

Farewell Rev. Patricia Farris



FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PATRICIA FARRIS AND DAVID BREMER

All are welcome as we celebrate 26 years in ministry with Rev. Farris on June 2 after worship. We will have great food, children's activities, speakers, reflections, and time to celebrate ALL of our years in ministry together!

Sunday, June 2, after worship in Simkins Hall

Patricia's tenure at First UMC of Santa Monica is coming to a close but certainly not her ministry. We all know that day will never come.

I was one of the Lay Leaders who were fortunate enough to sit down with Patricia in her office to discuss the ministry, goals and operations of First UMC. Patricia was always concerned that the congregation must be the main focus of these three areas of the church. She is as a shepherd. Her primary concern was for the well being of all the congregants. Her primary concern was (and continued to be) for the spiritual, mental, and physical well being of the individuals, groups and families of the church and the community it served. She drove herself to make sure that every detail was covered as related to each of these areas.

Every pastor, whether they were at our church for a few years or many, each one, continued to create our Legacy. For me personally, Patricia leaves a legacy of Hope. This is not only something that she delivers from the pulpit, but also it is something that she lives by. Whenever I have asked her advice on sermons I was writing or for a project I was doing for the church or as a teacher, she always said to make sure that I include, or end with, a message of Hope. This is how she tackles everything I have listened to or took part in. There were many challenges that Patricia faced while at First UMC (too many to be listed here). She faced each one with fortitude and a belief that, through Hope, these challenges would be resolved. Our Reverend Patricia Farris acted locally but thought globally as her ministry took her from our church to Claremont and to points around the world.

David must be included in anything written about Patricia. I was blessed to have sat next to David in choir. His knowledge of Christian history is unmatched (Harvard Divinity School and Wittenberg University). We caused our fair amount of trouble in choir. What a sense of humor! I shall miss him so much.

I, as well as us all, thank Patricia for her years of devotion she gave so freely to our community of faith. I, as well as us all, send her, and David from this place with our prayers and our blessings. They are now an important part of our continuing Legacy and we are so thankful for their presence among us. - **Ron Theile**

Love Gift for Patricia

You may stop by the Sunday Welcome Table on Sunday, June 2, to make a Love Gift honoring Patricia and David. (*Gifts of money should be made out directly to Patricia Farris*)

These are my brief reflections of gratitude for the prayerful, intelligent and thoughtful guidance and leadership of Reverend Patricia Farris.

Patricia's arrival in 1998, 26 years ago, coincided with the opening of Upward Bound House. UBH was the dream and vision of our previous Pastor Donald Shelby. Rev. Shelby faithfully led the arduous process of building Family Pace and Senior Villa on our church parking lot property. Patricia Farris arrived as Family Place opened (June 1997) and was now filled with once-homeless children and their families. Senior Villa would soon open in May 2000.

Rev. Patricia not only arrived to lead a church. She took on the additional crucial leadership of UBH on the Executive Committee of the UBH Board of Directors. Unfortunately, over these 26 years, more and more families fell into homelessness. Family Place, always full and with a long waiting list, would eventually expand to a facility in Culver City and later to Compton and South Los Angeles. Leadership over so many at risk families brought many challenges and occasional crises. Eventually, a global pandemic would add to the pressures and responsibilities.

Rev. Patricia Farris not only led a church. She carried important responsibilities in decision making and discernment for our extended families struggling to overcome homelessness and despair. Rev. Farris not only had to lead the UBH Board of Directors. Rev. Farris also had to be strong and provide guidance to the UBH Executive Director. One only imagines the lives touched and changed through the successes of UBH.

As our greater world changed and struggled, Rev. Farris sought to open communication and understanding with our Muslim neighbors. Our church hosted 3 seven-week (2 hour) "STANDING TOGETHER" workshops. Church members met with Muslim neighbors for dialogue and understanding. We learned about each other's differences and commonalities. We broke bread together each week. Church members visited the Islamic Center and local Mosque for a time of prayer and shared dinner. Under the leadership of Rev. Farris we embraced our neighbors and became educated and knowledgeable. Together, we were able to support each other during times of crisis and stand up against Islamophobia.

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Our Jewish neighbors use our Sanctuary for their High Holy Day gatherings. Now, our Muslim neighbors also gather for prayers in our church meeting rooms.

We are a church of open hearts and open minds. Rev. Farris has guided us through sermons, book studies, dialogue, workshops, meetings and prayerful discernment. Rev. Farris has been a leader in defending the rights and dignity of our LGBTQI sisters and brothers.

