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THE TRYLON

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VIRTUAL 2020



Welcome to Rally Day 2020 -



A Virtual Celebration of M&Ms!!

(aka Methodists and Missionaries)



Sunday, September 13th is this year's Rally Day, which will be a virtual celebration.

What, you say, no hamburgers or hot dogs on the grill or fun games with prizes and all my church family around me?

No, we say, this year's Rally Day - like everything else - is different.

It's a socially distanced celebration and Rally Day packages will be hand delivered to active church members on Saturday, September 12th.

But the focus is still the same – FUN!

We have some exciting things in store for you, all with the central theme of M&Ms, both the candy and our Methodist and Missionary heritage. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our founder John Wesley placed his primary emphasis on Christian living and putting faith and love into action. Our church actively lives out this mission through our work with and financial support for organizations in our community such as Family Promise, Friends in Deed, the Women's Room, Foothill Unity and Operation Gratitude.

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from Pastor Sharon

In the flush of love's light / we dare be brave / And suddenly we see / that love costs all we are / and will ever be. / Yet it is only love / which sets us free. -- Maya Angelou

Dear brothers and sisters,

This summer we have been getting to know each other as pastor and people.

A part of our getting acquainted has been learning more, together, about who we are as the people of Christ in this place.

From the gospel of Matthew we have learned at least three things:

1. We are each called to discover “what Jesus means to me.”
2. We are called, as individuals, to discern how to share this message with others, through words and actions that reveal His love.
3. We are called, as the Church in this place, to discern how to share the message of who Jesus is with people in our community who do not know Him, or who do not have a community in which to learn to know Him better.

This fall we have many opportunities to continue getting to know each other. I invite you to take advantage of the many gatherings and activities – mostly on Zoom! – that are offered within this edition of the Trylon newsletter.

We have the opportunity, as well, to share the love of Christ in many ways. One of the simplest ways is to invite a friend to Zoom church or to a Zoom Bible study or a Zoom small group. In these COVID times, everything is on Zoom; evangelism is as easy as a quick email to our friends list with the Zoom log-ins included.

Discover Jesus for yourself, **Discern** how to share His love with others, **Dedicate** yourself to growing in Christ’s love within your church family and to sharing that love in your community. I am thrilled to be learning and growing with you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sharon
sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com
661-810-3953, cell

*The Lord is my strength and my might, and
he has become my salvation; this is my God,
and I will praise him. Who is like you, O Lord?
majestic in holiness? -- Ex. 15:2, 11*

ZOOM Studies and Small Groups - Fall 2020

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, 3:00pm

Wednesday evening Faith Issues, 7:00pm

Sunday morning Bible Study Rewind, after worship (10:30ish)

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study – The conversation in this group centers on encouraging one another in how to grow in our relationship with Christ. How can we apply the scriptures and the sermon to our daily lives in meaningful ways? We discuss questions from a Bible study handout that is emailed each week, on the theme of the previous Sunday’s Bible passage. The group may, from time to time, choose to do a topical study, as well.

If you would like to be added to the study handout email list, we would be happy to do so; simply contact the church office and Pam will cheerfully assist you.

Wednesday evening Faith Issues – the topics vary in this lively small group discussion. At present, each week the group is viewing a Rob Bell video followed by conversation that arises from the issues raised by the film. Film titles for September:

September 2	“Trees”
September 9	“Sunday”
September 16	“Noise”
September 23	“Kickball”

On September 30 we begin a 5-week topical study of Adam Hamilton’s Unafraid. See “Unafraid” article for details.

Sunday morning Bible Study Rewind – this group is for people who can’t make the Tuesday afternoon Bible study, or for Tuesday afternoon participants who want a second go-round! You don’t have to attend worship in order to join the Bible study, but you are warmly invited to both.



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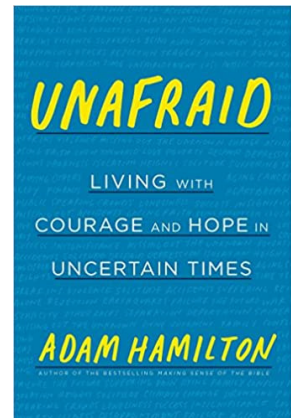
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Unafraid
by Adam Hamilton
a 5-week small group study
Fall 2020
on ZOOM



When: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28

What time: 7:00pm

Where: on ZOOM, usual worship log-ins

Do I need a book?: No. The video presentation and the group discussion questions provide a great deal of content.

What if I want a book? The book offers more, for those who want to dig deeper. If you would like to have your own copy of Unafraid, you may either order it yourself online from Cokesbury.com or the seller of your choice; or you may order a book through the church office; cost is \$16.79; checks made out to SMUMC (write “Book Purchase” on the memo line. Please let Pastor Sharon know if cost is an issue for you; we want everyone to have a book who wants one.

