

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Scholarship Sunday • Commissioning of the Youth Service Project Team • June 23, 2024

WE GATHER



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

WELCOME

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

PRELUDE Aria (Georg Philipp Telemann)

Ty Woodward, organ

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577 United Methodist Hymnal — God of Grace and God of Glory**
God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emily Payne, Lay Lector

When the waves of doubt threaten us,

God is with us.

When fears seem to swamp our lives,

God is with us.

Awake! God is here!

Rejoice! We are loved!

Get ready. There is much to be done.

Prepare us, Lord, to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors.

***CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE**

"Open now these gates of beauty, open now these doors of love; may the love of Christ, our Savior, come and dwell here from above. Alleluia, Amen!"

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones

#2233 The Faith We Sing — Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

Book Reading: *A Church for All* by Gale E. Pitman

I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.

As the congregation sings, the children may go to Sunday School in Rooms 204 and 206.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Gavin Eddy, Lay Lector

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

INTRODUCTION OF 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS *(see insert)*

Mira Pak, Chair, Loans & Scholarships Committee
with Matt Crawford, Methodist Foundation

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

Kim Hansen, Lay Lector

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2024 YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT TEAM *(see insert)*

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2195 TFWS — In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I'll rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Today this congregation celebrates a long-standing tradition at First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica by recognizing and encouraging individuals in their educational endeavors through scholarships, grants and awards. We do so remembering Jesus' admonition "to love God with all our mind," and the apostle Paul's exhortation "to set your mind on things that are above."

The 2024 Methodist Foundation Scholarships and Awards, and the recipients who are to be so honored this morning, are listed herein.



The Dave Anderson Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by David Anderson.

This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a member of the church pursuing a higher education in the field of engineering or science.

Kim Hansen

The Barbarita Baca Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Barbarita Baca, in her memory.

This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a young person who is growing in the Christian faith and working hard to reach his or her educational goals.

Gavin Eddy

The Frank Boggs Automotive Scholarship

is provided annually to students in the field of technology with a priority to a student in the automotive or aerospace field of study.

Dara l'Anson

The Arthur Dodd, Jr. Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Arthur Dodd, Jr. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a student pursuing higher education, with preference to students attending one of the Claremont Colleges and/or students pursuing studies in the field of medicine.

Kim Hansen

The Max and Leota Fenton Family Scholarship
is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Max and Leota Fenton,
in their memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to an
active youth member of the church who will attend college in the coming year.

Brooklyn Bisson, Dane Rold

The Norma Foster Scholarship
is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Norma Foster, in her memory.
This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to high achieving students
needing financial assistance.

Frances Erlandson, Amelie Hughes, Emily Plukas, Kylie Rold, Yu Hang Tan

The Lois T. Gehringer Memorial Scholarship
is provided through The Methodist Foundation. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and
Scholarships Committee to active youth church members pursuing their educational goals.

**Andrew Buxton, John Buxton, Emma Crawford,
Annika Dodd, Carlee Forbes**

The Louise and Neil Hammond Scholarship
is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Louise and Neil Hammond.
This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to students in our church
pursuing his or her higher education.

Megan Crawford, Annika Dodd, Cormac Flanders, Lincoln Hughes

The Everett and Lucile Hedges Scholarship
is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Ralph and Marilyn Hedges, Marie Rourke, Elizabeth
Hedges and their families, in memory of their parents. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships
Committee to a member of the church pursuing a career in the field of education.

Dane Rold

The Howard Hoegsted Scholarship
This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to students pursuing
nonreligious higher education.

**Andrew Buxton, John Buxton, Emma Crawford, Annika Dodd, Gavin Eddy, Kim Hansen, Tia Hansen,
Lincoln Hughes, Ethan Kelley, Dara l'Anson, Natalia Quintana, Leo Rapoport, Mia Staraci, Gwendolyn Warren**

The Bill and Joan Humphreys Scholarship
is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Bill and Joan Humphreys. This scholarship is presented
by the Loans and Scholarships Committee annually to a student in the field of education.

