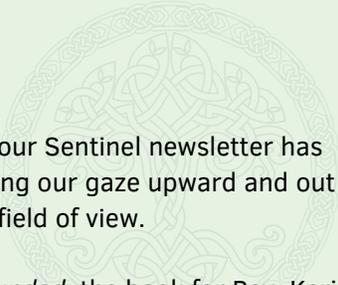


deeper roots;
wide-spreading branches

may Spring come to us; be in us;
and recreate new life in us!



HORIZONS

By Rev. Patricia Farris

For many years, this column in our Sentinel newsletter has been called "HORIZONS," drawing our gaze upward and out to just beyond the limits of our field of view.

Diana Butler Bass writes in *Grounded*, the book for Rev. Keri's Lenten study, that the horizon is the line where heaven and earth touch, but that it moves as you approach it. It's where we see God, she suggests, God at the edge of the visible world, on the horizon of mystery. What a beautiful alluring image that is for God's ever-growing, ever-regenerating love, within us and all around.

Lent invites us to look deep within, to grow deeper roots, to look and reach beyond the horizon to new layers of insight and faith. It invites us to spread wide the branches of our love wider than we ever imagined possible, embracing the whole of creation and the mind-boggling expanses of space.

For our congregation, in this season of transition and new growth, we are invited into God's new season of promise that lies just outside our view, with confidence, expectation, joy, and hope. Our God is always making all things new!

May our Lenten prayer be: "May Spring come to us; be in us; and recreate new life in us!"

Holy Week 2024

MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

• **10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**

Waving of Palms and Loud Hosannas!

• **After Church: Brunch/Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt**

(More info on page 5)

MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

• **Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., First UMC Chapel**

Open all day to pray and "watch with Jesus."

• **Good Friday Labyrinth Walk 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

The Labyrinth will be open for walking, every step a prayer.

• **Good Friday Service 12 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)

• **Good Friday Ecumenical Service 7 p.m.**

Join Rev. Patricia Farris and the First UMC Choir at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)

MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

• **6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service**

Palisades Park (Washington Ave. & Ocean Ave.) Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blanket.

Hot coffee served.

• **10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship**

in the First UMC Sanctuary

Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ,

Flowers, and Alleluias!

(nursery care provided)

Easter 2024



The Joy We Share

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE WEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



"On behalf of Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and her Cabinet, I share with you that after deep prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Escobedo-Frank's intent to appoint the **Rev. Gregory Batson as Senior Pastor at Santa Monica First UMC as of July 1, 2024.**

Rev. Greg was discerned for this appointment because he brings gifts in proclamation and worship, administrative and financial management, strategic vision and implementation, and a commitment to developing lay leadership. Rev. Greg is a gifted and experienced leader who has served for a number of years in the local church in the California-Pacific Conference and other capacities within and outside the church. Rev. Greg is a spirit-filled leader and preacher with a track record of

shepherding congregations following a long-term appointment. As a church leader and developer, he is uniquely gifted to lead Santa Monica FUMC into an era of vibrant growth during such challenging times. Rev. Greg will work together with Rev. Patricia Farris and your lay leadership for a smooth and effective ministry transition.

On behalf of our Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness as a congregation over many years. I am excited to see what the next season of ministry will bring to, for and through your community as you go from strength to strength in partnership with Rev. Greg. In this season of transition, I know you will both celebrate Rev. Patricia Farris's ministry among you and continue to pray for her and her family as everyone moves through this season of change.

In ministry together,
Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi
West District Superintendent

WORSHIP: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE



Ash Wednesday
in the Chapel

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary each week. If you feel ill, please choose to worship from home online.



COMMUNION SUNDAYS

Berneice Southcott prepares the Communion elements before worship, with the help of Congregation Care Associate **Anne Premer**. **Mary Crawford** and **Rose Kujawa** help take care of the elements after worship. Thank you all for your service!

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:

- **Website:** www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream

After worship: www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive

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

Let us know if you need assistance in joining online.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets weekly, and is open to all 6th - 12th graders in the community. They gather on Sunday evenings in the Youth Lounge for dinner, games and a program or topic for discussion and reflection.

March Meetings: March 3, 10 & 17, 6-8 p.m. no meeting 3/24 or 3/31



The Youth discussed the challenges of homelessness, and the barriers to "getting back on your feet," following the book "Imagine If: A Homeless Experience." Then they assembled 100 hygiene kits to be distributed to Santa Monica's The People Concern, a local group who works to address the effects of homelessness, poverty, mental and physical illness, abuse and addiction.

