

150 YEARS SENTINEL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SANTA MONICA

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HORIZONS

BY REV. GREG BATSON

We are more than halfway through our 40-day Lenten journey together. Walking in the way of Jesus, we are nearing Jerusalem, the culmination of the gospel story. It is here that we will experience the final days of Jesus' life, suffering and death. It is also here that we will experience the greatest joy of resurrection and new life.

We are offering a full array of worship services this month to observe this final chapter. We begin with our Lessons and Anthems worship service on April 6. On this day we will share the story of Jesus' final days through word and music, from the Last Supper with his disciples to his death upon the cross. On April 13, we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amidst the waving on palms and shouts of "Hosanna!" On April 17, we will gather in the chapel for Maundy Thursday for the celebration of Holy Communion and foot washing, remembering Jesus' final commandment to "love on another." On April 18 we will participate with other local congregations in a Good Friday service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to commemorate Jesus' passion and crucifixion. And finally, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate his resurrection and the new life with a Sunrise Service at Palisades Park on Santa Monica Blvd. and Ocean Ave., and our 10 a.m. celebration in the sanctuary.

The art work on the back of our Lenten Devotional, created by Tina Gage, shows this part of our spiritual journey together. The seed of new life that was buried in the ground, surrounded by darkness, now sprouts into the morning light as a new plant. We too are emerging into the light of Easter, filled with new life as this spring. I look forward to sharing this joy with you as we gather on Easter Sunday and proclaim together: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"



Holy Week 2025

Sunday, APRIL 13: Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Sanctuary, Livestream

Waving of palms and loud Hosannas!

Sunday, APRIL 13: Palm Sunday Brunch

11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Brunch/Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt (*more info on page 3*)

Thursday, APRIL 17: Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. First UMC Chapel

Command to Love One Another: Remembering Jesus' Last Supper and Washing the Disciples' Feet

Friday, APRIL 18: Good Friday

• Prayer Vigil

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. First UMC Chapel. Open all day for prayer.

• Good Friday Labyrinth Walk

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall, Every step a prayer.

• Good Friday Ecumenical Service

7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church

with Rev. Greg Batson, and the First UMC Choir
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)

APRIL 20: Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. Palisades Park

(Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)

Family-friendly worship, Holy Communion, hot coffee & fellowship. Bring blankets, chairs, & fresh flowers for the cross.

APRIL 20: Easter Celebration Worship

10 a.m. Sanctuary, Livestream

Family Service, Choir, Organ, Easter Flowers, and Alleluias! (*nursery care provided for infants and toddlers in the Fireside Room*)

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica, founded in 1967, exists to provide aid to religious, educational and charitable causes. The Foundation is administered by a volunteer Board of Trustees with First UMC member John Youngman currently serving as president. First UMC has a long tradition of honoring the academic achievements of students in our church and community who pursue post-secondary education. Every year the Loans & Scholarships committee acknowledges outstanding scholars, including graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students, for their scholastic excellence, commitment to community, and dedication to our church.

Calling all First UMC Students!

Applications will open **Friday, April 4**, for our First UMC students pursuing their educational goals – deadline for the application is May 4, 2025, 9 p.m. Link on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation

Save the Date for Scholarship Sunday: Sunday, June 29, 2025



WALK THE LABYRINTH & CHAPEL OPEN

In April, the Labyrinth is open for two opportunities to walk: On the first Friday of the month, April 4, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., in Simkins Hall, and on Good Friday, April 18, from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Every step a prayer. Children and families are welcome! Finger labyrinths are also available. The Chapel is also open for prayers on April 4.

Friday, April 4, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall



Labyrinth Walk on Ash Wednesday

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND ANTHEMS

Through the Word and music, this annual service prepares us to enter into the events of Holy Week in deep prayer and reflection.

Sunday, April 6, during 10 a.m. worship



ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Now is the time to dedicate Easter Flowers in honor of a loved one for a small donation. Dedications will be listed in the Order of Worship for the April 20 Easter service. Order flowers online: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund, or at the Sunday Welcome Table. \$15 per plant.

