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**NOVEMBER Calendar**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THIS MONTH**

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Kids, via Zoom
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
4 p.m. UMYF Gathering
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7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
**Wednesday, November 4**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer, (In Person)
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
**Thursday, November 5**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
6:30 p.m. Listening Hearts Women’s Group, via Zoom
**Friday, November 6**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
10 a.m. Online Interview with John August Swanson, (Website & Youtube)

**Saturday, November 7**
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free Flu Vaccine Clinic, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (1343 Ocean Park Blvd.)
**Sunday, November 8**
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
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11 a.m. Town Hall with Rev. Patricia Farris Coffee Hour, via Zoom
4 p.m. Grief and Graces with Rev. Olsen Paget, via Zoom
**Monday, November 9**
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**Tuesday, November 24**
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
9:30 a.m. Prayer Chain Conference Call
**Wednesday, November 25**
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
**Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day**
Church campus closed

**Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent • Advent Devotions available**
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
10 a.m. Online Interview with John August Swanson, (Website & Youtube)
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**Celebrated in Worship!**
by Tricia Guerrero

On Sunday, October 25th, we celebrated a lot! Fourth grade Bibles were blessed and given to our fourth graders. Receiving a Bible is an important step in the faith journey of our children. We rejoice as a community and with our families as these children grow in their love for God and one another. If you know of a 4th grader who would like to receive a bible, you may still reach out to Tricia to receive one.

We also celebrated the continued dedication of our Sunday School teachers, who have taken on a new way of teaching this year via online Sunday School class. We give thanks for their faithfulness and gifts for ministry with children. (Janet Bogle not pictured.)

**Preschool Chapel Reflection**
by Tricia Guerrero

When the new Preschool year began in September, so began a new season with the children in Preschool Chapel. September 24th was the first day back to have the kids in Chapel, and so far this year we’ve had to do things a little differently. To better fit social distancing practices, we moved outside to the grassy courtyard from our normal gathering space inside the Chapel, and we adapted some of our favorite traditions. Despite so many changes, it was a very special morning—especially for me since it was my birthday! As each class arrived to have their Chapel time, they brought handmade gifts with birthday wishes and a birthday crown for me to wear. We danced and prayed, shared a Bible story and thanked God for the beautiful day. Spending time with our Preschool kids was the best birthday gift I can imagine! I give thanks to God for each child and the way they bring joy and blessings to our community.

**Blessing of the Animals 2020**

Every year in October we celebrate our pets and reaffirm our calling from God to care for the animals in our world. This year, Blessing of the Animals was such fun and we are excited to report that our first ever Drive Thru Blessings and Zoom Coffee Hour Animal Blessings were all met with big smiles and lots of wagging tails.

**HAPPENINGS - ONLINE AND IN PERSON**

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE** Sundays 10 a.m.
You can participate in the service in real time or later at your convenience. WHEN: Sunday 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Go to the First UMC Facebook Live page (facebook/umc), or watch the Sunday service the following week ANYTIME: www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC or watch the First UMC YouTube page: www.youtube.com/FirstUMC where you can find recordings of past services.

**Sundays during Worship in November:**

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For the First Sunday of Advent we celebrate with the theme “Where New Life Starts.” The annual Advent Devotional is released this day.
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Free Flu Vaccines at Mt. Olive Lutheran
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Online Town Hall with Rev. Farris
Come for the monthly online Town Hall question and answer session Sunday, November 8, with Rev. Patricia Farris. Ask a question, or just stop by and say Hello! All are welcome via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/95760987528
Zoom ID: 957 0989 7528, Password: fumc
Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m., via Zoom

Merrill Paul Burnett was one who was always served but rarely sought the spotlight. He quietly helped with committees, boards, and fundraising to make the world a better place with few accolades. He loved his wife Mary and his sons and worked hard to provide for them. In his retirement, he was able to spend time with his grandchildren in Colorado; watching swim meets and volunteering with First Robotics. During his final years, he approached his declining health with both hope and understanding. He was happy that he could travel to Southern California to visit his family and many friends. He is missed by many in both California and Colorado.

The world was a better place because of Malcolm Dole, he did so many kind and thoughtful things for so many people along the road of life. He helped clean up the air in California as part of the Air Resource Board. He enjoyed participating in our Chancel Choir and being a part of the First United Methodist Church.