MARCH ON-GOING MINISTRIES

- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Open Space Young Adults** March 20, 7 p.m.
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group** March 6 & 20, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe
(12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025)
- **Prayer Quilt Ministry** Third Saturday of the month:
Meeting March 16, Room 300
- **The Chancel Choir** Rehearsals on Thursdays 7:40 p.m. in the Choir Room
- **Blood Pressure Screenings** *not meeting in March*
- **Nursery Care** Sundays: 9:30 - 11 a.m. Room 204
- **Sunday School for Kids** Sundays, 10 a.m. in Room 206, for ages 2 and up.
- **UMYF Youth Group** Meets on Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Youth Lounge
(no meetings March 24 & 31)

For more information on all of these programs, go to

www.santamonicaumc.org

OPEN SPACE YOUNG ADULTS

A place of community for "youngish" adults (loosely in your 20's, 30's... even 40's!). We seek to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. We gather monthly for conversations and connection.

March meeting: March 20, 7 p.m. off-site



Open Space Meet-up
after the 7 p.m. Ash
Wednesday service

LISTENING HEARTS WOMEN'S GROUP

Listening Hearts is a group for women of all ages, grounded in the practices of sacred listening, prayer and reflection. We gather both in person and online. During Lent we will meet for coffee and community at Literati Cafe on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. All are welcome to join! Contact Tricia Guerrero to learn more: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

March Meetings: March 6 & 20, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jamie Jones, the Sunday School teachers, and a few other special guests offer a weekly Children's Message at the beginning of worship each Sunday during. This means families begin worship in the Sanctuary before heading to Sunday School. You are invited to look around and greet a child and their family each Sunday. Let's celebrate the joyful and life-filled presence beloved children bring to our community each week! www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

MARCH *at a Glance*

- Mar 1** Labyrinth/Chapel open
Preschool Grandparents/Special Friends Day
- Mar 3** 3rd Sunday in Lent / Holy Communion
Meet and Greet with Emily Payne, Fireside Room
- Mar 5** Rev. Keri's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 6** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 7** Walking Meditation with Rev. Keri
Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 8** Ronald Kreiger Memorial
- Mar 9** Audrey Rogers Memorial
- Mar 10** 4th Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving time begins (Spring forward)
UMC General Conference Q&A after worship
- Mar 12** Rev. Keri's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 13** March Mid-Week Recital
Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 14** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 16** Prayer Quilt Workparty
Planting Day with Rev. Keri at the UBH Farm
- Mar 17** 5th Sunday in Lent / Service of Lessons and Anthems
LA Marathon (check routes to church)
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon after worship
- Mar 20** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- Mar 21** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study
- March 24 - March 31 - HOLY WEEK**
(see schedule on page 1)
- Mar 26** Rev. Keri's Lenten Zoom Study (*final meeting*)
- Mar 27** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study (*final meeting*)
- Mar 28** Rev. Larry's Lenten Zoom Study (*final meeting*)

WALK THE LABYRINTH & CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYERS

The Labyrinth is open every first Friday of the month from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., in Simkins Hall. If you've never walked the Labyrinth before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation. For those unable to walk, we have finger labyrinths. The First UMC Chapel will also be open for prayers.

Friday, March 1, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall and the Chapel

LENTEN ART EXHIBIT: MEET & GREET

Visit the Fireside Room during the Sundays in Lent to view the nature photographs of First UMC member **Emily Payne**. On Sunday, March 3, join Emily in the Fireside Room after church for a Meet and Greet - a time to chat with Emily and ask questions about her photographs and love of gardening. Exhibit runs through Lent in the Fireside Room.

**Meet and Greet with Emily:
Sunday, March 3 after worship**



NEW VISITORS! A PLUMERIA CUTTING GIFT FROM THE COURTYARD PLUMERIA

We welcome new visitors with a number of plumeria branches, available each week of Lent during worship hour in the Narthex.

Planting instructions/prayer included.



