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HORIZONS

BY REV. GREG BATSON

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5

We usher in a new liturgical year in the life of the Church with the arrival of Advent on December 1st. Advent is the season of preparing for the coming of Christ into our lives once again. It is a time for study and reflection, making room in our hearts and souls to receive Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath. The four candles around the wreath represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare for the arrival of Christ once again. The white candle at the center of the wreath is lit on Christmas Eve, representing Jesus Christ himself, the Word become flesh, God with us. These candles illuminate the darkness around us, guiding us into a new season filled with promise.

There are many ways that we share the light of Christ with the world – through worship, music, fellowship, and service. Read daily from the Advent Devotional with contributions from our members. Reflect on the birth stories of John the Baptist and Jesus in the Gospel of Luke at our Advent Study (December 4, 11 & 18). Hear the story of Christ’s birth in the glorious music of the season at our annual Christmas Concert (December 8) and Festival of Lessons and Carols (December 22). Give to support others through the Angel Tree Project and Alternative Christmas Program. Experience worship with Messy Church (December 14), a contemplative Blue Christmas service (December 15) and three different services on Christmas Eve (December 24).

As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, remember that the light of the world is coming. Let us welcome our Lord, the Messiah, Jesus Christ once again, and share his light with the world.



ADVENT SERVICES



Saturday, December 14

4 p.m. Messy Church: Celebrating Christmas Around the World

Celebrating the nativity story with fresh eyes and learning about the different traditions of Christians around the world. In Simkins Hall.



Sunday, December 15

3 p.m. Blue Christmas: A Contemplative Advent Service

Designed to hold the complexity of the season with gentle grace. Come pray, soak in some lesser known Advent hymns, and light candles during a guided reflection. In Simkins Hall.



Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

3 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

A “No Muss, No Fuss” Christmas Pageant for all ages. Costumes will be available at the door for all children to participate. In the Sanctuary (*In-person and online.*)

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Choir, Organ, Harp & Candlelight. In the Sanctuary (*In-person and online.*)

11 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service

Join us in the Chapel for a contemplative Christmas Eve Service as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. We will reflect upon the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, in song, prayer, and the sharing of Holy Communion. *In-person only.*



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 10 a.m. livestream airs, go to:
www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc
- **YouTube Channel:** [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@SantaMonicaUMC)
- **The First UMC App:** Go the App Store, search *FirstUMC_SM*

Let us know if you need assistance in joining online.

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 "Prayer Ground" Family Area 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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



December Meetings: Dec 8: Christmas Party; Dec 15: Ice Skating www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

DECEMBER ON-GOING MINISTRIES

- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Open Space Young Adults** Wednesday Dec 4, Offsite
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group** Dec 4, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025)
- **Prayer Quilt Ministry** Third Saturday of the month: Resumes meeting in January
- **The Chancel Choir** Thursday night rehearsals: 7:40 p.m. in the Choir Room
- **Blood Pressure Screenings** Sunday, Dec 15, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall
- **Sunday School for Kids** Sundays, 10 a.m. Meets in the Sanctuary for Children's Message, then led to Room 204 (Toddlers) and Room 206 for K through 5th Grade.
- **UMYF Youth Group** Sundays, This month: 5:30 p.m. Dec 8: Christmas party; Dec 15: Ice Skating

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study is a weekly Zoom 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. Come by as your schedule permits! For more information and to add yourself to the email list call the church office: 310-393-8258. **Tuesdays: 7 a.m., via Zoom December 17, 7 a.m. Meeting in-person in the Fireside Room**

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. All are welcome to join! Contact Tricia Guerrero to learn more:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

December Meeting: Dec 4, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025)



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Did you know that regular blood pressure screenings can help detect hypertension early, which can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other complications? The Health Ministry Council continues to offer free monthly blood pressure screenings during Sunday coffee hour. We encourage everyone to stop by and check in for a free blood pressure screening!

