

SENTINEL

NEWSLETTER



Every year on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated. While we do not normally celebrate specific saints beyond All Saints Day, we have linked our annual **Blessing of the Animals** to St. Francis, who is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Therefore, we will gather on Saturday, October 3 to bless all of God's creatures.

This year, we are focusing on the Prayer of St. Francis and offering more opportunities for spiritual formation. You are probably familiar with it.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

This prayer will be our focus for the entire weekend of October 2-4. While **Walking the Labyrinth** on Friday, October 2, from 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m., this prayer will guide participants through prayerful contemplation on how they can be an instrument of peace.

It will also be the centerpiece of the **Prayer Vigil** that we are hosting for our Westside UMC congregations on Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m. Working together with Community UMC of Pacific Palisades, we will pray for a just peace in our lives and the world.

I hope you will take part in one or all of these opportunities of prayer as a community of faith.

Rev. Greg Batson
Senior Minister



WALK THE LABYRINTH: PRAYING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Labyrinth walking is a spiritual practice that involves following a single, winding path to the center and back out again - a purposeful path used for centering, contemplation, and prayer. In October, additional hours will be added from 5 - 7 p.m. to focus on praying for peace and justice.

Friday, October 2, 1- 3 p.m., and 5 - 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND ART EXHIBIT

We look forward to our 19th Annual Blessing of the Animals! Bring your pets of all kinds to the Courtyard for an informal pet blessing by one of the pastors, and community fellowship time!

Featuring:

- Walk-Up blessings in the First UMC Courtyard
- Kids can bring stuffed loviess to be blessed; Crafts for kids and story time.
- New this year! View beautiful animal photography by Larry Naylor, with an artist talk scheduled for Sunday, October 18, after worship. (*More on page 2*)

Don't miss this annual tradition celebrating beloved creatures!

Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Courtyard & Fireside Room



VIGIL FOR JUST PEACE AT FIRST UMC

You're invited to a Prayer Vigil for Just Peace, hosted here at FUMC Santa Monica in partnership with the Westside Mission Area United Methodist Churches. We will gather in prayer, lament and community so that we may be instruments of God's peace in our world. Vigil is followed by a reception in the Fireside Room.

Sunday, October 4, 4 p.m. in the Chapel, reception in the Fireside Room

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ART EXHIBIT FEATURING LARRY NAYLOR

First UMC is excited to welcome **Larry Naylor** as our featured artist for our Blessing of the Animals art exhibit this year!

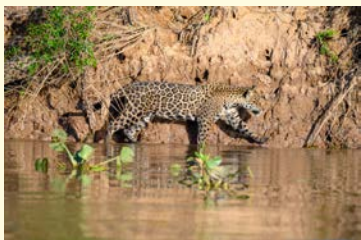
About Larry:

Larry Naylor was born a few years ago into a family that went to UMC Santa Monica every Sunday. Larry has a sister Kathy, and two brothers Craig and Mark. Their parents Maxine and Roy were dedicated to a life of service and have passed away. Larry lives in Westchester with his wife Tima and Chihuahua Vago. Larry had two children, David and Julie. Julie has two children, and lives in Kirkland, Washington with her husband Jeremy. Larry went to Santa Monica High and Santa Monica College, then on to UCLA where he earned a degree in biology and a masters in ecosystems. He became a certified scuba diver in 1972 and has had the opportunity to dive many of the best spots in the world. He bought his first camera in 1975, and became hopelessly addicted to nature photography. He joined the Peace Corps in 1979, and spent a year in El Salvador and 3 years in Paraguay. In both countries Larry worked to document the fishes of the country for their natural history museums. It gave Larry a chance to broaden his horizons in that he worked with professional biologists in a variety of disciplines.

Larry's recent photo trips include Katmai Peninsula, Alaska for brown bears, Costa Rica for birds, and Brazilian Pantanal for jaguars.

