 A.M. Prayer And Communion Worship Invite

The early Sunday morning 8:00 am Prayer service is a unique worship Service offering different ways for some of us to worship together. It gives you an opportunity to get outdoors and visit people you have not seen for awhile including family members.

We are a community which is open to anyone to join and come as they are. We have a discussion on the message of the day as well as discussions on the pulse of our community.

The fantastic early morning coolness in worship together on our sanctuary "front porch", open air venue along with contemporary worship music, helps in preparing our minds and hearts for worship. We pray for each other and our church as we learn how to be a witness and go out about our journey during the week.

I invite everyone to join the early morning Prayer service and discover how this unique worship.



Morgan Matthews

Finance Update For St. Matthew's UMC

I want to take a moment to let you know where we are with giving this year. As you all know we recently had a matching gift "reopening the doors" fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, the reopening the doors campaign was a huge success. Together we raised \$29,000.00, including the matching gift. A little more than half of the funds have already been spent in support of reopening the doors and some of the equipment needed to enhance both the in-person and online worship services has been purchased. Thank you for supporting this project!



So far in 2021 those who gave pledges have been diligent in their giving and we are right on target with the pledged giving. Thank you. Currently, we are about 20% off our budget with non-pledged giving. With just over four months left in 2021, hopefully we can make this projected shortfall up. Our gifts fund the everyday operations of St. Matthew's like:

- Equipment and lighting to put out our online worship service
- Pays the salaries of the awesome St. Matthews staff like our office manager, our music director and our custodian
- Allows St. Matthews to engage in education and mission work worldwide
- Provide a pastor who visits, preaches, does pastoral care, leads our church

Remember, there are three ways you can give to St. Matthew's:

- You can give online by going to St. Matthew's website at <https://www.stmattsumc.com> where you'll find a link to give.
- You can drop off your check in the drop box on the door to the church office. It's a locking box that is checked regularly. Or,
- You can mail a check to the church at:

St. Matthews UMC
15653 Newton St.
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Whichever way you choose to give, please know that your gift is greatly appreciated.

*Yours in Christ,
Bob Hernandez*



Important Ins And Outs Of Using The Sanctuary For In-Person Worship

Although we have returned to in person worship in the sanctuary, there are some differences. The congregation continues to be guided by Jesus' commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. So it tries to protect people in case someone has COVID-19, but doesn't know it. And, the Church Council has affirmed it is wiser to go more slowly, erring on the side of caution since there are not "do overs" if someone gets sick.

Because St. Matthew's has taken this so seriously, many of the revised guidelines for the "Delta Variant" are things we are already doing to protect everyone in worship – especially those who may not have been vaccinated or have special risks. To wisely and safely continue indoor in-person worship services, the church family continues to follow these guidelines:

- We are able to sing. But only because everyone is wearing face coverings!! Face coverings are important because when people sing they send out droplets for long distances – well over the usual 6 feet of social distancing. Droplets are the most common way COVID-19 is spread.
- It is important to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing between family groups.
- People sit in "every other pew" with X's in the pew marking where a family group or individual may sit. Every family grouping has direct access to an aisle. (I.e. so you won't need to go past another family grouping to get in or out of the pew.) Since we are using every other pew, the hymnals, bibles and offering envelopes have been left in the pew racks.
- People enter and leave through the front door of the church. An usher can open the side door for those needing to use the ramp from the parking lot. There is a check in station near the entrance to record names in case people need to be contacted later. Temperature checks are no longer needed.
- Face coverings and hand sanitizer are available at the check in station.
- Part of the sanctuary is designed as only for those who have been vaccinated in order to provide additional protection for those who are most vulnerable. The vaccinated only section has blue X's marking where to sit. Seating for everyone has green X's.
- Only one family grouping or individual is able to go into a restroom at a time. People are asked to disinfect the restroom after they use it. Since space is very tight downstairs, people are waiting in the narthex until it is their turn.
- The new chair lift is available to assist people going up and down the stairs. It is disinfected between uses.
- The area in the back of the sanctuary with a rocking chair and table will continue to be available to families with young children. It will be sanitized between uses and families are strongly encouraged to bring their own paper, crayons, etc.
- No food is served after church.
- Offering plates are available in the entry ways for people to leave their offering. However, the plates will *not* be passed during the service.

St. Matthew's The Board Of Trustees Reports . . .

Board of Trustees Letter - August 2021

Dear Congregation,

Many of you noticed that the concrete slabs surrounding the main sanctuary have been shaved down, so that our congregation no longer trips or gets stuck, even going up and down the ADA ramp. Daniel Zoubstov of Troop 730 completed this as his Eagle Project. Due to the COVID virus, he wasn't permitted to have his fellow scouts help with this, but he did have his parents, and a professional to do the work. As was mentioned in the church service two weeks ago, this was an expensive project, and Daniel would be grateful for any help to finish paying off this contractor. Just indicate on your payment, that it is for the Boy Scout Eagle Project to shave down the sidewalk surrounding the main sanctuary. It makes a huge difference for those who come with walkers and wheelchairs.

Another Scout proposed to build a canopy /trellis on the North side of Dodrill Hall, as a shaded area near the basketball court. His father, a licensed contractor, will be doing the bulk of the work, following the purchase of materials, etc.

Other scouts have been weeding, trimming, and pruning plants, laying out new mulch, and giving our campus a much needed facelift.

The Boy Scouts are now sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and all have insurance through the Boy Scout Council.

