



The ParishScope

Newsletter

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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June 2022 Issue

Worshipping At St. Matthew's In June



JUNE 5TH Pastor Abiba Alice Shomari, preaching.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Special Mission Offering to help raise funds
supporting the "*Kisima Water Project.*"

**GRADUATION
SUNDAY**

JUNE 12TH **Graduation Sunday**
Pastor Mike DeGuzman preaching.



JUNE 19TH **Father's Day**
Pastor Mike DeGuzman preaching.
Daniel Diaz, featured special musician

**MUSIC
APPRECIATION**

JUNE 26TH **Music Appreciation Sunday,**
presented by Elaine Ono, Director of Music
Chancel Choir, Carillon Bells, honoring
guest musicians, church musicians.
Read more about this service on page 4.

All About Our Special Guest Speaker For Worship On Sunday, June 5th

Our Special Guest Speaker for Worship on Sunday, June 5th will be Pastor Abiba Alice Shomari. She is a Pastor serving the United Methodist churches in Kansas in the Great Plains Annual Conference.

Pastor Alice has formed a missional project called *Women of Diverse Confessions (W.D.C)*. This is a nonprofit organization that empowers and promotes people of diverse cultural backgrounds, faiths and religions, to come together in good will to find solutions on how to develop community life and well-being of others. Their missional causes include education, healthcare, gardening, raising animals, and a community church roofing project. In the "Kisima Water Project" women lead and engage others in the gospel conversations using Jesus' model of conversation with the Samaritan woman in John chapter 4.

Currently, this mission is campaigning to raise money in the amount of \$63,000.00 to help funds for the "*Kisima Water Project*."

There will be a special offering at St. Matthew's for this project on Sunday, June 5th. For more information and other ways to help, please go to <https://www.womenodc.org/sp/>.



Notice About "Top Of The Hill"

Top of the Hill meets at Noon on June 13th via Zoom. We will have a special presentation featuring the Viet Nam Remembrances by Dr. David Fitchett. Dave spent 2 tours of duty in Viet Nam as a surgeon. His pictures and thoughts on his time "in country" are amazing.

Joy has known Dave her entire life. In fact, she was delivered by his father. If you have traveled with Joyful Tours, then you may already know Dave and his wife, Marilyn.

We encourage all you know to join us on June 13th.

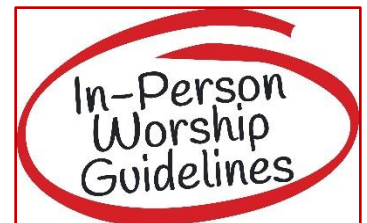
-Terry and Joy Feulner

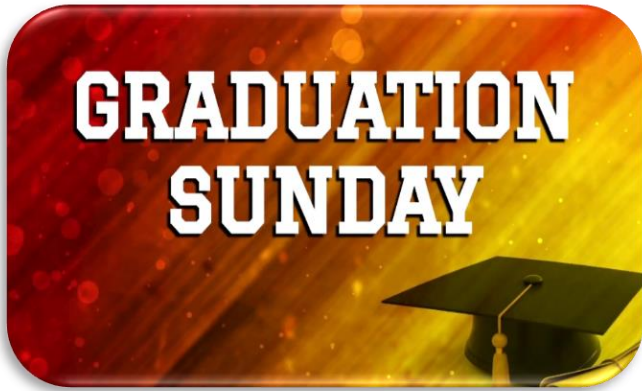
Worship Service Protocols (as of April 3)

Because of the spike in cases of Covid and for the protection of others including yourself:

- If you don't feel well, please stay home and worship online. This helps others from getting sick.
- The balcony has been reopened for occupancy during worship. Masks are required in the balcony.
- In the sanctuary masks are optional.
- The first two pews on the piano side of the sanctuary are to be left empty.
- Although masks are now optional in much of the sanctuary, please keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and those not part of your household.

For the time being, people are still asked to check in at the table in the entryway to the church. And, we will continue with the standing in place greeting at the beginning of worship. Please continue to give your offering at the back of the church as you enter or leave the sanctuary.





All About Graduates Recognition Sunday **On June 12th**

St. Matthew's is honoring our Graduates during the 10 am worship service on Sunday, June 12th. You can help St. Matthew's get ready by letting the church office know about graduates connected with your family.