Sunday, December 15, after worship in Simkins Hall

FLOWERS

Do you have a loved one you would like to dedicate flowers to on a given week? The church office can take your order, and the cost is \$80. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table, or online:

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund
Available Sundays: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



DECEMBER *at a Glance*

- Sun Dec 1** Christmas creche up
First Sunday of Advent - Rev. Keri preaching
Angel Tree Giving Project begins
- Wed Dec 4, 11 & 18**
Advent Bible Study with Rev. Batson
- Fri Dec 6** Walk the Labyrinth/ Chapel Open for Prayers
- Sat Dec 7** Spirit Sisters Christmas Lunch
Christmas Concert Rehearsal
- Sun Dec 8** Angel Tree Giving Project
First UMC Christmas Concert
UMYF Christmas Party
- Wed Dec 11** December Online Mid-Week Recital
- Fri Dec 13** Preschool Christmas Concert
- Sat Dec 14** **Messy Church: Celebrating Christmas Around the World**
- Sun Dec 15** Alternative Christmas Fair
Angel Tree Giving Project
Blue Christmas: A Contemplative Advent Service
UMYF Ice Skating
- Sun Dec 22** **Service of Lessons and Carols**
90+ Birthday celebration after worship
Advent Brunch
Alternative Christmas Fair
- Tues Dec 24** **Christmas Eve Services:**
3 p.m. Family Service
7 p.m. Candlelight Service
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service
- Sun Dec 29** Rev. Larry Young preaching
Church office closed from Dec 25 - Jan 2

FIRST UMC CRECHE

We invite you to our courtyard to view our Nativity scene, or creche, with the Holy Family—Joseph and Mary, and the animals that shared their shelter and warmth. We celebrate God's love that comes to be with us, bringing peace, hope and joy for all. The display will be on view beginning December 1.



*From the photo archives:
December 9, 1984:
The creche scene
reenacted in the
Courtyard*



ANGEL TREE PROJECT

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. Chris is excited that she will be available after worship for three Sundays to take sign-ups. If you worship online, or can't make it to church, please call or email Chris (310 393.3255, chr10is@yahoo.com) and she will tell you what is needed and what you can do to help. The wrapped gifts can be dropped off on Sundays, or at the church office Monday-Thursday.

Sundays, December 1, 8 & 15 in the Alcove (*gifts due Dec 15*)

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. GREG BATSON

Join Rev. Greg Batson for an in-person and online Advent Bible Study: **Jesus and John: Reflections on Luke 1-2**. Luke weaves the birth stories of John the Baptist and Jesus together, including the beautiful poetry of Mary's song (the Magnificat) and Zechariah's song (the Benedictus). The scripture runs parallel to the scripture of the Sundays in Advent during 10 a.m. worship. *No sign-ups necessary.*

Doors open at 6 p.m., grab your coffee and snack before class begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays: December 4, 11 & 18,
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, or Zoom.**

Zoom link on the website:

<https://santamonicaumc.org/advent-bible-study/>



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, December 6, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Simkins Hall, Chapel

SPIRIT SISTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH/ ADVENT MEDITATION

The Spirit Sisters, led by Pastor Dorothy Bimber Worley, invite all women to their Christmas Lunch/Advent Meditation, with the theme: *Getting Ready for God's Gift of Love*. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, tea, juice, and donuts before the session begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a donation of \$15. Please bring a gently used or new gift for our Christmas Game. RSVP to Pastor Dorothy at: (626)826-8301.

**Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. –
1 p.m. in the Fireside Room**



FIRST UMC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The First UMC Music Department is pleased to present the annual Christmas Concert! Featuring: "Magnificat" by Gerald Finzi; "Jubilate Deo" by Dan Forrest; and the ever popular "Carols, Etc." Featuring the The Chancel Choir and guest singers; Santa Monica College Concert Chorale, Los Angeles Concert Orchestra; Mark Twain Alumni Ringers. Conducted by Ryan Brown and James Smith. *No admission charges - freewill offering will be taken.* Reception in Simkins Hall to follow performance.

Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**For those who can't attend Sunday night, you may observe the Concert rehearsal Saturday morning (December 7) at 9 a.m. at no charge. Carols and readings rehearsal begins at 11 a.m. Out of courtesy to the musicians please no cell phones; families with babies/small children may listen from the Narthex.*

Christmas Concert



DECEMBER ONLINE MID-WEEK RECITAL

The December Online Mid-Week features **Seraphour**. Celebrating that which is true, beautiful and good, Seraphour was formed as a response to the isolation of the Covid pandemic. The Southern California based group is on a mission to create beauty and light out of a dark and quiet time. The all-female quartet is dedicated to the preservation and proliferation of the sacred canon – highlighting unaccompanied classical sacred gems that celebrate the beauty of the female voice. Presenting pieces from the Renaissance to present day and commissioning new works for sacred contemplation, their music celebrates the tradition of beauty that spans centuries and inspires souls.

