

# The ParishScope

JANUARY

2022



St. Matthew's  
United Methodist Church



## "It's A Wonderful Life"

We will be celebrating **Christmas in January** on **January 19 and 20** with a **special virtual showing of "It's A Wonderful Life"**. We'll be showing it in 2 parts with some discussion to go along with Pastor Richard's upcoming series of sermons. **Showtime will be 11:00am on Wednesday and Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

I know you've seen it many times but we love happy endings and this is a keeper. Have popcorn for lunch and join us. Or have some of Santa's left over cookies and milk!

- Joy and Terry Feulner

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85212231333?pwd=dFNRSIRqdjY5NlFXeitSSHJzenRjQT09>

or go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)  
Meeting ID: 852 1223 1333  
Passcode: 757621

Dial by your location  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
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**St. Matthew's Shares  
Christmas Joy  
With 60 Local Families**

A tremendous thank you to the church family for the amazing response to Christmas "Baskets" for children and their families at Kwis and Newton Schools. Because St. Matthew's worked with the schools, we were able to assist families who would often have been overlooked.

This year, we provided \$50 gift cards so each family could have a special Christmas Dinner. The Church Family was 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 25 baskets to each school for a total of 50. But, the congregation's response was so generous that we were able to provide 60 gifts baskets – 10 more than expected.

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:

*Shirley Aney* in memory of beloved Tom.

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

*Jerry and Marilyn Lutjens* in memory of Marilyn's parents – Carolyn and Don Jackson.

*Dick and Diane Cline* in honor of our daughters, Leslie, Stephanie, and Tracy, and their families.

*Shirley Butler* in honor of Rev. Mickey Jessup

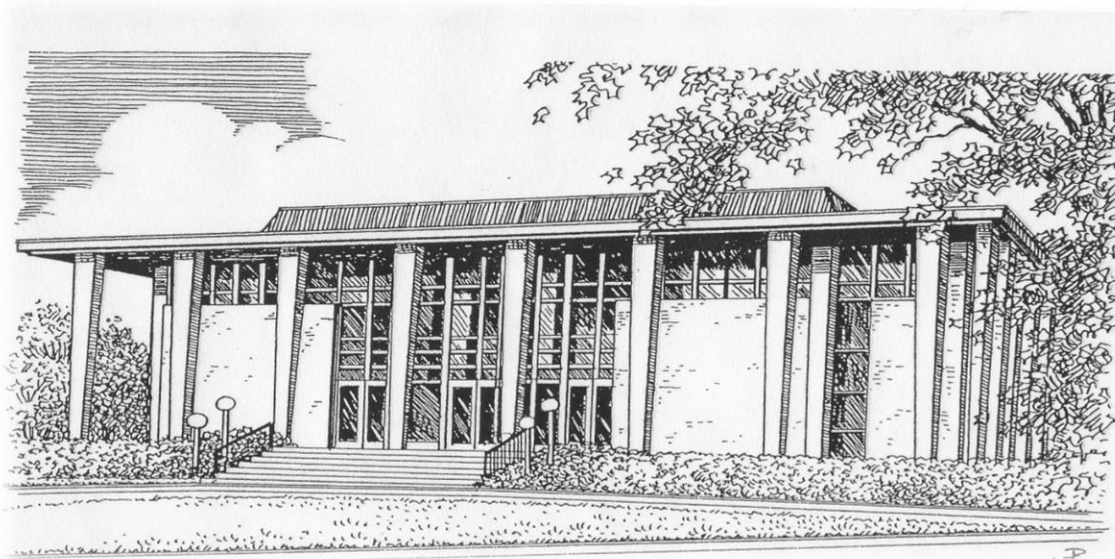
*Donna & Kevin Matsumura* in memory of Frank-Grandpa-Dad Bell; Shirley – Grandma – Mom Bell; and Mary Matsumura, Grandma; and in honor of Peter Matsumura.

**Christmas Eve Poinsettias  
Journey Far And Wide**

The Poinsettias which brightened the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve were provided through the Worship Committee since the congregation was providing Christmas Baskets for local children and their families. After the Christmas Eve service, around 8-9 people in the congregation took the Poinsettias to 24 shut-ins and/or others needing cheering up.

Many thanks to the Worship Committee for organizing and carrying out this project that shared the spirit of Christmas with so many.