Patricia has blessed my dogs, memorialized my mother, checked on my well-being and helped to feed my heart, mind and spirit. Rev. Patricia Farris has been a role model for dignity, grace, strength and gentle reassurance.

My heart is full of gratitude for this strong, intelligent leader and teacher who gave so much to our church family and greater community. Rev. Farris has added to a better world and planted great seeds of hope for a more beautiful and better future. I always smile as I remember Rev. Farris in a role as auctioneer raising money to buy goats for struggling families in Haiti.

God Bless you, always, Sister Patricia. Godspeed to you and your delightful helpmate hubby, David Bremer. - **Cindy McQuade**

I have enjoyed Rev. Patricia's sermons, being Bible based and relevant to the times and to my life. I also was pleased with her emphasis on being an inclusive church. Working with her when I chaired Pastor Parish or served in any capacity, I could sense her sincerity and passion to accept her leadership role, sometimes having to make difficult decisions, while still able to show compassion and caring. Godspeed and farewell, Patricia!
- **Joyce Landsverk**

WORSHIP: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE 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

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.

JUNE ON-GOING MINISTRIES

- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Open Space Young Adults** June 19, 7 p.m. Off-site
 - **Listening Hearts Women's Group** June 5 & 19, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025) June 12 & 26, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
 - **Prayer Quilt Ministry** Third Saturday of the month: Meeting June 15, Room 300
 - **The Chancel Choir** Thursday, June 6, last evening practice until the Fall, in the Choir Room
 - **Blood Pressure Screenings** June 16, Fireside Room
 - **Sunday School for Kids** Sundays, 10 a.m. Meets in the Sanctuary for Children's Message, then goes to Room 204 (Toddlers) and Room 206 for K through 5th Grade.
 - **UMYF Youth Group** on Summer break
- For more info, visit: 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 foster an open-minded culture where all are invited to spark deep conversation and find spiritual meaning in a safe and diverse environment. People ask us what this means. For us, it means that everyone is invited to the table, just as you are. It means holding space for one another as we explore spiritual meaning. It means gathering together and learning ways to better love the world around us. And it means we have a lot of fun together! We would love to answer any questions or get you connected. Email Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org
On the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space
June Meeting: June 19, 7 p.m. off-site

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Education Building. **Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary or in the Family Zone in the Narthex.**



You are invited to look around and greet a child and their family in worship. You might hear a few more giggles and whispers or see some wiggles...let's celebrate the joyful and life-filled presence beloved children bring to our community each week!
www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health Ministry Council hosts Blood Pressure screenings once a month. We are grateful to this ministry for their continued care of the congregation!

Sunday, June 16, after worship in the Fireside Room



JUNE *at a Glance*

- June 1** Christine Stumpf memorial
- June 2** During Worship: Holy Communion; **Rev. Patricia Farris preaching**
After worship: Farewell Celebration Luncheon for Patricia Farris & David Bremer
- June 7** Walk the Labyrinth/ Chapel Open for Prayers
- June 9** During Worship: **Rev. Keri Olsen Paget preaching**; Moments for Mission: Youth Service Project
After Worship: Companions in Christ study beginning
Pre-Conference Briefing via Zoom
- June 12 - 15** Annual Cal-Pac Conference in Burbank
- June 15** Prayer Quilt Workparty
Kids Night Out
- June 16** During Worship: **Bill Buxton preaching**; Father's Day
After Worship: Blood Pressure Screenings
Companions in Christ continuing
- June 21** Preschool Spring Concert
- June 23** During Worship: **Tricia Guerrero preaching**; Scholarship Sunday, Youth Service Project
Commissioning in worship
After Worship: YSP Lunch and Learn Fundraiser in Simkins Hall; Companions in Christ continuing
- June 29** Youth Service Project Trip departure
- June 30** During Worship: **Rev. Larry Young preaching**
After Worship: Companions in Christ continuing
Special Charge Conference via Zoom

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 weekly. On the first and third Wednesdays we meet in person at Literati Cafe, and for the second and fourth Wednesdays we meet via Zoom in the evening. All are welcome to join! Contact Tricia Guerrero to learn more: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

June Meetings: June 5 & 19, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025) **June 12 & 26**, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

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. The First UMC Chapel will also be open for prayers.

Friday, June 7, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall and the Chapel

On Saturday, May 4, First UMC participated in World Labyrinth Day, where we "Walked as One at 1 p.m." with labyrinth sites around the world.



