



THE TRYLON

SIERRA MADRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 2018



The Aldersgate Choir visited the British Home on December 20th, for dinner and some caroling!



We are truly blessed to have our Choir!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Greetings in Christ:

Happy New Year!

I can't believe we already have a New Year! I feel like I am still living in the year 2017. But I know I don't need to look back but only look to the future. Let us start the new year with strong commitment and hope! As a new year approaches, I encourage everyone desiring to see healthy church growth to make these commitments: "I will pray every day with my spouse and family. I will read through the Bible this year. I will walk in holiness. I will seek opportunities to share my faith weekly. I will hold myself accountable to someone for these commitments." We know that growing churches are praying churches, and praying churches are led by praying people. Healthy church growth does ask questions about techniques and strategies, but it does not start there. It begins with God and His called leaders who walk with Him, love His Word, share the Gospel, and invest themselves in new believers. In many ways, healthy church growth in this new year will be about doing old things well – and so deeply committing to them that we hold ourselves accountable. Let us start this year as we wish to finish it. Life has so much in store for us. We just have to trust in our hard work and persistence. Put up with the pain. Fight through the frustration. Make this year the year our wildest dreams come true and then imagine what we can set our sights on for the next year. Are we ready to take on 2018? God will lead us another good year. God bless all of you!

Your servant,
Rev. Sangman Shin, Pastor

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE:

Work continues on the renovation of classrooms 305 and 306. Lennart Andersson has finished painting, and has replaced the floors in the bathroom. The new laminate flooring has also been laid in the classrooms and electrical work has been completed. On to the plumbing! We have ordered the fixtures, and they will be installed soon. Our tenant will then be able to stage the rooms and take publicity photographs for the new Bridge Montessori School.

We are endeavoring to keep our campus looking green, but it becomes more difficult given the lack of rain. Please know we are aware of 'brown spots (expanses)' on the lawns, but there are financial concerns we must address before increasing our water use.

We wish Happy New Year to the entire Sierra Madre UMC family. Here is hoping that your family and your church family will prosper in the New Year.



EPIPHANY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
 Hartzell Hall, after Worship Service

BRING YOUR WISE MEN !!!



**ALTERNATIVE
 GIFT FAIR
 AND BOUTIQUE**

Tremendous thanks and appreciation to all who worked to prepare for December's Alternative Gift Fair and Boutique, especially Jill Schofield and June Drenten. We raised a total of \$ 2,198.25! Here's where we will send our gifts:



SGV Habitat for Humanity	\$	100.00
Family Promise		180.00
Heifer International		260.00
Foothill Unity Center		100.00
Church World Service		100.00
Imagine No Malaria		100.00
Give Ye Them To Eat		350.00
Friends In Deed		300.00

\$ 1,490.00

Gift Boutique (to Family Promise) 708.25



Thanks to the Missions Committee and Adult / Family Ministries for the wonderful refreshments.

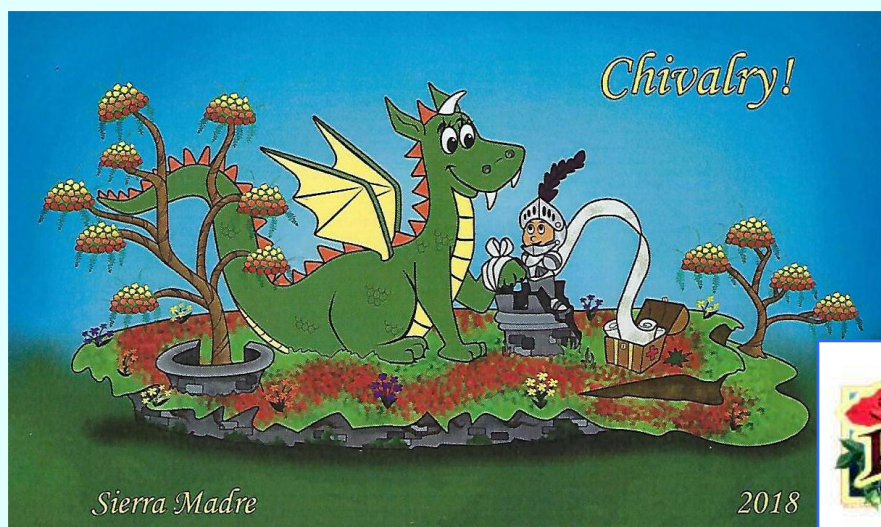
Join in a Vision Sharing Meeting Sunday, January 14 - after fellowship, in Wesley Chapel

We know that we need to grow, grow in many areas; grow in number, grow in impact, grow in joy, and grow in love for people. Our church has been in Sierra Madre and serving the community for many years. Sierra Madre is small but unique. I see more elderly than young people in this city as well as in our church. How can we make our church grow in this community? That will be our question and we can find that answer together in this Vision Sharing meeting.

Let us remember that our Vision is one of the most critical elements in the success and effectiveness of Sierra Madre UMC. It is very clear, "Without vision, people cast off restraint." To keep our church traveling down the right path, it is important for its members to have a clear and shared vision. But how does the ministry, and our church leaders, develop and communicate vision? More important, how do we get our people to embrace the vision God has given us? Let us remember that Vision is not just for the large church; smaller churches need a vision for ministry as well. Understanding our church culture is key to developing and communicating vision to its leaders. Let's focus first on the unique culture of our church and the characteristics of our congregation; and second on how to initiate change and communicate our God-given vision within our church context.

I believe that the process of becoming a disciple of Jesus involves baptism, prayer, ongoing learning about the Christian life, regular worship, and participation in activities that utilize one's spiritual gifts for ministry. I value the Bible as the inspired Word of God from which Christians learn about God's truths. I believe in the importance of stewardship of time, talents, treasures, and the earth's resources as a sign of a mature Christian faith. I believe that evangelism is the role of every Christian and every member of our church. Let's talk together!

Rev. Sangman Shin, Pastor



BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY! THIS YEAR THE FLOAT WILL PROCEED EARLY IN THE MARCHING ORDER, ASSURING THAT TELEVISION COVERAGE IS NOT OVER BY THE TIME IT COMES ROLLING DOWN COLORADO BOULEVARD.



**EAST DISTRICT CAL-PAC
HOW TO WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
"FROM HERE TO THERE:
DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP"**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JAMES KANG
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, CAL-PAC CONFERENCE**

Speaking on *"Not Your Grandchildren's Church"*, with new ideas on what the church should look like, who should be in charge and what it should try to accomplish.

REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M., WELCOME 9:00 A.M.

**FULLERTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 NORTH POMONA AVENUE, FULLERTON 92835**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NOTES:

SUNDAY, January 7th

FIRST SUNDAY



SUNDAY, January 14th to January 21st ***
and SUNDAY, January 28th to February 4th

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING – Be sure to get in touch with Jill to sign up for your shifts.

*** This just in – another host church had to drop out, so we will be hosting two weeks in January. **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

AND DON'T FORGET!

**Family Promise Potluck Supper
and Game Night**

**Saturday, February 3rd, 5:00 p.m.
Hartzell Fellowship Hall**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Family Promise Hosting for 2018

*** January 14 to January 21
January 28 to February 4
August 19 to August 26
October 14 to October 22
December 2 to December 9

*** **EMERGENCY** Hosting

NEXT TRYLON DEADLINE

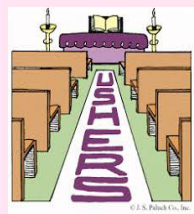
**Friday, January 26
for the February 2018 Trylon**



JANUARY WORSHIP HELPERS

Lead Ushers

- 7 Liz Mackey-Peterson
- 14 Peg Schuster
- 21 Dee Suzuki
- 28 Millie Mittleman



Cart Drivers

- 7 Peg Schuster
- 14 Joe Schuster
- 21 Bob Travis
- 28 Steve Bridal



Fellowship Refreshments

- 7 Missions / AFM
- 14 UMW
- 21 Finance
- 28 Nominations



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 8 Brenda Walkiewicz
- 18 Bob Travis
- 19 Jane Bevington
- 24 Dawn Suzuki
- 25 Norma Nava
- 28 Joyce Kenyon



Anniversary

- 4 Laura and Rich Snyder
- 7 Millie and Dr. Richard Mittleman



SARAH CIRCLE MEETING

Sarah Circle will be meeting Friday, January 26, 12:30 p.m. in Sierra House.

Sarah Circle is open to everyone interested in enjoying fellowship, discussion and a cup of tea.



**Monday through
Friday**
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

626.355.0629



CRAFTY ??? JOIN THE CARD CREATION GROUP

Come join us on Tuesday,
January 30th, 6:30 p.m. at
Connie Wortham's home,
510 Pembroke Dr.,
Pasadena.

This group will be making cards to send to our shut-ins, but you can also make any type of card you want. Contact Connie Wortham at (626) 351-9260 for more information.

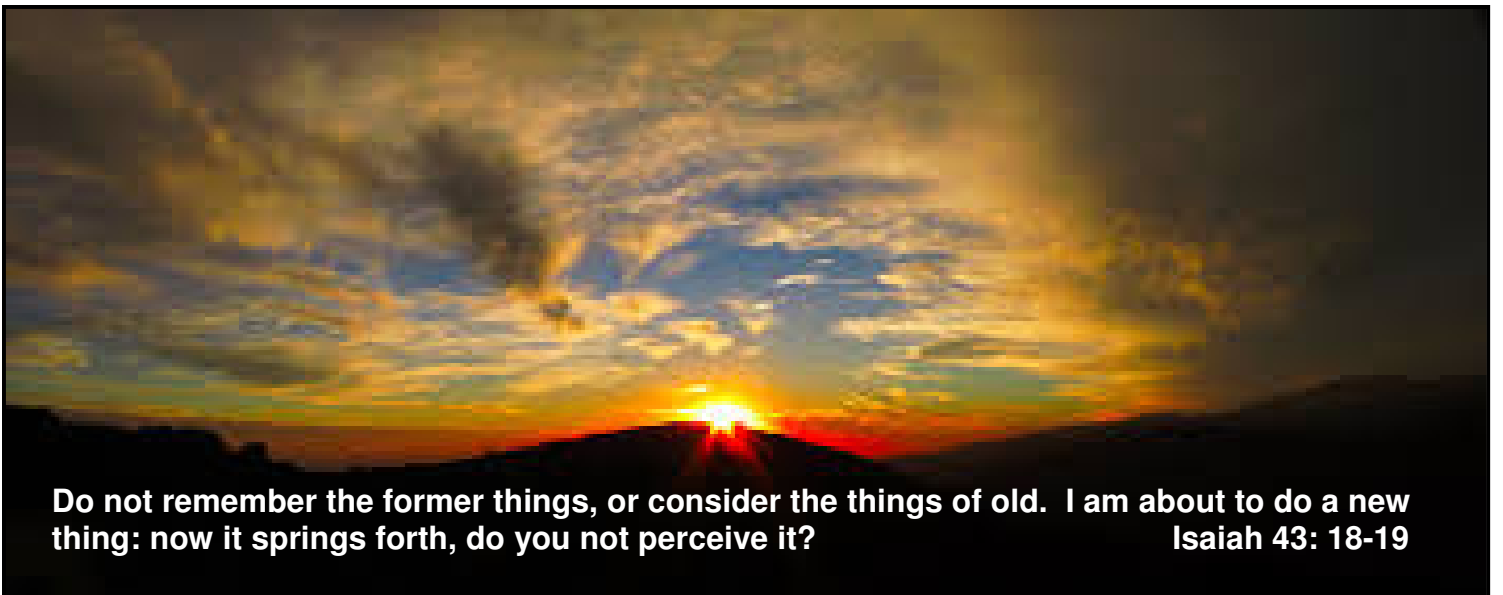
THE NEW NORMAL:



PRECIPITATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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United Methodist Church
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Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43: 18-19

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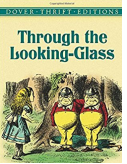
Tuesday

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Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color Codes: Church Activity Church Sponsored Charities Outside groups 	1 	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – January 1 & 2	3	4  National Spaghetti Day	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> RENTAL – HH 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. </div>
7 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. – Board of Trustees - SH <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> EPIPHANY BRUNCH hosted by AFM / Missions 11:00 a.m. – HH upstairs </div>	8	9  National Clean Off Your Desk Day	10 5:00 p.m. – British Home Ministry	11	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> Fran Garbaccio Memorial Service 3:00 p.m. </div>
14 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Day 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> VISION SHARING meeting 11:00 a.m. - WC </div>	15  1943 Pentagon Dedicated	16	17	18 Finance Comm. 4 p.m. – SH	19  National Popcorn Day	20 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> HOW-TO WORKSHOP Fullerton First UMC 8 a.m. </div>
Family Promise Hosting – January 14 to January 21 ➔						
21 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> AFM / Missions Planning Meeting – 11:00 a.m. - WC </div>	22 National Hot Sauce Day 	23	24 5:00 p.m. – British Home Ministry	25 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> SGV Faith-Based Breakfast 9 am to 12 noon San Dimas, CA </div>	26 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. – SH	27  Lewis Carroll born 1832
28 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> VISION SHARING meeting 11:00 a.m. - WC </div>	Family Promise Hosting - January 28 to February 4 ➔					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House HH = Hartzell Hall WC = Wesley Chapel AFM = Adult and Family Ministries </div>
		30 CARD CREATION – 6:30 p.m. – Connie Wortham's home	31	1	2	