## **In-Person Sunday Worship Hopefully Will Continue Happening At St. Matthew's**

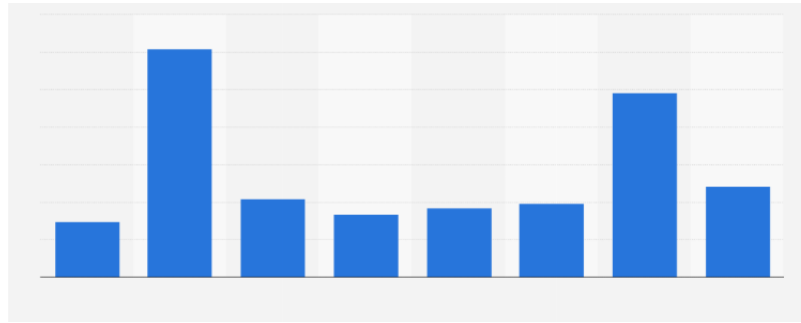
So far, St. Matthew's has been able to continue having in-person Sunday worship at both 8 am and 10 am. But of course, people can always worship online either as worship is happening in the Sanctuary at 10 am or at a later time on Sunday or through out the week. The entire service is available online until about 5 pm on Sunday. Afterwards, a shorter "online" version becomes available.

With the omicron spike, it is possible that this could change. Recently, several in the church family have gotten sick with or had significant exposures to COVID-19. Thankfully, they decided to protect others by worshipping online. COVID-19 also forced the preschool to delay its opening.

Each person in the St. Matthew's church family can help in-person worship continue as an option by following Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. St. Matthew's understands this as protecting people from exposure to someone who may be sick but may not know it. So, people are asked to do the following:

- **If you are sick (COVID-19 or otherwise)** or have had a significant exposure to someone with COVID-19, worship online from home.
- **Wear a face covering** at all times (including your nose), especially when singing.
- **Be careful to maintain social distancing.** Several months ago when things were looking better, there was a tendency to be more relaxed about this.
- **Remember to observe the vaccinated only section of the Sanctuary.** This provides additional protection for those who are at high risk because of health conditions. Facing towards the front of the Sanctuary, the vaccinated only section is all of the seating to the left of the center aisle (i.e. side of the Sanctuary towards the office building.) In addition, it includes all of the seats – left or right – along the center aisle.

***Thank you for your help in keeping others as safe as possible.***



## St. Mathew's United Methodist Church Income Statement Ending December 31, 2021

### St Matthew's United Methodist Church Income Statement

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>		
4000 · Pledges & Gifts	215,534	246,600
4020 · Space donations, events	29,100	25,300
4030 · Lease income-Preschool Building (net)	15,707	
4050 · Other income	160	70
4080 · Capital Campaigns & Fund Drives	-11,207	0
4090 · Misc Non-Recurring Income	35,788	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>285,082</b>	<b>271,970</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>283,139</b>	<b>271,970</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>0</b>

Memo:

	<u>Reopening the Doors</u>	<u>Challenge Grant (2020)</u>
<u>4080 · Capital Campaigns &amp; Fund Drives</u>		
Received in 2021	28,300	790
Spent in 2021	(22,796)	(17,500)
2021 excess to Capital Reserves	5,504	
2021 expenditures paid from Capital Reserves		(16,711)

4090 · Misc Non-Recurring Income

Second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiven \$35,788

Apportionment payments \$27,176 = 75% of total

P.S. Because of COVID-19, the year payment of 75% of our apportionments is counted as 100%!



## **Charge Conference Met By Zoom On November 17<sup>th</sup>**

This year's charge conference was again held by Zoom on Wednesday, November 17th with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Saia Tu'itahia presiding. 30 people from the congregation attended. This year's conference included an opportunity to meet and learn more about our new District Superintendent. It also included several people sharing about how St. Matthew's has been continuing to make a difference in the midst of the pandemic. The district superintendent seemed to be impressed!

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

- election of the 2022 church leaders
- setting the pastor's 2022 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).

## **2022 Church Officers At St. Matthew's**

With the coming of the new year, St. Matthew's saw several changes in its church officers. These changes include welcoming:

- John Elliott as chair of SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee)
- Joy and Terry Feulner as co-chairs of the Finance Committee.

Please thank outgoing chairs David Crain (SPRC) and Bob Hernandez (Finance) for excellent leadership over the past several years, especially during the pandemic.

You may also wish to thank the many, many people at St. Matthew's who are continuing to serve in leadership positions. The complete list of 2022 church leaders is in the Charge Conference report which is available by contacting the church office.



## **Blessings Preschool Was Finally Able to Open on January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Blessings Preschool has been licensed and has completed all the necessary steps to open.

And then, just as it was ready to open its doors, the omicron spike began to happen. Almost every preschool family had someone who had tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19. So the preschool had to scramble to get regular testing in place since almost all preschool children are too young to be vaccinated. But, finally on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Blessings Preschool was able to open.

Now that the preschool has opened, an open house will be scheduled for the congregation so people can see all the amazing work that's been done. Watch the weekly announcements for updates on when the preschool will open and when the open house will happen.