Deadline to order: Tuesday, April 15



FIRST UMC BLOOD DRIVE

The Health Ministry Council is pleased to announce a Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Simkins Hall on Sunday, April 6. Consider making a blood donation part of your Lenten practice. 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 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall



LENTEN BOOK STUDY - FINAL SESSIONS

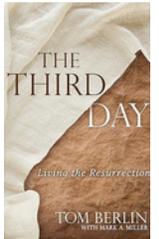
Rev. Greg Batson and Rev. Larry Young have co-hosted a 5-week Lenten Book Study based on the book *The Third Day*, by Bishop Tom Berlin. Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding of the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Class schedule:

- **Sunday, April 6** (*last in-person class*)
11:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room
led by Rev. Larry Young
- **Wednesdays: April 2 & 9**
6:30 p.m., via Zoom led by Rev. Greg Batson

Zoom link on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/lenten-book-study-25/



WESTSIDE FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Westside Food Bank is underway helping with the long recovery period in the aftermath of the LA fires. The damage has been devastating, and Westside Food Bank is doing everything in its power to help our community. **Come to our volunteer opportunity to help Westside Food Bank with packaging produce boxes.**

Friday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1710 22nd Street, Santa Monica 90404

Contact Tricia to RSVP:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

You will need to sign a volunteer waiver and photo release upon arrival.



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

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*) www.santamonicaumc.org/lent

APRIL ONLINE MID-WEEK RECITAL

First UMC is pleased to present the Online April Mid-Week Recital, featuring **Music Matters Brass Quartet**. MUSIC MATTERS GLOBAL is a team of professional musicians who are dedicated to bringing concerts, music instruction, and support to existing music teachers, academies, and programs in low income areas around the world. The members of Music Matters Global have given concerts, taught lessons, masterclasses and worked with students in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Israel, Europe, Africa, and across the United States. Music Matter Brass Quartet features: **Jonathan Sywulka, trumpet; Kristin Morrison, horn; Robert Seitz, trombone; and Beth Mitchell, tuba**. View the extended artist bios, photos, and more info about Music Matters on 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/UCSantaMonicaUMC)
- 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, April 9, at 12:10 p.m., online

MESSY CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON!

Coming this summer, July 28 - August 1! Join Santa Monica First UMC for Messy Camp, a one week summer program for children in grades K 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. The cost is \$150 for the first child and \$125 for each additional sibling.

We can't wait to explore God's Wild World with you!

Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration opens Friday, April 11 on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK STUDY

The United Women in Faith are excited to host an in-person book study featuring the book, *Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up*, by Kathy Khang.

It can be hard to speak up, especially in the ugliness of social media. Power dynamics keep us silent and marginalized, especially when race, ethnicity, and gender are factors. Activist Kathy Khang roots our voice and identity in the image of God. Khang offers insights from faithful heroes who raised their voices for the sake of God's justice and she shows how we can do the same today in person, in social media, in organizations, and in the public square. Find the book at local book stores or online, or at your local library. We will also have copies available to borrow at the Welcome Table on Sundays after worship.

BOOK STUDY POSTPONED, new date TBD



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, April 13, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Health Ministry Council is excited to announce First UMC is supporting the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life at Drake Stadium at UCLA. Relay for Life strives to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. The Health Ministry Council supports this cause for all these important reasons. A special event is the Luminaria walk – to remember those we've lost, celebrate cancer survivors, and show everyone affected by cancer that we are the light in the darkness. You may walk at any time for any length during the 12 hour event.

To register, sign up thru the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry

Saturday, April 19, 12 p.m. noon to 12 a.m. midnight

UCLA Drake Track and Field Stadium

340 Charles E. Young Dr. W, Los Angeles, 90024



HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMUNITY GATHERING

One way we will celebrate First UMC's 150 years is to remember and celebrate our history and the stories we share. The History and Archives Committee is hard at work and excited to host a special Community Gathering to prepare for the fall. We invite all to participate in a special and fun opportunity to look back at old pictures and memorabilia and help us identify people, places, events... and share our stories! No need to RSVP. Contact Tricia with questions.

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Saturday, April 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Fireside Room



150TH PLANNING CONTINUES!!

2025 is a special year for First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica - our 150th Anniversary! Our church was founded the same year as the City of Santa Monica, and we have been an integral part of this community since the beginning. **We look forward to a special worship service and celebration event on Sunday, October 12, 2025.**

Here are some special events leading up to the celebration:

- **Sunday, September 7:** 150th Kick-Off begins, Special Coffee hour includes History & Archives Exhibit in the Fireside Room.
- **Sunday, September 14:** Celebrating the Legacy Circle in worship, Special Coffee hour featuring Legacy Circle information and pie treats.
- **Sunday, September 21:** Celebrating Missions at First UMC, with a Special Coffee hour.
- **Sunday, September 28:** Music Sunday with Choir Recognition in worship.
- **Sunday, October 5:** World Communion Sunday, Celebration of FUMC Women in Leadership.

