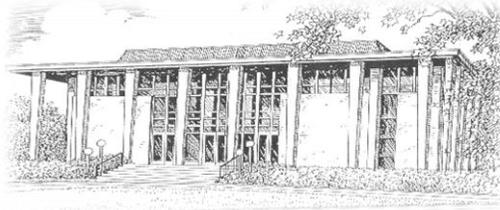




Keeping
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Weekly Newsletter – Week of December 7, 2025



Let's Worship Together!

8:00 a.m. Informal Service

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Planting Seeds
for the Future
at St. Matthew's UMC

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church's Finance Campaign happens year 'round. We welcome your financial support throughout the year. You may give weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. We sincerely appreciate and thank each of you for your giving in support of St. Matthew's UMC.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Our dear Joyce Schlitt passed away early in the morning on Sunday, November 23rd. Condolences and prayers of peace to Joyce's family.

Keep Pastor Mickey Jessup in your prayers. She fell and broke her hip. She is at Park Regency Care Center, 1770 W. La Habra Blvd., Room 102A, La Habra 90631. Feel free to send her cards and notes.

Compassion for those people in the USA who are living under the cloud of fear because of the color of their skin.

Our hearts go out to those in the USA who are without jobs and food.

Continued prayers of peace and reconciliation between our political parties in the United States.

Prayers of peace and reconciliation for Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine.

Continued prayers for all those in our World that currently are and/or have been affected by the current weather and natural disasters.

Prayers of peace and condolences to all those in our country who have lost loved ones and good friends due to the recent shootings and violence in these last few weeks in November.

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

Don and Linda Pastrana, Shelia Hennes, Terry Feulner, Ted and Betty Williams, Ruth Feick, Doris Sachs, Dorothy Tarvin, Hailey Lowell (granddaughter of Dick and Diane Cline), Stephanie Lowell, daughter of Diane and Dick Cline, Evan (little baby of Eleanor Brown's family), Frank Bouma (son of Ruth Barnes), Sharon Dutton (daughter of Ruth Barnes), Chris Kozak (son of Rich and Denise Kozak), Diane Crawford (daughter of Shirley Butler), Jeff Graves (son of Joe and Patty Graves).



BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

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

SERVING OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



December

Liturgists

Donna Peterson (Dec. 7)
Denise Kozak

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

Coffee Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses



December 7 – Carol Rogers

* *Other Sunday's in December - ??????*

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up in December. Watch for further details . . .



**Children's Choir Holiday Concert with Guests,
December 21st at 2:00pm** in our Sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:00pm.

Poinsettia Plants for the Sanctuary are now on sale. See the order form on the following page.



Naomi Circle invites you to join us at our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 9 at 2:00 PM. We plan an afternoon of fellowship, fun, games (including religious Christmas bingo), and refreshments. We will learn the backgrounds of Hanukkah, Kwansa, and the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange. We would be delighted to have you join us.



You can make someone smile this week. Send a paper hug. Handmade greeting cards are available in the narthex. Your donation helps buy envelopes, paper, ink and glue. If you would like to help make cards, Card Ministry meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00am in the Church Office. *- Janet Shoop*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 6 to DECEMBER 13

Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13
2nd Sunday in Advent 8:00am – Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- SMUMC Worship	10:00am - Shalom (Office)	2pm – Naomi Circle Christmas Get Together (FH)	8:30am Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm - Worship at La Mirada Heights	8:00am- Men's Breakfast 11:30am – Women's Breakfast @ Casa Blanca 4pm-Bells 5pm Choir 6pm- Children's Choir 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	3pm-8pm Free Music Lessons	2pm-5pm Boy Scout Troop 707 Christmas Celebration (FH)

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR OUR SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMASTIME

- **Last Day to Order is Sunday, Dec. 14th**

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

You may purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends. Cost of each plant is \$10 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, 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 \$10 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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