## **Thank You Notes To All At St. Matthew's**

*To all the folks at St. Matthew's, I want to thank you for the large and beautiful Poinsettia plant. It was really beautiful and I will treasure it and keep it as long as I can. I hope the weather will stay comfortable so I can plant it outside.*

*I am sorry I did not hear when folks came by the house. To all of you a very Happy New Year and – again thank you for remembering me.*

*Ruth Feick*

*To all our friends at St. Matthew's,*

*This note is sent to thank you for your comforting thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for us. We appreciate the cards, flowers, and telephone calls. Thanks very much!*

*Sincerely,  
Barbara Clonts and Family*

**NEW YEAR WISHES JUST FOR YOU  
HAPPINESS AND PEACE IN ALL YOU DO  
MAY GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND FAMILY TOO  
MAY HE BE WITH YOU THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH.**



## WE CONTINUE TO GET TOGETHER . . .

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets Sunday mornings at 8:30am via Zoom.

*If you are coming by phone*

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446#

If asked for a second ID: #

Password: 778913#

*If you are coming by computer*

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

Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446

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**THE SHALOM GROUP** meets In-person in the Church Office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Monday morning. Call Sharon Kline for more information.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** gets together by Zoom at 8:30am each Wednesday. Any questions, please contact Chris Gallagher.

*If you are coming by phone*

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 638 574 0531#

If asked for a second ID: #

Password: 118405#

*If you are coming by computer, tablet*

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

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**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** meets each Thursday morning at 8:00am at IHOP. Phone David Crain for further details

The first Thursday of each month **OUR LADIES GET TOGETHER IN-PERSON FOR LUNCH AT CASA BLANCA**. We meet for lunch starting at 11:30am.

**THE BOOK CLUB** meets the third Thursday of each month. We meet in the Church Library/Office beginning at 12:30pm.

**TOP OF THE HILL** meets via Zoom the second Monday of each month at Noon. To join via zoom, please click on the following link. Our topics are different each meeting and a lot of fun for all. Please join us.

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**NAOMI CIRCLE** meets on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Dorothy Persinger for more information. New members will be welcomed! However, the group is not meeting in January because of the COVID-19 spike.



## **January Birthdays And Wedding Anniversaries**

<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Sandy Koh Peter Matsumura Carol Crosby 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. 20</b>	<b>Mike Gallagher 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 James Trost</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Violet Nielsen Johnny Doyle</b>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Rob Reggio</b>

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

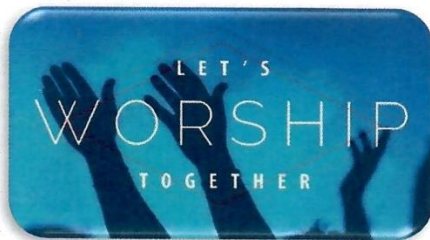
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Sophia Kozak</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Diane Hernandez</b>
<b>January 13</b>	<b>Tim Gudz &amp; Lynda Zheng</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Lauren Vandeventer</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Lisa Zepeda</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<b>David &amp; Sheila Crain</b>





# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Happy New Year 2022!</b>
2 <b>Communion</b> 8am-Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am – Worship in Sanctuary & Online	3 10:00 - Shalom	4 7pm-Trustees Meeting	5 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm-The Palms	6 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 11:30am – Ladies Lunch @ Casa Blanca	7 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	8
9 <b>Epiphany Sunday</b> 8am-Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am – Worship in Sanctuary & Online	10 10:00 – Shalom Noon – Top of the Hill via Zoom	11	12 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	13 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 3pm – Bells Rehearsal 7:30pm-Finance Committee	14 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	15 9:30am - Joel Lopez Funeral Service at Church of Heritage Forest Lawn, Covina Hills
16 8am-Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am – Worship in Sanctuary & Online	17 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	18 7:30pm-SPRC	19 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 11am – Zoom "It's a Wonderful Life" 3:00pm -The Palms	20 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 11am - Zoom "It's a Wonderful Life" 12:30pm – Book Club (Church Office)	21 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	22 1pm – 4:30pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)
23 8am-Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am – Worship in Sanctuary & Online	24 10:00am - Shalom	25	26 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	27 8:00am - Men's Breakfast	28 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	29
30 8am-Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am – Worship in Sanctuary & Online	31 10:00am - Shalom					



**8:00 a.m. In-Person Prayer and Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

**10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary and Online Worship Live. (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Stmatts1>)**

**Be sure to call or email the Church Office for further information or questions about St. Matthew's meetings, classes, or activities or "get togethers" at 626-333-6656 or [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org).**



**Happy New Year and  
Many Blessings!**

**The LORD bless you and keep you...  
Numbers 6:24 NKJV**



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