

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

# SENTINEL



## HORIZONS

Across the years here, we've used the words of Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary General of the United Nations, as inspiration: "For all that has been—thanks! For all that will be—yes!"

How appropriate these words seem again now, as we move into the Fall. There is SO much for which to be thankful—families finding support and fellowship in Messy Church, simple church celebrating its first anniversary, the upcoming start of our Habitat Build of Patience House in Culver City. And that's just for starters!

It's also the season of our Annual Laity Sunday which has become a highlight of celebrating the manifold gifts and graces of this amazing congregation. And it's our laity who will kick off this year's Stewardship Campaign.

Our theme this year is "Say YES!" With new life and deeper faithfulness bubbling up all around, we want to Say YES to all that God is doing in our midst. And we want to call each other to go deep and consider anew the part we will each play in supporting mission and ministry through our generous financial pledge.

When the letter comes in the mail, or you pick up a pledge card in worship....pause. Take a deep breath. Give thanks. And pledge to give more in 2018 than you did in 2017.

Won't you join me in saying YES?!

In gratitude and expectation,

*Patricia Janis*  
Senior Minister



## Stewardship 2018

The Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign invites us each and all to prayerfully consider our financial pledge to support the mission and ministries of First UMC. Each of us who feels a sense of belonging in the fellowship that is First UMC is asked to do our part to support its life, ministries and mission. First UMC relies on the financial contributions of its members and friends to support our work—the mission and ministry that we offer, day in and day out, that makes all the difference in our lives and touches the lives of so many beyond these walls.

WE are First UMC and, like all faith communities, all that we do is in response to the benefits God pours out upon us. WE each need to do our part to undergird the work of the church. Make a pledge. Stretch what you think you can do. Step out in faith. Learn more at [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org) or call the church office at 310-393-8258. Pledge cards will be mailed in October.

Fill yours in and bring it to worship on **Consecration Sunday, November 12.**

# OCTOBER Calendar

**Sunday, October 1** - *World Communion Sunday*

11 a.m. Youth Service Project Report Back/Luncheon, Simkins Hall

11 a.m. *Growing a Faith That Matters* adult class, Room 203

**Friday, October 6**

7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, Fireside Room

**Saturday, October 7**

9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Big and Small Art Exhibit Opens, Fireside Room

1 p.m. Santa Monica Conservancy Tour - *Sacred Places*, Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 8**

11 a.m. *Growing a Faith That Matters* adult class, Room 203

**Saturday, October 14**

4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/Simkins Hall

**Sunday, October 15** - *Children's Church*

11 a.m. Third World Handarts, Simkins Hall

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screening, Simkins Hall

11 a.m. *Growing a Faith That Matters* adult class, Room 203

12 p.m. Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual Hunger Walk, Off-site

2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, Simkins Hall

**Wednesday, October 18**

9-11:30 a.m. Health Ministry's Flu Shot Clinic, Simkins Hall

**Friday, October 19**

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Upward Bound House 25th Anniversary Celebration, Off-site

**Saturday, October 21**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300

10 a.m. Amelia English Baptism/Reception, Sanctuary/Simkins Hall

**Sunday, October 22** - *Laity Sunday • All Saints Ribbons*

11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, Fireside Room

**Thursday, October 26**

5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, Off-site

**Friday, October 27**

5 - 8 p.m. UMW Holiday Bazaar Preview, Fireside Room

**Saturday, October 28**

10 a.m. DanceFit, Simkins Hall

**Sunday, October 29** - *Faith in Action*

11 a.m. UMW Holiday Bazaar, UMW Workroom

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Trustee and Investment Committee Meetings, TBD

## WEEKLY or BIMONTHLY AT FIRST UMC:

**Mondays:** Church Office Closed

**Tuesdays:** 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Fireside Room

**Wednesdays:** 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

**Thursdays:** 7:40 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## SUNDAYS-AT-A-GLANCE

9 a.m. Lectionary Scripture Discussion, Fireside Room

9 a.m. Partnership with God Sunday School, Room 101

9 a.m. Nursery Care, Room 204

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warmup, Choir Room

**10 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Education Bldg.

11 a.m. Fellowship, Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center

**5 p.m. simple church, Chapel**

6 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Youth Lounge

6:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Room 300



Flower Orders: Available dates at press time: **October 15/29**. Please contact the church office to order flowers for one of these dates.

# Youth Service Project Report Back

Eleven youth and six adults traveled to Bland County, VA this summer to repair homes of those in need. First UMC will host a YSP Report Back after worship to hear the stories of those who participated. A light lunch will be served.

