

# The ParishScope

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2022



St. Matthew's  
United Methodist Church



## Lenten Study Begins Thursday, March 17. There May Be Separate In-Person & Zoom Classes

There will be a 3 week Lenten Study focusing on grace on Thursday March 17, 24 and 31. There will definitely be an in-person class from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall (*not* Dodrill Hall). In addition, there may also be a separate zoom class at 7:30 pm in the evening. If you are interested in the zoom class, please contact Pastor Richard ASAP at [pastorrichard@smumchh.org](mailto:pastorrichard@smumchh.org)

The United Methodist movement has a powerful, distinctive emphasis on grace and how it shapes and guides us in living a rich, full Christian life. Grace can be seen as God's life-giving, life-changing love. From a United Methodist perspective, grace is undivided but is often experienced in 3 different ways. The Lenten Study Class spend a week focusing on each of these 3 ways:

- March 17 – *Prevenient Grace* or the ways that God is at work in every human heart.
- March 24 – *Saving Grace*, Justification and Assurance or the way God forgives us and restores us to God's favor.
- March 31 – *Sanctifying Grace* or the ways in which we are invited to grow so that all that we say, think, and/or do is guided by love.

There is no book for the Lenten Study. But each week there will be a brief study guide. It will be available in the Sanctuary the Sunday before each class. Or, you can have it e-mailed to you each week by contacting the church office by e-mail [office@smumchh.org](mailto:office@smumchh.org) or phone (626) 261-1428.

## Special UMCOR Offering to Help the People of Ukraine

St. Matthew's is taking up a special UMCOR Offering for humanitarian relief efforts that are under way as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The funds will enable United Methodists and mission partners to provide support in Ukraine and in neighboring countries welcoming those fleeing the violence.

Because the United Methodist Church has congregations all around the globe, some of the UMCOR's relief work is being carried out by local United Methodist Churches in European countries that border Ukraine. For example, in Romania the Cluj-Napoca United Methodist Church is using its community center, a former hotel, to host "guests" who had to flee Ukraine.

To give, make your check out to St. Matthew's and mark your offering "Ukraine." As always thanks to UMCOR Sunday, 100% of what people give will go to help the people of Ukraine.





## UMCOR Sunday, March 27

This year UMCOR Sunday is March 27. There will be an UMCOR Sunday offering. This offering both allows UMCOR to respond quickly whenever disaster strikes and provides for UMCOR's "costs of doing business" throughout the year. Because of UMCOR Sunday, UMCOR already has funds on hand so it does not need to wait until money from a special offering arrives before it can

provide help. And, because of UMCOR Sunday takes care of all of UMCOR's operating expenses, whenever St. Matthew's takes up a special offering – such as to help the victims of a disaster or for Ukrainian relief work – the entire special offering goes to help the people in need.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church. To realize its mission, UMCOR is organized into program areas focused on:

- U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery
- International Disaster Response and Recovery
- Sustainable Development
- Global Health
- Global Migration

UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild for many years following a disaster.

Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something someone else does. It can be something we all do. Join with United Methodists around the globe to share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation and make a difference on UMCOR Sunday. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be special offering envelopes or you can mark your gift "UMCOR Sunday."

## Please RSVP for Pastor Richard's Retirement Gathering on May 14



Thank you to everyone who has already RSVPed about coming to Pastor Richard's

Retirement/40 Years of Ministry Celebration on May 14. There are several ways to RSVP:

- You can call or e-mail Sheila Crain that you are coming. Please call her at home (626) 330-3405 or send her an e-mail at [scrainx4@aol.com](mailto:scrainx4@aol.com)
- If you have gotten an e-mail with an Evite, please respond to the Evite. If you have e-mail and cannot find your Evite, contact Sheila Crain so you can be sent another one.
- Go to Evite and RSVP at <http://evite.me/D31T286JQu>

The celebration of Pastor Richard's Retirement and 40 years of Ministry is from 1 pm to 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 14. There will be a brief program at 2 pm.

The party will be on the front lawn and in the Fellowship Hall. People may come at 1 pm or any time afterwards and stay for as long as they like. Chairs and tables will be arranged to encourage people to mingle and talk. Instead of a sit down meal, drinks and finger foods will served.

Pastor Richard has served 8 United Methodist Churches since he began serving as a pastor on July 1, 1982. So in addition to folks from St. Matthew's, other people may be coming who have been connected with his ministry over the years. It would be very helpful to those who are planning if everyone can RSVP.

