

SENTINEL

NEWSLETTER

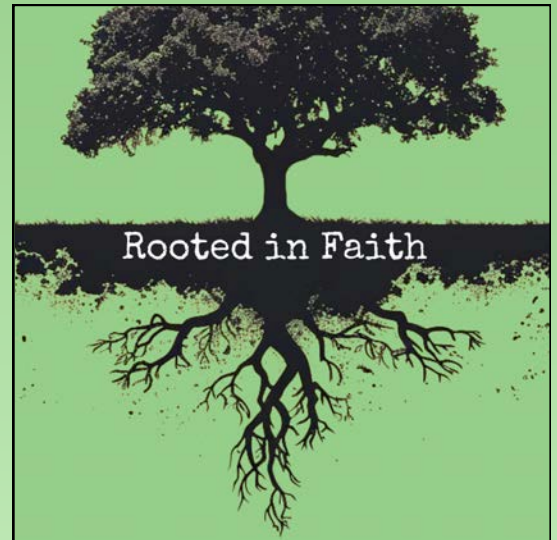
November is a month for both remembrance and gratitude. Sunday, November 1, is **All Saints Day**, when we remember all of our loved ones who have died and entered new life over the past year. It is an important holy day in the church calendar, for it reminds us of all those who have nurtured and shaped our lives.

We then shift our focus to our Stewardship Campaign over the next three weeks (November 8, 15, and 22). Our theme is **“Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity.”** We are blessed as a congregation to be firmly rooted in this community for over 150 years. We continue to grow and thrive in our ministries today. November 15 is **Consecration Sunday**, and we encourage you to make a commitment of support with your pledge for 2027.

Please also mark your calendars for our annual **Church Charge Conference** on Sunday, November 15, at 11 a.m. following worship. All are invited to attend as we review our ministry milestones over the past year, vote on essential business items, and celebrate our members who have made special contributions of their time and talents.

Finally, we pause during the Thanksgiving holiday to express our gratitude to God for our many blessings. Enjoy this time with your families and loved ones in this season of thanks!

Rev. Greg Batson
Senior Minister



CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference! We will engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments, both in person in Simkins Hall, and via Zoom so online viewers can be a part of the conference. This year's theme is "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Astonish!" We are excited to welcome back West District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi. Lunch will be served and child care will be provided. For Zoom link, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference

Sunday, November 15, after worship, in Simkins Hall



During Church Charge Conference, we will honor the First UMC church members and congregants who have reached the 50 year mark this year:

Steven Bruce
Marshall Burnett
David Hewitt
Richard Hewitt
Deborah Hudson
Sarah Howland
Nancy Mesa
Dorothy Pastoriza-Plukas
Larry Petterson
Natalie Petterson
Harriet Server
Dan Stirling
Dorothy Williams



Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



November at a glance

- Sun Nov 1** All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion / Rev. Greg Batson preaching
Daylight Saving Time ends, fall back! 
Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk
United Women in Faith Craft Day
Prayer for Peace Vigil at Westwood UMC
- Fri Nov 6** Abide Men's Retreat begins (*registration closed*)
Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open
UWFaith Peanut Brittle Making day
- Sat Nov 7** UWFaith Peanut Brittle Making day
Preschool Fall Festival
- Sun Nov 8** Rev. Greg Batson preaching
Blood Pressure Screenings
- Wed Nov 11** Veterans Day
- Sat Nov 14** Messy Church
- Sun Nov 15** Church Charge Conference/
Consecration Sunday/Rev. Greg Batson preaching
Last day for Larry Naylor exhibit
- Tues Nov 17** The People Concern volunteer day
- Fri Nov 20** Westside Food Bank Emergency Relief
Distribution and Resources Fair
- Sat Nov 21** Prayer Quilt Workparty
November Recital featuring Seraphour, quartet
- Sun Nov 22** Thanksgiving Sunday / Tricia Guerrero preaching
UWFaith Christmas Boutique
Advent Craft Workshop with Fellowship & Events
- Thur Nov 26** Thanksgiving Day, church campus closed
- Sun Nov 29** First Sunday of Advent / Rev. Greg Batson preaching
Alternative Christmas begins
Angel Tree Project begins
Advent Study (in-person and via Zoom) begins
Reflect Worship

