

SENTINEL

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HORIZONS

November—what a rich and meaningful month in the life of the church. All Saints Sunday to give thanks for our beloved ones who now go on ahead, our annual Giving Campaign to reset our priorities and ramp up our generosity, Charge Conference with our District Superintendent to celebrate the incredible ministries and mission of First UMC...all opportunities to remember, reflect, and give thanks. A season to grow in awareness, gratitude, generosity, and love.

“Faith for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow” is our theme for this year’s Giving Campaign. We give thanks to God for accompanying us through these past many months of challenge and for opening to us new doors into worship, study, fellowship and service, lavishly, if sometimes unexpectedly, gifting us with faith for the living of these days and bright hope for tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

We give thanks to God for all the possibilities and promise in what lies ahead. We give thanks for all the ways we support one another as we journey along, offering fellowship and prayer. We give thanks for all the possibilities for children, youth, families and students made possible through our generosity. We give thanks for the possibilities of new life made tangible in backpacks for students, and meals on the table through the Hunger Walk.

May God’s blessings pour out on you, your family, friends, and neighbors in this season. And may our hearts be stretched deep and wide to embrace all that lies ahead in the spirit of abiding and abundant hope.

Rev. Patricia Farris
Senior Minister

May light flood your hearts that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you.
Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God’s people.
– Ephesians 1 CEV



All Saints Sunday / White Ribbon Memorial

During the All Saints Day worship service on November 7, we honor those who have died during the past year. *To see the list of In Memoriam names, go to page 4.*

One of the ways we remember our loved ones is with the White Ribbon Memorial. You may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon on the table located outside the Sanctuary, say a prayer, and put the ribbon in the bowl. Ribbons hung in years’ past will be rehung this year. If you are worshipping online, you may call or email the church office with your loved one’s name, and we will make a ribbon for you.

White Ribbon Memorial: Sunday, November 7, during 10 a.m. worship



SUNDAYS IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7: All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion, First UMC Stewardship Campaign begins

- Our annual All Saints Commemoration will poignantly offer moments in worship to give thanks for our saints who have died this year.
- 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 21: Charge Conference Sunday, Consecration Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday

- During worship we will consecrate our gifts and pledges.
- After worship, tune in for our Zoom Charge Conference at 1 p.m., 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 147th year begins.

Sunday, November 29: First Sunday in Advent

For the First Sunday of Advent we celebrate with the theme "The Stars Are Brightly Shining." The annual Advent Devotional is released this day.

Calendar Heads Up

Sunday, November 7:

Daylight Saving Time ends, Fall back one hour!

AND the LA Marathon: Street closures on Montana and San Vicente:

<https://www.lamarathon.com/pages/la-marathon-course>



SUNDAY MORNING IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Worship in the Sanctuary

We worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary each week. The worship service is 35-40 minutes. We follow these guidelines:

- Masks are required for everyone
- If you are feeling ill, please worship online rather than in-person
- Ushers will guide us to maintain physical distancing in the Sanctuary
- We hope to resume congregational singing at a later date
- Offering Plates will be available in the Narthex to receive tithes and offerings. You may also continue to give online.
- We encourage everyone to greet one another with elbow or fist bumps, or with hands pressed together and a small bow, rather than with hugs or handshakes
- Children's Ministries: Sunday School 10 a.m. Hybrid schedule (1st/3rd Sundays on Zoom, 2nd/4th Sundays In-Person)

Worship Online

We offer several options for participating in online worship. You may join in the service Livestream in real time or later at your convenience on these platforms:

Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Online LIVESTREAM on:

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc/live
- **Website:** www.santamonicaumc.org
- **YouTube Channel:** www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC
- **The First UMC App:** (download from the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM)

After Worship Social Hour: In-Person and Online

If you worship in the sanctuary or online, there is an informal gathering time in the First UMC Courtyard. Everyone is welcome to come to church in-person and then join the Zoom meeting for community time when you get home! **No meeting on November 21, Charge Conference Sunday.*

Sundays after Worship, 11 a.m. via Zoom

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

Zoom ID: 965 7839 7184 **Password:** fumc



November Ongoing Ministries:

• **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom

Men's Bible Study is an online 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 Bible Study is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word.

• **Rev. Larry's Bible Study, Thursdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (same class, runs though Nov 11)** "Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes" focuses on the Torah – the first five Old Testament books, and follows the Rabbi Evan Moffic's workbook and videos. Rabbi Moffic has a special passion for communicating a specifically Jewish understanding of the Torah to Christian audiences. His aim is to give us a sense of how Jesus would have understood these scriptures.

• **Open Space Young Adults Soul Care:** In-Person and Online, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. They gather for conversations on faith and life, engaging in prayer and study.

• **Listening Hearts Women's Group, with Tricia Guerrero:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: November 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women who gather to listen to one another in the midst of life's chaos.