**Sunday, October 1: 11 a.m. Simkins Hall**



# Growing a Faith That Matters - Class

*Growing a Faith That Matters* is the topic of new adult class led by Rev. Larry Young following worship for three consecutive Sundays. Personal faith has the potential to anchor our lives—to help us cope with challenging situations and also give meaning and purpose to our everyday lives. But a faith that matters requires continual growth on our part. If you are looking for this kind of growth, this class is for you, whatever the level of faith you now claim. Part of the learning will come from discussion of what approaches have been helpful for class members. *No text and no fee.*

**Sundays, October 1, 8, & 15: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Rm 203**

# Blessing of the Animals 2017

All pets large and small and in-between are welcome to First UMC's annual Blessing of the Animals. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and children's activities. Blessings begin at 10 a.m. If your pet is too large or not interested in being social, you may bring a photo. Children are also welcome to bring their stuffed animal lovey for a blessing. Please bring new pet food and supplies for the shelter animal. Pick up a pet tag and be sure to visit the NEW photo booth.



**Saturday, October 7: 9:30 a.m. in the Courtyard**

# BIG & small

## Big & Small Art Exhibit Opening

Stop by the Fireside Room after the Blessing of the Animals worship to view animal art from over 22 First UMC congregants and friends! See paintings, photography, and sculpture from all ages.

**Saturday, October 7: 10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard**

## Santa Monica Conservancy Tour- *Sacred Places*

First UMC joins fifteen historic places of worship throughout Santa Monica featured at the annual Santa Monica Conservancy architectural tour. *Sacred Places* will explore the architectural beauty, history and culture of churches, chapels and a synagogue. Selected for their historical significance, and cultural diversity, these sites are also located in different parts of our City. Special thanks to our hosts Caprice Walker and Leslie Nordby. To see the list of tour sites, and to purchase tickets, go to: [www.smconservancy.org](http://www.smconservancy.org).



**Saturday, October 7: 1 - 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



### Messy Church

Messy Church is an intergenerational worship experience where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. At Messy Church we grow in our relationship with God and with one another. Invite your friends and family to this church community! Be ready to get messy! [www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch). *October Theme: The story of Joseph.*

**Saturday, October 14: 4:30 - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall/Chapel.**

## Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual 5k Hunger Walk

Join the Westside Food Bank as they celebrate their 27th year of walking for a hunger-free community. There's no registration fee, and anyone can walk as an individual or gather as a group to create a team. The program starts at noon and includes music and dance performances, a family fun zone, raffle prizes and award presentations. The 5k begins at 2 p.m. There will also be a Beach Bash After Party BBQ at 4 p.m. Every dollar raised provides 4 nutritious meals for families in need!



**Sunday, October 15: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Santa Monica Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM 90405)**



### Third World Handarts

Missions Council and First UMC welcomes back Third World Handarts, a non-profit organization that was founded in Anaheim in 1975 to serve the economic needs of the destitute people in the United States, and in developing nations worldwide. Their principal mission is to support the self-employment of thousands of artisans by marketing the beautiful and useful items they craft as a means of supporting themselves and their families. All are welcome to come and shop these wonderful artisan crafts in Simkins Hall before and after worship.

**Sunday, October 15: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Simkins Hall**

## Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic

First UMC has the privilege of hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This gives us the opportunity to both keep ourselves healthy and help keep our community healthy. So, mark your calendar, tell your friends and neighbors, and join us in Simkins Hall to get your free flu vaccine! No appointments necessary.



**Wednesday, October 18: 9 - 11:30 a.m. Simkins Hall**

## Upward Bound House 25th Anniversary Fundraiser

Upward Bound House is celebrating *25 Years of Harvesting Hope for Homeless Families*. Over the past 25 years, UBH has helped over 1,200 families and 2,200 children find their own homes. 96% of these families were still in their homes more than a year after placement. All are welcome to celebrate the impactful mission of UBH. Several First UMC members serve as UBH Board of Directors, including: Rev. Patricia Farris, Kim Defenderfer, Glenda Martinez, and Cindy McQuade. \$75/guest, appetizers and cocktails. Register now at: [www.homeharvestevent.com](http://www.homeharvestevent.com).

**Thursday, October 19: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Bay Women's Club (1210 Fourth St. SM)**



## White Ribbon Memorial



As we approach All Saints Day, First UMC will honor those who have passed with the *White Ribbon Memorial*. On the **Sundays of October 22, 29, and November 5**, look for a table set up by the north wall

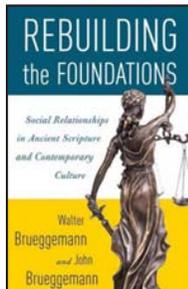
of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, before or after service, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon (as many as you like or one name per ribbon), say a prayer, and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. Ribbons hung last year will be rehung this year.

You may also come to the Hospitality Table or the church office to write a name on a ribbon. For our **All Saints Day service on November 5**, all ribbons will be tied to the string and hung in the sanctuary for the worship service.