Please provide:

- the name of the graduate
- the name of the school/trade school or college that the person is graduating from
- the degree and in what field
- the graduate's plans for next steps
- your relationship with the Graduate.

There are 4 ways you can get information about the graduate to the church office. You can send an email to office@smumchh.org, mail the information to the church, phone 626-333-6656, or drop the graduate's information in the drop box on the front door of the church office.

Please try to get as much information as possible to the church no later than Monday, June 6th. Any further questions, please contact the church office.

Featured Soloist For Worship On June 19th

Daniel Diaz will be the featured soloist during our worship service June 19th.

Daniel Diaz is a violinist and pianist with a lifelong history of music. Learning piano at an early age and beginning violin in elementary school, he quickly made strides.

He was invited to the San Bernardino County Elementary Honor Orchestra in his first year of playing violin, and moved on to play in several youth chamber groups and workshops at the University of Redlands.

He now studies violin performance at Pasadena City College where he sits first chair in their orchestra. He hopes to form his own string quartet in the future and play in orchestra pits for musical theatre and ballet.



Music Appreciation Sunday, June 26th

We will be having Music Appreciation Sunday on June 26, 2022 at the 10 o'clock service.

We will be honoring all those who have performed at St. Matthew's UMC with guest speakers and special music. Please join us on this special day, in-person in the sanctuary or on our live-streamed service on Facebook.

*Elaine Ono,
Director of Music*



Regarding the Transition From Pastor Richard's Retirement To The Arrival Of St. Matthew's New Pastor

Pastor Richard is now on vacation until his official retirement date, June 30. Pastor Mike de Guzman has now coordinating Worship and providing Pastoral Care until July 1 when

St. Matthew's new Pastor, the Rev. Dr. David Choi arrives to begin serving at St. Matthew's.

Pastor Mike has been preaching on many Sundays at both the 8 am and 10 am services. He is currently also leading worship at the Palms on Wednesdays. As an experienced pastor, Pastor Mike is providing support for church leadership.

Our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. David Choi (and his wife Mary) will be serving St. Matthew's beginning July 1st. Be sure to join us in welcoming Pastor David at his first worship service at St. Matthew's on Sunday, July 3rd!

St. Matthew's Is Working on a New Pictorial Directory



As part of welcoming Pastor David and Mary, St. Matthew's has begun working on a new pictorial directory. It will take a number of months to finish. But hopefully enough can be done by July 1 to assist Pastor David and Mary in getting to know the church family.

The pictorial directory will be different from past ones. Instead of coming to an appointment with a professional photographer, everyone is invited to submit their own photos. And, you can provide both individual photos and a photo of your entire household. Many may be able to use pictures taken with a cell phone. When completed, the directory will be available both online through Planning Center and as a printed directory.

Many in the church family may have gotten an e-mail invitation around May 12 to verify information and submit pictures. Thank you to all who have already responded either by just verifying information or also by sending in pictures. (Note: you can respond to the e-mail to get into the directory without submitting a picture. You can send pictures later or choose to not send any picture at all.) As a benefit of responding, folks have immediate access to the online directory with contact info such as cell phones and e-mails, birthdays, anniversaries, The online directory includes everyone who has already responded and will continue to grow as additional folks respond.

Patty Graves and Sheila Crain are coordinating the directory project. In the next few weeks they hope to reach out to folks to verify information, get people into the directory, and work with people on submitting pictures. You can help right now by either responding to the e-mail invitation sent around May 12 or directly contacting by Patty or Sheila.

Let's all work together to get as much of the new directory done as possible by July 1 to help out Pastor David and Mary.

Voice Recital At St. Matthew's June 26th

Elias Robles recently graduated from Los Altos High School. He will be attending Boston College of Music in the fall.

His passion for musical theatre began at Biola Youth Theatre where he starting performing at 7 years old. Roles include: Horton in *Seussical*, Pumbaa in *The Lion King*, Bert Healy in *Annie*, and Rusty Charlie in *Guys and Dolls*.

