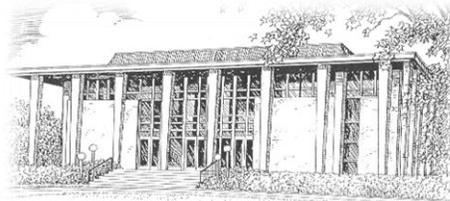




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Weekly Newsletter – Week of January 11, 2026



Let's Worship Together!

8:00 a.m. Informal Service

10:00 a.m. 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



Jean Howe is recovering nicely after her fall. And . . . she thanks those SMUMC "Christmas Carolers" who came to the hospital to sing to her.

Prayers of safety (and fun) for all the SMUMC Members who are on a trip in Columbia. Many, many prayers to the people of California who have been affected by these recent severe rain storms and horrible flooding.

Prayers of safety for everyone in America as we learn to deal with these significant weather changes happening this winter.

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

Prayers for the citizens of Venezuela.

Prayers for peaceful resolutions for our World's troubles.

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 & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

Jan. 3	Sandy Koh Peter Matsumura
Jan. 6	Dick Cline
Jan. 11	Orlen Willoughby
Jan. 13	Larry Howe
Jan. 15	Ruth Barnes
Jan. 16	Joe Graves
Jan. 20	Mike Gallagher Don Pastrana
Jan. 22	Jean Howe
Jan. 25	LaVerne Shaffer
Jan. 27	Johnny Doyle

January Wedding Anniversaries

January 10	Bob & Diane Hernandez
January 13	Tim Gudz & Lynda Zheng
January 29	David & Sheila Crain

SERVING OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



Liturgists

January - Donna Peterson
February - Rick Kozak
March - ??
April - Jerry Casterline

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



Coffee Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses

January 11 – Rodney Kurimoto

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shalom will not be meeting on Monday, January 12 and January 19. They will begin meeting again every Monday at 10:00am on Monday, January 26th.

On Sunday, January 18th, Rodney Kurimoto will be our “guest Preacher”.

On Sunday, January 25th, Mike Gallagher will be our “guest Preacher”.

Won't you join us on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00pm for a Music Recital featuring music students from *Pasadena City College*. This is a free will donation in support of the PCC Choral Program. Watch for further details.

Please be sure to read the last page of this issue of “Keeping in Touch”. There are changes in the days of the week or a change in the time a particular group gets together. And . . . *you are always welcome to join any of these groups whenever you choose.*

CALENDAR - WEEK OF JANUARY 11 TO JANUARY 17

Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17
8:00am – Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- SMUMC Worship		7:30pm- Staff Parish (Office/Library)	8:30am Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 1:00pm – Naomi Circle (FH) 3pm - Worship at La Mirada Heights	8:00am- Men's Breakfast @IHOP 4pm-Bells 5pm Choir 6pm- Children's Choir 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	3pm-8pm Free Music Lessons	10am-4pm Guild of St. George Practice (FH)



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.

CARD MINISTRY gets together to create beautiful greeting cards on the **first Tuesday of each month**. They meet at 11:00am in the Church Office. Contact Janet Shoop 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

NAOMI CIRCLE meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Ladies meet at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Dorothy Persinger for more information. New members will be welcomed!

WORSHIP SERVICE AT LA MIRADA HEIGHTS. 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. They 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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