



The ParishScope



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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St. Matthew's UMC Welcomes New Pastor



On Sunday, July 3rd, St. Matthew's welcomed our new Pastor, the Rev. Dr. David Choi and his wife, Mrs. Mary Choi. Aren't they a handsome couple full of smiles?

July 3rd was Pastor David's first Sunday preaching. The red, white and blue flowers in the picture above near the altar were in honor of their arrival to St. Matthew's. After the worship service, during Fellowship Time, we celebrated them with special red, white and blue frosted cupcakes and drinks. We also had a chance to personally meet them both.

They are now all settled in the parsonage and Pastor David is all settled in his church office. His official ministry began at St. Matthew's on July 1st. He has even begun to individually meet our members and getting to know them, in person or over the phone.

Both he and Mary plan to continue their music ministry at St. Matthew's UMC. Watch for further announcements, emails and news articles about their music ministry.

His future plans also include leading Bible Studies.



Pictured here is Mrs. Shirley Aney – the honorable Grand Marshall of Hacienda Heights July 4th Parade 2022, and her handsome escort, Huber Bongolan. What a snazzy ride and a wonderful parade!



August Birthdays

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

August Wedding Anniversaries

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

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

Dear Church Family,

I am gladly now helping Pastor David with our prayer list in caring for our congregation. For prayer requests, please contact the church office.

You can call the office at 636-333-6656. I am in the office from 9:30am to 3:30pm (and sometimes a bit later) Mondays thru Thursdays, and 9:30am to Noon on Fridays. If no answer, *be sure to leave a message* as I will retrieve your prayer request asap.

Or you can email your prayer request to the church office at office@smumchh@gmail.com. I do check emails all through the work day. I will also be letting Pastor David know that you do have a prayer request.

If you already have a prayer request listed, you can expect a phone call from me mid-week as I will be checking in with you as to any updates for your prayer request.

Please know that you can contact Pastor David for any pastoral care you need. If there is a death in your family, contact Pastor David directly. If you or someone was in an accident and needing prayers, a hospital visit, diagnosed with a serious illness, you are frighten as you are needing testing, need surgery, have a prayer request or situation that you would like to remain confidential, or you wish to speak directly to Pastor David, he can be reached anytime by calling his cell phone at 760-995-0012.



Your Office Administrator, Louise



Music Ministry At St. Matthew's UMC

Dear St. Matthew's UMC Family,

Music has the power to bring people together, regardless of race, language, or culture. I emphasize the music ministry because I know its power and effectiveness. Music is an important part of my ministry.

I have been doing a music ministry for more than 25 years. I have taught many people how to play the guitar, keyboard, and drums. Of course, I also have provided vocal lessons. I've provided free music classes in all the churches I've served in the past, and those churches have received many new members and more than doubled. Bishop Grant Hagiya, Cabinet Members, and many UMC leaders know my music ministry and acknowledge its effectiveness.

Mary and I are about to start our music ministry at St. Matthew's UMC. We call it Free Music Lessons. When we have students, we make four student bands (Band A, B, C, & D). There are about 5-7 people in each band, including singers. Each band will take turns attending our church Sunday service and perform one song during the service. (Band A: 1st Sunday, Band B: 2nd Sunday, Band C: 3rd Sunday, Band D: 4th Sunday).

When students perform, their parents, grandparents, family members, relatives, and friends will come to our church. They will attend our Sunday worship. After the service, our church members will greet, meet, and have conversations with them. When they come to our church often and become familiar with the church members, some of their families will attend our worship every Sunday

regardless of their children's performance schedule. And they will register as members of our church. I've seen this a lot.

When the Free Music Lessons begin at our church, the Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries will soon start. You will see many young people at our church on Sundays and during the weekdays. Students' Parents will also serve the church as volunteer teachers for the Sunday schools.

We will first advertise our Free Music Lessons. We'll put a big banner from top to bottom on our church sanctuary building. People will look at our banner, call our church office, and pick up applications. We will also advertise our Free Music Lessons 24/7 through our church LED Sign Board. Our SPRC, Board of Trustees, and Finance agreed that we will put a big banner on the church sanctuary building.

Below is a large Free Music Lessons banner (W: 26ft, H: 13 ft) attached to the Hesperia United Methodist Church. The church has taken over my ministry and continues to provide music lessons to the community. When students apply, Mary and I will interview each student. We will choose about 30 students as we discern and pray to God.

As we begin our Free Music Lessons, I ask you to support our Free Music Lessons financially. I had a meeting with the finance committee members last week, and they actively agreed that I would send you this letter. I will send this letter to members who don't have their email addresses.

In order to run our Free Music Lessons, we will need to purchase some instruments, equipment, and accessories only once for the performance during Sunday's service. We will never provide musical instruments to students. All participants must have their own instruments because they need to practice at their homes during the weekdays. Students' instruments are in different conditions. Some instruments have good conditions, but others do not. Our church needs to provide instruments in very good condition for their performances at the church. They will use our instruments when they perform. It is also good for us to control their sounds when we have our own instruments and band system.

