What a time this is, as we are called to new ways of living and of serving God in the midst of a pandemic and a clarion call to address the racial injustice that is now made painfully visible throughout the land. We are called to witness to the health of each person and of our community. We are called to worship in Spirit and in truth. We are called back to the “marks of a Methodist”—to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God.

God is calling the church to be the church! God is commissioning us anew to be ambassadors of hope, justice, and reconciliation, creating ways to worship in this new reality, ways that are rich with theological tradition and faithful in public witness.

We remain committed to safeguard our most vulnerable members and neighbors and to not fuel the spread of COVID-19. Following the best available science and the Scriptural mandate to love God and neighbor, we will continue worshipping together online this summer. The Cal-Pac Conference has issued guidelines for all churches to follow as we make decisions about this going forward. In accordance with the guidelines, I will be pulling together a Task Force from the congregation to guide us into a process of study, prayer, discernment and planning.

Our denomination has also launched a new initiative–“End Racism: Pressing On to Freedom.” These resources will be available to enrich our prayer, study, and action. Moving forward, watch the Sentinel, Friday emails and our social media for ways to get involved.

We continue to “be the church” in prayer, praise, witness, action, and service as we rebuild our community—healthy, strong, caring, renewed, and hope-filled. Wear your masks, wash your hands, avoid touching your face, maintain physical distancing, pray unceasingly. Speak up, speak out. Be a part of creating a difference for the world.

Send along any thoughts/ideas/prayers/concerns you have to me: p.farris@santamonicaumc.org, or to our Lay Leadership Team: leadership@santamonicaumc.org.

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PARCIPATE ONLINE

Sundays 10 a.m.
During this season of “Sheltering in Love,” we join together in heart and spirit through Scripture, music, sermon, and prayer. You can participate in the service in real time or later at your convenience. Together in love, let us draw close to the heart of God, finding peace, strength and hope for the journey!

WHEN: Sunday 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship WHERE: Go to the First UMC Facebook page (@santamonicaumc), or watch the Sunday service the following week anytime on: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
(For Facebook Users: Be sure to “Follow” our page - not just “Like” - so that you receive notification updates such as when the service goes live.)

After Worship Zoom Social Hour
If you haven’t “stopped by” the post-worship virtual Coffee Hour Sundays at 11:15 a.m., it’s not too late to give it a try! Say hi to some church friends or even make a new one! Have a computer but no camera? No problem! You can still attend. Contact Sarah Rold: (s.rold@santamonicaumc.org) by Fridays for how to join by phone.
All are welcome via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/86071916466
Zoom ID: 860 7191 6466
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ONLINE Coffee Hour: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.

July ONLINE Mid-Week Recital
The summer Mid-Week recital series continues with Connie Sheu, guitar; Elise Henry, flute. Dr. Connie Sheu is a dynamic guitarist, devoted teacher, and ardent advocate of classical guitar. In demand as both a soloist and chamber musician, her playing has been hailed by the New Y ork Sun as “excellent, ruminative… scholarly.” Elise Henry joined the Los Angeles Philharmonic as Second Flutist in September 2012. She is an active chamber musician, teacher, and freelance artist and is involved in the L.A Phil’s Green Umbrella and Chamber Music series. In addition to her classical music performances, she plays other genres, such as Brazilian popular, Irish folk, and classical Hindustani. How to watch:
- Facebook - Search @santamonicaumc. Be sure to “follow” our page and RSVP to this event to receive notifications of when we go live.
- YouTube Channel - Search “Santa Monica UMC.” Subscribe to our channel and adjust your notification settings to your preference.
- Website - View the recital on the Livestream page: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream.

ONLINE Mid-Week Recital: Wednesday, July 8, 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Morning Walks
with Lay Leader, Jocelyn Hicks-Garner
Each Sunday morning, starting on July 12, you are invited to join Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leader, for a brisk walk together following social distancing protocols. Meet in the church courtyard at 9 a.m. and the group will make their way towards Ocean Avenue and back. If you would like to participate, contact Sarah Rold: s.rold@santamonicaumc.org, or call 310.393.8258, to help us plan ahead.

First Walks: Sunday, July 12, 9 a.m. meet at the First UMC Courtyard.
On Monday, June 22, the First UMC Preschool re-opened and the children were welcomed back to campus. Currently, the school day is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with staggered drop-off and pick-up times. All CDG, Licensing, NAEYC, and Health Department guidelines and protocols are being closely observed. Says Dee Menzies, Preschool Director, “We cannot begin to express the appreciation and gratitude we have in our hearts for our Preschool parents, teachers, and beautiful children. The reopening of the school has been nothing short of a miracle. We could not have asked for more support and cooperation than we have received. Most impactful were the smiles and excitement the children exhibited when seeing their classmates, teachers, classrooms and yard. The school is definitely their home away from home. Thank you all for helping to make our successful reopening possible. Our hearts are overflowing with love and gratitude.”
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Youth Group: Year End Celebration

Normally the youth group ends their year with a big banquet in Simkins Hall, complete with food, fun, games and the always favorite “year-end video.” This year, the Youth Counselors took on the challenge of creating a Year End Celebration on Zoom! The youth created a virtual yearbook, complete with pictures and favorite memories, along with messages to one another. They played games, of course, and then watched the year end video showcasing all the wonderful memories from the past year. We hope you’ll check out their video and learn more about what’s happening in our youth community.