At school, he is a member of the Drama Department and show choir, Prestige. Elias studies voice with Dr. James Lent and has trained with the Boston Conservatory at Berklee in their summer "Musical Theatre Acting Intensive." He plans on pursuing musical theatre in college and professionally, hoping to unite people from all cultures and backgrounds onstage and in the audience.

He serves as the video producer for St. Matthew's UMC and would like to thank his family, friends, and church for their endless love and support.

He will hold a freewill offering voice recital in our Sanctuary on Sunday, June 26th at 5:00pm. Please join us!



help wanted

Want Ads: Help Needed For Sunday Worship Services

AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCER for WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (PART-TIME)



**CHURCH
AUDIO VIDEO**

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 the microphones. In addition to leading the team, your role is to insert worship slides made by church office, occasional pre-recorded videos (music), several camera inputs, and several microphone inputs into a live stream of the worship service to uploaded to Facebook/YouTube using OBS (Open Broadcasting System) operating on a PC. Afterwards, you will 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 postproduction editing. Must be present at the church on Sunday morning beginning at 9 am to set up for the service and stay until all A/V equipment has been secured after the service, normally by 12 noon. Both prep and postproduction work may be done from home. Occasionally, there may be additional hours for special events and/or training volunteers to use the sound system as subs or for special events.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church seeks to develop a strong, ongoing online worship presence. You can learn more about the church including viewing recent online worship services at <https://www.facebook.com/Stmatts1> or <https://www.stmattsumc.com/>

For additional info or to apply, send summary of background/experience and preferred contact to smumchh@gmail.com

AUDIO PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN for WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (PART-TIME)



You will be part of a small tech team providing for both live in person worship in the church's Sanctuary and the sharing of the service online for St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Hacienda Heights, California. Your role is to manage all aspects of the newly installed audio system with up to 8 microphones feeding a live stream digital mixer to produce optimal sound quality for both in person and online broadcast of Sunday Morning Church Services. Others on the team manage the video content including slides, cameras, pre-recorded videos and putting audio and video together using OBS (Open Broadcast System).

Estimated 3 hours a week including prep work on Sunday. Must be present at the church on Sunday morning beginning at 9 am to set up for the service and stay until all audio equipment has been secured after the service, normally by 12 noon. Occasionally, there may be additional hours for special events and/or training volunteers to use the sound system as subs or for special events.

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auf wiedersehen

Not Farewell, but Auf Wiedersehen

Ruth and I have been deeply touched by kindness, encouragement, prayers, . . . of the people of St. Matthew's during the last five years. And, the last few weeks have been filled with so many outpourings of love in cards, notes, conversations and calls. All of this has been a source of profound joy and given us many insights and much strength for life's journey.

It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor. It is difficult to find the words to describe what it has been like to be invited into your lives through baptisms, weddings, special anniversary or birthday celebrations, hospital visits, praying together (often on Saturday nights) or celebrating the life of a loved one who has passed. I deeply appreciate the wisdom, guidance, listening ears and forgiveness so many have graciously shared with me.

It also amazes me how much has happened over the last five years. We've worked together to

- help one another and St. Matthew's through the pandemic
- rework helping children and their families through the preschool
- complete lots of projects on the building and grounds both through major congregational efforts (office roof, new play structure, new AV equipment, . . .) and countless Eagle Scout projects (Aney prayer garden, parking lot, . . .)
- accomplish so many other tasks both large and small

I am lifting up St. Matthew's and Pastor David & Mary in prayer as the church family begins a new stage in the congregation's life. Like the SPRC, I believe that Pastor David and Mary bring strengths and abilities which are an amazing match with St. Matthew's needs, especially the ability to connect with new people by offering free music lessons to children in the community.

Ruth and I are looking forward to the next stage in our lives that comes with my retirement and moving to our new home at Pilgrim Place in Claremont. But, we will also tremendously miss folks at St. Matthew's. You have a special place in our hearts. And, we trust through God's grace that our lives will stay connected with one another. So, instead of saying farewell, we say "Auf Wiedersehen" – German for "until we see each other again."

*Peace,
Richard Bentley*

Board Of Trustees Report For April 2022



Dear Congregation of St. Matthew's UMC,

Your trustees are always working, often very quietly behind the scenes, on behalf of your church.