COMPANIONS IN CHRIST - THE WAY OF BLESSEDNESS

This 10-week small group study focuses on The Beatitudes from Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* – on the meanings of the words and how we give them and receive them. The group is an opportunity to grow spiritually along with other “companions in Christ.”

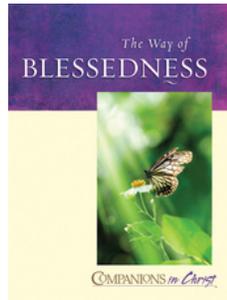
Participants will meet in-person on nine consecutive Sundays, June 9 - August 11, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. after worship. Each week's readings and daily exercises introduce one of the Beatitudes and encourages reflections on it. We are grateful to **Sue Payne** and **Char Smith** who will be leading this study.

To sign up, email Tricia - t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. Participants will need a copy of the Participant's book and their own journal or notebook in which to write down their reflections. You can purchase the Participant's book from a variety of different online bookstores including Cokesbury and AbeBooks.

Sue Payne shares her reflection from past Companions in Christ studies:

"I so enjoyed all the Companions in Christ studies! I grew a lot spiritually, gained a better sense of my Christian beliefs, and developed friendships with my "companions" who were in the groups with me. If there's any way to participate in this experience, please do so!"

Sundays, June 9 - August 11, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room



40TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Theme: Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Flourish! The 40th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will be held **June 12-15**,

in Burbank, CA. Participants from First UMC this year include Rev. Patricia Farris, Rev. Larry Young, Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Mary Crawford, Dick Crawford, Jack Fry, Adam Guerrero and Karen Ing.



KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids Night Out is back in June! While parents enjoy a well-deserved night out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner, and a movie with our trained childcare team. \$35/child + \$15 for each additional sibling, 2 years – 5th grade. Sign up now on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/kids-night-out **Saturday, June 15, 4 – 8 p.m. in the Education Building.**

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship.

Sunday, June 23, during 10 a.m. worship

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT TEAM & LUNCH & LEARN

Following the Youth Service Project Team commissioning during worship, join the team for a community Lunch and Learn in Simkins Hall. Visit informational tables set up by the team with facts about the Sierra Service Project and the work they do. The lunch will be provided by the YSP fund as a gift for the community, though donations are appreciated. Come for food and fun and learn more about the youth's service trip! Support the team:

www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

Sunday, June 23, after worship in Simkins Hall



The 2023 YSP Crew

SPECIAL ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

We are holding a required All Church Special Charge Conference on June 30 at 1 p.m. sharp via Zoom. **The single agenda item is to approve the Salary and Benefits package for our incoming Senior Pastor, Gregory Batson, appointed July 1, 2024 by our conference.** All church members are welcome to attend. District Superintendent Reverend Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi is presiding. Members of SPRC will be attending to answer any questions. The SPRC, Finance Committee, and Board of Trustees have all reviewed and approved the package for Gregory Batson. This is a required meeting as set forth in the Book of Discipline. We welcome your presence, comments, and vote, and are grateful for this time of transparency, so please join us for this very important meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Eddy at the church office: c.eddy@santamonicaumc.org

Sunday, June 30, 1 p.m. via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81783160093>

Meeting ID: 817 8316 0093



BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK: GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Abridged version of full message: "First, I want you to know that the spirit of General Conference was respectful, loving, and an outward expression of what holy conferencing is all about. From the very start, we could sense that the spirit of the Lord was in the house! The delegates did their good work before they arrived and during the two weeks in Charlotte. They brought forward legislation that will form our next expression of The United Methodist Church. Three main areas were addressed: **Regionalization was passed.** This will help us to be able to be a global church while also respecting the contextual needs of communities around the world, and it shows our willingness to live alongside each other as people who are different, and as people who love each other in our differences and similarities....

The revised Social Principles was passed. This document has had major revisions, is simpler, and it removes previous language that was harmful. The Social Principles is not law, but rather a set of guidelines we utilize as we consider how God is leading us in the world....

The removal of harmful language throughout The Discipline was completed. This is a work that has been ongoing for decades. No longer will our rules bring harm to our LGBTQAI+ siblings in Christ.

There is reason to rejoice when we live out the Three Simple Rules: Do good; Do no harm; Stay in love with God. It is important to say it is a new day in The United Methodist Church, and there it is felt and experienced 'hearts being strangely warmed' by God's love."



Image created by Mary Elizabeth Neal of Highlands UMC, a Reconciling Congregation in Five Points South in Birmingham, Alabama.