Come see Larry's photography during:

- **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**
- **Larry will hold an artist talk on Sunday, October 18, after worship in the Fireside Room.**



October at a glance

Fri Oct 2	Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open 1-3 p.m., extended hours 5-7 p.m.
Sat Oct 3	Blessing of the Animals/Larry Naylor Art Exhibit
Sun Oct 4	World Communion Sunday Vigil for Just Peace
Sat Oct 10	Messy Church
Sun Oct 11	Baptism Blood Pressure Screenings
Thur Oct 15	Deadline to sign up for the Abide Men's Retreat
Fri Oct 16	Memorial for Mary Lois Roney
Sat Oct 17	Prayer Quilt Workparty Saturday 1 p.m. Recital (In-Person/Livestream)
Sun Oct 18	Laity Sunday, Bill Buxton preaching White Ribbon memorial ribbons available to sign before and after worship Art Talk with Larry Naylor in the Fireside Room REFLECT Worship
Tues Oct 20	The People Concern volunteer day
Sat Oct 24	United Women in Faith Women's Tea
Sun Oct 25	Moment for Mission - Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk White Ribbon memorial ribbons available to sign before and after worship Legacy Circle Recognition
Tues Oct 27	Board of Trustees and Finance meeting
Wed Oct 28	Westside Food Bank Volunteer Day
Sat Oct 31	Tour of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, including the John Nava Tapestries

OCTOBER MESSY CHURCH

Come as you are and discover God's love in a relaxed, welcoming, and creative way! Messy Church is an all-ages worship experience designed with today's busy families, and people of every age and stage of life, in mind.

Once a month, we gather to connect, create, explore faith, share snacks, and experience God's love together. Whether you're single or partnered, young or young-at-heart, full of joy or navigating a difficult season, curious or full of questions and doubts, you belong here.

Come for the whole experience or drop in when you can. There's a place for you at Messy Church!

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., in the Preschool Playground

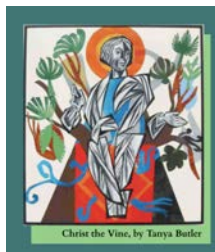


SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 15

ABIDE: A MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

"Abide in me as I abide in you." — John 15:4

Abide is a weekend retreat designed to help men reconnect with God, themselves, and one another. Together, we'll explore what it means to abide in Christ in the ordinary rhythms of everyday life. Through worship, prayer, reflection, honest conversation, and spiritual practices, participants will explore ways to deepen their relationship with God. Just as importantly, Abide is an invitation into deeper kinship. We hope to create space for participants to begin building relationships marked by trust, encouragement, and prayer with one another. Because following Jesus was never meant to be a solitary journey. Led by Rev. Greg Batson, Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, and Todd Erlandson. *Abide in Christ. Go deeper with one another. Live connected.*



Friday, November 6 – Sunday, November 8, 2026
Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes

Register by Thursday, October 15:

<https://santamonicaumc.org/abide-a-mens-weekend-retreat/>

OCTOBER IN-PERSON RECITAL

First UMC is excited to present the October Saturday **IN-PERSON** Recital featuring **Gold Line Saxophone Quartet**. Los Angeles-based Gold Line Quartet is a saxophone group merging the sounds of 19th century classical music with contemporary artists and pop/movie music from the 90s to today. They have degrees in saxophone performance from UCLA to Jacques Thibaud Conservatory in Bordeaux, France. To read full bios, see the upcoming 2026-27 recital schedule, and view past recitals, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/recital-series

If you can't join us in person, you can also watch the recital via livestream during the performance or anytime afterward:

- 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: (App Store, search FirstUMC_SM)



Saturday, October 17, 1 p.m. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.
in the First UMC Sanctuary. Free admission.

REFLECT WORSHIP

Join Pastor Greg's monthly worship service "Reflect." All are welcome to this additional opportunity to come together for worship and sharing in an informal setting. We gather in Simkins Hall at 5 p.m. The service includes a time of prayer and sharing, scripture, a reflection on a classic work of art, and concludes with Holy Communion. At 6 p.m., you are invited to stay and share in a community meal.

Sunday, October 18, 5 p.m. worship/6 p.m. meal

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF ANGELS ON OCTOBER 31

What are you doing for Halloween this year? Accompanying the kids as they trick-or-treat? Attending a costume party? Let me offer a spiritual opportunity earlier in the day before the night time festivities.

The origin of Halloween is All Hallows Eve, the vigil held in preparation for All Saints Day on November 1, when the church remembers all who have died. What better day than to see one of the finest artistic representations of the communion of saints right here in our backyard?