Dane Rold

The Perry L. Johnson Family Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the Williams and Fenton families in memory of Perry and Trudy Johnson and their two daughters, who lost their lives in the Tenerife air tragedy. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a student who is an active church member who evidences a growing Christian faith, consistent academic work and potential for church and community service.

Megan Crawford

The Leo and Rena Kallejian Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Leo and Rena Kallejian. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to provide support to students in our church pursuing their educational goals.

Brooklyn Bisson, Mia Staraci

The Donald and Barbara Mulder Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Donald and Barbara Mulder. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to provide support to a student in our church pursuing his or her educational goals.

Ethan Kelley

The Roy and Maxine Naylor Memorial Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Roy Naylor, in his memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to provide support to a church member pursuing his or her educational goals.

Leo Rapoport

The Donald Lee Nelson Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Donald Lee Nelson, in his memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a First UMC student pursuing higher education.

**Kim Hansen, Lincoln Hughes, Dara l'Anson, Ethan Kelley, Emily Plukas,
Yu Hang Tan, Gwendolyn Warren**

The Shareringer Scholarship

is provided through gifts from the Shareringer Group. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a First UMC student pursuing higher education and needing assistance.

Gwendolyn Warren

The Lawrence E. and Verna A. Vredevoe Memorial Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Lawrence E. and Verna A. Vredevoe, in their memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a member of the church who is a graduating high school senior with high academic achievement pursuing higher education.

Tia Hansen

John and Donna Vredevoe Porter Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to a First UMC member graduating high school with academic honors equivalent to that of a California Scholastic Seal Bearer. This award recognizes academic achievement at the high school level and potential for achievement in higher education.

Megan Crawford

The Ken Whitney Memorial Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Ken Whitney and Norma Williams Whitney, in their memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to students involved in our church life who plan to pursue studies in the field of music or engineering and evidence a serious intent to reach that goal.

Yu Hang Tan

The George and Norma Williams Memorial Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by Gale and Norman Williams, in memory of George and Norma Williams. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to an outstanding college student who demonstrates an exemplary life, a growing faith and an involvement in the church.

Emily Plukas, Natalia Quintana

The Robert and Anna Wood Family Scholarship

is provided through a gift to The Methodist Foundation by the family of Bob and Anna Wood, in their memory. This scholarship is presented by the Loans and Scholarships Committee to assist young people pursuing higher education.

Natalia Quintana, Leo Rapoport, Mia Staraci, Gwendolyn Warren

United Women of Faith Awards

are provided through an original bequest by Effe Stephenson, which has been augmented over the years by additional gifts from other United Women of Faith members. These awards are presented by the United Women of Faith to graduating senior high students who have college plans, have been or are currently active in our church and have a growing commitment to Christian principles.

Megan Crawford, Tia Hansen, Amelie Hughes

Scholarships are awarded annually to persons active in the life and ministry of the church who are pursuing educational goals in colleges and universities. These scholarships and awards are made possible through designated and undesignated funds administered by The Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica. Scholarship application forms are available in the Spring of each year, and may be obtained in the church office. For information on establishing a scholarship, contact The Methodist Foundation through the church office.



A SERVICE OF SENDING FORTH



Commissioning the Youth Service Project Team

Sunday, June 23, 2024

YSP team responds in ***bold italics***. Congregation responds in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Tricia Guerrero

Today we commission those who have been called to serve with the Sierra Service Project. Sierra Service's theme this summer, *Bound Together*, is a call to action urging us to live as people who love God with everything we have and who extend the love of God to all people in need, our neighbors. We love God when we live fully in relationship with God and our neighbor. We love our neighbor when we reach out with compassion to all in need. Hear these words from Luke, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbor as yourself." (NIV)

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEAM

Emily Payne

Kate Beckerman, Jojo Beckerman, Cady Senior, Ashton Stanfill, Calvin Stanfill, Morgan Watts
Leaders: Adam Guerrero, Jamie Jones, Brandon Searfoss, Christian Dodd

TO THE TEAM

Tricia Guerrero

Will you accept this commission, live it to the best of your abilities striving to love God with heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself?

We will.

