



Keeping  
in Touch

## Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH

Weekly Newsletter, Week of July 6, 2025



*Let's Worship Together!*

**8:00 a.m. Informal Service**

**10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**



Praying  
\*for\*  
You

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **Prayers:**

**Donna Lily:** She is 102 years old this year and lives in a care home in Whittier. She has very little energy left and has lost a lot of weight. It seems she can't even open her eyes. She would appreciate your prayers.

**Frank Bouma:** He came home from a lab in Duarte last Thursday (June 26). His two sons, Casey and Nicolas, are taking care of him and his mother, Ruth, at home. Frank still has neck pain. He's very grateful that our church members have been praying for him.

**Sharon (Ruth Barns' Daughter):** She lives in Idaho and is undergoing chemotherapy. She is receiving treatment at a hospital in Washington State, close to her home. Please pray for her.

**Sam Robles:** His knee surgery went very well. He experiences knee pain. His doctor said this is normal and part of the healing process. Please continue to pray for him.

**Carlita Bongolan:** Her heart surgery was very successful, and she is recovering at home. She can walk slowly; last Wednesday (July 2nd), she watered flowers in her yard. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

Patty Graves and Her family (Patty's mother recently passed away), Carlita Bongolan, Terry Feulner, Ted and Betty Williams, Donna Lilly, Ruth Feick, Jean Logan, Doris Sachs, Dorothy Tarvin, Frank Bouma (son of Ruth Barnes), Lisa (daughter of Orlen Willoughby), Chris Kozak (son of Rich and Denise Kozak), Diane Crawford (daughter of Shirley Butler), Jeff Graves (son of Joe and Patty Graves), Sharon Dutton (daughter of Ruth Barnes).

***Prayers out into our World:***

Prayers to end not only the constant violence against each other happening in our communities throughout the United States, but the continued violence happening in our world.

Prayers that those who wish to protest - *always remain to do so PEACEFULLY!*

***Prayers out into our World, continued:***

Prayers of *PEACE AND RECONCILIATION* for Iran, Israel, the USA, and all the people of our World who are or become involved in the current dispute.

Continued prayers for all those affected by the all the tornados and flooding across central, south eastern, and eastern USA. Condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives in these storms. Prayers for all as they begin putting to put their lives back in order.



**SERVING OUR CHURCH  
ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Volunteering at church is an opportunity for us to share Christ's teachings. Our worship services, and events too, provide ways for you to share God's love. Volunteering and serving our church can also help us discover and develop our own spiritual gifts. Would you like to join in volunteering at St. Matthew's UMC?

We certainly welcome "new faces" at anytime in supporting St. Matthew's in serving as a Liturgist (helping lead the Congregation in worship), as an Usher, as a Greeter, or those wishing to serve for our Coffeetime Fellowship following our worship services.

Please call or email the Church Office if you would like further information or are interested in serving. The Church Office phone number is 626-333-6656. Our email is [smumchh@gmail.com](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com).



### **Liturgists**

July	<b>Dorothy Persinger &amp; LaVerne Shaffer</b>
August	Donna Peterson
September	Jerry Casterline
October	Linda Hall

*If you would like to serve as a Liturgist, please see Olga Baker after worship or give her a call.*



### **Coffee Fellowship**

July 6	<b>Joy &amp; Terry Feulner</b>
July 13	?
July 20	?
July 27	Alice & Charlie Cheng

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



### **SPECIAL SUNDAYS COMING UP . . .**

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> & July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Our Guest speakers will be Mike Gallagher(20<sup>th</sup>) and Rodney Kurimoto (27<sup>th</sup>).



### **BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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

<b>July 9</b>	<b>Bill McMullin</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Kathy Farley</b>

July 12 Don King  
 July 17 Ron Sachs  
 July 18 Dorothy Persinger  
 July 19 Julie Williams  
 July 20 Rich Kozak  
 July 21 Chris Kozak  
 Joy Feulner  
 July 23 Ariana Robles

*July Wedding Anniversaries*

July 10 Shelly (Aney) & Dave Sanders  
 July 12 Howard & Sandy King  
 July 24 Sam & Rosa Robles  
 July 26 Ron & Doris Sachs  
 July 31 Phil and Marilee Hartling



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Have a Graduate in your family this 2025 year?** Please email or call the Church Office. We would like to acknowledge your Graduate in the July issues of our weekly newsletter.

We will need the Graduate's name and your relation to the Graduate. Tell us what High School they graduated from and are they continuing their further education onto which college/trade school. If student is a college graduate, what college did they graduate from and what degree and major.