WHITE RIBBON MEMORIAL / ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Each year in our All Saints Sunday worship, we lift up the names of the beloved members of our congregation who have died in the past year and gone home to be with the Lord. We also offer the White Ribbon Memorial, with opportunities to request a ribbon online, and also sign a ribbon before in-person worship on November 1. We give thanks for their life and life everlasting and pray for God's comfort and peace for their families.

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

We Remember



Hilda Rosemary Bickel
Kendall Yoshihiro Iwata
Doris Lennon
Alan Curtis Mead
Mary Lois Roney
Berneice Bossi Southcott
Tim Travis
Thomas Dewey Weese

THE PEOPLE CONCERN ACCESS CENTER MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE



For the past three years, FUMC volunteers have joined staff at The People Concern's Access Center one Saturday per month to prepare sandwiches and sack lunches for distribution to the organization's homeless clients. As a consequence of cuts to federal funding for social services, The People Concern has curtailed its weekend volunteer program and laid off staff. Beginning September 15th, we began volunteering on the third Tuesday of each month. (See our November volunteer date on page 3.)

In addition to making lunches on that third Tuesday, we sorted clothing donations and helped clients select clean, well-fitting clothes. There were not enough men's clothes for the mostly male clients. Volunteer Leigh Erlandson quickly responded with "we can help with that," so our volunteer efforts have expanded to include a clothing drive. Washable casual slacks, jeans, sweats, tee shirts, hoodies, and warm jackets are needed. Shoes are welcome, too, preferably gently worn athletic shoes.

Donate Sundays: November 1/ 6/15/22, 11 a.m. during coffee hour. A volunteer will be available in the courtyard or Simkins Hall, depending on the weather, to receive your donations. Please join Missions Council in this ministry.

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK

It's not too late to join or donate to Team First UMC at Westside Food Bank's 36th Annual 5K Hunger Walk at Ocean View Park. We're walking to make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity in LA County. Let's come together to make a meaningful impact in our community! **Donate to the team:**

www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk

Sunday, November 1, Check-in at 12 p.m. Race begins at 2 p.m. (2701 Barnard Way, SM, CA)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CRAFT DAY

Help us as we prepare for our annual Holiday Bazaar! Join us Sunday, November 1, after Coffee Hour to prepare ornaments and decorations for our annual fundraiser. We will provide instructions and materials.



Sunday, November 1, 12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m., UWF Workroom

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, 4 p.m.

Westwood UMC

10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024



WALK THE LABYRINTH/CHAPEL OPEN

The First UMC Labyrinth is open on the first Friday of every month, 1 – 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. If you've never walked the Labyrinth before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation. Children and families welcome! The Chapel is also open for prayer during this time.

Friday, November 6, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Simkins Hall & Chapel

HELP THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MAKE PEANUT BRITTLE

Help the United Women in Faith gear up for the holidays and make their legendary Peanut Brittle! Bring your stirring arm! Our peanut brittle making days will be:

Friday, November 6, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
in the Simkins Hall Kitchen**



NOVEMBER 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, November 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., in the Preschool Playground



*Scenes from
October's Messy
Church*



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, November 17, 8:45 a.m. meet in parking garage

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER DAY HOLIDAY EDITION!