As you serve, will you seek to grow in love for God and neighbor, and promise to support each other and support the staff of Sierra Service Project so that together we may be people who flourish as the family of God?

We will.

As you travel, will you live in the promise of the Good News and share the love of Christ with all people?

We will.

COMMISSIONING

Tricia Guerrero

Kate, Jojo, Cady, Ashton, Calvin, Morgan, Adam, Jamie, Brandon, and Christian.

I commission you to share the love of Jesus Christ through the gift of your service in Del Norte County. May God bless you, protect you, strengthen you, and fill you with compassion. May the love of neighbor be made real through sharing and serving in Northern California. Amen.

As we anoint the hands of our team members, please join in singing:

#2164 TFWS – Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Emily Payne

People of God, will you support these persons who God has called to serve with the Sierra Service Project? Will you pray for them, encourage them, and send them as ambassadors of Christ and representatives of this congregation?

We will.

God of Love, we pray for safety as this team travels, courage as they try new things and overcome fears, and excitement as they learn more about you. Help them to accept all people right where they are just the way they are and embrace all people as neighbors. Bless them with servant hearts so they may share the strength of your love with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior, Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Kim Hansen

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. Or, you may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, or mail checks through your online banking programs. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (arr. Roy Ringwald)

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: precious lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gavin Eddy

Ever-Present God, we bring our gifts to you in gratitude as Creator and Provider of all good things. Bless these gifts we give and bless the transforming impact they will have. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.** I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE March in C (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward

Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world. You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a Let's Connect Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign in online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Children and Families on Sundays:** 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.

—**Safe Sanctuaries®:** First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In honor of those dedicating their time to the Youth Service Project this summer." From Emily Payne.

—**The Chancel Choir:** During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—**Give:** Your gifts help us grow our ministries today and into the future. Thank you for considering giving to the General Church Fund to support everything we do. You may give today during service, or other ways; by mailing payment, dropping by the business office, or securely through the online giving portal located on the website front page. Questions about financial gifts, or gifts of time? Give us a call anytime at the church office.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a Prayer Quilt in worship, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilt on the north wall of the Sanctuary, or call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. Request a prayer at any time. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

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Currently, based on state and local recommendations, **masks are optional, but always acceptable and welcome.** Everyone is strongly encouraged to get your vaccinations and booster shots. If you feel ill, please choose to worship from home online. Let us know if you need assistance in joining online.

God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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SUNDAY INSERT
JUNE 23, 2024

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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Messy Camp – God's Messy Creation

Join Santa Monica 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. *Messy Camp Cost: \$100/child*

Registration now open! www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. First UMC campus



Community Reflection Tree

During the month of June we as a church community are preparing for a new part of our journey as FUMC Santa Monica. We spend this month in transition and anticipation, a time to be in reflection, preparing our hearts and our minds, and inviting God to lead us with hospitality and grace. To do this work, we offer the Community Tree as an opportunity to individually and collectively prepare to welcome Pastor Greg and his family into our community and our work together in sharing God's love. Each leaf has a reflection question on it - choose a leaf, answer the question in written or image form, and then add it to the tree and our community's journey of transition and preparation.

Sundays in June, after worship in the Courtyard



Welcome Luncheon for the Batsons

Let's give Rev. Greg and family (wife Tania, sons Tom, Dan & Wes) a warm welcome on their first Sunday at First UMC! On July 7, Rev. Greg will lead worship, followed by a special luncheon after worship in Simkins Hall. We are excited to welcome the Batsons into our community and to begin working together in sharing God's love. Don't forget to wear your nametags! If you need a nametag, email David:

d.penson@santamonicaumc.org.

Sunday, July 7

10 a.m. Worship: Rev. Batson leading worship

11 a.m. Welcome Lunch for Greg and Family

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Today! YSP Lunch & Learn following worship**

Stay after worship today to join the Youth Service Project 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. Come for food and fun and learn more about the youth's service trip! On the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

Today, after worship in Simkins Hall

• **Special All-Church Charge Conference via Zoom**

We are holding a required All Church Special Charge Conference next 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.

