



# THE TRYLON

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## June 2020

Dear Families of Sierra Madre United Church,

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and as the chair, I share with you the following announcement.

Effective July 1, 2020, we will be welcoming a new pastor to Sierra Madre United Methodist Church. Her name is Sharon Snapp-Kolas and she is currently serving at San Gabriel United Methodist Church.

Sharon has a husband, two grown sons, two grandchildren and a dog. She is passionate about Bible study, community outreach, social justice, and addressing homelessness in our community.

For fun, Sharon likes to jog, journal, read murder mysteries and loves to sing.

Her first official Sunday with us will be July 5<sup>th</sup>.

I know all of you will extend a warm welcome to Sharon, who prefers to be called Pastor Sharon or Sharon in informal settings.

We are working on how we say farewell to Pastor Shin after being our pastor for the last five years. We will miss him (and especially Annie!) and wish both of them the best in the next assignment.

A copy of the letter from District Superintendent Melissa MacKinnon for your review is on Page Three.

Cindy Crismer  
Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings In Christ:

On Sunday, May 24th, 2020, it was announced that I have been appointed to another church. The name of my new church is Emmanuel UMC in Highland Park, which is not far from here. This new appointment will begin on July 1st. It will indeed be hard to say goodbye to all of you when that time comes at the end of this month. In this message, I would like to briefly explain why this has happened and how you as a church can move forward. In the United Methodist Church, all clergy enter a covenant with one another. Part of that covenant is that we will go where the bishop and cabinet sends us. The cabinet consists of the district superintendents of our conference. From January through May, the cabinet has many meetings to make church appointments for the appointment year, which starts in July. The cabinet spends time in prayer and discernment as they seek to match churches in need of a pastor with someone whose gifts will match what that church needs. During this process, our district superintendent will be in conversation with the SPRC committee to hear what attributes they feel our church needs in a new pastor. The input of the SPRC is taken into account as the cabinet makes their decision. This process could take a number of months. When a pastor is chosen, he or she will meet with the district superintendent and our SPRC committee to make the appointment official. On a Sunday shortly following that meeting, an announcement will be made in church as to who your next pastor will be.

How can you move forward as a church? We must accept this change as reality, as hard as it may be. I have had a wonderful five years with you in Sierra Madre, and it was my blessing to serve my God and serve you through the SMUMC. We have done some awesome things. We have partnered together in the work of the Gospel through faith in the power of Jesus Christ. This same faith in Jesus must propel you onward into the future. I want to state that things are not over for the SMUMC because I am leaving. I have met many good, effective pastors in our conference. One of my prayers is that your next pastor will work with you to lead you into a future of blessing and growth as you reach out to those in your community who do not know Christ. I also pray that you will work with your next pastor to make this happen. Becoming disillusioned and choosing to disengage from active participation in worship, small groups, and ministry will make it difficult for your next pastor to be successful in leading you, no matter how effective he or she may be. I pray and hope that you will continue to serve, lead, and worship in this church during this time of transition. Always remember that you are ultimately called to be followers of Jesus Christ. I love you all, and God bless every one of you.

Your servant,  
Rev. Sangman Shin, Pastor



# East District

California-Pacific Conference

## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Bishop Grant Hagiya  
Resident Bishop

May 21, 2020

Cindy Crismer, SPRC Chair  
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Dear Cindy Crismer and Members of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church,

Thank you all for your faithful ministry in changing times. On behalf of Bishop Grant Hagiya and his Cabinet, I share with you that after much prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Grant Hagiya's intent to appoint Rev. Sangman Shin to a new pastoral appointment beginning July 1, 2020.

Pastor Shin has been a presence of God's loving grace to persons in all walks of life. He has faithfully served Sierra Madre UMC. He will be greatly missed.

Also, on behalf of Bishop Grant Hagiya and his Cabinet I share with you that after much prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Grant Hagiya's intent to appoint Rev. Sharon Snapp-Kolas to serve as your pastor effective July 1, 2020. Pastor Snapp-Kolas is a spirit-filled leadership and collaborative nature will continue the wonderful ministries you are already engaged in and help creatively develop further ministries reaching into your community.

On behalf of our Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness, and ask you to hold Pastor Shin and Pastor Snapp-Kolas in your prayers during this time of change.

Blessings,

*Melissa Roux MacKinnon*

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

## A Missive from Jill Schofield, Lay Leader

God is Good, *All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!*

You have heard these responsive words many times as **Pastor Shin** begins his sermon each week. We will miss him as he moves on to new ministry opportunities at the end of June.

We will miss his compassion and devotion to our Sierra Madre United Methodist Church family, including those who are homebound or in hospital.