Join us for a visit and tour of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday, October 31 at 10 a.m. The Cathedral was designed by the Spanish architect, Jose Rafael Moneo, in 2022. Its geometric angles and earth-toned colors represent both the adobe roots and diversity of the community. Inside are the magnificent tapestries created by **John Nava**. Twenty-five of them line the north and south walls of the nave, representing 135 saints. And the tapestry above the baptistry depicting Jesus' baptism is awe-inspiring.

So come and join us as we see what Halloween is really all about. Led by Rev. Greg Batson.

Saturday, October 31, meet at Cathedral at 10 a.m.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

555 West Temple Street (between Grand and Hill Streets in downtown Los Angeles.)

Los Angeles, CA 90012-2707 (213) 680-5200

The entrance to the parking structure is located off both Temple and Hill Street. Parking is free for 3 hours.

RSVP to Sarah Rold by Thursday, October 15:

s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. Let us know if you would like to carpool - this group will gather at church at 9 a.m.



THE PEOPLE CONCERN VOLUNTEER DAY

Linda Diane Anderson coordinates volunteers who make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches at The People Concern's Access Center on the **third Tuesday of each month**. **Work starts at 9 a.m. Volunteers meet at 8:45 a.m. on P2 of the church parking lot to carpool.** Email Linda Diane: landolinda@ca.rr.com to participate.

Tuesday, October 20, 8:45 meet in parking garage



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AUTUMN TEA

United Women in Faith is excited to host the Autumn Tea! Come for fellowship, to learn about the mission and ministries of our unit of United Women in Faith, and to enjoy a scrumptious array of finger sandwiches, scones, and teas. We will honor special guest **Rev. Keri Paget Olsen**, our Deacon Associate, as we lift up 70 years of women's full ordination and clergy rights and the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Order of Deacons. \$15 suggested donation.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 14:

<https://santamonicaumc.org/uwf/>

Saturday, October 24, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Simkins Hall



ANNUAL LEGACY CIRCLE RECOGNITION

Join us as we celebrate First UMC and its members for being a part of our future. The Legacy Circle was started in 2013 to provide church members meaningful and effective ways of funding future growth of the mission and ministries by raising awareness to the possibility of including First UMC and the Foundation in your estate planning. Congratulations to our current 57 members!

After worship, come to Simkins Hall for our annual recognition program. Guest speaker **Ron Theile** will discuss what giving means to him. And if you missed Ron's stained glass tour in the Sanctuary last year, he will lead a 30 minute tour (after the event) of our beautiful stained glass windows, sharing the story of our faith depicted in them.

Sunday, October 25, after worship in Simkins Hall



WESTSIDE FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER DAY

Join First UMC for a volunteer opportunity every 4th Wednesday of the month at Westside Food Bank! Volunteers will pack cases of food or distribution at the Mobile Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park. Contact Rev. Keri Olsen Paget to volunteer: k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

Wednesday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1914 14th Street, Santa Monica



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/

NOVEMBER'S VIGIL FOR JUST PEACE AT WESTWOOD UMC

In partnership with the Westside Mission Area United Methodist Churches, Westwood UMC will host a Just Peace Prayer Vigil in November. We continue to gather in prayer, lament and community so that we may be instruments of God's peace in our world.

Sunday, November 1, Time TBD, Westwood UMC 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Looking forward to *November*

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sun Nov 1** All Saints Sunday/White Ribbon Memorial
Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk
Prayer for Peace Vigil at Westwood UMC
- Nov 6 - 8** Men's Retreat
- Sun Nov 15** Church Charge Conference
Consecration Sunday
- Fri Nov 20** Westside Food Bank Emergency Relief
Distribution and Resources Fair
- Sun Nov 22** Thanksgiving Sunday
Advent Crafts Workshop with Char Smith
United Women in Faith Xmas Boutique
- Sun Nov 29** Advent Bible Study with Bill Buxton begins

WHITE RIBBON MEMORIAL

As we approach All Saints Day, First UMC will honor those who have died with the White Ribbon Memorial. **On the Sundays of October 18, 25, and November 1**, look for a table set up by the north wall of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, before or after service, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon (as many as you like or one name per ribbon), say a prayer, and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. Ribbons hung last year will be rehung this year. You may also come to the Welcome Table or the church office to write a name on a ribbon. For our All Saints Day service on November 1, all ribbons will be tied to the string and hung in the sanctuary for the worship service. If you can't make it to worship, email Sarah s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org, to have a ribbon signed for you by **Wednesday, October 28**.