To read complete artists' bios, visit the website:

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

How to watch the Livestream:

- Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc)
- YouTube Channel: [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
- Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
- The First UMC App: (Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM)

You may view past recitals on these channels as well.

Wednesday, December 11, at 12:10 p.m., online



2025 Recital Schedule

January 8:	Althea Waites, piano
February 12:	Erin Wood, soprano & Philip Hoch, organ
March 12:	Erin Young & Christian Cruz, guitars
April 9:	Music Matters Brass Quartet
May 14:	Ty Woodward, organ

MESSY CHURCH - CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

How will you be celebrating Jesus' birthday this year? Do you have an advent wreath or calendar? Will you decorate a tree or bake a cake? Will you attend a children's Christmas program? Visit relatives? Sing along to your favorite carols? People all over the world celebrate the coming of the Messiah in many different ways. At Messy Church this month, we will look at the nativity story with fresh eyes and learn about the different traditions of Christians around the world in how they celebrate the birth of Jesus and the hope that it brings into the world.

Saturday, December 14, 4 – 6 p.m.

www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas and gift-giving go together. The tradition started when the Magi came to the manger with gold, myrrh, and frankincense to laud the birth of Jesus. In the present day, gift-giving often seems to exist only for the benefit of retailers and other entrepreneurs. Each Advent, through the Alternative Christmas Fair, Mission Council gives us the chance to take "trade" out of tradition and to return to the spirit of gift-giving that impelled those three very wise men long ago – to rejoice in the birth of the Messiah. Mission Council carefully selects several local and global mission projects each year. You may choose as many as you wish, make a donation as a gift to a friend or loved one, and send a card announcing your gift. Come and let Mission Council help you get in touch with your inner Magi. **This year's missions are:**

- The People Concern
- Wesley Foundation at UCLA / 580 Cafe
- Children Youth and Family Collaborative
- Upward Bound House
- UMCOR
- Harvest Home
- InnerChange
- Homeboy Industries



www.santamonicaumc.org/alt-christmas24

Sundays, December 15 & 22, after worship in Simkins Hall

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT SERVICE

While the Advent/Christmas season is known as a time of joy, merriment, and excited expectation it can also include feelings of grief, loneliness, or maybe just the need to step away from relentless cheer. Our lives are complex. Advent and Christmas can be too. The Blue Christmas service, led by Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, is designed to hold the complexity of the season with gentle grace while in community. Come pray, soak in some lesser known Advent hymns, and light candles during a guided reflection.

Sunday, December 15, 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall



ADVENT BRUNCH

Save the date for the Advent Brunch following worship on Sunday, December 22, hosted by Fellowship and Events. Activities will include seasonal crafts, caroling, and a special visit from Santa. Let's celebrate the season together! We also take time to highlight the Missions featured in the Alternative Christmas Fair held in the Alcove. A light brunch will be served.

Sunday, December 22, after worship in Simkins Hall

A scene from last year's Advent Brunch



THE 90+ BIRTHDAY CLUB

Each month after worship, during coffee hour, we acknowledge our cherished members who are celebrating their 90+ birthday that month with a birthday cake and song. This acknowledgement is more than just a celebration of age; it's an opportunity for fellowship and connection, allowing us to learn from the rich life journeys of our seniors. We look forward to seeing you there as we uplift and honor the lives that have shaped our community!

December Celebration: **Sunday, December 22: Carol Reich**

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2024

The 2024 Advent Devotional booklet will be available in print and online on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. The devotional is written by First UMC congregants and provides a wonderful opportunity to share Advent with family and friends. This year, we meditate on each of the four chapters reflected in the Advent Candles:

Week 1: Hope

Week 2: Peace

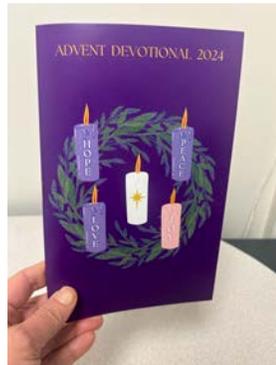
Week 3: Joy

Week 4: Love

We're excited to once again offer Audio Devotion files from December 15 thru Christmas Day. Sign up now to receive the daily email devotionals:

www.santamonicaumc.org/advent.