**Our Office Administrator, Louise, will be out of the office on vacation from Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and returning to the office on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor David and Mary will be handling the office during Louise's absence.



## Arts and Crafts Fun

Our first Summer Celebration family event Saturday was a BIG success! Fellowship Hall was buzzing with fun and fellowship as budding artists painted colorful American flags on mini canvases, drew sidewalk art with chalk & created beautiful friendship bracelets. Families enjoyed hot dogs, lemonade and ice cream, too! What a fun filled day!

And with Huber Bongolan's help we had our energetic and talented Boy Scouts there to help set up, clean up and assist with the water ballon toss. Our scouts are amazing young men.

Kristina Hewko and I had a GREAT team of helpers that I'd like to acknowledge. We couldn't have done this event without these WONDERFUL & hardworking folks:

Joy & Terry Feulner  
Chris & Mike Gallagher  
Larry & Jean Howe  
Eleanor Brown  
La Verne Shaffer  
Larry Vroman  
Steve Hill

Patty Graves & Kristina have planned two more Summer Family Fun events. July will be a Talent Show, and in August we'll have a family picnic. See you then!

Judy Vroman

# Summer Celebration (6-28-2025)







**Those at St. Matthew's UMC who are taking a "Summer Hiatus" -**

- Naomi Circle* is on hiatus until September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Bells and Children's Choir* are in break until end of August.
- Rehearsals for all groups* will resume on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Adult Sunday School* will not be meeting during the month of August.

## Ongoing Outreach Project - "Hygiene Kits!"



St. Matthew's Outreach Committee is continuing to collect items for the "Hygiene Kits". These items are donated to 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.

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. Questions, please see Morgan Matthews after Worship or call the Church Office.

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



### THE BOY AND CUB SCOUT TROOPS OF AMERICA . . .

meet on the campus of St. Matthew's UMC. These Troops are sponsored by the Kawanis Club. They meet on

**Troop 707** Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meets only once a month usually on the first Sunday of the month.

**Troop 710** This Troop meets *every Monday evening* at 7:00pm (except holidays) in the Fellowship Hall.

**Troop 710** This is a Cub Pack. They meet once a month on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Scouts Eagle Board** Meets from 7-9pm most every Friday evening in Dodrill Hall.

Please contact **Huber Bongolan** (Scout Liason) *only* if interested in joining one of the Troops or you need any information at all about The Boy Scouts.



## July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7pm – Trustees Mtg. (DH)	<b>2</b> 8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 11:00am – Card Ministry (Office) 3pm - Worship at The Palms	<b>3</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast @ IHOP 11:30am – Women's Breakfast @ Casa Blanca 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	<b>4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July  Office closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:00am – Early Worship 8:30 - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- St. Matthew's Worship	<b>7</b> 10:00am- Shalom (Office)	<b>8</b> 7:30pm – Staff Parish (Office)	<b>9</b> 8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm- Worship at The Palms 7pm-Finance Committee	<b>10</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast @ IHOP 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	<b>11</b> 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:00am – Early Worship 8:30 - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- St. Matthew's Worship	<b>14</b> 10:00am- Shalom (Office)	<b>15</b> 10:30am- Phase 10 Game Day (FH)	<b>16</b> 8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm - Worship at The Palms 7pm – Finance	<b>17</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 12:30pm – Book Club (Office)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am – 4pm Guild of St. George Rehearsal (FH)
<b>20</b> 8:00am – Early Worship 8:30 - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- SMUMC Worship	<b>21</b> 10:00am- Shalom (Office)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm - Worship at The Palms	<b>24</b> 8:00am- Men's Breakfast	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> SMUMC "Summer Celebration Day"
<b>27</b> 8:00am – Early Worship 8:30 - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am-SMUMC Worship	<b>28</b> 10:00am- Shalom (Office)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm - Worship at The Palms 7pm – Church Council Mtg.	<b>31</b> 8:00am- Men's Breakfast		
Abbreviations: Sanc = Sanctuary                      FH = Fellowship Hall                      DH = Dodrill Hall						

**- Every Sunday at 11:30am - Hacienda Korean Methodist Church holds Worship in the Sanctuary. Following Worship they use the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Time which ends about 2:00pm.**

**- Boy and Cubs Scout Gatherings:**

**Troop 707** Once a month on the first Sunday of the month in afternoon at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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**- Other Various Committees – to be determined.**



## **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](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com).*



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