Join First UMC for volunteer opportunity with the Westside Food Bank! In November and December we will help at the Emergency Relief Distribution and Resources Fairs, where you will interact with the public in a farmers market-like fashion. It is held at the West LA Civic Center Mobile Pantry. To volunteer, contact Rev. Keri Olsen Paget at

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org. Join us on

**Friday, November 20, and Friday December 18,
3:15-5:30 p.m. 1645 Corinth Ave, Los Angeles 90025**

NOVEMBER IN-PERSON RECITAL

First UMC is excited to present the November Saturday **IN-PERSON** Recital featuring **Seraphour**, classical quartet. 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 full bios, see the 2026-27 recital schedule, view past recitals, and see livestream options, visit the website:

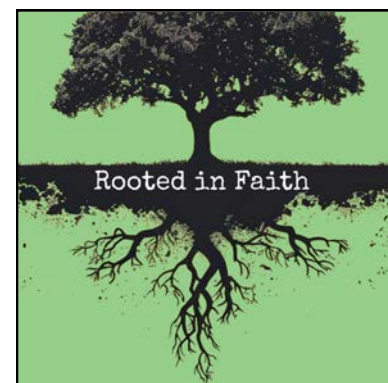
www.santamonicaumc.org/recital-series

**Saturday, November 21, 1 p.m. Doors
open at 12:45 p.m. in the First UMC
Sanctuary. Free admission.**



STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS

Soon each of us will receive a special Stewardship letter from Rev. Greg Batson and church leaders. Our theme this year for our Stewardship Campaign is *Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity*. Last year, we solidified our roots when we celebrated our 150th anniversary. As we looked back and reflected, we were amazed at how much this congregation has accomplished. Join us on the **Sundays of November 8, 15 and 22** to hear Janet Searfoss, Kim Defenderfer, and Karen Grothe share how giving has made a difference in their lives. We invite you to participate as well. There are three easy ways to submit a pledge to the church: 1. Return the pledge card you received in the mail to church on **Consecration Sunday, November 15**. 2. Fill out an online pledge card: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship 3. Email our Business Administrator, Christina Eddy, with your pledge at c.eddy@santamonicaumc.org before November 29. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support as we continue to "Be the Hope!"



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Over many decades, United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, has presented its Christmas Bazaar, offering for sale handmade items, homemade baked goods and candies, Christmas ornaments, and home décor. Buyers can't resist our handmade and homemade wares. Hand knitted baby blankets, hats, and booties are big sellers. Hand sewn items such as quilts and aprons are very popular. Homemade cookies, breads, and pies are must-haves, and our signature peanut brittle is an annual sell-out! Through annual events like the Bazaar, the UWF support local and global missions /organizations, including Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu, and Los Angeles-based Children Youth & Family Collaborative, Wesley Foundation of UCLA 580 Café, and Sojourn Services for Adult and Child Victims of Domestic Violence, and they also share a percentage of the proceeds with the UWFaith West District to help fund its work to fulfill the UWFaith vision "to be a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, acting for justice and transforming communities with a focus on women, children, and youth."

Sunday, November 22, after worship in the Alcove



Scenes from last year's Bazaar

ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP

On November 22, the Fellowship and Events Committee will be offering an abbreviated Advent Workshop, which for many years was a fun way for families to usher in the Advent Season. This year we will be offering a variety of crafts as well as Gingerbread Houses, both graham cracker structures and full size home-made houses. **Look for a sign up table during Coffee Hour on November 1 & 8, and bring 2 dollars (\$2) to reserve a full size house as there will be a limited number available.** We hope all will stop by and create something special!

Sunday, November 22, after worship in Simkins Hall



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNERS

- **St. Monica's Catholic Church:** Wednesday, November 25, 1 - 4 p.m. 725 California Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403
- **Westside Thanksgiving Community Dinner & Celebration,** November 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 1645 Corinth Ave, L.A., CA 90025

ADVENT

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 with the white candle at the center, representing Jesus Christ. This year we focus on the candle of **Peace**.