We look forward to the planning and moments together as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and hope for the future. Contact the church office for special volunteer opportunities: info@santamonicaumc.org



ALL CHURCH COOKBOOK! CALL OUT FOR RECIPES

In celebration our of 150th Anniversary, we are excited to announce an All-Church Cookbook, and **we need your recipes!** How to participate:

- Submit One (1) Family recipe
- Submit a photo of your choice (family pic or of the recipe)
- A brief description (2 - 3 sentences) of why you chose this recipe

Send your submissions to Tina Gage:

t.gage@santamonicaumc.org, or, stop by the Sunday Welcome Table to drop off your submission.

Deadline to submit is Sunday, May 25. Cookbooks will be available in the Fall.



Community News



BIRTHS

- **Hezekiah Benjamin Poland** was born March 1, 2025, to parents Kurt and Katie Poland, and brother Jean-Luke.

DEATHS

- We give thanks for the life and life everlasting of **Marlene Ranta**, who died on March 9, 2025.
- First UMC member Jeff Hughes's father, **Richard Milton Hughes**, died March 19, 2025.
- First UMC member **Rosalio Casillas** died March 24, 2025.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Andy Goebel and Carlos Mercado** were married on March 1, 2025, in Ponce, Puerto Rico. They are now Andrew Goebel-Mercado and Carlos Mercado-Goebel.

SPIRIT SISTERS RETREAT

All women are invited to join the Spirit Sisters for their 23rd Annual Spirit Sisters Retreat, taking place at the Poverello of Assisi Retreat House in San Fernando, near the San Fernando Mission. The theme for the weekend is, "The Lord of Our Dance/ Where Is God Leading Us?" Led by Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley, who says, "There will be time to be quiet and away from our everyday busyness. We will become stronger in our love of God, our neighbors, and loving care of ourselves. As Daughters of God and Sisters in Jesus Christ, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We go forth from this retreat more fully empowered to serve God through active and Spirit-filled discipleship to Jesus Christ." To register, call Pastor Dorothy: (626)826-8301. **Retreat Dates: April 25 – April 27**

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

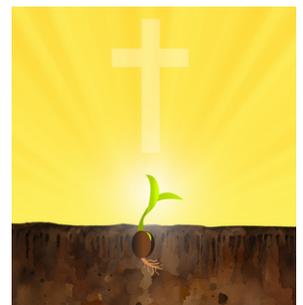
Available Sundays: April 6/13/20/27

EASTER OFFERING

Thank you to all who consider giving a special gift to our Easter Offering 2025. We are in this journey together. With special financial gifts we are able to expand the scope of our sight and the reach of our ministry and mission deep and far and wide. To donate online, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/give,

select "Easter Offering" in the dropdown menu.



Easter 2025

This year, **Children, Youth and Family Collaborative** marked 25 years of serving foster youth, both during and after their time in foster care, and youth on probation. CEO **Lydia Templeton, Esq.** is our FUMC Covenant Missionary and Rev. Larry Young has sat on CYFC's Board of Directors for 24 years. As part of the anniversary celebration, CYFC presented a certificate to FUMC recognizing its 25 years of partnership with this ministry. FUMC supports CYFC through the Alternative Christmas Fair, participation in other CYFC events, and, this year, at United Women in Faith's Women of Action St. Patrick's Day luncheon.

-Linda Diane Anderson

To donate to CYFC, visit their website: www.cyfcla.org



Lydia Templeton, above, and several speakers from CYFC shared their stories before the St. Patrick's Day luncheon.



Alashia Jones, speaking during Moment for Mission about her experience with CYFC.

Missions Council representatives Jocelyn Hicks-Garner and Linda Diane Anderson stand with Rev. Greg Batson and Rev. Larry Young with a certificate celebrating First UMC donating to CYFC for 25 years.