Marilyn McMullin is in charge of the church-owned parsonage, and has taken on the tremendous job of repairs and replacing things to ensure that it is ready for Pastor David and his wife to move in before July. Talk with Marilyn to find out what she has on her list to be done!

When the overgrowth of plants and trees behind the sanctuary became too much for Trustees or the Scouts to do, Bob Hernandez found a reliable gardener and his crew to really clean it all out, paid out of the budget. Take a walk around the back of the sanctuary, and see how clean it looks!

Most of you ate at the Scouts pancake breakfast, with their Kiwanis sponsor at the grill. Proceeds will assist scouts with summer camp funding. The Boy Scouts took a break from work projects due to finals exams and graduations. But they'll be hard at work again soon, under the direction of Huber Bongolan.

The Blessed Chinese UMC has their After-School Program running smoothly, which will run through the summer.

Dick Cline has been watching the olive trees, and had them sprayed recently, to avoid too much growth of the olives. There is a very short window of time to have the spraying done, soon after noticing the beginning blooms, to inhibit the fruit from forming. With refreshments now being served after church, no one likes to be stepping on those olives.

Jerry Casterline is working on repairs done to (or replacing) the air conditioner in the office, to ensure it is working before the heat of the summer. We care about Louise having decent working conditions.

Richard Bently deemed it necessary to have a contract signed with AYSO for their soccer club members to use St. Matthew's parking lot when playing at Newton Middle School. Bob Hernandez is working on this.

Grace to you, LaVerne Shaffer (Trustees secretary)

THANK YOU

Dear St. Matthew's Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful picture of the sanctuary at Easter! It will bring back wonderful memories of St. Matthew's for years to come.

Thank you also to all those who made my 40 years of ministry/retirement celebration possible. It was a wonderful day filled with lots of different people from all across the years of ministry. I deeply appreciate all the planning and hard work that came together. Special thanks to Diane Hernandez and the whole SPRC. Thinking back I'm both deeply touched and have a tear of joy in my eye.

Peace,
Richard



June 2022

IT IS A WONDERFUL LIFE!

Stewardship: Faith in Action

I can change the world
With my own two hands
Make a better place
With my own two hands
Make a kinder place
With my own two hands

I can make peace on earth
With my own two hands
I can clean up the earth
Oh, with my own two hands
And I can reach out to you
With my own two hands

Oh, with my own
Oh, with my own two hands

“With My Own Two Hands” Ben Harper 2002

Stewardship

Is how we trust God, and how our choices reflect God’s divine trust in us.

St Matthew’s
Is an inclusive
congregation that puts
its faith into action

Based on the gift each one has
received, use it to serve others, as
good managers of the varied grace
of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

St. Matthew’s
continues its legacy of
being good stewards to
one another, the
community, and the
world

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 1, 2022

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN – Pledges continue to be received. If yours is still in your in-basket it is not too late, we are happy to take it. We are grateful for all gifts.

FINANCIAL RESULTS Through April 2022 -- Results are on target with budget expectations. Remember that St. Matthew's, like most congregations, receives the lion's share of income in the last month of the year. Giving remains strong, and the lease income for the preschool building is a considerable help. Expenses continue to return to pre-Covid levels; remember that last year we had not yet resumed face-to-face anything. Overall, our net loss through April is about what we expected, and significantly better than this time last year.

YEAR TO DATE THROUGH April 30, with comparison to prior year

	<u>Jan - Apr 2022</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 2021</u>
Income		
Pledges & Gifts	56,579	68,629
Space donations, events	15,350	6,625
Lease income-Preschool Building	9,473	0
Other income	0	66
Capital Campaigns & Fund Drives	<u>-1,462</u>	<u>-17,422</u>
Total Income	79,940	57,897
Expense	<u>101,001</u>	<u>92,460</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>-21,061</u>	<u>-34,563</u>

CASH AVAILABLE

<u>Cash available April 30,</u>	<u>\$ 100,358</u>	<u>\$ 86,280</u>
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~Cash available includes all St. Matthew's accounts, checking, savings, and reserve accounts