I submitted a purchase list to the Finance committee last week. Our budget for this purchase is **\$5,000 dollars**. I will submit all receipts of the purchase to the church to make everything clear. There will be no more extra expenditures after we purchase these instruments. Mary and I plan to begin our Free Music Lessons by the end of August. Hopefully, we could receive enough donations from our church members before we start our lessons.

I'd like to sincerely ask you to support this purchase. I'd like to ask you to give generous special donations to the church for Free Music Lessons. **You can designate your donations to Free Music Lessons.** Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and cooperation.

*Sincerely,
Pastor David Choi*



help wanted

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 be 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.

In addition to the in-person worship service, 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>

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Board Of Trustees Report For July 2022



Dear Congregation:

Your Board of Trustees does a lot of work behind the scenes.

The congregation has noticed the much nicer appearance of the campus mostly by Boy Scouts led by Huber Bongolan. Mr. Bongolan used his charisma in dealing with a neighbor whose dog was scaring the students on our campus. Have you noticed the new plants along the West wall, with the newly painted wall?

With the help of Patty Graves and her extensive knowledge, the extra monies needed for refreshing the Parsonage has mostly been found.

Recently, Marilyn McMullin was instrumental in getting the Parsonage back to par, with Dick Cline and Jerry Casterline helping, so that Pastor David and Mary Choi were finally able to move in.

With help from Mike Gallagher, the a/c unit is finally working to get them through the hot summer. Rafael worked on the Pastor's office a/c, and it is also working once again.

Olga Baker ensures that the kitchen is clean and ready for events that come up. Please help in the effort to keep the refrigerators clean. Olga also is in charge of the sanctuary, with her crew, keeping liturgical vestments up to date, pencils and envelopes in the pews, among other duties.

An item has come up that wasn't needed for the past 3 years. Louise and Pastor David need a new phone system in the office, so that if someone needs to leave a message, it goes to the correct person. If you can help, let Louise, or Jerry Casterline know.

Bob Hernandez has the responsibility of taking care of the alarm system. He cautions us that, with recent homeless activity on our campus, do not try to deal with it on your own, but please call the police.

Prayerfully submitted,

LaVerne Shaffer, Secretary † † † † † † †

Due Date Each Month for St. Matthew's Newsletter



Dear Church Family and Friends –

Our newsletter – *The ParishScope* – is just another way to communicate with our members and friends about what is happening at St. Matthew's.

The newsletter does need to be emailed and/or mailed and arrive at your homes by the first day of each month. We would hate for you to miss an activity, or even someone's birthday, that happens the first week of the month.

I welcome your submissions to our newsletter of any committee reports, articles, thank you notes, interesting vacations or happenings going on in your life, pictures, or even special prayers, thought provoking sayings, or funny jokes, etc., etc.

Please have your submissions to me in the church office by the 20th day of each month. If the 20th falls on a weekend, please have your article(s) to me by the following Monday.

And, if at all possible, please keep your articles as concise as possible – “short, sweet, and to the point”.

I do appreciate your cooperation and as always, any problems or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Your Office Administrator, Louise

On Hiatus/Summer Vacation

There is NO "Top-of the Hill" gathering until September.

The Adult Sunday School will be on hiatus during the month of August.

Because it is the Summer months, be sure to check with your committee chairpersons, small group leaders if you are meeting or not getting together during August.



Volunteer Drivers Needed



The San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is looking for volunteer drivers to pick up donated food items and deliver to their warehouse in La Puente. You can volunteer to help one day a week from Noon to about 1:00pm. Contact Richard Hopkins at 562-696-0967 or email him for further details at rph542@gmail.com.

Cal-Pac Annual Conference Bishop's Award



Each year during Annual Conference, Bishop Grant J. Hagiya celebrates distinguished clergy and laypersons who have devoted their life of extraordinary service to the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

One of this year's recipients was Patricia (Patti) Coots, wife of one of our former Pastors, Fred Coots.

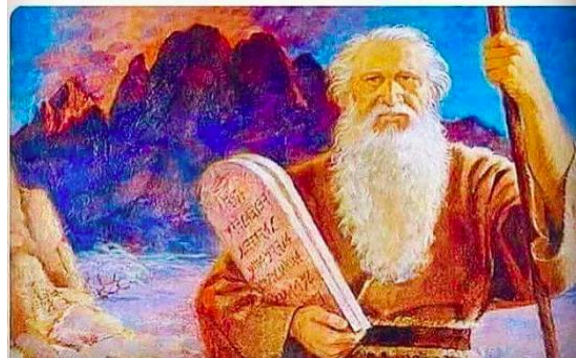
We certainly congratulate Patti and celebrate with her on receiving this distinguished Bishop's Award.

submitted by Kathy Farley

Laughs for the Day



So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



**To the United States
and
our World today . . .**



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