



Keeping  
in Touch

## Keeping in Touch at SMUMCHH

Weekly Newsletter – Week of February 22, 2026



*Let's Worship Together!*

**8:00AM - Informal Worship Service    10:00AM - Traditional Worship**



**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



May everyone in our country affected by the all these severe winter storms happening across our entire country, be surrounded by God's protection.

Prayers for peaceful resolutions to the current political and societal conflicts now happening in America.

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

Prayers for peaceful resolutions to all the conflicts happening in our World.

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

Jean Howe, 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 & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### *February Birthdays*

Feb. 23  
Feb. 25

Alice Cheng  
Jerry Lutjens  
Sarah Cui

### *March Birthdays*

March 3  
March 4  
March 20  
March 23  
  
March 25  
March 28  
March 31

Patty Graves  
Jerry Casterline  
Ruth Feick  
Carol Rogers  
Morgan Matthews  
Judy Menefee  
Jack Weatherford  
Dolores Gonzales Hayes  
Steve Straub

### *March Wedding Anniversaries*

March 8  
March 16

John and Ester Elliott  
Todd and Donna Peterson

\* If your birthday or wedding anniversary, do not appear on our Birthday or Anniversary list, please be sure to contact the church office. We do not want to miss your special day!

## SERVING OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



### ***Liturgists***

February - Rich Kozak  
March 1 - Bob Hernandez  
March 8 - Diane Cline  
March 15 - Diane Cline  
March 22 - Bob Hernandez  
March 29 (Palm Sunday) - Bob Hernandez  
April - Jerry Casterline

**\*\*\*** *Liturgists are needed! If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist, please see Olga Baker after worship or give her a call.*



### **Coffee Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses**

February 22 - Steven Hill

March 1 – ??

March 8 – Alice Cheng

March 15 – Scout Pancake Breakfast

March 22 – Boy Scouts Fundraiser

March 29 (Palm Sunday) - ??

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



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. Matthew's UMC has scheduled a Special Charge Conference on March 3rd at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.** It concerns an After-School Program seeking to rent Dodrill Hall. Please attend. Thank you.



## **Wednesday Lenten Service**

**February 18 (Ash Wednesday), 7 P.M.** Guest Speaker: Mike Gallagher.

**March 11, 7 P.M.** Guest Speaker: Patty Graves

**March 25, 7 P.M.** Guest Speaker: Rich Kozak

Join us for a **Lenten supper** from 6 to 7 p.m.  
Bring your favorite appetizer or dish. The church will provide drinks.



Louise, our Office Administrator, will be on vacation from Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and returning to the Church Office on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Pastor David and Mary as they will be handling any office and worship service needs that week.



**Lent and Easter Season 2026**

First Sunday in Lent is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Palm Sunday is March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
 Good Friday Service @ 5:00pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Easter Sunday is April 5<sup>th</sup>.



During March, the Boy Scouts will be holding several special activities at St. Matthew's UMC - Scout Sunday, a Pancake Breakfast and a Scout Fundraiser. Watch for further details coming soon.

**CALENDAR - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 28**

Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:00am - Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am - SMUMC Worship	10:00am - Shalom (Office Library)		8:30am Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 3pm - Worship at La Mirada Heights TBD in Evening - Mayne Wedding Set-up (FH)	8:00am- Men's Breakfast @IHOP 10am - ? Mayne Wedding Set-up (FH) 4pm-Bells 5pm Choir 6pm- Children's Choir 3pm-8pm - Free Music Lessons	3pm-8pm Free Music Lessons Time TBD - Mayne Wedding Set-up (FH)	11:00am Katy Mayne Wedding and Reception to Follow (Sanctuary and FH)



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