We will miss his faithful stewardship of our church campus. Over the last five years we have seen the grounds burst forth in bloom, and the buildings upgraded and filled with activity. He has kept our campus safe, functioning, and clean, in numerous ways.

And some of my personal “misses” -

I will miss assisting Pastor Shin with his ministry to the British Home residents.

I will miss having him in the choir - his voice has added much to our services.

I will miss working with him on planning new worship formats.

And, of course, where Pastor Shin goes, **Annie Shin** goes too – and we will miss her greatly. We appreciate her beautiful voice and commitment to the choir, her clever hand-made cards, her participation in fellowship events (usually in the kitchen!) and her loving concern for all our church members.

We wish both Pastor Shin and Annie many blessings in the future.



We have switched to Zoom for our tele-worship services. Many of you are familiar with Zoom by now and it works very similarly to BlueJeans – you can either dial in, or log in on your computer / tablet / smartphone. The first time you use Zoom you will be asked to download the Zoom app and you can do this ahead of time.

### Option 1 – Phone

Dial **1 669 900 9128**. When prompted put in the meeting ID: **612 742 4604** followed by **#**

### Option 2 – Video

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6127424604>

Meeting ID: 612 742 4604

## More from the Lay Leader:

### Plans for reopening our Church

SMUMC has never closed. We have kept in touch with telephone and online worship services, daily inspirational messages from the Pastor, phone calls, cards, texts, email, and social media. The Bishop's taskforce has created a checklist of over 30 items that we need to address before we can reopen for in-person worship. We will be developing a plan in the next few weeks. The plan must be approved by our Church Council and then by our District Superintendent.



### Operation Gratitude

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting a scarf or hat for Operation Gratitude's "Red Scarf and Hat Challenge" please contact Pam at the Church Office for more details. Red is preferred because **RED** stands for **R**emember **E**veryone **D**eployed! However, other colors are OK too.



### Homeless Kits

We are participating in a joint project between the Conference and LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) to provide welcome kits for homeless persons when they are housed. I will be picking up materials for the kits first week of June and will be asking for volunteers to assemble them at home and to write notes of encouragement to add to each kit. More details to follow.



### East District Conference

Pastor Shin and I "attended" the East District's Conference, held on Zoom. Sierra Madre UMC was listed as one of the churches who contributed 100% of their apportionments for 2019. Congratulations everyone on achieving this goal!



**ALL MEETINGS AND  
CHURCH FUNCTIONS  
SUSPENDED. WE ARE  
WORKING ON A PLAN  
TO RE-OPEN ON A  
LIMITED SCALE.**

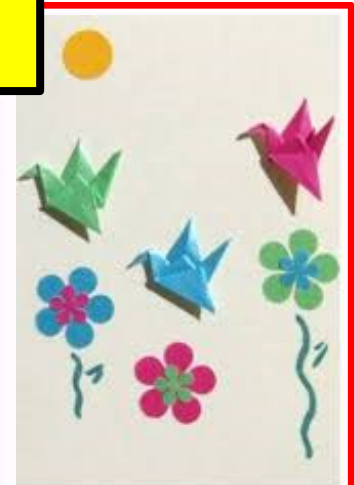
**SARAH  
CIRCLE**

Meetings to be  
announced

Watch for our book  
discussions!

**GARD  
CREATION**

meetings will be  
announced



**Happy Birthday  
To Everyone  
Born in June!**

- 7 Betty Gagne
- 8 John Werthwein
- 17 Lenice Snyder
- 22 Sandra Hernandez
- 23 June Drenten
- 27 Tristen Thompson-Suzuki



- 4 Candace and Robert Taylor
- 8 Nellie and Rev. Inman Moore
- 19 Peg and Joe Schuster



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Thank you Pastor Shin for making, and keeping, our Parsonage and Church campus so beautiful. You will be greatly missed.



God is good. All the time.



# JUNE

2020

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>31</p> <p>* Worship by teleconferencing / video conferencing. Limited opening of Sanctuary to be announced.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>1902 – Babe Ruth retires</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>D-Day 1944</p>
<p>7 Trinity Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship *</p> <p>CAF Graduation Party – HH 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>WORLD OCEAN DAY</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>1902 – window envelope patented</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Loving Day</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship *</p>  <p>FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Finance Committee SHCR **</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Int'l Picnic Day</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>American Bald Eagle Day</p>
<p>21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship *</p>  <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Pink Flamingo Day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>SARAH CIRCLE SHCR **</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship *</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>National Camera Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Dominion Day / Canada Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>** All meetings to be verified</p>	<p><b>Abbreviations</b></p> <p>LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	