Barbara Jeanne Fraser Parker grew up in Inglewood and came to work at the Samaritan Center of First UMC. Here she met Rich, her husband of fifty years. “Giving to others” was the hallmark of Barbara’s life, giving back through many ministries of the church, PEO, the Children’s Home Society and the Assistance League. She will be remembered as a loving friend and devoted child of God.

Roger Raymond Reel truly enjoyed being a life-long First UMC member. He was very active in our church community, particularly the music program, which was dear to his heart. Roger was an incredibly loving man who was loved by his family and friends and is deeply missed.

Donald “Don” Wagner, M.D., loved his family, his church, and his community, where he was an oncologist and surgeon at St. John’s Hospital, as well as UCLA and the Veterans Administration. A faithful member since 1965, Don especially loved the music at Santa Monica First UMC. He was 90 years old.

Emily Louise Winkler, known to her friends as Emily Lou, is described by her family as a sunny, smart, independent woman. She worked, traveled the world, took care of her own mother and dedicated in single-parenting her daughter, Margaret. Emily Lou was a member of our Chancel Choir for 55 years! Her smile light up the room and her heart was always full of song.

Emily Louise Conrad Winkler, with Martha Ross, and the Westside Food Bank

We Remember

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Malcolm Dole
Barbara Ann Johnson
Gloria Anne Lee
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Listening Hearts: A Women’s Group for All Self-Identifying Women
For anyone who struggles to listen to their heart in the midst of life’s chaos. For anyone who searches for meaning and purpose. For anyone who seeks spiritual community. This group is for you. Led by Tricia Guerrero, Listening Hearts is a group for women of all ages, grounded in the practices of sacred sharing, prayer and reflection. Alongside one another, we will share our stories, listen to one another, and grow in God’s loving presence. To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/online-ministries-events

Thursdays, November 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

In Memoriam

Barbara Jeanne Fraser Parker

Each year in our All Saints Sunday worship, we lift up the names of the beloved members of our congregation who have died in the past year and gone home to be with the Lord. We will continue that tradition in worship November 1st, lighting a candle on the altar for each. Additionally, this year I will offer a few sentences remembering members who have died in this year of the pandemic for whom we have not been able to gather and give thanks for each as we commend them to God’s everlasting care. We give thanks for their life and life everlasting and pray God’s comfort and peace for their families.

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How to watch:
- Facebook: Search @santamonicaumc. Be sure to “follow” our page.
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- Website: View the recital on the Livestream page: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream.

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We welcome the following members to the West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside.
- Mildred Rue
- Kevin Jones
- Deena Spangenberg
- Margaret McDonald

The meeting will include:
1. Welcome and introduction
2. Report of the Board of Directors
3. Provincial Trustee’s Report
4. Budget 2020-21 (pended)
5. Church Charge Conference OFFLINE! - The Board of Directors will share reports on the annual meeting. These reports will be made available to the congregation via the website.
6. Voting by the Board of Directors
7. Close of the meeting

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8. The prayer quilts will then be displayed during the next week.

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We thank Mike Eksridge for the beautiful card that was passed out to us. We also thank you for your support.

Alternative Christmas
This year, our Alternative Christmas will be an Online event! Missions Council has prayerfully selected local and global mission projects. You may make a donation to any of the projects as a gift to a friend or loved one, and send a card announcing your gift, which will be available to download. Look for more info coming soon.

Sundays, December 1 & 15, on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/alternative-christmas

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In Memoriam
Each year in our All Saints Sunday worship, we lift up the names of the beloved members of our congregation who have died in this past year and gone home to be with the Lord. We will continue that tradition in worship November 1st, lighting a candle on the altar table for each. Additionally, this year I will offer a few sentences remembering members who have died in this time of the pandemic for whom we have not been able to gather and give thanks for as we commend them to God’s everlasting care. We give thanks for their life and life everlasting and pray God’s comfort and peace for their families.

— Rev. Patricia Farris

We Remember
Merrill Paul Burnett
Malcolm Dole
Barbara Ann Johnson
Gloria Anne Lee
V. David Ott
Barbara Jeanne Parker
Roger Raymond Reel
Margaret Anne Roper
Shirley Larabee Stumley
Shirley Caroline Svenson
Donald Eugene Wagner
Emily Louise Winkler

Merrill Paul Burnett was one who was always served but rarely sought the spotlight. He quietly helped with committees, boards, and organizing to make the church a better place with few accolades. He loved his wife Mary and his sons and worked hard to provide for them. In his retirement, he was able to spend time with his grandchildren in Colorado; watching swim meets and volunteering with First Robotics. During his final years, he approached his declining health with both hope and understanding. He was happy that he could travel to Southern California to visit his family, and many friends. He is missed by many in both California and Colorado.