• **Sunday School for Kids:** Sundays, 10 a.m.
We offer in-person Sunday School for ages 2 and up on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Zoom Sunday School is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

• **UMYF Youth Group:** Sundays, 6 p.m. First UMC Courtyard
The Youth Ministry is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. **No meeting November 28.*

For more information on all of these programs, go to

www.santamonicaumc.org

Flowers and Displays

We accept donations to the Flower Fund to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service. To donate to the flower fund, go to:

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund



November Mid-Week Recital

The November Mid-Week Recital features **Kirill and Anna Gliadkovsky, piano duo**. Kirill and Anna Gliadkovsky studied at the most prestigious musical institutions in Russia - the Tchaikovsky Conservatory and the Gnessins Russian Music Academy in Moscow. Anna also studied at the Special Music School for Gifted Children in Kiev.

Before marrying, each artist pursued a very successful career as a soloist and performed in major concert halls in Russia, such as Philharmonic halls in St. Petersburg and Kiev, Bolshoi and Rachmaninoff Halls in Moscow. They also concertized in Germany, Italy, Poland, Mongolia, U.K., Canada, Czechoslovakia, and the United States. The venues included Philharmonic Hall in Poznan, Poland, Radio Hall in Prague, Purcell Hall in London, Musikhalle in Hamburg, Merkin Hall in New York, Royce Hall in Los Angeles, Centers for the Arts in Scottsdale, Wickenburg and Chandler, AZ, Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa, CA, National Gallery of Art and Catholic University in Washington, DC, 1st Congregational Church in Los Angeles, CA and others. Anna and Kirill now perform as a duo piano team, nationally and internationally, in addition to their solo work. Sometimes they perform with their daughters, Anastassia and Sophia, making it 6 or 8 hands.

To read their full bio, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recitals

How to watch:

- Facebook Live - Search @santamonicaumc
- YouTube Live- Search "Santa Monica UMC"
- Website - www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
- The App - download the app at the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM

November Mid-Week Recital: Wednesday, November 10, 12:10 p.m. Livestream. Available to watch anytime afterwards on the above platforms.



Angel Tree

Angel Tree is back and is again being chaired by church member, **Chris Ruud**. This church/community project fills 26 laundry baskets with new household items to provide the families of Family Place/ Upward Bound House with new things for Christmas.

Needed items: 2 sets of towels, twin sheets, twin blanket, bathroom rugs or first aid kit. Please call or email Chris (310 393.3255, chr10is@yahoo.com) and she will tell you what is still needed and what you can do to help. The ornament tags that indicate the apartment numbers and what the specific gift(s) are that you've purchased and wrapped, can be mailed or dropped off to you so that you can attach them to the wrapped gift(s). The wrapped gifts can be dropped off at the church office or call Chris for pick up. Thank you so much for considering to support Angel Tree.

Angel Tree: runs from November 21 to December 12



Advent Devotional 2021

This year, the Spiritual Formation Council invites you to read your Advent Devotional - offered in both printed and online versions, starting on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 28**. The devotional is written by First UMC congregants and provides a wonderful opportunity to share Advent with family and friends. This year's theme is "**The Stars Are Brightly Shining.**" We're excited to also offer Audio Devotion files for the Sundays in Advent, and the last week of Advent.

Sign up now to receive the daily email devotionals: www.santamonicaumc.org/advent. The printed booklet will be available at worship on Sunday, November 28.



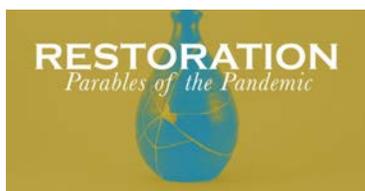
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Church Charge Conference - Online

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference - this year we're again online. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 21, 1 p.m.** (note meeting time is not directly after worship service.) Even though we're not gathering in person this year, we will still engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments, highlighting the theme "Restoration." West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside.

All are welcome via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>
Zoom ID: **965 7839 7184** Password: **fumc**

**Have a computer but no camera?
No problem! You can still attend.
Contact Sarah Rold (s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org) before the event for how to join by phone.*



ONLINE Charge Conference:
Sunday, November 21, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Church Member
for
50+
Years

We honor the First UMC church members and congregants who have reached the 50-year mark this year:

Cynthia Adkins
William Adkins
Julie Alari
Fred Beteta
Susan Cline
Robert Hedges
Sharon Jones
Maxine Keeling
Ronald King
Renee Portenier
Judy Sheridan
Ann Wilson
Linda Wilson
Thomas Wilson

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 the past year and gone home to be with the Lord. We will continue that tradition in worship November 7. We give thanks for their life and life everlasting and pray God's comfort and peace for their families.

