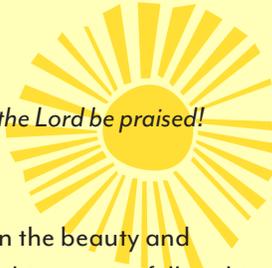


SENTINEL

Horizons

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised!
– Psalm 113:3 CSB



Enjoy this breezy Summer Sentinel as you delight in the beauty and promise of summer. Explore opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and mission.

Take in the glory of God's creation in your own yard, garden or neighborhood, or farther afield if you're traveling. Savor earlier mornings and lingering twilight.

Breathe deep and rest in the anticipation of new days ahead. Give thanks for all who have nurtured, cared for us, and led us through this past year+.

Dream of what can be, letting all we have learned, experienced, and seen—as if for the first time—spark new visions of fuller life for all and for God's creation.

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Patricia Farris
Senior Minister



Erin Snider, during a Sunday School held outside on the First UMC Courtyard

Summerfest
...is back!

SATURDAY, JULY 17
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

in the First UMC Courtyard



FUN FOR ALL AGES!
CRAFTS, GAMES,
PHOTO BOOTH,
AND MORE!

Outdoor Summer Worship: Church on the Lawn

*I've Been Meaning to Ask: A Series
for Curiosity, Courage, & Connection*

Sundays: July 11, & July 25
5 - 6 p.m., First UMC Courtyard

(arrive at 5 p.m., church starts at 5:15 p.m.)



Casual outdoor worship for all ages continues! Come gather on the church lawn for worship and community this month on the Sundays of July 11 and 25th. Worship activity bags will be provided to help children participate. Be sure to wear your mask and bring a lawn chair or blanket for time together in community as we worship, pray, serve and grow in God's love! Led by Tricia Guerrero, we follow these guidelines: Masks and physical distancing required • Hand sanitizer will be available. • The restrooms on the second and third floors will be available. Bring your own Bible or journal. • No food or beverages are permitted. Questions? Contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

We look forward to seeing you out on the lawn!

www.santamonicaumc.org/summer-worship

Summerfest is Back!

First UMC is excited that the All-Church Summerfest, presented by the Fellowship & Events Committee, is back! Fun for the whole family - be together with community, enjoy games, crafts for the kids, a photo booth, and more. *Masks please.*

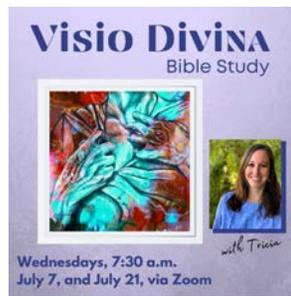
Saturday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the First UMC Courtyard

Visio Divina Bible Study

On the Wednesday prior to *Worship on the Lawn*, join Tricia Guerrero on Zoom for an early morning session of guided visual meditation and prayer. Each 30-minute session will prepare our hearts and minds for the coming Sunday's worship. Zoom info on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/summer-worship

Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., July 7, and July 21, via Zoom.



July/August Ongoing Ministries:

- **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Sanctuary Open for Prayer:** Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Open Space Young Adults Soul Care:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group, with Tricia Guerrero:** Thursdays: July 1, July 15, August 5, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Sunday Morning Walks:** Sundays, 8 a.m., First UMC Courtyard
- **Sunday School for Kids:** Will be a combination of meeting in the First UMC Courtyard, and Zoom meetings, Sundays, 9:15-9:45 a.m.

For more information on all of these programs, go to www.santamonicaumc.org

Births

- **Luka Troy Huerta**, born to parents and First UMC member Katya Heffner and her husband Rosendo, and grandparents, First UMC members Kyle and Sue Heffner, on June 14.
- **Molly Anderson**, born to parents First UMC member Joey and Allie Anderson and grandma Sue Anderson, on June 16.

Baptism

- **Stella Prescilla Hovey** was baptized June 13, by Rev. Patricia Farris.



Deaths

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

- First UMC congregant **Dr. Pat Hassakis**, who died May 12. Pat was a former Chair of the Health Ministry Council.
- First UMC member **Julia Lynn Ward**, who died May 16. Julia Lynn was a former Treasurer for the UMW and a church office volunteer.
- First UMC member **Duane E. Kwasnicki**, who died May 29.
- Long-time First UMC congregant **Betty Cockerill**, who died May 31. Betty was on staff as a treasurer/bookkeeper in the '60s-'80s, and worked for Dr. Carlson and Dr. Shelby.
- We extend our love and prayers to Martha Trotter Wingfield and Myron Wingfield in the death of their son, **Jesse**. Martha was Associate Pastor at First UMC from 1986 to 1991.

Scholarship Sunday

On Sunday, June 27, we celebrated the scholars of First UMC, who are excited about their next educational step. Below is the list of those who were awarded with one or more Methodist Foundation Scholarships:

- Madelyn Bisson
- William Buxton
- Owen Ing
- Jamie Jones
- Jack Kelley
- Emily Plukas
- Alejandro Quintana
- Natalia Quintana
- Leo Rapoport
- Ella Ward
- Emma Wollitz
- Haylie Wollitz



Dee Menzies, speaking on behalf of the Methodist Foundation



OWEN ING - THE HARTT SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
BFA in Music Theatre

Mira Pak, Chair, Loans & Scholarships Committee, introducing the 2021 Scholarship recipients



We give thanks to our custodial team of Alicia, Javier, and Christian, for all they do to provide a place of welcome for all who come to our church campus!

Our Preschool teachers have been amazing over the past 15 months, transitioning to virtual learning last spring and then on June 22, 2020, reopening the Preschool to in-person learning for the kids. In June, we celebrated one year of our reopening! We give thanks for our teachers who have provided a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for children and families over the past year.



LOOKING FORWARD

Stay tuned for the introduction of the First UMC App!