



Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH

Week of November 24 & December 1, 2024



Dear Church Family

Please note that this issue of “Keeping in Touch” includes all information, announcements, celebrations, etc., etc. for the coming week of November 24th, as well as the week beginning December 1st, since the office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, creating only a 3 day work week next week.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

- Louise

Office administrator



Prayers for:

Each and everyone living in our country who has been affected by all the destructive weather conditions – the flooding, tornados, hurricanes, and fires. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones in these storms. Prayers also to those who are helping in the recovery efforts.

Continued prayers for our Members, Family, and Friends:

Pastor Don Roe, Shiryl Boerlin, Samantha (granddaughter of Joy and Terry Feulner), Donna Lilly, Pat Griffin, Jean Logan, Ruth Feick, Doris Sachs, Dorothy Tarvin, 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 resolutions and peace to end ALL the current worldwide conflicts.



**BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

November Birthdays coming up:

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| Nov. 24 | David Crain |
| Nov. 24 | Bob Hernandez |
| Nov. 27 | Roger Williams |
| Nov. 28 | Linda Pastrana |

November Wedding Anniversaries coming up: **Nov. 25** **Bob & Vera Holte**

December Birthdays

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| Dec. 2 | Patricia Kunishima |
| Dec. 18 | Rick Kunishima |
| Dec. 20 | John Robinson |
| Dec. 25 | Dorothy Tarvin |
| Dec. 27 | Eileen Casterline |

December Wedding Anniversaries

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| Dec. 8 | Jack & Caroline Weatherford |
| Dec. 20 | Don and Linda Pastrana |
| Dec. 28 | Rich & Denise Kozak |
| Dec. 29 | Terry & Joy Feulner |



Announcements



A friendly reminder - **The “Breakfast Club”** - donations of cereal to help feed the hungry, **happens on the last Sunday of each month.** So . . . on **Sunday, November 24th**, please bring a box (or boxes) of **your favorite cereal to Worship.** A collection box will be available in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your support.



An important note from our Music Director, Elaine:

There are no rehearsals on Thursday, November 28th and December 5th for Carillon Ringers, Chancel Choir, and Children's Chorus. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, December 12th at their usual times.



Naomi Circle invites you to join us for our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 4 at 12:30pm in the Naomi Sunday School Classroom of the Fellowship Hall. We plan an afternoon of fellowship, fun, games, and refreshments. *Please plan to join us!* Contact Dorothy Persinger if you have any further questions.



Many of us United Methodists are aware of *UMCOR – The United Methodist Committee on Relief*. We continue to accept your monetary donations to UMCOR.

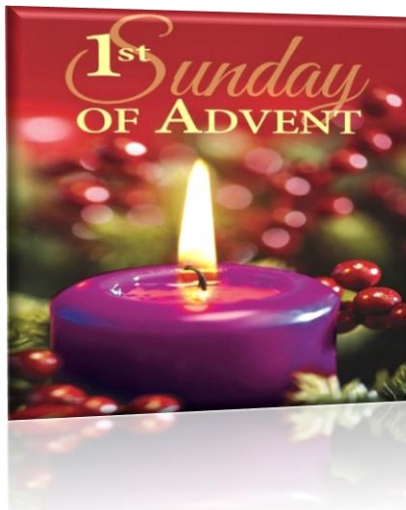
Here is how you can help with the current recovery efforts from the flooding, fires, hurricanes and tornados in our country.

Please make your check out to *St. Matthew's UMC only (not UMCOR) with a notation on your check for fires and/or the flooding, hurricanes or tornados relief efforts*. We will surely make sure your donation is given to UMCOR.

You can put your check in the offering basket on Sunday morning, mail your donation to the church, or drop it by the office. Thank you for your loving support.



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 for more information.



The first Sunday in Advent is December 1st. Please join us for Worship at 10:00 a.m. as we light the first Advent Candle of this glorious Christmas Season.

- AN INVITATION . . .

St. Matthew's UMC invite ~

THANKSGIVING

Concert & Dinner

Sunday, November 24, 2024

- * Concert at 3:00pm
- * Dinner follows the concert

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
15653 Newton Street,
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
TEL: (626) 333-6656



And . . . please join our Church Family for a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24th beginning at 4:30pm. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. *Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

This will be a wonderful meal filled with great food and fellowship and is certain to get us ready for the upcoming Holiday season.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR OUR SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMASTIME

Our Worship Team has ordered 25 Poinsettia Plants, and it is now that time of year for you to begin ordering a Poinsettia Plant(s) to be placed in our Sanctuary for this coming Christmas Season.

As in past years, you may purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends. Plants this year are \$12 each.

Please see the order form below. Please fill out this form (include your payment) and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or email your order to the church office at smumchh@gmail.com, or mail to the church, or bring it by the church office. The office is open Monday – Thursday from 9:30am to 3:30pm. After office hours you may also drop your order in the mail slot in the office door (please note that the maildrop is a very secured way to leave items for the office).

POINSETTIA PLANT FORM



POINSETTIA PLANTS ARE \$12 EACH. Please make your check payable to *St. Matthew's UMC* with the notation of "Poinsettia Plant".

** Please print all information needed.*

YOUR NAME: _____

NO. OF PLANTS _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

**(OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid Date _____ Check#/Cash _____)*



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TO THE WORLD

a Celebration of Carols
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024 at 5:00pm

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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
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