All Saints Sunday: Sunday, November 1, 10 a.m. worship

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK

Now's the time to join or donate to Westside Food Bank's 36th Annual 5K Hunger Walk at Ocean View Park. We are walking to help those facing hunger in LA County. Let's come together to make a difference in our community! Join Team First UMC - sign up here: www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk

Sunday, November 1, 12 p.m. check-in and expo, walk begins at 2 p.m. at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM, CA)



*The 2025 First UMC
Hunger Walk Team*





Community News

NEW MEMBERS

- On Sunday, September 20, we welcomed New Members: **Jerry Coker, Bianca Coker, and Ashok Kanagasundram.** Welcome!



BIRTHS

- First UMC member Bianca and Josh Bancroft and big brother Mateo welcomed daughter **Ophelia Bancroft** on August 12, 2026.

MEMORIAL

- A memorial service for First UMC member **Mary Lois Roney** will be held Friday, October 16, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fireside Room.



Kendra Gorlitsky, left,
with Jill Obery Dodd



The Sierra Service Project Team

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

For decades, First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica has answered the call to serve communities across the country. We partnered with the Sierra Service Project (SSP), for a week-long intergenerational service trip from August 1-8, 2026, sending a dedicated work team to the Teec Nos Pos Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Arizona. SSP is a trusted partner working with local communities to provide essential home repairs.

A Report Back and Luncheon was held on Sunday, September 13, after worship, where team members shared their experiences from the service trip. SSP team member **Kendra Gorlitsky** was unable to attend the report back, but wrote *Reflections of an August Adventure in the Navajo Nation*. Here is an excerpt, with the full article available on the website.

FUNDING GENEROSITY

Our First UMC Missions Council and the United Methodist Foundation voted this fall to financially support two worthy and charitable causes. The first is **Sherman Indian High School** in Riverside, California. Our \$1,000 donation will help the school purchase supplies for the students such as: art supplies, personal items (like reusable water bottles and hygiene products), snacks, awards for student achievement, and clothes for their clothes closet. A second donation of \$5,000 was given to **CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice)** as a contribution to their Bond Fund. Inspired by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank's call to support our immigrant neighbors, this money goes directly to pay the bonds of detained immigrants. Bonds typically range from \$1,000 - \$25,000, with an average bond being \$5,000. Our contribution will help support one or more persons currently held in detention.

If you would like to learn more about these organizations or our decision to contribute to them please email Pastor Keri: k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org, or talk to a member of the Missions Council.

GENTLE REMINDER: HEALTH COVERAGE CHECK-IN

This fall is an important time to review your health care coverage.

- Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15 - December 7.** If you are new to Medicare, AARP has an online guide that can help you navigate through the process: <https://www.aarp.org/medicare/>
- Covered California Open Enrollment and Renewals are November 1 - December 31.** Taking a few minutes to look over your plan can bring peace of mind and ensure your coverage is still the right fit for your needs. It's a small act of self-care and a gift to those who love you. Please feel free to reach out to Anne Premer at a.premier@santamonicaumc.org if you have any questions.

Why would a doctor who works with LA unhoused and asylum seekers choose to vacation on land that regularly bakes its participants under 100 degree skies?

Would I assuage some sense of 'white guilt' for what happened at Wounded Knee, which I learned about at 19? Might I gain some knowledge of native healing practices? Would I be refreshed by new friends and closer ties with people from my church for whom I already had some fondness? Did I want to test my body's endurance as I challenged it with work under super arid conditions?

Whatever the reason I signed up.

What did I learn? Gain?

Road trips are best taken with a myriad of characters....