We Remember

Betty Darlene Cockerill
Joy Ann Detmer
Charlene Marie Earnest
Janice Elaine Ellis
Shirley Elaine Gholson
Barbara Ann Catherine Hackett
Patricia Hassakis
Duane E Kwasnicki
K.J. Laessig
Marilyn Elizabeth Leoni
Janet Lipscomb
Elizabeth Ann Marriott Lowery
Bertha Hesser Nelson
Nancy Perov
Lorraine Dorothy Simonton
Carol Ann Solverson
Dena Stevenson
Edward C. Stine
Julia Lynn Ward
Marion Wilson

Children, Youth and Family Collaborative

"The Children, Youth and Family Collaborative, a First UMC mission outreach to youth in foster care, has added the Santa Monica/Malibu School District to its coverage. Currently 20 high school youth at Santa Monica High are being served by the CYFC program. Our outreach through CYFC is now even closer to home!" — Rev. Larry Young

Prayer Quilts - How to Request

The Prayer Quilt Ministry continues to offer Prayer Quilts to those in need. To request a quilt:

1. Talk to the intended recipient. Ask if the person is willing to be prayed for and to receive a quilt. Ask what specific prayers are wished for. There is no charge for the quilt – it is a gift of love.
2. Contact Maile Marquand (maile@rugbooks.com) or Sue Payne (sue.f.payne@gmail.com).
3. Select the quilt if some are already made, or suggest colors if one is to be selected for you. Once the quilt selection has been made, First UMC will display the quilt in the Friday Community Email, and also during Sunday 10 a.m. Worship. You may call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; she will let you know the requested prayers: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rold@santamonicaumc.org. Prayers will be collected Tuesday – Friday of the following week, and the prayer knots will be tied by the church staff. www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

Congregation Care Corner

If you have any questions or need pastoral care, you may always call the Pastoral Care line (310-393-8258 and enter extension 1), which is available for people to leave a message requesting care. If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to volunteer to help with our homebound folks, please contact Congregation Care Associate, **Anne Premer**: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org. Or, call (310)393-8258 ext. 103.

Medicare Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare 2022 is from October 15 - December 7. If you're 65 or older, this is when you can start thinking about signing up for Medicare or reevaluate your coverage and make changes if necessary. To help with that decision making, the following link will walk you through the process: <https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/12116%201-21-21%20508.pdf>. Or to speak with a local Medicare expert, WISE and Healthy Aging recommends contacting **Bruce Johnston** at: (310)351-7772, or www.101medicare.com/annual-election-period-news

COMMUNITY



Births

- **Juliette Bimmy Pfister** was born to First UMC member John and Ariana Pfister on October 6.

Congratulations

- First UMC member **Eliana Pires Naboolio** and Matt Janssen were married September 18.

Baptism

- **Olive Guerrero Dimalanta** was baptized on October 24 by Rev. Patricia Farris.



Deaths

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

- First UMC member **Marilyn Elizabeth Leoni**, who died October 14.
- First UMC member JoAnne Bailey's mother **Thelma Jo Mislovic**, who died October 16.
- First UMC member **Carol Ann Solverson**, who died October 17.
- First UMC member **Lorraine Dorothy Simonton**, who died October 20.

Memorial

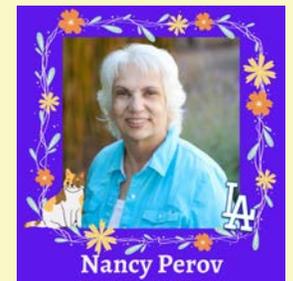
John August Swanson's life will be celebrated:

November 18, 2021, at
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
555 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California
The Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome. A live-stream video feed of the service will be available for those who cannot attend. For more information, please see John's webpage at this link:

<https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/Service>

HAPPENINGS



On October 2, First UMC presented the 15th Annual Blessing of the Animals! Pets were blessed via Drive Thru car blessings, and Walk-Up blessings, and we collected pet supplies for a local pet shelter. We held this year's event in memory of Nancy Perov, former First UMC office manager, who organized the first Blessing of the Animals 15 years ago.



The Youth Group carving Halloween pumpkins (above); and, organizing over 80 hygiene kits for The People Concern (right).



Preschool Corner

We now have an Everbright display in the school library! Everbright is a light display of colors and patterns for the children to use while expanding their imagination and creativity. Everbright is a great way for the children to learn and play. Thank you to Josh and Tweeny Jones for providing our first-ever Everbright for the Preschool. <https://theeverbright.com>



Children enjoying the Everbright display



Fun in the classroom



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Westside Food Bank

Thanks to all who donated and walked for Westside Food Bank! First UMC raised nearly 12k, earning the #1 Top Team for Congregations, and the #2 spot overall! We celebrate a successful week of walking and raising awareness, and making a difference in our community!