# Amelia English Baptism

Join us as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism and welcome Amelia Grace English into the universal Christian church in our sanctuary with Bishop Grant Hagiya presiding. We gather to affirm God's prevenient grace for Amelia Grace and reaffirm our baptismal call to live as followers in the way of Jesus. After worship all are welcome to gather in the hall for cake and coffee.

**Saturday, October 21: 10 a.m. Sanctuary/Simkins Hall**



## Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

*Rebuilding the Foundations — Social Relationships in Ancient Scripture and Contemporary Culture*  
by John Brueggemann & Walter Brueggemann.

This is a fascinating collaboration between biblical theologian father and sociologist son. Biblical scholarship is combined with sociological research to examine critical contemporary issues—oppression of the poor, degradation of the earth, fairness, sanctity, among others. Interfaith leaders praise this work as providing solid intellectual and spiritual foundation for the issues at hand. Come to be challenged, empowered and inspired! Invite a friend, and bring a dish to share! Books are available for sale at the Hospitality Table and online.

**Sunday, October 22: 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

## Family Place Community Meal

Going on its second year, simple church hosts the monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. Last year, First UMC fed over 150 families a delicious meal, and all who attended were a part of a warm and accepting community. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal.

**Thursday, October 26: 5:30 p.m. Family Place**  
(1011 11th St. Santa Monica)

## DanceFit - New Class!

Dance your way to fitness with First UMC member Whitney Hagan, licensed Zumba instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Sponsored by the Health Ministry Council, the class is a great way to start your weekend! No fee. In October: We'll dance to the song "Thriller!"

**Saturday, October 28: 10 - 11 a.m. Simkins Hall.**



# United Methodist Women Holiday Bazaar



United Methodist Women are gearing up for their annual Holiday Bazaar, which benefits mission projects and is UMW's principal fundraiser. The bazaar is a festive way to jump-start your holiday shopping! Don't miss handmade goods, casseroles, fudge, baked goods, attic treasures, a Silent Auction and more!

**Friday, October 27: 5 - 8 p.m. \$5 entrance, (includes soup, bread, coffee and cookie) in the Fireside Room.**

**Sunday, October 29 (free) from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. after worship in the UMW Workroom.**



## Invitation to Join Cub Pack 67!

Cub Scout Pack 67 invites all boys ages 7 to 10 years old to join this very active Pack. Scouting reinforces the skills and values we want our sons to learn while they're having fun. To learn more, check out their website at: [www.santamonicapack67.org](http://www.santamonicapack67.org)



## FIRST UMC COMMUNITY

### Births

• **Nixon Ray Dragone**, born August 18 to Kelly and Jon Dragone and First UMC member great-grandma Marge Speckman.

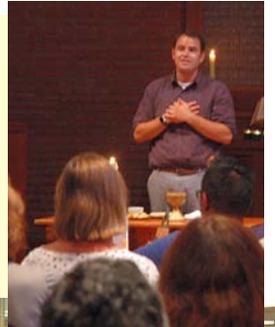
### Thank You!

The Communications Staff wishes to thank everyone who filled out a Communications Survey! Your \$1 donations totaled \$157, and will be given to the Missions you designated.

# September Happenings at First UMC



Dr. Amir Hussain discussed his book "Muslims and the Making of America."



simple church celebrated its 1-Year Anniversary with worship and a shared meal



Blessing of the Crucifers and Acolytes



Sound check with Lindsay and Simon Chen



## Preschool Corner



### PRESCHOOL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- October 3, 4, 10: Picture Days (Make-up day on the 10th)
- October 19: School Closed (Staff Development)
- October 31: Halloween Parade 9-10 a.m.

First UMC Church and Preschool Kick-Off!

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Chapel Open for Prayer: Tues - Fri, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## WORSHIP – SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 1

10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

World Communion Sunday • Holy Communion

Homily by Rev. Patricia Farris

5 p.m. **simple church** simple church theme:  
on kenosis and working out salvation with trembling

### OCTOBER 8

10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Sermon by Rev. Patricia Farris

5 p.m. **simple church** simple church theme:  
on making progress in the right direction

### OCTOBER 15

10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Sermon by Rev. Robert English

5 p.m. **simple church** simple church theme:  
why Jesus wants those who no one else wants

### OCTOBER 22

10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Laity Sunday

5 p.m. **simple church** simple church theme:  
on what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God

### OCTOBER 29

10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Faith in Action

Sermon by Rev. Patricia Farris

5 p.m. **simple church** simple church theme:  
on why love is the greatest commandment there is

### On the Website

Did you know we have a Preschool that's been serving the Santa Monica community for over 50 years? Check out the Preschool Page to learn more about the wonderful programs and its dedicated teachers:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool)