

February 2020

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MARDI GRAS BRUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

COME JOIN IN THE FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BRUNCH

AFTER WORSHIP

HARTZELL FELLOWSHIP HALL



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings In Christ:

Life is good always. Like the seasons have been changing, we sometimes have happiness and joy, sometimes sadness and grief. But life is a blessing, a blessing from God. I hope every one of us gives thanks to God for His blessing. It is a wonderful time of the year, and it is good time to spread flower seeds. I have done that in many different areas of our church campus. I am expecting more beautiful flowers this summer, including sunflowers. When I was appointed to SMUMC 4 years and 7 months ago, the front yard of parsonage was a desert. Nothing but dirt, not even a weed. So I thought maybe I better make a desert garden with a prayer tower. I piled up rocks and I called it 'prayer tower'. But I changed my mind, so I decided on a nature garden. I bought some flowers and asked my neighbor to donate some flowers and cactus. My neighbor did donate many plants. Little by little, I planted and spread the seed and now I have too many plants and flowers in the front yard. It is a beautiful nature garden but now it is paradise for gophers, and they are destroying my beautiful garden! I assume those bad animals moved from the church after our abatement efforts. But it is okay, I can live together with them. Now there are so many beautiful white snow flowers covering Montecito Avenue from the parsonage to Michillinda. Anyway, I am expecting to enjoy more beautiful flowers this year and I know the time is coming. However, we don't know what's going to happen to our denomination. No matter what happens, I want us to be united, not segregated. No matter what happens, I want our church to remain as one congregation and stay together. Let us always believe that God is our shepherd and we are His sheep. God will lead us the best way, and we will follow only Him.

Your servant, Rev. Sangman Shin, Pastor



Lenten Bible Study Classes Are Coming!

Watch for information and the sign-up sheet





Family Promise friend and volunteer Gary Wat is celebrating the opening of his new real estate office, and his opening party will benefit Family Promise!

Tickets - \$ 10.00, of which \$ 5.00 goes to Family Promise

THURSDAY, February 6, 2020 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to register for tickets:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garywathomes-x-compassgrand-ribbon-cutting-tickets-

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or contact the Church Office to get the email the link.





We are planning a day at Operation Gratitude's care package assembly day for active military, active first responders, veterans and others. The date we picked is Saturday, February 29th.

The volunteer hours would be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities: from assembling care packages to stuffing teddy bears, writing letters, or making paracord bracelets.

Those who would like to join us in this volunteer opportunity would meet at the Church on Saturday, February 29th at 8:00 a.m. We can carpool to the warehouse in Canoga Park, and go to lunch afterwards, as schedules permit.

Liz Peterson will have a signup sheet in the Narthex. We are required to register online before we go to the venue. Therefore, she would need the names of people who would be going, so she can register us.

Those as young as 13 can volunteer, if anyone has a grandchild or someone they would like to bring.

Outreach Ministries Team Report 2019 Jill Schofield, Lay Leader

In 2019, it was decided to combine the Adult & Family Ministry, the Missions Committee and the Youth Ministry committees into a single Outreach Team. This new Ministry Team undertakes ministry to the homebound, seniors and youth, supports fellowship within the congregation and mission in the community. Many thanks to all who participated. Recently, the team reviewed the 2019 year. In 2019 we:

- Provided special brunches for the congregation for Fat Tuesday Sunday, Rally Day (baseball theme), and Halloween
- Streamlined our refreshment schedule teams
- Supported Pastor's ministry to the homebound
- Made cards and home-made gifts for homebound members
- Provided Christmas music program at the British Home
- Offered rides to Church
- Supported our graduating youth with a special service and refreshment time
- Provided volunteer opportunities for youth
- Collected food for Foothill Unity Center and the Friends In Deed food pantry
- Collected school supplies for Foothill Unity Center and Friends In Deed
- Collected supplies for Operation Gratitude in time for Veterans' Day and attended an Operation Gratitude workday
 in Chatsworth
- Adopted over 30 angels through the Foothill Unity Angel Project
- Assisted with Foothill Unity's Christmas distribution event
- Raised \$2000 from the Alternative Gift Fair and Boutique with all proceeds distributed to local and global mission projects
- Acted as support congregation for Family Promise, providing training for a new hosting church and helping as
 evening hosts on several occasions
- Participated in a new Sierra Madre Fall Festival organized by Christ Church
- Assisted with the United Methodist Women events such as the Rummage Sale, Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, Christmas Luncheon, and various receptions for memorial services and Charge Conference

More from Jill:

Last year when we held our brainstorming meeting to develop our "I See a New Church" statement, the point was made that our demographics have changed substantially since our Church was founded, and we no longer know who our "target" audience is. We asked the Conference to send us current data from their **MissionInsite** software. The reports they provided use a 2.5 mile radius from our Church. If you are interested in taking a look at this information, it is probably best to start with the **QuickInsite** report, all are available from the Church Office.

The link below should take you to a Google Map which I created using 2 mile radius circles from each of our local Methodist churches. That seemed to be as small as one could go in order to cover a local area but with as little overlap as possible with other Methodist churches. I estimate that 75% of our congregation who attend worship **somewhat regularly** fall into this radius, as do 90% of those who attend **very regularly**.

http://bit.ly/3a29Gn3 (type it in, clicking here won't get you there – but it does work!)





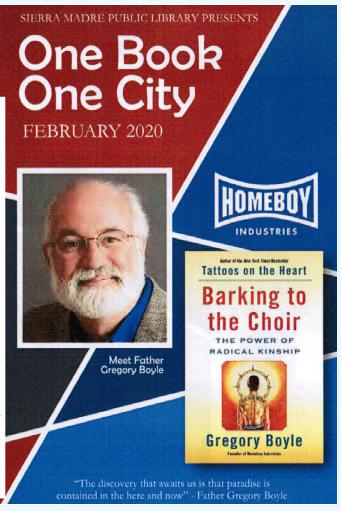


More about Father Gregory Boyle:

Father Boyle witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the so called "decade of death" that began in the late 1980s and peaked at 1,000 gang-related killings in 1992.

In the face of law enforcements tactics and criminal justice policies of suppression and mass incarceration as the means to end gang violence, parish and community members adopted what was a radical approach at the time: treat gang members as human beings. In 1988 they started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries.

Father Boyle has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, the White House named Father Boyle a Champion of Change. He received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics.



CALENDAR OF SIERRA MADRE EVENTS:

- Monday, February 3rd 6:00 p.m.
 "Scared Straight: 20 Years Later" movie viewing
 - Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers
- Thursday, February 13th 11:00 a.m.
 Chips and Salsa tasting products made by Homeboy Industries.

 Sierra Madre Public Library
- Saturday, February 15th 6:30 p.m.
 "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship"
 discussion with Father Gregory Boyle
 Free, ticketed event tickets available
 at the Sierra Madre Library.
 Sierra Madre Elementary School

- Monday, February 17th 7:00 p.m.
 "Café Vida" Cold reading of play about men and women who work at Homeboy Industries.
 - Sierra Madre Playhouse
- Thursday, February 20th 11:00 a.m.
 3rd Thursday Book Club –
 Read and discuss the book "Barking to the Choir" with friends and neighbors.
 Sierra Madre Public Library
- Friday, February 28th 11:00 a.m.
 Tour Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles
 Free, ticketed event tickets available at the Sierra Madre Library. Wear walking shoes, tour involves taking Metro train to Los Angeles.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP HELPERS

Lead Ushers

- 2 Liz Mackey-Peterson
- 9 Peg Schuster
- 16 Dee Suzuki
- 23 Joyce Kenyon



Cart Drivers

- 2 Peg Schuster
- 9 Joe Schuster
- 16 Bob Travis
- 23 Cindy Crismer



Fellowship Team Leaders

- 2 Jill Schofield
- 9 Cindy Crismer
- 16 *Sally Follett
- 23 *Liz Peterson
 - *This month only





- 2 Rose Hernandez
- 9 Amy Crismer Tracy Crismer
- 18 Millie Mittleman Annie Shin
- 19 John Snyder-Walkiewicz



SARAH CIRCLE

Is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 28th at 12:30 p.m. Sierra House Conference Room

GARD CREATION

meets on the last Tuesday of the month

4:00 p.m. at Connie Wortham's house.



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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

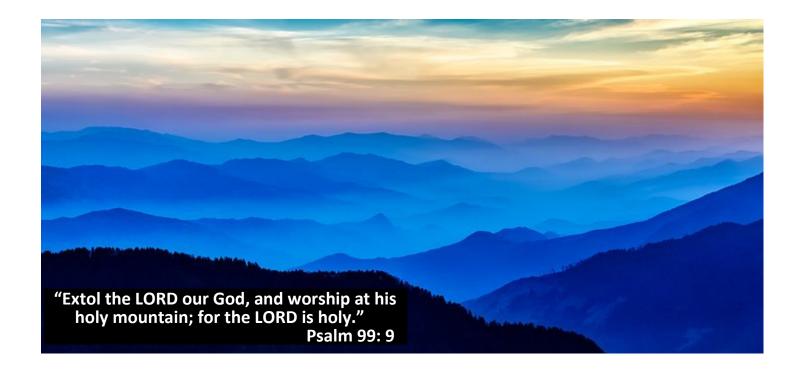
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House Conference HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	e Room	28	29	30	31	RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 am
2 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship - LL 11:00 a.m. – Trustees – SHCR	National Carrot Cake Day	2004 – Facebook launched	5	FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 680 E. Colorado, Pasadena 91101 (see page Three)	for women love your heart American Heart Association. National Wear Red Day	8
9 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL Scouting Ministries Sunday	TEDDY DAY	11	1809 BRITISH HOME 5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. SHCR	14 Valentines	Susan B. Anthony's 200th Birthday
16 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – LL	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18	19	Sierra Madre Library presents Father Greg Boyle 6:30 p.m. S.M. Elementary (see Page Five)	SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. SHCR	LIBERTY SE
23 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship –HH Fat Tuesday Fellowship Hartzell Hall	24	Card Creation 4:00 p.m. Connie Wortham's house	ASH WEDNESDAY Service 5:30 p.m.	27	OPERATION GRATITUDE ASSEMBLY DAY FEBRUARY 29 th (See Page Three)	CAF- LEAP DAY GAME NIGHT – HH 5:00 pm