If you would like to help, contact Diane Hernandez, chair the planning team. Then, watch the *ParishScope*, announcements and emails for further information.





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## FINANCE RESULTS - YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022

### INCOME AND EXPENSES \*

with comparison to prior year

	1 month ended	January 2022	January 2021
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Pledges & Gifts		14,353	19,158
4020 · Space donations, events		2,650	
4030 · Lease income-Preschool Building		1,662	
4050 · Other income			2
4080 · Capital Campaigns & Fund Drives		50	78
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>18,715</b>	<b>19,238</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>19,892</b>	<b>16,324</b>
<b>Net Surplus (loss)</b>		<b>\$ (1,177)</b>	<b>\$ 2,914</b>

### CASH AVAILABLE

<b>Cash available January 31,</b>	<b>\$ 99,597</b>	<b>\$ 92,314</b>
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~Final results through the end of January are being re-presented as amounts have changed from last month's Parishscope; additional bills were received after printing.

~February reports will be presented next month after all February bills are received.

~Cash available includes all St. Matthew's accounts, checking, savings, and reserve accounts

Questions? Patty Graves, Treasurer: [pattygraves@hotmail.com](mailto:pattygraves@hotmail.com) or phone/text (562) 713-8717

\* as of 3/1/2022



## Women's Retreat Postponed

The Women's Retreat Committee Members have regretfully decided to postpone the Women's Retreat in April until a date to be determined in 2023. This was a difficult decision, but we felt with

Covid just beginning to let up it is for the benefit of all to keep everyone safe.

For the positive news, we are hoping to have a one day fun day/retreat sometime in the near future, date to be determined. Be looking for more information coming soon ...

- *Chris Gallagher*



## Birthdays And Wedding Anniversaries







March 3	Patty Graves
March 4	Jerry Casterline
March 6	Clarice Bongolan
March 8	Swede Rader
March 20	Ruth Feick
March 23	Carol Rogers
	Morgan Matthews
	Daniel Gonzalez
March 25	Judy Menefee
March 26	Brad Hernandez
	Rick Messner
March 28	Jack Weatherford
March 31	Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
	Steve Straub

### March Wedding Anniversaries

March 8	John and Ester Elliott
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# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm-Trustees Meeting 	2 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm-The Palms 5:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service In Sanctuary & Online	3 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 11:30am - Ladies Lunch @ Casa Blanca 3pm-Bells practice 4pm- Choir practice	4 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	5
6 Communion 8am-Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am - Worship in Sanctuary & Online	7 10:00 - Shalom	8 7:30pm - Staff Parish	9 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm-The Palms	10 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 3pm-Bells practice 4pm-Choir practice 7:30pm-Finance Committee Mtg.	11 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	12  <i>(set clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time)</i>
13 8am-Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am - Worship in Sanctuary & Online 	14 10:00 - Shalom Noon - Top of the Hill via Zoom	15	16 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 1pm-Naomi Circle (FH) 3:00pm -The Palms	17 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 10:30 - Noon Lenten Study (FH) 12:30pm - Book Club (Office) 3pm-Bells practice 4pm-Choir practice <i>(St. Patrick's Day)</i> 	18 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	19
20 8am-Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am - Worship in Sanctuary & Online	21 10:00 - Shalom	22	23 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	24 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 10:30 - Noon Lenten Study (FH) 3pm-Bells practice 4pm-Choir practice	25 6:30pm-9pm Blessed Chinese UMC (FH)	26  <b>11am Memorial Service for Pat McIntosh in Sanctuary</b>
27 8am-Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School Zoom 10am - Worship in Sanctuary & Online	28 10:00am - Shalom <i>(Louise, Ofc. Admin begins vacation. Back in office April 4<sup>th</sup>)</i>	29	30 8:30am - Women's Breakfast 3:00pm -The Palms	31 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 10:30 - Noon Lenten Study (FH) 3pm-Bells practice 4pm-Choir practice		



**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).**





## WE CONTINUE TO GET TOGETHER . . .

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

Password: 778913

**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 8:30 am 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>

Meeting ID: 638 574 0531

Password: 118405

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** meets each Thursday morning at 8:00 am 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 11:30 am.

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

**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.

*If you are coming by phone*

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 852 1223 1333#

If asked for a second ID: #

Password: 757621#

*If you are coming by computer, tablet*

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

Meeting ID: 852 1223 1333

Password: 1757621

**NAOMI CIRCLE** meets on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Dorothy Persinger for more information. New members will be welcomed!



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