September Lectionary Readings:

September 6	Exod. 12: 1-14, Rom. 13: 8-14, Matt. 18: 15-20
September 13	Exod. 14: 19-31, Rom. 14: 1-12, Matt. 18: 21-35
September 20	Exod. 16: 2-15, Phil. 1: 21-30, Matt. 20: 1-16
September 27	Exod. 17: 1-7, Phil. 2: 1-13, Matt. 21: 23-32

Weekly Psalms for September:

September 6	Psalm 149
September 13	Exod. 15: 1b-11, 20-21 (the Song of Moses and Miriam)
September 20	Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
September 27	Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Pastor Sharon’s sermon titles and worship themes for September
(9:30am Sunday unless otherwise indicated)

September 6	14 th Sunday after Pentecost – <i>Communion Service</i> “A Community of Reconciliation: Part I” (of two parts)
September 13	15 th Sunday after Pentecost “A Community of Reconciliation: Part II (second of two parts)
September 20	16 th Sunday after Pentecost “God’s Strange Generosity”
September 27	17 th Sunday after Pentecost “The Question of Jesus’ Authority”

A Virtual Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 2020

2:00pm



October 4 is celebrated worldwide with a blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis' feast day. St. Francis is the patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached to even the birds.

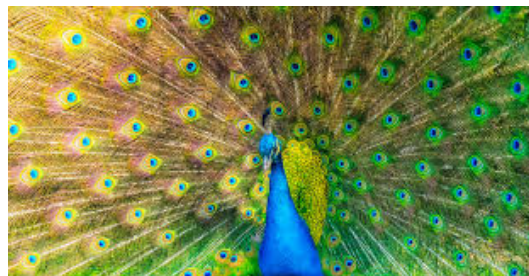
Here at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church we will be celebrating along with St. Francis our love for all God's creatures with a virtual Blessing of the Animals and an October Trylon newsletter filled with photos of our favorite animal friends.

A Virtual Blessing of the Animals – On Sunday, October 4 at 2:00pm, log on using our usual worship ZOOM log-ons, with your favorite animal friend(s) as your worship guest(s). We will enjoy a brief time of worship together in which all the animals will be honored and blessed. For those who would like their pets and animal friends to be individually blessed, we will hang around on ZOOM after the service to offer individual blessings.

Trylon Newsletter Photos – If you would like your pet(s) or animal friend(s) to have a photo in the October Trylon newsletter, please send in the following no later than Monday, September 21:

- A photo of your pet/animal friend. You and other “people” friends of the animal may be in the photo, too, if you like.
- A one-sentence description of your pet/animal friend, to include the name of the animal, a description of the animal, and your name as the friend/owner.

NOTE: You do not have to be a member or constituent of the church to participate. If you love animals you are welcome here!



WHO ARE WE? Update

“Past, Present, Future; Passion, Need, Action”

Thank you to those who have sent in responses to the “Who Are We?” article.

There’s still time if you haven’t sent yours in yet. Please take a few moments to jot down your thoughts, or ask someone to take notes for you as you talk.

Your voice is important!! Leaders will use your insights moving forward.

Responses will be compiled into a booklet to be distributed. If you would prefer your responses to be kept confidential or anonymous, you may indicate this.

You may send your responses to the church office by email or snail mail, or directly to me at sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com.

Thank you for participating in this SMUMC storytelling project:

“WHO ARE WE?”

*** PAST – PRESENT – FUTURE ***

PAST: the church’s history. Our past is important. It makes us who we are. It influences decisions we make. Often we are unconsciously affected by events of the past, in both positive and negative ways.

- + Tell a few stories.
- + What means the most to you?

PRESENT: the church today. Who we are, right now, at this moment.

- + What has changed the most?
- + What has changed the least?

FUTURE: the church 5, 10, 20 years or more from now.

- + What one thing would you like to see never change?
- + If you could wave a magic wand...

“WHO ARE WE?”
***** PASSION – NEED – ACTION *****

PASSION: the things you enjoy most and care about most.

- + What do I love to do?
- + What am I passionate about?

NEED: the need you see in the world around you.

- + What need do I see in our church family?
- + In our community?

ACTION: your vision that begins to emerge when passion + need = ??

- + How can our passions and the needs of our church and community lead to action? How can the things we love to do and the needs we see around us come together to form a new vision for ministry – action on behalf of the gospel of Jesus Christ – in this place?
- + When you put your passion plus observed needs together, what ideas for action come to mind? Who might join you in this action? How can your church family help you to get started, or to continue to grow an existing action?

Name: (optional)

Please choose one (x):

- Please keep my responses confidential.
- You may include my responses and my name in the booklet.
- You may include my responses in the booklet, but please do not use my name.

It's easy to invite a friend to church. Just send an email!