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We thank Mike Eskridge for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary.

To donate to the flower fund, or to send flowers to go to home-bound seniors, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

Children and Family Resources

Visit the Children and Family Resources page on the First UMC website for all resources family related, including Subscribe to the Children and Family Newsletter, Message from Tricia, Sunday School from Home, Messy Church at Home, Books with Jamie and Jack and Other Videos, and much more!

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Church Campus Safety Guidelines

Some of the church office staff are back working in the office, carefully following safety protocols. If you need to step by the church office, please arrive wearing a mask. We will provide a paper mask if needed. First UMC continues to be Safe, Smart, Supportive, and move Step-by-Step during this time of COVID-19.

Upon entering the office:
1. Make sure your hands were recently washed/sanitized.
2. Please continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet.
3. Please wear your mask properly.

First UMC Preschool
Upward Bound House Emergency Food
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Prayer Quilt Ministry (mask making)

Stewardship
Generous Giving
Financial Planning
Management of Resources
Facility upkeep and safety
Earth friendly: reduced carbon footprint, fewer paper products

FIRST UMC CONTINUING MINISTRIES

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Ongoing Ministries
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study
Youth Group
Sunday School
Messy Church
VBS at Home
Open Space (young adults)
Mid-Week Recitals Online
Worship
Sunday 10 a.m. Worship online
Messy Church At Home
Networks and Groups
Sunday Coffee Hour
Share Reigners
Prayer Group
Youth Group “alums”
Chancel Choir ZOOMs
Sunday School Teachers
Sunday Morning Walking Group
Pastoral Care
Congregation Care Team (one-on-one)
Circles of Caring (phone outreach)
Nicodemus Fund
Every church member called/contacted*
80+ Birthday/Caring Cards from Church staff
Prayer Requests
Communications
Sentinel Newsletter
Website (www.santamonicaumc.org)
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram: @santamonicaumc)
Weekly Friday email
Weekly Children and Family Ministry email
Weekly Youth email
Monthly Messy Church email
Music/Theater/Arts emails for Mid-Week Recitals
Adam Guerrero editing the Sunday Worship Service video and Rev. Farris semi-weekly “Heads-Up” videos
DVD copies of Worship service to homebound members

Committees
Lay Leadership Team
Church Council
Board of Trustees
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Finance Committee
Methodist Foundation
Health Ministry Council
Missions Council
Scholarship Committee
Upward Bound House Board
Re-Gathering Task Force

Missional Outreach
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Alyssa De Leon Corrales

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Frances Erlandson

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Alejandra Quintana

Starting at Yale, pursuing a PhD in Classics and History

Kaylee Glenney

Studying at Columbia University in New York for Environmental Engineering

Carly Rapoport

Studying at Bennington College in Vermont for Visual Arts

Colin Helfner

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Go to YouTube.com, search Santa Monica UMC.

Details

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these departed loved ones:

- First UMC member Mike Eskridge’s cousin died June 7. 

- Section leader of the choir William Martinez’s mother died.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kurt Poland, former First UMC Director of Children and Family Ministries. Rev. Kurt was Commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the UMC in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference session on June 20.

Baptisms

We hold in our hearts the babies born this year. We recognize that the time we’re living in is like no other, with many milestones and celebrations taking place in new and unexpected ways. We hold your families in our love and prayers until we are able to worship together in person to celebrate these baptisms.

Anniversary Haiku

A June Saturday.
1da. Kiss. Marry.
by Art Dodd, Jr.

In honor of my parents Arthur & Yvonne Dodd’s 65th Anniversary on June 15, and Jim & Jill Dodd’s 27th Anniversary on June 19.

Claremont Graduate School of Theology

“After a three year process, it’s official July 1st! Claremont School of Theology becomes Claremont School of Theology at Willamette University. Most of our classes, faculty and library collection are already in Salem or online. A few will remain in Claremont through this next year as the transition is completed. Please visit the cst.edu website for more info. We give thanks to God for bringing forth new life in this next chapter of CST’s story.”

- Patricia Farris, Chair, CST Board of Trustees

Vacation Bible School - at Home! We are saddened to announce that VBS will not be held in-person this summer. Our top priority during this time is the safety of the community, church staff and volunteers, and especially you, the families and kids who enjoy VBS each year. However, we are excited to offer you an alternative: VBS at Home! We know this isn’t the same as VBS in person.

The volunteers and I will certainly miss seeing all of the kids but we do hope your family will still be able to benefit from and enjoy this at-home VBS summer adventure!

- Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries

How it works: Once you fill out the online registration form, we will send you a VBS Box complete with one week’s worth of crafts and science fun, Bible stories and reflections, a mission project, daily prayers and snacks. In addition to the Box, you will receive a Daily Guide by email that will make the VBS experience come alive for your kids. Each Guide includes a 30-minute interactive video with a Bible story, songs your kids can dance and sing along to, our favorite VBS puppet, and more! Registration is now open and will remain open throughout the summer.

Who can participate: The VBS Box is available to all children preschool age and up (most supplies work for all ages, however, some will be tailored to your child’s age range).

How much is VBS? $20 per family to help cover the cost of supplies and shipping - payment is made within the online registration form. Shipping to anywhere in the US, excluding Hawaii and Alaska. Scholarships are available – please contact us for details. Interested in sponsoring a VBS Box? Make an online donation (select VBS 2020 in the drop-down menu, or, send a check by mail to the church office.)

More questions? Contact Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries, t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. (310) 393-8256, ext. 104

For more info and to sign up, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs
PARTRCIPATE ONLINE
Sundays 10 a.m.
During this season of “Sheltering in Love,” we join together in heart and spirit through Scripture, music, sermon, and prayer. You can participate in the service in real time or later at your convenience. Together in love, let us draw close to the heart of God, finding peace, strength and hope for the journey!

WHEN: Sunday 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
WHERE: Go to the First UMC Facebook page (@santamonicaumc), or watch the Sunday service the following week anytime on: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
(Facebook Users: Be sure to “Follow” our page - not just “Like” - so that you receive notification updates such as when the service goes live.)

After Worship Zoom Social Hour
If you haven’t “stopped by” the past-week’s virtual Coffee Hour Sundays at 11:15 a.m., it’s not too late to give it a try! Say hi to some church friends or even make a new one! Have a computer but no camera? No problem! You can still attend. Contact Sarah Rold: s.rold@santamonicaumc.org for Fridays for how to join by phone.
All are welcome via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/86071918466 Password: fumc
ONLINE Coffee Hour: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.

July ONLINE Mid-Week Recital
The summer Mid-Week recital series continues with Connie Sheu, guitarist; Elise Henry, flute. Dr. Connie Sheu is a dynamic guitarist, devoted teacher, and ardent advocate of classical guitar. In demand as both a soloist and chamber musician, her playing has been hailed by the LA Phil’s Green Umbrella and Chamber Music series. In addition to her classical music performances, she plays other genres, such as Brazilian popular, Irish folk, and classical Hindustani. How to watch:
- Facebook: Search @santamonicaumc. Be sure to “follow” our page and RSVP to this event to receive notifications of when we go live.
- YouTube Channel: Search “Santa Monica UMC.” Subscribe to our channel and adjust your notification settings to your preference.
- Website: View the recital on the Livestream page: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream.

ONLINE Mid-Week Recital: Wednesday, July 8, 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Morning Walks
with Lay Leader, Jocelyn Hicks-Garner
Each Sunday morning, starting on July 12, you are invited to join Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leader, for a brisk walk together following social distancing protocols. Meet in the church courtyard at 9 a.m. and the group will make their way towards Ocean Avenue and back. If you would like to participate, contact Sarah Rold: s.rold@santamonicaumc.org, or call 310.393.8258, to help us plan ahead.
First Walks: Sunday, July 12, 9 a.m. at the First UMC Courtyard.
HORIZONS
by Rev. Patricia Farris

What a time this is, as we are called to new ways of living and of serving God in the midst of a pandemic and a clarion call to address the racial injustice that is now made painfully visible throughout the land. We are called to witness to the health of each person and of our community. We are called to worship in Spirit and in truth. We are called back to the “marks of a Methodist”—to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God.

God is calling the church to be the church! God is commissioning us anew to be ambassadors of hope, justice, and reconciliation, creating ways to worship in this new reality, ways that are rich with theological tradition and faithful in public witness.

We remain committed to safeguard our most vulnerable members and neighbors and to not fuel the spread of COVID-19. Following the best available science and the Scriptural mandate to love God and neighbor, we will continue worshipping together online this summer. The Cal-Pac Conference has issued guidelines for all churches to follow as we make decisions about this going forward. In accordance with the guidelines, I will be pulling together a Task Force from the congregation to guide us into a process of study, prayer, discernment and planning.

Our denomination has also launched a new initiative—“End Racism: Pressing On to Freedom.” These resources will be available to enrich our prayer, study, and action. Moving forward, watch the Sentinel, Friday emails and our social media for ways to get involved.

We continue to “be the church” in prayer, praise, witness, action, and service as we rebuild our community—healthy, strong, caring, renewed, and hope-filled. Wear your masks, wash your hands, avoid touching your face, maintain physical distancing, pray unceasingly. Speak up, speak out. Be a part of creating a difference for the world.

Send along any thoughts/ideas/prayers/concerns you have to me: p.farris@santamonicaumc.org, or to our Lay Leadership Team: leadership@santamonicaumc.org.

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.