Read full essay here and view video recap:

<https://santamonicaumc.org/church-service-trip/>



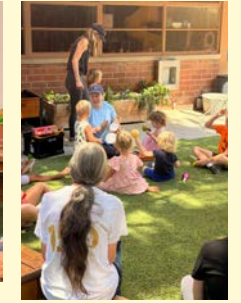
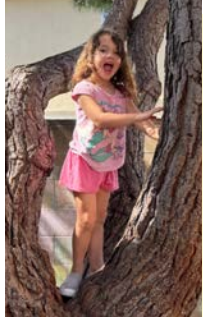
Community Photos



Listening Hearts Women's Group says farewell to Johanna Stutsman (2nd from left)



United Women in Faith's Ice Cream Social



September's Messy Church



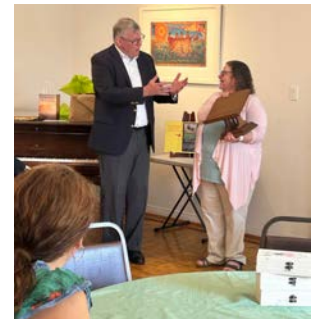
Sierra Service Project Report Back



Homeboy 5k and the Wilson Walkers



The Youth Service Project Trip Report Back



PRESCHOOL CORNER



First day of school with Preschool Co-Director Taylor Spearman and her son Treux

Since the fires of January 2025, Community UMC has used the Chapel as their temporary place of worship while rebuilding their church. As they prepare to move into their new home soon, First UMC celebrated the partnership between the two congregations by presenting gifts for their new church, including a table podium, prayer square, and individual pocket squares for their community.



WORSHIP



WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and we Livestream the service on the platforms listed below.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

In October we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Thank you to **Mike and Patty Eskridge** for their beautiful displays.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Sundays 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, or 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.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

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, and a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word. For more information and to join, call the church office: 310-393-8258.

Tuesdays: 7 a.m. 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. All are welcome to join! Contact Tricia Guerrero to learn more:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Meeting dates:

Wednesday, October 7 & 21, 10 a.m. at
Literati Cafe, 12081 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles
Wednesday, October 14, 10 a.m. via Zoom

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Choir!

Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:40 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Jim Smith if you are interested:

djes@roadrunner.com

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: **October 4/11.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE FALL

We're excited for another year of Sunday School at First UMC! As our Family Ministries continue to grow, we have updated our Sunday School rooms with a fresh new look and feel and offer three age-appropriate groups each Sunday following the Children's Message.

This year, our Sunday School groups will explore the **Lectionary Bible readings heard in worship each week**, helping families connect what they experience in worship with their children's time in Sunday School.

Nursery & Toddlers | 6 months–3 years

Jamie Jones and Morgan Watts provide a welcoming space for our youngest children to experience Bible stories and faith through stories, music, activities, and play.

Younger Elementary | Age 4–3rd Grade

Dot Plukas and Sandra Jones lead children in exploring the week's Bible reading through science experiments, crafts, stories, music, games, and play, creating fun and hands-on opportunities to explore faith.

Upper Elementary & Middle School | 4th–7th Grade

Adam Guerrero and parent volunteers help our older children dig deeper into the week's Bible reading and themes through discussion, games, and crafts, with space to ask questions, share ideas, and explore their faith together.

Children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families, and our Prayer Ground and Family Room offer additional family-friendly spaces during the service.

All are welcome! Whether your family comes from one faith tradition, is mixed-faith, questioning, or simply exploring, there is a place for you here.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Jamie at

j.jones@santamonicaumc.org or visit
santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a welcoming community of youth and adult volunteers who gather each week to explore, grow, and live out their faith together. Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6 –8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge on the third floor of the Education Building, where we gather for a meal, games, discussion, and a program. **Meetings in October: Oct 4/11/18/25.** Questions? t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health Ministry Council hosts Blood Pressure screenings one Sunday of the month in the Fireside Room. We are grateful to this ministry for their continued care of the congregation!

Next Screening: **Sunday, October 11, 11 a.m. in the Alcove**



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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



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: Explore the resources on our website to see how we can support you and your loved ones through every season of life. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact: Anne Premer

a.premier@santamonicaumc.org or (310)393-8258 ext 103.

www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry

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.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 17, Room 300

Contact info@santamonicaumc.org if you would like to volunteer.

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