LENTEN BOOK STUDIES: TWO OPPORTUNITIES UNDERWAY

It's not too late to join in on two Zoom Lenten book studies:

• **Rev. Keri Olsen Paget** is leading a study of the book *Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. The class explores the book and their own experiences of "finding God-with-us" in the natural habitat and our human geography. To join, or if you have any questions, please contact Rev. Keri at k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org.
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. via Zoom: March 5, March 12, March 26

• **Rev. Larry Young** is offering a study based on Amy-Jill Levine's new book on *The Gospel of Mark*. Dr. Levine brings a unique Jewish perspective on this Gospel, as we would expect, having done another of her studies in 2022. There is a video lesson for each class, followed by a study based on her student book, available from Cokesbury.com (*search book title.*) The classes are offered on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., with duplicate sessions on Thursdays at 2 p.m. To sign up, email Rev. Young at lyoung@lyoung.net
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. classes: Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27
Thursdays, 2 p.m. classes: Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28
Book links on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/lenten-studies-2024

LENTEN WALKING MEDITATION IN PALISADES PARK WITH REV. KERI

Engage your senses, listen for God, and join members of our community for a walking meditation along Palisades Park with Rev. Keri Olsen Paget. Gather in the park at Washington Ave and Ocean Ave at 11 a.m. on March 7. Enjoy an independent walking meditation for 25 min (*about .4 mi*). Rev. Keri will provide a printed meditation /prayer guide, or you are welcome to use your own practice, if you prefer. Then, gather at the picnic tables (Palisades Ave. and Ocean Ave) to reflect on your practice and hear about others' experiences. Can't attend, but interested in walking meditation? Pick up a walking meditation guide (one for kids too!) from the welcome table or on our website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/lent

Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
meet at the park



Q&A ON THE UMC AND UPCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH REV. PATRICIA FARRIS

The General Conference of the UMC brings together lay and clergy delegates from four continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come. It is the only body that can set official policy and speak for the international denomination. General Conference typically gathers every four years, but because of the COVID pandemic, the assembly could not meet in 2020. That means the last regular session was in May 2016 — nearly eight years ago. In the interim, the denomination has seen a quarter of its U.S. churches depart under a disaffiliation policy that began in 2019 and expired at the end of 2023.

Stay after worship on Sunday, March 10, to hear updates from Rev. Farris who has participated in nine General Conferences, and will be attending GC April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina. For more info, visit:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/a-beginners-guide-to-general-conference>

Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall



MARCH MID-WEEK RECITAL

The March Mid-Week Recital features **Eva Smith Schoenweiss, violin; Wayne Smith, cello.** Eva and Wayne met and first played together as students in Cincinnati, Ohio. They now live in Berlin, Germany, where both teach at the Hanns Eisler Conservatory and perform together in the Niccolo Quartet. Eva is principal second violinist of the Deutsches Symphonie Orchestra.



Visit the website for more info and past recitals:

www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

Wednesday, March 13, 12:10 p.m. ONLINE:

Facebook: @santamonicaumc • YouTube Channel :

www.youtube.com/c/santamonicaumc • Website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream • The First

UMC App: (To download, go to the App Store/ FirstUMC_SM)

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

It's not too late to pick up this year's Lenten Devotional, online and in print. Written by the First UMC congregation, the devotional provides a wonderful opportunity to share Lent with family and friends. Printed copies are available at church and in the church office, and daily emails are underway. To sign up for the emails, visit the website: *(the email version includes the scripture for the day)* <http://eepurl.com/brFsJL>



Thanks to Molly Smith and Mary Crawford for organizing the writers of the Lenten Devotional!

PLANTING DAY WITH REV. KERI AT THE UBH FARM

Feel God's creation in your hands and watch new life emerge by gardening with us at the Upward Bound House FARM! The UBH FARM is a full-fledged organic farm in our own neighborhood. It provides "fresh produce to homeless families in conjunction with key curriculum to support mental and physical health and wellbeing." During our visit we will be "turning" the garden beds and planting a new round of crops. Wear your gardening clothes and hat. Plan to get dirty, enjoy community fellowship, and help reduce food insecurity in our neighborhood. No gardening experience required. If you'd like to attend, please email Rev. Keri by March 12, at:

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

For more information about the UBH Farm, visit their website at <https://www.theubhfarm.org/>

Saturday, March 16, 10am-1pm. Meet at the Farm (1417 Yale St. Santa Monica, CA)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Women of Action, a circle of United Women in Faith, in partnership with Fellowship and Events and Children's Ministry, presents the 22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17 after worship in Simkins Hall. **UWF will donate the proceeds to 580 Café Wesley Foundation at UCLA in honor of Rev. Patricia Farris for her 26 years as our Sr. Pastor.** The suggested donation of \$10 per person includes lunch and a rousing singalong led by JoAnne Bailey with virtuoso piano accompaniment by Mary Crawford. Children will be provided seasonal crafting materials. Children under 5 admitted free. Don't forget to wear green!