The world was a better place because of Malcolm Dole, he did so many kind and thoughtful things for so many people along the road of life. He helped clean up the air in California as part of the Air Resource Board. He enjoyed participating in our Chancel Choir and being a part of the First United Methodist Church.

Barbara Jeanne Fraser Parker grew up in Inglewood and came to work at the Samaritan Center of First UMC. Here she met Rich, her husband of fifty years. “Giving to others” was the hallmark of Barbara’s life, giving back through many ministries of the church, PEO, the Children’s Home Society and the Assistance League. She will be remembered as a loving friend and devoted child of God.

David Ott and his wife Sandra had 39 wonderful years together enjoying travels around the world and day to day activities. He was very thoughtful, kind and generous to many people. He is missed everyday by Sandra, family and many friends.

Roger Raymond Reel truly enjoyed being a lifelong First UMC member. He was very active in our church community, particularly the music program, which was dear to his heart. Roger was an incredibly loving man who was loved by his friends and family and is deeply missed.

Donald “Don” Wagner, M.D. loved his family, his church, and his community, where he was an oncologist and surgeon at St. John’s Hospital, as well as UCLA and the Veterans Administration. A faithful member since 1965, Don especially loved the music at Santa Monica First UMC. He was 90 years old.

Emily Louise Conrad Winkle, known to her friends as Emily Lou, is described by her family as a sunny, smart, independent woman. She worked, traveled the world, took care of her own mother and delighted in single-parenting her daughter, Margaret. Emily Lou was a member of our Chancel Choir for 55 years! Her smile light up the room and her heart was always full of song.

Listening Hearts: A Women’s Group for All Self-Identifying Women
For anyone who struggles to listen to their heart in the midst of life’s chaos. For anyone who searches for meaning and purpose. For anyone who seeks spiritual community. This group is for you. Led by Tricia Guerrero, Listening Hearts is a group for women of all ages, grounded in the practices of sacred listening, prayer and reflection. Alongside one another, we will share our stories, listen to one another, and grow in God’s loving presence. To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/online-ministries-events
Thurdays, November 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Free Flu Vaccines at Mt. Olive Lutheran
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is holding a FREE Drive Through Flu Shot Clinic. Flu vaccines are at no charge for people who don’t have health insurance or whose healthcare provider does not offer flu vaccines. Visit the website to view the flyer, and to download the consent form.
www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry
Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 1345 Ocean Park Blvd

Online Town Hall with Rev. Farris
Come for the monthly online Town Hall question and answer session Sunday, November 8, with Rev. Patricia Farris. Ask a question, or just stop by and say Hello!
All are welcome via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/95709897528
Zoom ID: 957 0989 7528. Password: fumc
Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m., via Zoom

Don’t Wait. Vaccinate. For instructions on how to order vaccines, visit the church website.

Our website is at https://www.santamonicaumc.org

Thank you for your support!
Celebrated in Worship! by Tricia Guerrero

On Sunday, October 25th, we celebrated a lot! Fourth grade Bibles were blessed and given to our fourth graders. Receiving a Bible is an important step in the faith journey of our children. We rejoice as a community and with our families as these children grow in their love for God and one another. If you know of a 4th grader who would like to receive a bible, you may still reach out to Tricia to receive one.

We also celebrated the continued dedication of our Sunday School teachers, who have taken on a new way of teaching this year via online Sunday School class. We give thanks for their faithfulness and gifts for ministry with children. (Janet Bogle not pictured.)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE   Sundays 10 a.m.

You can participate in the service in real time or later at your convenience. WHEN: Sunday 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Go to the First UMC Facebook Live page (quantamonicau.com), or watch the Sunday service the following week ANYTIME: www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC or watch the Sunday service the following week ANYTIME: www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE   Sundays 10 a.m.