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

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81783160093>

Meeting ID: 817 8316 0093

• **Welcome Basket for the Batsons**

Michael Lamb and Carlee Forbes are putting together a basket of items to welcome the Batsons to Santa Monica. They would like to include gift certificates to local places. If you would like to contribute, bring a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, coffee shop, grocery store, etc. You can leave these at the Welcome Table on Sundays, or give directly to Michael or Carlee.

MISSION AND SERVICE

We at First UMC work in partnership with a variety of groups and organizations throughout our community and the larger UMC to bring hope and healing where it is needed most. Together we can change lives and transform the world. **Visit the website:**

www.santamonicaumc.org/outreach-missions

• **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 ways to serve out in the community with our Mission Partners - AND ways to serve here in our church community. Opportunities include: Labyrinth Host, Lay Lector, Welcome Ambassador, Usher, In-Home Communion Server, Singing in the Chancel Choir. 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.

• **Westside Food Bank**

Food is collected at First UMC every Sunday, as well as seasonal food drives, to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool.

• **Volunteer Opportunity at The People Concern**

Linda Diane Anderson runs a volunteer group on the **third Saturday of the month** at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. If you would like to be part of the group rotation of volunteers, contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

• **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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

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

• Preschool Enrollment Ongoing

Schedule a tour today with Dee Menzies, Preschool Director at 310-395-7292, or visit our webpage for more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool

YOUTH

• United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

Weekly UMYF meetings held Sundays 6 - 8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry
The Youth are now on summer break.

PRAYER

• Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth and Chapel are open on the first Friday of the month, from 1 - 3 p.m. Families welcome! Open dates:
- **Next Opportunity: Friday, July 5, 1 - 3 p.m.**

• Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time.
www.santamonicaumc.org

• Request a Prayer Quilt

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is a group that makes Prayer Quilts as a service for those in need. (**Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.*) To request a Prayer Quilt, visit:
www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC

If you'd like more information for ministry opportunities, you may contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org

• Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom Men's Bible Study is a weekly online meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture.
www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

• Listening Hearts Women's Group

Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women who gather to listen to one another in the midst of life's chaos, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings:
t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 26**, via Zoom

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, July 20**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. **Sing in the Chancel Choir!** We always welcome new members who would like to sing with the choir! Thursday evening rehearsals are on summer break, but you may still contact Jim Smith if you are interested:
djes@roadrunner.com

• Open Space Young Adults

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. Learn more: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space. IG: @openspacesm. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 17**

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: **July 14** in the Alcove.

Welcome to First UMC of Santa Monica!

Welcome to the worship, service, and fellowship of Santa Monica First United Methodist Church. First UMC is committed to a ministry that touches the lives of people in many significant ways. Through our worship and music, study opportunities, social groups, mission involvement and ministries of care, we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people. We also work to help make the world a better place in which to live, here in the communities of the Westside and around the world, and eagerly invite your participation in this beloved community. Our church has been a significant presence in the larger Santa Monica community for over 125 years.



Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code below (*take a photo of the code with your phone camera*), via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more about ways to give, including the annual Stewardship campaign, Planned Giving, Tree of Life, support for the Music Program, and the flower fund, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/give



Upcoming Preaching Schedule

June 23	Scholarship Sunday - Tricia Guerrero preaching
June 30	Rev. Larry Young preaching
July 7	Rev. Gregory Batson's first Sunday in worship

Sunday 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 30 / July 7, 14, 21, 28**

STAY CONNECTED

To join in fellowship and ministry online, here's how to connect online:

First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc

Instagram: @santamonicaumc

YouTube: @SantaMonicaUMC

The First UMC App: Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.

Website Pages to note:

New Bible Study: Companions in Christ,

The Way of Blessedness

www.santamonicaumc.org/companions-in-christ

Sunday Worship Service archives -

www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives



The First UMC App:

First UMC offers a free app - download it and give it a try! With the app, you can:

- Participate in Sunday's service, in real time or anytime at your convenience, right from your smartphone or iPad.
- Access our calendar of our events
- Invite a friend to an event, or share info about a special program we offer.

- Access an **audio/written Bible** with a built-in daily reading plan.

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