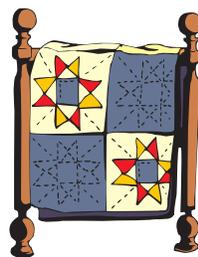
CONGREGATION CARE

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



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. First UMC will display the quilt in the Friday Community Email, and 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, April 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300.** Contact info@santamonicaumc.org if you would like to volunteer. www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry



Looking forward to *May*

JOIN WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

The Labyrinth Society—in collaboration with Veriditas, and The Legacy Labyrinth Project—invites you to join in celebrating World Labyrinth Day on Saturday, May 3. **Walk as One at 1 p.m.** On this 17th Annual World Labyrinth Day (WLD), as in previous years, many will walk a labyrinth at 1:00 p.m. local time creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. **Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall**



SPRING CONCERT

Save the date for our Annual Spring Concert! Don't miss this very special concert as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, and also honor the extraordinary work of our Music Director, **Dr. James Smith, as we celebrate his 60th Year as First UMC Music Director!**

The 2025 Spring Concert consists of "Choral Masterpieces": excerpts from some of the most beloved choral works of the last 3 centuries. The program will include: *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure; and excerpts from these choral favorites: Vivaldi *Gloria*; Bach *Magnificat*; Mozart *Requiem*; Verdi *Requiem*; Orff *Carmina Burana*; Randall Thompson *Alleluia*; Durufle *Requiem*; Mendelssohn *Elijah*; and the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*.

A freewill offering will be taken. A chorus of 60 singers and the Los Angeles Concert Orchestra, conducted by James E. Smith. **Sunday, May 18, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, reception to follow**





Community Photos



Confirmation Sunday, with the Confirmands serving Communion

March's Messy Church



Scenes from Ash Wednesday: (from left) Walking the Labyrinth, Ash Wednesday Brunch in the Fireside Room, ashes in the Courtyard, and worship in the Chapel



PRESCHOOL CORNER

Celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends Day!





Preparing for Confirmation Sunday

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

Ben Ing will bake the bread for Communion Sunday. **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!

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

We are looking for Communion bread bakers to join our ministry team. Baking Communion bread is a special way to serve from home and share your gifts with our congregation. If you're interested, please contact Anne Premer: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org

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.** 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. **April Meetings: April 6 & 27**, in the Youth Lounge www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

MARCH ON-GOING MINISTRIES

- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays, **7 a.m. via Zoom**
- **Open Space Young Adults** **April 17, Maundy Thursday Service**
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group** **April 2 & 17, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m.** Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025) **April 9, 2 p.m., via Zoom**
- **Prayer Quilt Ministry** Third Saturday of the month: **April 12**
- **The Chancel Choir** Thursday night rehearsals: **7:40 p.m. in the Choir Room**
- **Blood Pressure Screenings** Sunday, **April 27, 11 a.m.** Alcove
- **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, **April 6 /27**, Youth Lounge

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. For more information and to add yourself to the email list call the church office: 310-393-8258.

Tuesdays: 7 a.m., via Zoom

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Sing in the Chancel Choir! Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Jim Smith if you are interested: djes@roadrunner.com

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. All are welcome to join! Contact Tricia Guerrero to learn more: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

April 2 & 17, Coffee and Connect: 10 a.m. Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, LA CA 90025)
April 9, 2 p.m. via Zoom

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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, April 27, after worship in the Alcove

OPEN SPACE

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.
April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

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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



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/

April at a Glance

Does not include all meetings

- Fri April 4** Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open
Methodist Scholarship apps open
- Sun April 6** Service of Lessons and Anthems / Holy Communion
Red Cross Blood Drive
Lenten Book Study in the FR (*last in-person class*)
- Mon April 7** UWF Board Meeting via Zoom
- Wed April 9** April Mid-Week Recital
Lenten Book Study via Zoom (*last Zoom class*)
- Fri April 11** Westside Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity
Messy Camp Sign-ups begin
- Sat April 12** Prayer Quilt Workparty
- Sun April 13** **Palm Sunday / Holy Week begins**
Palm Sunday Brunch/Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt
- Thurs April 17** Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri April 18** Good Friday Community Service at St. Paul's Lutheran
Walk the Labyrinth, extended hours 12 - 6 p.m.
Chapel Open, 12 - 6 p.m.
- Sat April 19** Relay for Life at UCLA (12 p.m. - 12 a.m. midnight)
- Sun April 20** **Easter Sunday**
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Easter Celebration Service 10 a.m.
- April 25 - 27** Spirit Sisters Retreat
- Sat April 26** History and Archives Community Gathering
- Sun April 27** Second Sunday of Easter, Rev. Larry Young preaching
Free Blood Pressure Screenings
- Mon April 28** Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting via Zoom

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Music Matters Brass Quartet



April Mid-Week Recital

Airs **Wed. April 9, 12:10 p.m.**
then view anytime!

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