Below are Advent offerings that begin in November:



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, Missions 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:**

- Children Youth and Family Collaborative
- Homeboy Industries
- The People Concern
- Upward Bound House
- Wesley Foundation at UCLA / 580 Cafe
- InnerChange/NOVO
- CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles)
- Epworth Farm



Online through November 27 - December 20:

www.santamonicaumc.org/alt-christmas25

Sundays: Nov 29, Dec 6/13/20 after worship in Simkins Hall

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Angel Tree is back for its 23rd year, once again led by church member **Chris Ruud**. This beloved church and community tradition brings holiday joy to local families served by Family Place/Upward Bound House by filling 26 laundry baskets with brand-new household items—gifts that help make a house feel like home. Chris is available after worship for three Sundays to help you sign up. If you worship online or can't make it in person, you can still take part—just call or email Chris at 310.393.3255 or chr10is@yahoo.com to learn what's needed and how you can help. Wrapped gifts can be dropped off on Sundays or at the church office Monday–Thursday.

Sundays: Nov 29, Dec 6/13 in the Alcove
(gifts due Dec 13)



ADVENT STUDY

For Advent this year, we will be studying the book "Heaven and Earth" by Will Willimon, a retired Methodist bishop and professor at Duke Divinity School. During the four weeks, we will be exploring the ways Jesus' birth is a crucial point in God's plan for human history and for eternity. The first week, we will explore the ways Jesus' birth introduced revolutionary change and launched God's Kingdom based not on human power but on justice and love. Next, we will reflect on how God calls us to ongoing repentance and conversion. In the third week, we will meditate on the introduction to John's gospel and how every part of our lives witnesses to Jesus. Finally, we will join Mary and Elizabeth's prayers in praising God for the promised reign of love and of freedom from oppression that became realized in Jesus. I hope that you can join us for this time when we can reflect on Advent as a time not only to remember but also to renew our commitment as participants in God's ongoing work of creation and redemption, rooted in love. *Limited number of books available at the Welcome Table for \$12 beginning November 8.*

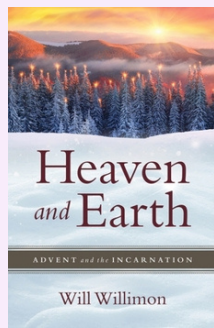
Sundays in-person: 11:30 a.m. with Bill Buxton

Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20, in the Fireside Room

Mondays on Zoom: 6:30 p.m. with Pastors

Nov 30 - Tricia / Dec 7 - Tricia / Dec 14 - Greg/ Dec 21 - Keri

Zoom link: www.santamonicaumc.org/advent-study



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. 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, November 29, 5 p.m. worship/6 p.m. meal



Community News

BIRTH

- First UMC member Julia (Wallace) and Derek Zimmer, and grandmother Terri-Rae Elmer, welcomed **Archie James Zimmer** on September 30, 2026.

BAPTISM

- Peyton Lou Holman** was baptised on October 11, 2026, by Rev. Greg Batson.



ENGAGEMENT

- First UMC member **Madeleine Ing** and Michael Henley are engaged to be married.

DEATH

- First UMC member David Landsverk's sister **Sonia** died recently.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to the **Cal Pac Foundation Connectional Ministries and Lake Institute** for a fantastic learning experience on Faith & Giving! FUMC congregation leaders and staff, along with members of eight neighboring congregations gathered late September in Simkins Hall, for a special interactive seminar experience learning and sharing new ways of understanding stewardship through a dynamic relationship between faith and giving. The day was fantastic! With generosity we make more room for God.

"God loves us...We accept God's love...We love God in return... We form community with God...and We cooperate with God... Love for God leads us to participate in God's generosity toward others."

Edward Vacek, "Love Human, and Divine: The Heart of Christian Ethics"

Attendees of the Faith and Giving seminar



HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES 5K - THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT



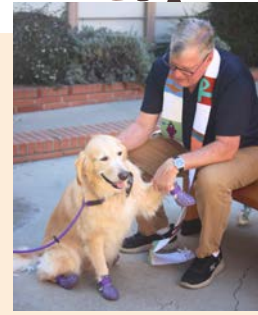
On Saturday, September 19, our FUMC team, Wilson's Walkers – Team Captain David Wilson, Ann Wilson, Keri Olsen Paget, Josh Paget, and youngest member Ellie Paget – joined 5,000 walkers and runners in the Homeboy 5K to support the work of Homeboy Industries, a gang intervention program that is one of our mission projects. We were excited to see our team's name displayed on the banner of "Top Teams!" **We were #2 in funds raised.** The event began with a festival with music, treats, activities for kids, and an inspirational prayer to send us off from Homeboy founder, Father Greg Boyle, who then walked along with all of us. At the finish line each participant got a medal and cheers from the event volunteers. After the walk we enjoyed brunch together at the

Homegirl Café, one of the social enterprises and services (like the Homegirl Bakery) of Homeboy Industries.

