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In memo line, write: Youth Service Project
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As part of their fundraising efforts for the trip, the Youth will be selling reusable metal water bottles today after worship. Stop by their table after worship to get yours!
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Sundays: 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., in the Fireside Room

Men’s Breakfast
Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men’s Breakfast is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God’s Holy word. Come by as your schedule permits.

Tuesdays: 7 a.m., Fireside Room

UMCOR joins coronavirus fight
Working to support the efforts of local partners in China dealing with the coronavirus crisis, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is sending an emergency grant to Amity Foundation in Nanjing, China. The grant will immediately enable infection, prevention and control measures to limit the spread of respiratory diseases such as the new virus.
www.umcmission.org/umcor

West Side Food Bank
Food is collected every Sunday to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool. For the month of February we are collecting canned tuna.

For more information, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org.

LOOKING FORWARD

Let’s All Support Our Youth!
• Send a tax-deductible contribution, payable to: First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica (you can write First UMC) 1008 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90403
  In memo line, write: Youth Service Project
• OR Donate online through our website: www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp
As part of their fundraising efforts for the trip, the Youth will be selling reusable metal water bottles today after worship. Stop by their table after worship to get yours!
Today, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

When Did That Happen?! Recognizing & Supporting Your Role as a Caregiver
Have you (perhaps unexpectedly) discovered that you are a caregiver to an older adult relative or spouse? Have you been struggling to balance your own life with caregiving responsibilities and are wondering what resources might be available to help in the local Santa Monica area? Have you heard of an Advance Health Care Directive, but just haven’t gotten around to learning more about it yet? If so, then this is the seminar for YOU! Join us as we converse with Anya Kaufman, LCSW, from WISE & Healthy Aging. We’ll explore the realities of being thrust into the Caregiving role and how to seek out and accept support to enhance your life and that of your Care Recipient. Stop by our well-stocked Resource Table to fill-up on educational materials, brochures and pamphlets. Contact Anne Premer with questions: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org. Childcare provided, and light refreshments served.
Next Sunday, March 1, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room