Ticket sales begin March 3 after worship.

Sunday, March 17, after worship in Simkins Hall

LA MARATHON

LA Marathon The 38th Annual LA Marathon takes place on **Sunday, March 17.** Participants will set out on starting at Dodger Stadium and finishing on the Avenue of the Stars in Century City. To view road closures for that day that might affect your drive to church, *(San Vicente closed)* visit:

<https://www.mccourtfoundation.org/event/los-angeles-marathon/distances-courses/>

EASTER FLOWERS



Now is the time to dedicate Easter Flowers in honor of a loved one for a small donation. Dedications will be present in the OOW for Easter service. \$15 per plant. Order flowers online: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund, or at the Sunday Welcome Table. Deadline to order: **March 19.**



PALM SUNDAY: BRUNCH/EASTER BUNNY/EGG HUNT

Following worship, come for a Palm Sunday celebration, hosted by Children and Family Ministries. Featuring brunch, an Easter Egg hunt, games and crafts, a family photo opp, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Fun for all ages!

Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: HELP THE 580 CAFE UCLA STUDENTS

The 580 Cafe is a ministry of the Wesley Foundation serving UCLA students. It serves as a space for students to build collective care and share food, conversation, and activism. Weekly programs and gatherings provide ways for students to create, hold and find brave space to share in collective learning, dialogue, and relaxation together. The 580 Cafe Food Cupboard provides students at UCLA the opportunity to select non-perishable food items, providing an important support to students who have limited access to healthy food options. How you can help: Your donations of the following food items supports the 580 Cafe in their efforts to end physical and spiritual hunger on campus.

Donations will be accepted throughout the Lenten season.

Peanut-butter (small jars)

Lentils

White Rice (short and long grain)

Pasta

Pasta Sauce (small jars or cans)

Snack Bars (individually wrapped)

Snack crackers (individuals package)

Popcorn (microwave)

Pretzels (individual packs)

Ramen (spicy)

Grocery cards (Ralphs, Target, Whole Foods, Sprouts)

Food Drive runs from Sunday, February 18 – Sunday March 31
(donation bins in the Narthex and at Welcome Table)



PRAYER REQUESTS

The First UMC Prayer Group is a network of persons who provide regular, dependable, and confidential prayer support. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time, and our Prayer Group will be notified of your request.

<https://santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/>

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 2024

Over the course of its 138-year history, the Claremont School of Theology has equipped thousands of pastors, non-profit leaders, and professors to help transform the world and lead congregations and faith communities.

The only United Methodist seminary west of the Rocky Mountains, the school was born in the San Fernando Valley, moved to the campus of the University of Southern California, and in 1957 moved to Claremont.



CST has, throughout its long history, distinguished itself not only as innovative, but also inclusive. The student population is one of the most diverse, attracting students of all races, ethnicities, and a wide range of denominational and faith affiliation. To meet the changing needs of the world and faith communities, CST has been a leader in interreligious theological studies.

CST was also one of the first theological schools to offer degree programs through online classes mixed with in-person teaching. With changing educational models developing across theological education, the mission of the school has moved beyond the costly 16+ campus facilities and is relocating to the Westwood UMC in Los Angeles.

While we continue the transition from the Claremont campus to our new home in Los Angeles, we are asking you to join us in our Special Appeal fundraiser. Please consider a generous gift at this critical time. For while challenges remain, the future is bright with promise and hope.

For more information about the Special Appeal, visit: <https://cst.edu/special-appeal/>
To donate directly, use the QR code with your smartphone.



CAL-PAC 2024 LENT PRAYER CALENDAR: NOURISHING RHYTHMS FOR A FLOURISHING LIFE

Embark on a spiritual journey this Lenten season with the Connectional Ministries Team prayer calendar, dedicated to uplifting those struggling with physical and spiritual hunger. Join us in daily reflection and prayer as we extend compassion and support to those facing challenges in their rhythms of life. Together, let's create a powerful wave of positive energy, practicing being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did. May our collective prayers bring healing and blessing, and inspire us to consider specific ways we can serve our communities. You may download the calendar here: www.calpacumc.org/resource/lent-2024-nourishing-rhythms-for-a-flourishing-life-calendar



DEATHS

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

- First UMC member **Fran Blemker** died February 5.
- First UMC member Mike Eskridge's mother, **Virgie Eskridge**, died February 16.
- First UMC member Elli Throckmorton's husband, **Jerry Duncan**, died on February 19.