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

June Birthdays And Wedding Anniversaries



2	David White	16	Nancy Reid
3	Kevin Matsumura	20	Olga Baker
3	Tim Gudz	21	Naomi Mueller
8	Pat Griffin	24	Jim Tanouye
8	Diane Cline	24	Tony Hernandez
9	Margaret Gow	25	Joyce Schlitt
10	Peggy Duck	26	Bonnie Hauck
11	Kenneth Kim	28	Mike Burchardt
14	Steve Highland	29	Louise Green
14	Shiryl Boerlin	29	Mickey Jessup
16	David Sanders	30	Sheila Crain

Wedding Anniversaries

June 9	Kevin and Lesley O'Leary
June 24	Huber and Carlita Bongolan
June 27	Johnny Doyle and Yuet Yun



Congratulations 2022 Graduates

Bridgett Kelley, Physical Therapy from Ohio University. *Grand-neice of Ruth Barnes.*

Joshua Lliteras, Magna Cum Laude in Psychology from Cal State Fullerton. Accepted into the Masters Program at Cal State Fullerton in the Fall. *Grandson of David and Sheila Crain.*

Riley Kline, University of San Francisco, Master in Business Administration. *Grandson of Sharon Kline.*

Kinsey Kline, Chapman University, Master of Education. *Granddaughter of Sharon Kline.*

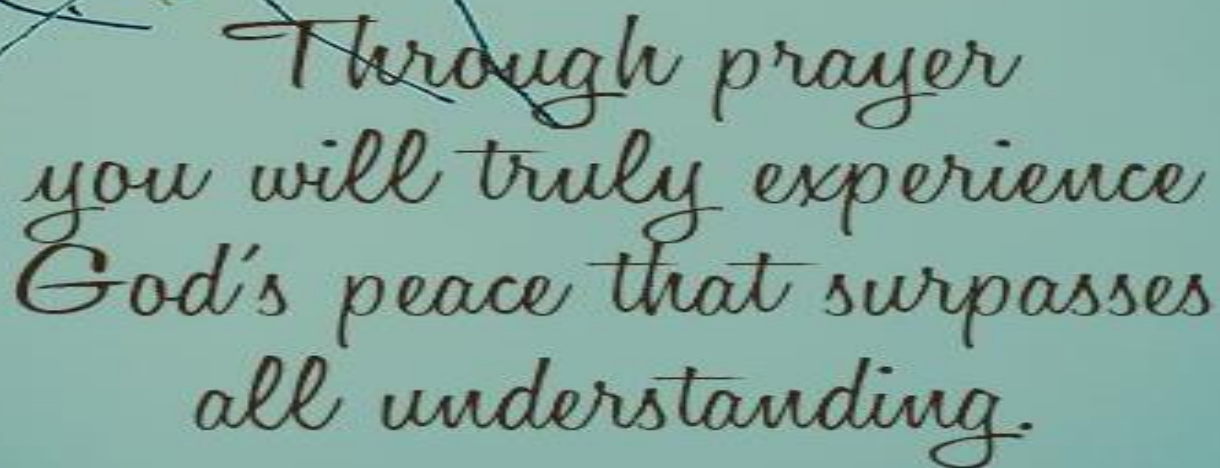
Elias Robles, Los Altos High School. Going to Boston Conservatory at the Berklee College of Music. *Son of Sam and Rosa Robles.*

Kaila Chiyoko Overdevest, Cum Laude from California Lutheran University. Continuing her graduate work at National University in teaching. *Granddaughter of Rick and Pat. Kunishima.*

Hannah Butler, B.A. in Health Science from Utah State University. Has an intership at Utah Valley University in Women's Health. *Granddaughter of Shirley Butler.*

Luke Miller from Felix Varela High School. Going onto Florida International University to study in Law. *Great-nephew of LaVerne Shaffer.*

Jeff Miller, Masters of Engineering in Aerospace and Astronautics from MIT and MBA from Cambridge University. Relocating to Washington State to continue his high tech career. *Nephew of LaVerne Shaffer.*



Through prayer
you will truly experience
God's peace that surpasses
all understanding.

(PHILIPPIANS 4:7)



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Staff:

Rev. Richard Bentley, Pastor
Elaine Ono, Director of Music
Greg Gomez, Custodian

Louise Green, Office Administrator
Elias Robles, Video Producer

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