



## Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH



*Week of September 15, 2024*



**Prayers and condolences to the family of Cliff Duck. Cliff passed away August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Cliff and Peggy (passed away in May this year) were long time members of St. Matthew's UMC. Condolences cards in memory of Cliff may be sent to Cliff's daughter, Laura Cohelan, at 265 Kipling Ave., Ben Lomond, CA 95005.

**Continued prayers for Orlen Willoughby.** He is now home. He still welcomes your prayers and would love to receive cards and notes. Please send cards and notes to: 15422 Del Prado Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

### **Continued prayers for our Members, Family, and Friends:**

Margaret Gow and Family, Donna Lilly, Cliff Duck, Pat Griffin, Jean Logan, Ruth Feick, Sheryl 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 those living California, Oregon and Nevada due to the wildfires. Prayers of those who have lost their homes and belongings. Prayers of safety and peace to those who have been evacuated. Prayers of thanks to those who are fighting all of these horrible fires.

Prayers for all those living in the Palos Verdes Community who continue to deal with all the landslides.

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

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

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

## BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

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

September Birthdays	3	Sharon Kline	22	<b>Sheila Henness</b>
	8	Rosa Robles	26	Judith Rader
	12	Glenn Hayes	28	Sam Robles
	13	Jean Logan	30	Anita Lopez
	18	<b>Denise Kozak</b>		

September Wedding Anniversaries      19<sup>th</sup> **Gail & Dorothy Persinger**

## Announcements

*Our church's current financial situation falls short of our budget. We deeply appreciate your continued offerings and financial support for the church.*



**Our Worship Committee is urgently asking for your help in serving St. Matthew's UMC as a Liturgist for our Worship Services. It is really easy to serve! Every Sunday's liturgy is all prepared for you.** We just need to see your smiling face and hear your beautiful voice assisting with Worship.

Those interested in serving and would like more information on how you can be part of our worship, please see Olga Baker after church or call her at 818-426-6783. You can also contact Louise in the church office at 626-333-6656 for further details.



**Pastor David continues to offer 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.



Thanks to all those who have financially supported the **East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Poor and Homeless**. Keep collecting up your found coins. As Dorothy commented at our Sunday Worship on August 18<sup>th</sup>, every lost coin is money from heaven a gift from

God. God's gift can help St. Matthew's UMC's Outreach to the community.

Fall is almost here and many of us are very anxious for its arrival to cool us off, I hope. Before you know it, we will be wanting and needing the warmth of our sweatshirts, hoodies, and jackets. Our unfortunate souls living on the streets always are thankful to receive a CLEAN, NEW pairs of socks and a jacket. If you are like me going through your closets and finding jackets, hats, whatever which can be a welcome site of someone needing one.

Thank you for your generous support in the ways you can. See you at Church.

- *Morgan Matthews*



**A PRINTED COPY OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
NEW AND UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY  
WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING THIS  
COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**You can pick up your copy in the  
Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Or . . . pick**

**up a copy in the office during the week.**

If you are unable to pick up a printed copy or have someone from the church drop it by your home, just let the Church Office know (via email or phone call) and we will mail you a copy.

Any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Church Office at 626-333-6656 or email to [smumchh@gmail.com](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com).

JOIN US FOR . . .

# ST. MATTHEW'S UMC

*Presents*

*A concert of sharing our testimonies  
through our favorite hymns*

ELAINE ONO

*Piano Concert*

*This is a Fundraiser Concert. Proceeds  
will help with the cost of shipping  
and repairs of our handbells.  
Thank you for your support!*

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at 3:00pm



## **ST. MATTHEW'S UMC'S GET TOGETHERS**

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

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446  
Password: 778913

**THE SHALOM GROUP** meets in the Church Office, beginning at 10:00am each Monday morning. Call Sharon Kline for more information.

**PHASE 10 GAME DAY** meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Call Eileen Casterline or Shirley Butler for more information.

**CARD MINISTRY** gets together to create beautiful greeting cards on the first Wednesday of each month. They meet at 11:00am in the Church Office. Contact Janet Shoop for more information.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** gets together by Zoom at 8:30am 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

**WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE PALMS SENIOR LIVING CENTER IN LA MIRADA.** As an extension of St. Matthew's UMC's ministry into our community, our Pastor conducts a worship service for the Seniors who live at the center. This service is held at *The Palms* on Wednesday of each week starting at 3:00pm.

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

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

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

*If you have any further questions or need a group leader's phone number, be sure to contact the Church Office at 626-333-6656 or email to [smumchh@gmail.com](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com).*



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