The printed booklet will be available at the church office and at the Sunday Welcome Table.



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Beautiful poinsettias will grace our sanctuary for the December 24, 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Family service, and the 7 p.m. Candlelight Service. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table or in the church office. Each plant is \$15, and may be picked up after 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 17



2024 PLEDGE CONTRIBUTIONS DUE

The end of the year is coming. Many will be out of town in the last days of the year. You may always contact Christina Eddy (c.eddy@santamonicaumc.org) to arrange your giving at this busy time of year. Our church office is closed December 25 - January 2, but special arrangements can be made.

- Give at one of these remaining worship services Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
- Mail your check postmarked by 12/31/2024.
- Contribute online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give.
- Use your bank's bill pay system.
- If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, ask for a transfer to be completed by 12/31/2024.
- Bring your gift to the church office.
- Lastly, if you are paying in January for the 2024 year, be sure to date your check 2025 and mark your check "prior year fulfillment."
- Giving statements will be prepared and mailed out Tuesday, January 14, 2024. Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in our community and in the world.

STEWARDSHIP CONTINUES

The 2025 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign invites us each and all to prayerfully consider our financial pledge to support the mission and ministries of First UMC. Through November we heard First UMC members give a Stewardship Moment in worship. Here are a few of the quotes:



"What I love about this community is that there are so many ways to give. It's really a Community of Faith and Action and every week we see opportunities to give and to love others just as Jesus loved us, and so I'm thankful to be part of this community where we truly see Faith and Action." - **Brian Wong**

"When we think about our giving to the church this season and our pledges for the coming year, we challenge all of us to think about what this church home, family, and our relationship with God means to us. 2nd Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver." May we open our hearts joyfully this season to give generously to support the countless missions of this church and be the best example of Jesus Christ that we can be."

- **Lindsay Dewald**

"...my giving comes as a reflection of my own personal values. When we give, we are saying we value the ministry of Jesus's Word to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. For me, giving is not like paying my utility bill. It is saying who I am, what I value, what is important to me and what I love. It is my opportunity to give thanks for all that God has and will continue to provide."

- **Martha Ross**

To fill out a pledge card online visit www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship or fill out a pledge card available in the church pews and drop off in the offering plate.



CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Children Youth and Family Collaborative, led by Lydia Cincore Templeton, Esq., and one of **First UMC's mission partners**, is thrilled to announce their 25th Annual Holiday Fest, a cherished tradition that brings joy and hope to the children in our community! Join them for a day filled with fun, laughter, and the spirit of giving! Their Holiday Festival promises an array of exciting activities, including festive decor, live entertainment, delicious food, and of course, the highlight of the day – our grand toy giveaway!

Saturday, December 14, 12 p.m. Holman UMC, 3320 Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90018

BAPTISMS

- **Thomas Kekoa Dimalanta** was baptized on Sunday, October 27, by Rev. Greg Batson.



- **Jihyo William Kim, Annie Da Lee, Daniel Lee Wong, Elise Charlotte Wong**, were baptized on Sunday, November 10, by Rev. Greg Batson.



NEW MEMBERS

- We welcomed New Members **Carlee Forbes** and **Amy Lindley** on September 29, 2024. We welcomed New Members **Annie Da Lee, Cady Helen Senior**, and **Brian Kent Wong** on Sunday, November 10.



New Members (clockwise from left): Carlee Forbes, Amy Lindley and son Geordi, Annie Da Lee, Brian Wong, and Daniel & Elise Wong, and Cady Senior



FIRST UMC MEMBER HIGHLIGHT UPDATE

- In the November 2024 Sentinel, we mentioned that First UMC member **Emily Card, Ph.D.** was featured on a Smithsonian podcast honoring the 50th anniversary of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), which gave women the right to open credit cards in their name in 1974. Emily has recently contributed a **long form podcast** to The Smithsonian women's history museum. To hear the entire history of the passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, go to: <https://womenshistory.si.edu/wedodeclare>

KEEPING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION SAFE ONLINE

Cybercriminals are at all time high this season. Protect yourself by being aware, not scared! We give thanks for our church member **David Guyette** for his company article describing how to keep personal information safe online. These criminals are becoming more and more sophisticated. We also give thanks for the workshop led by Adam Guerrero, Will Sweat, and Ben Ing a few months back.