MEMORIALS

- A memorial for **Ronald "Ronnie" Krieger** will be held on Friday, March 8, 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- A memorial for **Audrey Rogers** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SPIRIT SISTERS RETREAT CANCELED

- The Spirit Sisters, led by Paster Dorothy Bimber Worley, have canceled their annual All-Day Retreat.



First UMC volunteers **David Wilson, Bob and Joyce Rose, and Linda Diane Anderson** after a fun morning of making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches for the clients of Annenberg Access Center, a project of The People Concern.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The People Concern is seeking regular weekend volunteers to make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches at the Annenberg Access Center in Santa Monica. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier. Volunteers are asked to commit to one regular Saturday or Sunday shift per month. If you want to help, please e-mail Kristen McDermott at volunteer@thepeopleconcern.org. E-mail Linda Diane Anderson at landolinda@ca.rr.com with questions about this volunteer opportunity.

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 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.

WAYS TO SERVE AT FIRST UMC

Many of you have asked... How can I do more? How can I serve? These are excellent questions to consider! We have opportunities to serve out in the community with our Mission Partners - AND we have opportunities to serve here in our church community. All are vital ways to faithfully share your gifts. If you are interested in learning more or exploring a service opportunity, please reach out to **Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate** - t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.



Labyrinth Host - Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Join our Labyrinth Host team of volunteers who take turns hosting our First Friday Labyrinth opportunity each month, along with additional days like Good Friday and World Labyrinth Day.

Nursery Care on Sundays - Each Sunday from 9:30-11:00am we provide Nursery Care for our littlest church-goers (6 months - 2 years). We are looking for a team of rotating volunteers who have a special heart for caring for this age group. A background check and Safe Sanctuary training are required.

Lay Lector - Each Sunday in worship, you will see people from the church community helping to lead worship. If you are interested in being part of this rotating list, please let us know.

Welcome Ambassador - This opportunity is for anyone interested in the spiritual practice of hospitality and embodying Christ's welcome for all people. This includes greeting people in front of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, before worship from 9:40 -10 a.m., including assisting those with walkers or wheelchairs, greeting little children, and getting to play with dogs as they pass by on their morning walk!

Usher - Another opportunity for someone who is interested in the spiritual practice of hospitality. This role is both before and during worship, and part of a monthly rotating team of volunteers. Training will be provided.

In-Home Communion Server - Each month when communion is offered in church, members of the Communion Server Ministry take communion out to those who cannot be present during the service. We offer training and on-going support to our communion servers.

Sing in the Chancel Choir - We always welcome new members who would like to sing with the choir! Rehearsals on Thursday evenings, and sing in church each Sunday morning. Contact Jim Smith if you are interested: djes@roadrunner.com

Community Photos



Kids Night Out was held on February 2, and is loved by both church and preschool families!



Two Ash Wednesday services were held in the Chapel on February 14



Rev. Keri Olsen Paget's Lenten Zoom class began on February 20. Classes run through March

Miles McNeeley, LCSW from Wise & Healthy Aging, held an interactive discussion on scams and fraud prevention

Rev. Patricia Farris held a Q & A to discuss her upcoming retirement



The Preschool celebrated Lunar New Year with a special coffee hour, and hosted a Lion Dance performance



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LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year the Loans & Scholarships committee has the pleasure of acknowledging outstanding scholars, including graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students, for their scholastic excellence, commitment to community, and dedication to our church. To apply for this year's scholarships, the application will be available **April 7** on the website, or stop by the church office: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation

LEGACY LUNCHEON

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us after worship on April 21 to recognize all of the generosity of Legacy Circle Members. Planned giving is an important pillar of support for the church and we give thanks for all the members that include First UMC and Methodist Foundation in their estate plans. We will have a keynote speaker to communicate the state of the funds and generosity at work. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, April 21, after worship in Simkins Hall



SAVE THE DATE

FIRST UMC

SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 19

4 - 6 P.M.

FIRST UMC SANCTUARY



More details to follow

FIRST UMC BLOOD DRIVE

The Health Ministry Council is pleased to announce that an in-person Blood Drive will be held at First UMC for the first time since 2019! The American Red Cross is in critical need for donors of all blood types - give blood and you'll have the knowledge that you've truly helped save someone's life! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Debi Jenkinson (debijwong@yahoo.com). Schedule your appointment now on the website: www.redcrossblood.org, and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM.

Sunday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Simkins Hall