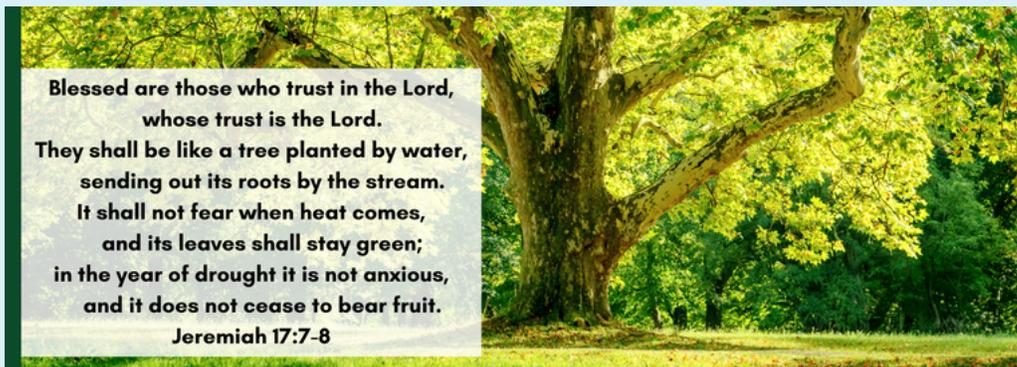


photos from General Conference

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Through the twists and turns, mountains and valleys we have all faced in the last 26 years, **we give thanks for the pastoral care that Rev. Patricia provided to this congregation.** As Rev. Patricia departs from this journey with us, our Pastoral Care Team consisting of Anne Premer, Tricia Guererro, and Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, will continue offering pastoral care for the month of June and beyond. **We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Greg Batson to this journey with us as a church community, as well as with the Pastoral Care Team starting on July 1.**

The Pastoral Care Team provides spiritual and emotional support during times of distress, loss, hardship and illness. We are concerned about your overall well being and want the congregation to know that you do not need to face hardship alone. Please reach out to our Pastoral Care Line at **310-393-8258 ext.1**, and leave a message with your concern or need. We will contact you promptly and as soon as we are able.



CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Let's celebrate our high school and college graduates! Congratulations! We are so proud of each of you.

The High School 2024 Graduates

Megan Crawford is graduating from Marymount High School. She plans to attend University of St. Andrews, working towards a major degree in International Relations and Middle East Studies.

Darragh Flanders is graduating from Santa Monica High School. He plans to attend Pomona College, working towards a degree in Biology.

Tia Hansen is graduating from Santa Monica High School. She plans to attend Santa Monica College (SMC) or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, working towards a degree in Environmental or General Engineering.

Amelie Hughes is graduating from Santa Monica High School. She plans to attend University of California Santa Barbara, working towards a degree in Business.

The College 2024 Graduates

Daniel Batson is graduating from Chapman University with a major degree in Broadcast Journalism.

Gabriela Holian is graduating from UCLA with a double major degree in English and Spanish.

Madeleine Ing is graduating from Keck School of Medicine of USC with a MD and Masters in Public Health.



ADVICE TO OUR STUDENTS

by First UMC member **Mira Pak**

1. For every hour you spend in a class, you need to plan on two-three hours of independent study time.
2. Do not schedule classes, work, and practices back-to-back. Schedule time in between so that you can process the first class before you rush off to the next.
3. Learn about the services available for students. Know where to find help when you need it – financial, psychological, social, academic.
4. Find a good, quiet place to study: use that space only for academic work – don't use it to nap or play video games.
5. Make lots of new friends, join clubs, find small-sized study groups.
6. Do NOT neglect your church-going. Going to Sunday services can keep you grounded no matter how far away from home you feel. Most important of all: Wherever you go or don't go, First UMC is always home for you. You are welcome here no matter what.

This article first appeared in the June/July 2011 Sentinel. Thank you, Mira, for your timeless advice!

*United Women in Faith hosted high school seniors **Tia Hansen, Amelie Hughes and Megan Crawford**, and their families at a Cinco de Mayo-themed luncheon on May 5. Megan, Tia, and Amelie spoke about post-high school plans and received scholarship checks. **Dr. Mira Pak**, gave the keynote address, sharing practical advice with both college-bound and career-focused graduates.*





BAPTISMS

- **Zoe Izzabella Corsiga Hughes** was baptized by Rev. Patricia Farris on May 12, 2024.



*The Hughes Family,
with Rev. Patricia Farris*

DEATHS

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

- We give thanks for the life and life everlasting of **Thomas Milton Kenny**, who died May 3, 2024.
- First UMC member Todd Erlandson's father, **Roy Erlandson**, died May 14, 2024.
- First UMC member **Lawrence Arthur Vredevoe** died May 22, 2024.

