



Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH



Week of August 11, 2024

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ruth Barnes continues to get better from her nasty cold.

Continued prayers for our Members, Family, and Friends:

Margaret Gow and Family, Donna Lilly, Cliff Duck, Pat Griffin, Jean Logan, Ruth Feick, Shiryl Boerlin, Doris Sachs, Dorothy Tarvin, Pastor Don Roe, Chris Kozak (son of Rich and Denise Kozak), Diane Crawford (daughter of Shirley Butler), Jeff Graves (son of Joe and Patty Graves).

Prayers out into our World:

Prayers of protection and safety to everyone in our U.S. Armed Services who are currently stationed Overseas.

Prayers for all who are dealing with the very severe weather conditions in the U.S. - the high heat, horrific wild fires, hurricanes, tornados and flooding. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones, their homes, their livelihoods, precious animals and precious belongings/memories. Continued prayers as they begin to put their lives back together following these storms and fires.

Prayers of thanks to each and every person who is helping all those affected by all the recent severe weather conditions.

Prayers of safety to those tireless Firefighters fighting all the wildfires.

Many prayers of peace, love, guidance, tolerance, and protection to and for ALL people in the United States as we continue the campaigning for the election of our next President, Vice President, and Leaders of our country.

Prayers of resolutions and peace to end all the current Worldwide conflicts.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose names are printed in red, have a special celebration this coming week.

August Birthdays

August 1

Bob Holte

August 6

Carlita Bongolan (a belated birthday to you)

August 11

Marilee Hartling

August 15

Jean Shelby

August 23

Elias Robles

August 24

Steven Hill

August Wedding Anniversaries

August 9
August 17
August 24
August 25

Mike & Chris Gallagher
Jerry & Eileen Casterline
Rick & Pat Kunishima
Richard & Diane Cline

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As many of you know, the **East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless** was formed over 40 years ago by our very own members Al and Marilyn Matthews and Ron Sachs. St. Matthew's UMC has always supported this ministry. **These past 4 years the ESGVH has been struggling and your financial support is greatly needed. We ask for your support during the entire month of August.**

Those who do give, **please make your check out to St. Matthew's UMC, with a notation on your check that your donation is for the "ESGVH".** We will most certainly make sure your donation is given directly to the **East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless.**

Thank you so much for your loving gift of support.



Pastor David is still offering Free Music Lessons to our community. Learn how to play the keyboard, guitar or drums. Call the church office at 626-333-6656 or email the office at smumchh@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you

Thanks from St. Matthew's UMC to the Boy Scouts who are ushering for our Worship Services every Sunday during the month of August!



A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Oh, the headaches of snail mail! St. Matthew's has had a difficult time over the last year with mailbox break-ins, and our incoming and outgoing mail arriving slowly, not at all, or arriving in the hands of people where it shouldn't.

Fraud is on the rise everywhere. One of the ways to reduce our risk is to encourage you to make your gifts and offerings to St. Matthew's through online giving. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly from your bank account (or debit or credit card) to our bank account. It is a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation.

To give online, visit our website at <https://www.stmattsumc.com> and click on DONATIONS. This will take you to our giving page at churchcenter.com (stmatthews@churchcenter.com).

Just fill out the form. There is a dropdown for you to tell us which category of giving (pledge, UMCOR, etc.). You will be asked to enter your email address or phone number to get a security code. Your log-in will give you the ability to pay directly from your bank account, or by credit card. You can set up a recurring donation(s) and to view your prior online donations. You can set it and forget it.

Direct Pay: By entering your bank's routing and account number, you can make a one-time or recurring donation. This is a very cost-effective way to give to St. Matthew's as the fee to us is only \$.35

Credit & Debit Cards: Many people choose to use debit cards as an alternative to paper checks or exercise responsible use of credit cards as a way to conveniently manage expenses. Many cards today offer valuable points, such as air miles, which can be an added incentive. You can also set up one-time or recurring donations. You will not incur any fees in making this choice.

We encourage you to try online giving for your future donations.

It's safe and it is easy. And if it isn't easy, call Patty (562 713 8717) and let her help!

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