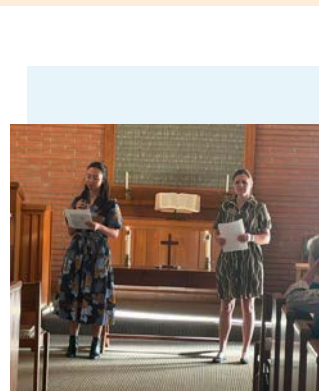
Homeboy Industries was started by Father Greg Boyle in 1988 as a way of improving the lives of former gang members in East Los Angeles. It is now the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. For over 30 years, Homeboy Industries has stood as a beacon of hope in Los Angeles to provide training and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect themselves and become contributing members of our community. For more information: www.homeboyindustries.org. Thank you to our church family for support and prayers. We hope to participate again next September! - **Ann and David Wilson**



Community Photos



Blessing of the Animals, and Blessing of the Animals art exhibit and talk with Larry Naylor



Vigil for Just Peace in the First UMC Chapel



Youth Group, writing letters to former youth who are in their first year of college



Volunteers at The People Concern, assembling sandwiches



Karen Ing and Robin Henning represented First UMC UWFaith at a West District Event held at Crenshaw UMC.



PRESCHOOL CORNER

PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL - ALL ARE INVITED!

Fall is in the air, and we're getting ready for an afternoon filled with family, friends, laughter, and FUN! We can't wait to bring our FUMC community together for our annual Fall Festival! Featuring: Bounce House, Dedicated Toddler Play Space, Taco Stand, Crafts & Activities, Bubble Dance Party, Teacher Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Children's Costume Contest, Photo Booth Opportunities, Bake Sale (cash encouraged) & More!



Ticket Prices at the door:

One Child: \$25 / Two Children: \$40 / One Adult: \$15

Saturday, November 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Courtyard

WORSHIP

Children's Message
on Laity Sunday



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

Tania Batson will be baking the bread for Communion Sunday in November. Thank you for your service!

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: Wednesday, November 4 & 18, 10 a.m. at

Literati Cafe, 12081 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

Wednesday, November 11, 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: November 22/29, December 6/13/27

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / SUNDAY SCHOOL

First UMC offers three age-appropriate groups each Sunday following the Children's Message.

Our Sunday School groups 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. **Meeting: November 8 & 22.** 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, November 8, 11 a.m. in the Alcove**

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/



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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.premer@santamonicaumc.org or (310)393-8258 ext 103. www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry

HEALTH COVERAGE CHECK-IN

Now's the time to review your health care coverage.

Medicare Open Enrollment thru 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.

Questions? Ask Anne Premer: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org

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, November 21, Room 300

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

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry



Looking forward to
DECEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sat Dec 5** Kids Night Out
- Sun Dec 6** Annual Christmas Choir Concert
- Sat Dec 12** Messy Church
- Sun Dec 13** Blue Advent service
- Sun Dec 20** Service of Lessons and Carols
Advent Brunch

Thurs Dec 24 Christmas Eve services:

- Christmas Eve Family Service 4 - 5 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 8 - 9 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Communion Service 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Sun Dec 27 Family Sunday



KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids Night Out is back in December! \$40/child + \$20 for each additional sibling, 2 years – 5th grade. Sign up for the Children and Family Ministries email to receive registration info (mid-November):

www.santamonicaumc.org/kids-night-out/

**Saturday, December 5, 4 – 8 p.m.
in the Education Building**