Have you noticed the sign along Newton promoting the new Blessings Preschool? Tina has been working tirelessly getting it ready for students. The preschool toilets are being installed at Blessings Preschool.

Marilyn McMullin worked to get the new toilet installed in the office. Hooray!

Keep our Trustees in prayer!



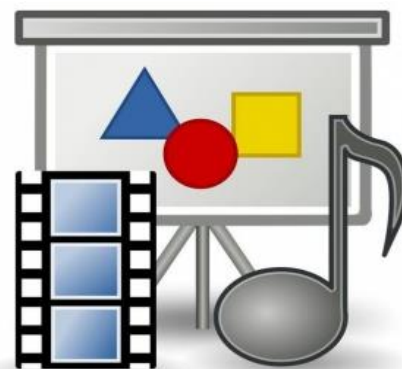
LaVerne Shaffer, Trustees Secretary

AV Equipment Update

Through the "Reopening the Doors" Campaign, the church has already been able install a key piece of audio equipment. This has improved the sound quality both in the Sanctuary and online.

The rest of the AV equipment is still on order. Unfortunately, there is a serious world-wide "chip" shortage which is causing delivery delays in anything which uses electronics. It is so severe that auto makers have now had to shut down some assembly plants. There are also significant problems getting AV equipment, cameras, smart phones, On top of this, there are further delays because so many churches have reopened and ordered AV equipment. It is hoped that most of the rest of the equipment will be installed by mid-September. But some places are talking about back orders into the fall. So, further delays could happen.

Meanwhile, by God's grace and the ingenuity of the tech crew each Sunday St. Matthew's is able to have both in person and online worship.



Church Groups On Summer Hiatus



The Top of the Hill Group is taking a hiatus for the next 2 months and will resume in October. We will decide next month whether or not we resume in person or on zoom.

Terry and Joy Feulner

The Adult Sunday School will be on vacation during the entire month of August. We will resume on September 5th. Watch for further news as to what time we will resume in September and either In-person or by Zoom.



*Rodney Kurimoto
Adult Sunday School Leader*

PRESCHOOL



Blessings Preschool Update

We have finished the flooring and lighting. And the fence will be installed next week. We are just waiting on furniture to arrive and that will finalize Phase 3.

Peace & Blessings, Tina Rike, Director

Shalom Meeting In-Person

The Shalom Group is now meeting In-person again in the Church Office. You are welcome to join us each Monday morning beginning at 10:00am. For more information, please give Sharon Kline a call.



Men's Breakfast Back to Zoom

With the latest LA County COVID Directive, indoor restaurants must return to safe distancing and masks. That means our City of Industry iHOP cannot host a table of more than six. So, again we are returning to the Zoom-style Men's Breakfast. Log in Thursday's at 8:00 AM:

<https://zoom.us/j/6385740531?pwd=dkNtN1RTTTFE0NlozcFRRc0ZFVEVwUT09>

David Crain

Women's Breakfast Group Gets Together!



The St. Matt's Women's Breakfast meets each week on Wednesday at 8:30 am on Zoom. We continue to learn about family happenings, share many joys and sorrows, and just are there for each other. It's nice being able to still remain 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.

<https://zoom.us/j/6385740531?pwd=dkNtN1RTTTFE0NlozcFRRc0ZFVEVwUT09>

Joy Feulner



Women's In-Person Lunch!

Women's Breakfast has a new addition! A new "in person" luncheon date! The first Thursday of each month the Women's Breakfast will meet at 11:00 a.m. at Casa Blanca. This is an addition to our weekly Zoom meeting at 8:30am every Wednesday morning.

Please note that with the "Delta Variant" of Covid-19, masks are still required when arriving and walking to and from your seat.

For Your Amusement ?



Introducing the new kitchen Roomba: Immediately cleans anything you spill on the floor and then returns itself to it's docking station





August Birthdays And Wedding Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS





August 1	Bob Holte
August 3	Barbara Clonts
August 5	Elizabeth Bongolan
August 6	Carlita Bongolan
August 7	Gaylen Roe Sara Barnes
August 10	Rev. Gail Messner
August 11	Marilee Hartling
August 14	Audrey Butler
August 15	Jean Shelby
August 16	Brian Kozak Lisa White Sheldon Warren
August 23	Elias Robles
August 24	Steven Hill Mary Michael (Resident @ The Palms)
August 28	Arik Lierena
August 29	Elvia Arguilla
August 30	Gail Persinger

AUGUST WEDDING ANIVERSARIES

August 9	Mike & Chris Gallagher
August 12	Swede & Judith Rader
August 16	Sean & Laura Cohelan
August 17	Jerry & Eileen Casterline
August 24	Rick & Pat Kunishima
August 25	Richard & Diane Cline



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION 8am-Early Worship 10am – Worship in Sanctuary 10am - Worship Online 	2 10:00 - Shalom	3 7pm-Trustees Meeting (Zoom)	4 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	5 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 11:30am – Women's Breakfast at Casa Blanca	6	7
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10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary.
Online Worship Live at 10:am
 (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Stmatts1>)

We continue to keep in touch:

- Top-of-the-Hill Group on Summer hiatus until October.
- Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - Women's Breakfast Group via Zoom.
- Every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast Bunch via Zoom.
- First Thursday of every month at 11:00a.m. – Women's Breakfast @ Casa Blanca.
- Trustees – First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. each month.
- SPRC (Staff Parish Relations) – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Church Council and Finance Committee – To be determined.

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.

There's no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. No heartache that God won't help you let go of. He is SO much bigger than anything you will face today. Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day confidently knowing that He WILL take care of you. ♥



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