



## Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH



Week of August 4, 2024

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Keep Ruth Barnes in your prayers.** Ruth is suffering from an awful 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 for all who are dealing with these horrific wild fires. Prayers for those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, and their loved ones and/or precious animals. Prayers of safety and strength for the Firefighters and all those helping to extinguish these fires.

Prayers for those still dealing with the severe weather conditions in the U.S. - the high heat, tornados and flooding. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones due to the severe weather. Continued prayers for all those who are now putting their lives back together following these storms.

Many prayers of peace, love, protection, guidance, and tolerance, to and for ALL people in the United States as we continue the campaigning for the election of our next 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 11**

**Marilee Hartling**

August 15

Jean Shelby

August 23

Elias Robles

August 24

Steven Hill

August Wedding Anniversaries

**August 9**

**Mike & Chris Gallagher**

August 17

Jerry & Eileen Casterline

August 24

Rick & Pat Kunishima

August 25

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](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com) for more information.



*Dear Church Family,*

*I have found myself awfully rude with my manners and I do apologize. June 29<sup>th</sup> was my 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I failed to take a few minutes over this last month of July to say thank very much to those at St. Matthew's who honored my day and sent me birthday cards. Some of you even called to say, or even sing to me, "Happy Birthday". From the bottom of my heart - thank you so very much.*

*Lovingly, Louise Green*



## ***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](http://churchcenter.com) ([stmatthews@churchcenter.com](mailto: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!

...



***St. Matthew's United Methodist Church,  
15653 Newton Street  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745  
626-333-6656 smumchh@gmail.com***