- 1. You can forward Pam's weekly worship email.**
- 2. You can send the information by email, snailmail, or a phone call:**

“Dear Friend, I would love to have you join me at ZOOM worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Here's how:

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Your Friend,
[Name]”

- 3. This also works for inviting a friend to Bible Study or Small Groups!**
- 4. Evangelism for introverts . . .** 😊

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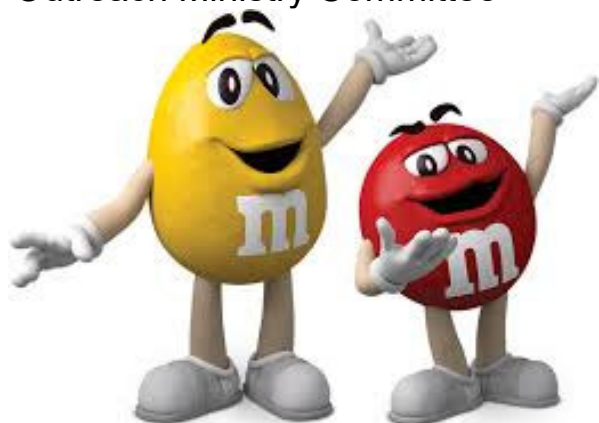
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This year's Rally Day celebrates our roots with a Trivia Contest with two sections: M&Ms (the real thing) and Methodism.

After worship on Sunday, September 13th, we will review the answers together. The contest and answers will also be printed in the next Tylon. As with any competition, we encourage self reliance to test your knowledge with no Googling, stealing signs (if there are any Astros fans out there), calling friends or other forms of assistance.

For you active, local church members, please remember to check your front porch for your Rally Day package Saturday, September 12th and plan to stay after our Zoom worship on the 13th to review the Trivia Contest answers.

Outreach Ministry Committee

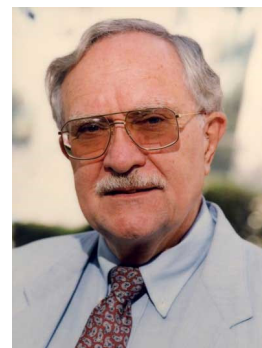


WE ARE



Sierra Madre
United Methodist Church

In Loving Memory – Rev. Dr. H. Newton Malony



Dr. Newton Malony died on August 10. An intimate memorial service was held at his church in Eugene, Oregon. His oldest son, Larz, spoke at the service: “Dad clearly knew right from wrong. He was never scared to voice his opinion and take action when he saw an injustice.”

Newton attended our Sierra Madre Methodist Church with his wife, Suzanna. He often preached and always charmed all of us with his advice, his jokes, and interest in what we had to say. One of his closest friends, Inman Moore, spoke of their long walks around the Rose Bowl, including “solving the problems of the world.” The two of them were also avid players of both Bridge and Poker.

Dr. Malony spent many years studying and receiving various degrees from Yale, Emory, and Vanderbilt, among others. His passion was the **integration of psychology and theology**. This led to a strong interest in the work of John Wesley and spending a year in Oxford. One of his over 40 books is titled “the Amazing John Wesley.” In 1969 he joined the faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary, teaching courses in clinical psychology,

It is difficult to capture the personality of this talented man. His son, Larz, states: “We were taught that everyone is created equal and deserves to be treated with respect and given equal opportunity in his life.” Newton and Suzanna were supportive of scholarships for students at Fuller who needed financial support.

Donations in Newton’s memory may be made by check to:

Fuller Theological Seminary, (on the memo line, “memory of Dr. Malony”).

All donations will go to the Psychology Department.

Mailing address: Fuller Theological Seminary, 135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena CA 91101.

J. Williams



IN LOVING MEMORY – Betty Gagne

We lost Betty Gagne, our dear friend and Church family stalwart, on Tuesday, August 25th.

While the pandemic restrictions keep us from honoring her now as she most certainly deserves, her family will be holding a Memorial Service at SMUMC after the New Year begins. Among her numerous contributions to the Church, she sewed the altar dossal and seat cushions in the Sanctuary, as well as donating the piano. I had the please of singing with her for most of the last 25 years with the Sierra Madre Chorale, and she was mostly responsible for me ending up with the job here in the Church Office. We will have more about Betty in upcoming issues of the Tylon. Rest easy in God's loving arms, Betty!

- Pam



- 8 Rev. Inman Moore
- 11 Carolina Garzzia
Anna Garzzia
- 13 Christopher Schofield
- 16 Paulianne Werthwein
- 19 Sadie Vannier
- 22 Connie Wortham
- 26 Peg Schuster
Laura Snyder
- 29 Margaret Herndon



- 2 Liz and Ed Peterson
- 9 Jill and Tim Schofield
- 20 Leticia and Steve Bridal



SARAH CIRCLE

Meetings every
Fourth Friday of
the month - at
Connie Wortham's
House

GARD CREATION



Meetings will be
announced. Call
Connie Wortham if
you want to meet
her individually to
make cards.
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**"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3: 14**

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>30 * Worship by teleconferencing / video conferencing. Limited opening of Sanctuary to be announced.</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 Zoom Bible Study 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Zoom Video Night 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5  INT'L BACON DAY</p>
<p>6 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * 11:00 a.m. – Board of Trustees**</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed </p>	<p>8 Zoom Bible Study 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Zoom Video Night 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE</p>	<p>12  CHECK YOUR PORCH!</p>
<p>13 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * </p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Zoom Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Finance Committee SHCR **</p>	<p>16  Zoom Video Night 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18  Rosh Hashanah BEGINS AT SUNSET</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * </p>	<p>28  Yom Kippur</p>	<p>29 Zoom Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house</p>	<p>30 Zoom Video Night 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1 ** All meetings to be verified</p>	<p>Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	