MEMORIALS

- A memorial for **Christine Rose Stumpf** will be held on Saturday, June 1, 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU!

Because of those who generously supported our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17, United Women in Faith were able to present a donation of \$820 to 580 Café, a project of Wesley Foundation at UCLA, in honor of Rev. Patricia Farris for her 26 years of ministry. 580 Café provides meals, a food pantry, and a place for fellowship, meditation, study, and prayer to UCLA students. UWF, on behalf of those we serve, are grateful to make this gift. - **Linda Diane Anderson**

CST AND METHODIST FOUNDATION NEWS

Each year at the Claremont School of Theology Commencement, a student is awarded the "First UMC of Santa Monica Edwin and Frances Witman Pastoral Care" award. Provided by the Foundation of the First UMC Santa Monica, it is given to a graduate who shows excellence or great promise in the practice of pastoral care, in memory of the Rev. Edwin H. Witman, a former pastor of the church, and his wife, Frances. This year's awardee is **Karen James**.

FLOWERS

Do you have a loved one you would like to dedicate flowers to on a given week? The church office can assist with the dedication and the cost is \$80. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table, or online: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund

Available Sundays: June 9/16/23/30

REQUEST A PRAYER QUILT

Led by **Sue Payne and Maile Marquand**, the Prayer Quilt Ministry offers 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 and Sue Payne at: prayerquilts@santamonicaumc.org. **(Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.)**
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, where you may tie a prayer knot during in-person worship, or view the quilt on the Livestream. **The next meeting date is Saturday, June 15, Room 300.** Contact info@santamonicaumc.org if you would like to volunteer. Prayer Quilt Ministry on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry



Some of the prayer quilt members were able to attend a quilting retreat recently. They also visited long-distance member Elli, rounding out a wonderful quilting weekend!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

"Missions Council member **David Wilson** stands with Homeboy Industries founder Fr. Greg Boyle at Homeboy's Annual *Lo Maximo* fundraiser on April 27, 2024. Homeboy provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community.

David's passion for Homeboy was inspired by his pre-retirement occupation as State of California Youth Correctional Counselor/Peace Officer."

With love and gratitude,
Linda Diane Anderson



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/>



Community Photos



The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by First UMC was a huge success, and an opportunity for our whole community to come together to make a difference. We are grateful to the Health Ministry Council for their work and commitment to this ministry of life saving care.

The First UMC "Davids": (from left) David Landsverk, David Bremer, David Mayhan, David Penson, David Wilson (not pictured: David Guyette)



During May Month of Service, volunteers prepped sandwiches for the folks at The People Concern

The First UMC Youth and counselors celebrated their year-end Youth Banquet

PRESCHOOL CORNER



Message From Dee Menzies, Preschool Director

Hello Congregation!

Being in the "home stretch" of our current school year, we are beginning our preparations for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We are pleased that enrollment is increasing, and we look forward to the many exciting activities that signal a new year is beginning. As previously mentioned, I intend to scale back my role at the Preschool in the upcoming year. I love every minute I spend with the wonderful girls and boys and our outstanding teaching faculty, but I also am eager to pursue my many other interests. In time, my role will be more clearly defined, but I will hold the title of Director Emerita. Enthusiastically, I will continue to support the Preschool with my time and energy. It has been a very special five years in this important role.



Dee Menzies, center, with Johanna Holman and Dane Rold

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LOOKING FORWARD TO JULY



Save the Date for **Sunday, July 7**, as we welcome Rev. Gregory Batson on his first Sunday at First UMC as our new Senior Minister!

UWF CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2024 BOUTIQUE SALE

Save the Date for Sunday, July 21, when the United Women in Faith's Christmas in July sale returns! Featuring Christmas ornaments, décor, and delicious homemade baked goods. Proceeds from the sale will benefit United Women in Faith mission projects.

Sunday, July 21, after worship in the Simkins Hall Alcove



AUGUST: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS MESSY CAMP

Join First UMC for Messy Camp (formerly known as Vacation Bible School/Camp), a one week summer program for children in grades TK through 5th grade. The week is full of fun and games, music and movement, scripture stories and crafts, science and mission projects. All of this within the context of exploring our beautiful and messy world together, and learning ways we can make our community and world a better place.

Theme: God's Messy Creation – Exploring the world around us and how we can make a difference!

Who: Ages 5 years old/entering TK to those finishing 5th grade

When: Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Messy Camp Cost: \$100/child

Register now on the website!

[www.santamonicaumc.org/
messy-camp](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp)