(No meeting today)

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent • Advent Devotionals available
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
10 a.m. UMYF Gathering

Food Bank Hunger Walk (Online)

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday

Our annual All Saints Commemoration will poignantly offer
opportunities to connect this month

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THIS MONTH

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday • Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks back 1 hour)
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for kids, via Zoom
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
4 p.m. UMYF Gathering

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
Wednesday, November 4
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer, (In Person)
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
Thursday, November 5
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
6:30 p.m. Listening Hearts Women’s Group, via Zoom
Friday, November 6
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
10 a.m. Online Interview with John August Swanson, (Website & Youtube)
Saturday, November 7
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free Flu Vaccine Clinic, Mt. Olive Lutheran (Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk) (Online)
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for kids, via Zoom
11 a.m. Town Hall with Rev. Patricia Farris Coffee Hour, via Zoom
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Westside Food Bank Food Drive (drop-off bins on campus)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for kids, via Zoom
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
11 a.m. Town Hall with Rev. Patricia Farris Coffee Hour, via Zoom
4 p.m. Grief and Graces with Rev. Olsen Paget, via Zoom
4 p.m. UMYF Gathering
Tuesday, November 10
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
9:30 a.m. Prayer Chain Conference Call
Wednesday, November 11
12:10 p.m. November Mid-Week Recital, (Facebook & website)
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer, (In Person)
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
Thursday, November 12
7 p.m. Church Choir Meeting, via Zoom
Sunday, November 15 - Charge Conference Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
11 a.m. Online Coffee Hour via Zoom
1 p.m. Charge Conference Online, via Zoom
4 p.m. UMYF Gathering
Tuesday, November 17
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
Wednesday, November 18
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer, (In Person)
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
Thursday, November 19
6:30 p.m. Listening Hearts Women’s Group, via Zoom
Saturday, November 21
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, via Zoom

Sunday, November 22 - Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for kids, via Zoom
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
4 p.m. Grief and Graces with Rev. Olsen Paget, via Zoom
4 p.m. UMYF Gathering
Tuesday, November 24
7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast, via Zoom
9:30 a.m. Prayer Chain Conference Call
Wednesday, November 25
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Church campus closed
Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent • Advent Devotionals available
9 a.m. Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Courtyard
10 a.m. Online Worship Service (Facebook & website)
10 a.m. UMYF Gathering

Sundays during Worship in November:

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday

Our annual All Saints Commemoration will poignantly offer
moments in worship to give thanks for our saints who have
died since the pandemic began, those for whom a memorial service has not been possible. (More on page 6.)

Sunday, November 8: First UMC Stewardship Campaign begins: Our annual Stewardship Campaign provides an opportunity to consider in prayer our financial commitments and priorities, stepping up as we are able to undergird the work of the church.

Sunday, November 15: Charge Conference Sunday

Tune in for our Zoom Charge Conference on November 15, which will again bring us together to celebrate the amazing ministry and mission of First UMC, as we hold ourselves accountable for the year just past and all that lies ahead as our 146th year begins. (More on page 4.)

Sunday, November 22: Consecration Sunday

We will consecrate our gifts and pledges on November 22, which is also Thanksgiving Sunday.

Sunday, November 29: First Sunday in Advent

For the First Sunday of Advent we celebrate with the theme “Where New Life Starts.” The annual Advent Devotional is released this day.

HAPPENINGS - ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Preschool Chapel Reflection by Tricia Guerrero

When the new Preschool year began in September, so began a new season with the children in Preschool Chapel. September 24th was the first day back to have the kids in Chapel, and so far this year we’ve had to do things a little differently. To better fit social distancing practices, we moved outside to the grassy courtyard from our normal gathering space inside the Chapel, and we adapted some of our favorite traditions. Despite so many changes, it was a very special morning—especially for me since it was my birthday! As each class arrived to have their Chapel time, they brought handmade gifts with birthday wishes and a birthday crown for me to wear. We danced and prayed, shared a Bible story and thanked God for the beautiful day. Spending time with our Preschool kids was the best birthday gift I can imagine! I give thanks to God for each child and the way they bring joy and blessings to our community.

Blessing of the Animals 2020

Every year in October we celebrate our pets and reaffirm our calling from God to care for the animals in our world. This year, Blessing of the Animals was such fun and we are excited to report that our first ever Drive Thru Blessings and Zoom Coffee Hour Animal Blessings were all met with big smiles and lots of wagging tails.
“Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common” - Acts 2:43-44a

We thank John August Swanson for permission to use his art piece “The Storm” for our Stewardship campaign. Watch for an online interview with John and Rev. Farris, where John discusses the work and his thought process behind the imagery.

How to watch:
Interview with John August Swanson and Rev. Patricia Farris
Premieres Friday, November 6, at 10 a.m.
On the First UMC Livestream page: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
and the First UMC YouTube page: www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC

A preliminary sketch for “The Storm”