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OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE
Nathan Oney
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We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM
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---First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

---We are now welcoming you to also use the parking garage pedestrian entrance/exit on Washington. The gate will remain unlocked for convenience on Sundays between the hours of 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

---Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

---In case of an emergency, please direct your attention to one of the scheduled ushers, head usher, or Sunday coordinator David Penson.

---Flowers at the Reredos: Dried floral arrangements at the reredos help to remind us of our Lenten Discipline during the season of Lent.

---Now is the time to donate toward the purchase of Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday morning worship in celebration of a loved one, an event, a joy, or a remembrance. Stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table or call, email or mail your dedication (please print clearly) along with $12 per plant to the church office. Deadline to order is April 5.

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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.

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Holy Week 2020

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APRIL 10: GOOD FRIDAY
Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., First UMC Chapel
Be Still With Jesus: Chapel open for mindful and watchful prayer, and meditation.
Community Mid-Day Service 12 p.m., St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)
Good Friday Labyrinth Walk 1 – 9 p.m., Simkins Hall. Walk in silence to look within.

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7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel
An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion

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6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)
Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blankets. Hot coffee served.
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First UMC Sanctuary
Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ, Lilies, and Alleluias! (nursery care provided)

COMMUNITY EVENT

March 8, 2020

Women of Action presents
St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon

Time for Wearin’ of the Green
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Non-perishable 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 March we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Health Ministry Council
Through God’s love, the Health Ministry Council works to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns. For more information about the Council, or to volunteer, call the church office (310) 393-8258.

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

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COMMUNITY EVENT

March 8, 2020

Women of Action presents
St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon

Time for Wearin’ of the Green
Come next Sunday for the 21st Annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon! The event includes lunch and a robust and rousing sing-along led by Carol Reich, with the gaily Gaelic piano stylings of Laura Farrand. This is a family friendly event, and children will be provided seasonal crafting materials. Tickets are $8.50 each, children under 5 admitted for free. Tickets are on sale now next to the Hospitality Table. Don’t forget to wear green!

Next Sunday, March 15, 11:15 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Holy Week 2020

APRIL 5: PALM SUNDAY
10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
A family favorite, Palm Sunday is a day of celebration and festivities. Celebrate Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem by waving palm leaves in the sanctuary. After service, enjoy a family brunch at no charge. Take a photo with the Easter Bunny, decorate some eggs, and bring your basket for the annual Egg Hunt! (nursery care provided)

APRIL 10: GOOD FRIDAY
Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., First UMC Chapel
Be Still With Jesus: Chapel open for mindful and watchful prayer, and meditation.
Community Mid-Day Service 12 p.m., St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)
Good Friday Labyrinth Walk 1 – 9 p.m., Simkins Hall. Walk in silence to look within.

APRIL 11: EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)
Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blankets. Hot coffee served.
10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship
First UMC Sanctuary
Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ, Lilies, and Alleluias! (nursery care provided)

APRIL 12: EASTER VIGIL
7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel
An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion