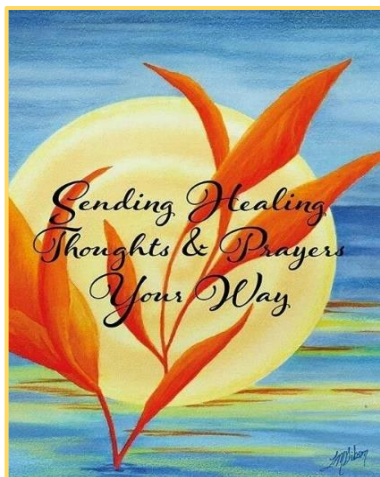




Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH

Week of May 11, 2025



Prayers for our Church Family:

Prayers for Eileen Casterline as she is recovering from reconstructive surgery on her foot and has been in a lot of excruciating pain.

Frank Bouma (son of Ruth Barnes) is receiving physical therapy after surgery on his hip and neck and has had a rod inserted in his leg. He is slowly recovering but is now looking for a rehab hospital with extensive physical therapy. He will remain in a rehabilitation center for quite sometime as he needs to learn to be physically mobile once again.

Prayers out into our World:

Continued prayers for the U. S. A. as its people are going thru many, many, many conflicts at this time. God grant us peace, an end to all conflicts, and love and support for each one of our neighbors and family.

Prayers for peace and resolutions for all the World's conflicts!

Continued prayers for our Members, Family, and Friends:

Terry Feulner, Donna Lilly, Ruth Feick, Jean Logan, 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), Ted and Betty Williams, Lisa (daughter of Orlen Willoughby).



8:00 a.m. Informal Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



Liturgists for our 10:00am Worship Services are urgently needed. If you would like to be a Liturgist, please give Olga Baker a call or see her after church service.



Coffee Fellowship Hosts and Hostesses

May 11 (Mother's Day)	Bob and Diane Hernandez
May 18	Alice Cheng and Family
May 25	Shirley Butler and Dorothy Persinger
June 1	?
June 8	? * Sam & Rosa serving hot dogs only. Need someone to serve coffee!
June 15 (Father's Day)	?
June 22	Pastor David and Mary
June 29	?

If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship Time after Worship on any Sunday, please contact or see Carol Rogers.



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

<i>May Birthdays</i>	May 1	Linda Hall
	May 2	Eleanor Brown
	May 3	Donna Matsumura
		Howard King
	May 11	Shelley Aney Sanders
	May 19	Janet Shoop
	May 25	Marilyn Lutjens
	May 26	Rev. Phil Hartling
	May 30	Judy Vroman
<i>May Anniversary</i>	May 3	Larry & Judy Vroman



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th. Donna Hauck Peterson and Lauren Hauck O'Connor are the Guest Speakers for the Mother's Day Service.



Children's Choir Concert

Sunday, May 18th
3:00pm in our Sanctuary



May 25 – Memorial Sunday. The Church Office **will be closed on Monday, May 26th** for the Memorial Day Holiday.



CONTINUING OUTREACH PROJECT - HYGIENE KITS!

Dear Congregation – Our Outreach Committee is asking for donations of hygiene items to be provided at the Annual Reach Out Program in Whittier Narrows Park where portable “shower wagons” are brought in and items for personal hygiene kits are distributed to homeless population. Can you help?

Suggested items needed for the kits (note: *Dollar Tree Stores* and those “travel size items” at *Walmart* and *Target* and some Drug Stores are a great place to purchase any of these items) are:

small bottles of shampoo, bath soap (bars or liquid), tooth paste, toothbrush, teeth floss or floss pics, comb, deodorant, band aids, q-tips, small bottle of body powder, body lotion, or sunscreen, washcloths and/or towels are welcome too.

*Please – NO razors or disposable razors, or any type of scissors.

Please bring items to Church on Sundays, or . . . drop items by the office during the week. This will be an ongoing project for a few months. Let's spread our Lord's love and care! Any questions, please see Morgan Matthews after Worship or call the Church Office.

-Morgan Matthews, Outreach Coordinator, St. Matthew's UMC



WHAT HAPPENED AT SMUMC's CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 30TH

Trustees are working with a realty company to find renters for Dodrill Hall, and Sanctuary (when it is not otherwise being used). A leak in the sanctuary roof has been cleared and resolved thanks to Lawrence Howe and Robert Hernandez who braved a ladder up to the roof (think about it.... yeah). And Huber Bongolan is overseeing the replacement of the irrigation Backflow Valve that was recently stolen from the property.

Blessings Preschool is expanding its program into two of the classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. This will bring additional lease income to the church each month. We are so happy to have such a good working relationship with the Preschool. These rooms have their own doors into the preschool area and will be locked off from the Fellowship Hall side.

Worship is planning for Mothers and Fathers Days, and thanks their team who re-decorate the church interior for each season and events. Easter services were moving, beautiful and well attended - 104 people in attendance.

Membership at services continues to be around 50 each Sunday – plus many Facebook views.

Sunday School activity curriculum is being ordered for the children.

Finance reports that Easter Gifts were over \$3,000. We do continue to feel the loss of the Blessed Chinese Congregation and the Chinese Language School and operate at a loss through March.

Senior Ministry at the Palms (Wednesdays at 3pm – feel free to join). Attendance averages about 15 people with some new faces recently. The Council recently applied for and received a \$500 Grant for Senior Ministry from the California United Methodist Foundation. An event is being planned to bring the two congregations together either at St. Matthew's or at the Palms.

Upcoming . . .

- May 17th the Cub Scouts are having a rummage sale in our parking lot
- June 8th after worship the Robles Family is hosting a hot dog lunch
- Summer Fun events are being planned for Saturdays at the end of June, July and August – stay tuned.
- Pastor and Mary Choi will be on vacation from July 14 through 28th.
- Please let the office know if you have a student graduating this term
- Annual Conference is being held June 16 – 21

Questions? You can reach out to Patty Graves (pattygraves@hotmail.com) or Louise Green (smumchh@gmail.com) for answers.

SUMMER CAMP !!!

Scholarships are available. Please contact the Office, Pastor David, or Patty Graves.



Cal-Pac Presents

SUMMER CAMP 2025

CAMP WRIGHTWOOD
1401 Linnet rd
Wrightwood CA 92397

ELEMENTARY CAMP
July 6th - 10th \$390
JR/SR HIGH CAMP
July 13th - 19th \$510

Come join us for a wonderful week exploring Gods creation! Through small group lessons, worship, large group games, night activities, and special interest group we learn how to grow in Christian community while having traditional camp fun!

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909.329.5267 www.campwrightwood.org @campwrightwood



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.



Matthew Willoughby, grandson of Orlen Willoughby, received his Masters of Science in Aerospace Engineering with a Distinction Grade Point Average 4.0 from *Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University* on May 5, 2025.



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.

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

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.

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!

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 Palms* address is 13001 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada, 90638.

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.

*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.*



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