More to come in the new year!

View pdf here: www.santamonicaumc.org/cybersecurity



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. Call the church office, or visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/

CONGREGATION CARE

Feel free to leave a phone message anytime (310-393-8258) or email message for any of the church staff. The Pastoral Care line (**310-393-8258 and enter extension 1**), is always available for people to leave a message requesting care. **Pastoral Care Resources:** If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to volunteer to help with our homebound folks, please contact: Anne Premer: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org or (310)393-8258 ext 103. To see a full list of local community resources, go to the First UMC Congregation Care Resources webpage: www.santamonicaumc.org/care

TIME FOR MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Last reminder that Open Enrollment for Medicare 2024 closes **December 7**. Feel free to follow up with our recent guest speaker, Bruce Johnston, or view AARP's Step-by-step tool for first-time enrollees: www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance/enrollment-guide



Community Photos



Our First UMC team surpassed our goal for the Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk, raising an incredible \$5,660! Our team had the Largest Number of Donors and Martha Ross received an award for the largest donation. Your generosity will make a real difference in our community. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us.



United Women in Faith and friends making peanut brittle for their annual Christmas Bazaar.



What an inspiring day at the Annual Church Charge Conference! Thank you to everyone who joined us in person and online, and a special thank you to District Superintendent Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi for being part of this meaningful celebration!



Sensing the Divine: Communing with God and Creation Women's Retreat was a fun and soul-nourishing experience for the eleven women who chose to participate. With each of our five senses we sought to say "yes" to connecting with God's presence and grace that surrounds us all the time. We were aided by the powerful companionship of five beautiful horses and the beauty of the autumn hills of Southern California. We formed deeper bonds with one another, a circle of strong, faithful, and brave women. What a blessing it was to feel close to God, creation and one another.

- Rev. Keri Olsen Paget

Thank you Rev. Keri, Tania Batson, and Sue Conklin for leading this retreat!



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The First UMC Preschool is excited to celebrate their annual Preschool Christmas Concert! All are welcome to watch the adorable Preschoolers perform their holiday songs.

Friday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



From left: Dane Rold, Rev. Greg Batson, Rotary Representative Bill Powell, and Dee Menzies.



We give thanks to our preschool parents and the Santa Monica Rotary Club Foundation for their generosity in giving to the 2024 Annual Campaign. We raised money this year for outdoor beautification, teacher continuing education, and financial assistance for preschool families. The generosity was overwhelming. One of our largest gifts was received from the SM Rotary Club Foundation, specifically designated to enhance the safety of our large play yard, with a new rubber turf play surface. Thank you one and all.

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FIRST UMC OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and by
appointment. *(Office closed on Fridays.)*

Pastoral Care : 310-393-8258, enter ext. 1



UNHOUSED: A HISTORY OF HOUSING IN SANTA MONICA

UnHoused: A History of Housing in Santa Monica at the Santa Monica History Museum seeks to foster community dialogue about the past, present, and future of housing. It emphasizes that housing is not merely a structure but a reflection of community, inclusivity, and shared heritage.

Visitors are invited to engage with the future through interactive models and thought-provoking questions like “What makes a home?” and “Why does Santa Monica look the way it does today?” The exhibition centers around the future of housing, encouraging contemplation of the evolving nature of residential spaces.

The exhibit runs from February 2 – December 15, 2024 at the Santa Monica History Museum

(1350 7th Street Santa Monica,
CA 90401, on the campus of the
Santa Monica main library.)

Visit: www.santamonicahistory.org



Looking forward to

january

- Jan 12** Baptismal Renewal and Installation of Lay Leadership Team
- Jan 18** Spirit Sisters Retreat
- Jan 19** Assembling UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- Jan 26** Youth Sunday
- Jan 29** Preschool Lunar New Year

...and more!