



# THE TRYLON

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## October 2020

### Our Virtual Rally Day 2020

We zoomed in on Rally Day this year, celebrating at our homes but still together! Special thanks to all those responsible for organizing this great event. Cindy, Amy and Tracy Crismer organized, coordinated and delivered the goody bags. Liz Peterson was responsible for the fantastic M&M masks, and Connie Wortham made the bookmarks. And thanks to whoever came up with the theme M&Ms, chocolate is one of the major food groups!

We will one day be able to gather together in person, but until then we are blessed that we can commune electronically!



The Quiz questions and answers are shown on Page Eleven  
And thanks to Amy Crismer to supplying me with the swell screenshot!

### VIRTUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

See Page 5 for details, and pictures throughout this issue

## from Pastor Sharon

*St. Francis of Assisi was hoeing his garden when someone asked what he would do if he were to suddenly learn that he would die before sunset that very day. "I would finish hoeing my garden," he replied.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I write this letter I am looking forward with anticipation to the blessing of the animals that will take place this Sunday. By the time you read this edition of the Trylon, the service may have already taken place.

What a lovely tradition, to honor St. Francis with the blessing of animals, and to honor God's wonderful work of creation by honoring the creatures he has put in our care.

I don't remember what product the commercial is advertising; but I love its story. A young woman is overflowing with enthusiasm about her dog. She says there is nothing better than to be greeted when she comes home, "as if I were the sun."

Our dog, Shadow, is like that. She leaps through the air with joy at my arrival; she gallops around the house yelping her delight; she spins in circles as if her body could not contain the happiness that is bursting from every cell at the wonder of my presence at her front door. I laugh out loud as I write; the thought of Shadow's extended "happy dance" makes me smile.

I am so excited to meet all the animal friends of our church family; I suspect your friends bring you as much joy as Shadow brings to me and Roy.

This has been an insanely difficult year. 2020 has been like getting hit by one gigantic wave after another; you think the worst is over, and then another one hits, and you can't believe it could get worse, and then you learn that it can. How does the song go? "The trouble with normal is it always gets worse." (Bruce Cockburn)

So thank God for pets. Thank God for the animals who see us like we are the sun, who greet us with exuberance, or disdain, or whatever their particular funny little personalities dictate. They make 2020 survivable. See you Sunday.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Sharon  
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661-810-3953, cell

*"God requires that we assist the animals,  
when they need our help.  
Each being (human or creature) has  
the same right of protection." (St. Francis)*

## October Lectionary Readings:

October 4	Exod. 10: 1-4, 12-20; Phil. 3: 4b-14; Matt. 21: 33-46
October 11	Exod. 32: 1-14; Phil. 4: 1-9; Matt. 22: 1-14
October 18	Exod. 33: 12-22; 1 Thess. 1: 1-10; Matt. 22: 15-22
October 25	Deut. 34: 1-12; 1 Thess. 2: 1-8; Matt. 22: 34-46
November 1	Rev 7: 9-17; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

## Weekly Psalms for October:

October 4	Psalm 19
October 11	Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
October 18	Psalm 99
October 25	Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
November 1	Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

## Pastor Sharon's sermon titles and worship themes for October (9:30 am Sunday unless otherwise indicated)

October 4	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <b><i>"The Ways We Reject God"</i></b>  2:00 PM <b>Blessing of the Animals</b>
October 11	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <b><i>"Wearing the Right Clothes"</i></b>
October 18	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <b><i>"The Coin of the Realm"</i></b>
October 25	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <b><i>"The Greatest Commandment"</i></b>
November 1	All Saints' Day <i>Communion</i> <b><i>"Blessed"</i></b>



**DON'T FORGET !!!!**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE - Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.**

## **ZOOM Studies and Small Groups**

Fall 2020

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, 3:00pm

Wednesday evening Faith Issues, 7:00pm

**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. Come join the lively dialogue.

If you would like to be added to the study email/snail mail 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. On September 30 we began a 5-week topical study of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid*. See "*Unafraid*" article for details. Newcomers welcome.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

- *The Prayer of Saint Francis, United Methodist Hymnal, #481*



## **A Virtual Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 4, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

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 2:00 pm, log on using our usual worship ZOOM log-ins, 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 missed the opportunity for your pet(s) or animal friend(s) to have a photo in the October Trylon, no worries. We will do another animal blessings photo spread in the November Trylon. Please send in the following no later than Friday, October 23:

- 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!

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS - from D. S. Melissa**

**The whole church is invited! This years CC will be DIFFERENT!**

1. Wear a funny hat
2. Bring your pet to have its name entered in the minutes of the meeting in this year of global pandemic.
3. Bring the most Methodist thing you own.

# ***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 \*

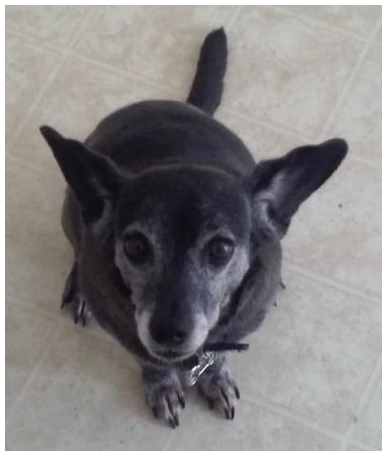
**Who:** You! Give it a try! Join the fun; leave encouraged.

Even if you can't make all five sessions, plan to drop in for a few.

- What:**
1. Understanding and Countering Fear
  2. Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics
  3. Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness
  4. Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances
  5. Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord

**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. Please let Pastor Sharon know if cost is an issue for you; we want everyone to have a book who wants one.



"Shadow is sitting very expectantly, hoping for a treat from her people, Roy and Sharon Snapp-Kolas."

**George I** of Glendora. Pam thought he was the only one with distinctive eyebrows, found out there were six more! He comes running when he sees her.



## WHO ARE WE? update

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

A heartfelt “thank you!” to those who have sent in responses to the “Who Are We?” article.

If you haven’t responded, please consider taking a few moments to jot down your thoughts, or ask someone to take notes for you as you talk. The survey questions are available in recent Trylons. An email was also sent out. Or, you may contact Pam in the church office and she will be happy to send them to you.

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 continue to send responses to the church office by email or snail mail, or directly to me at [sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com).

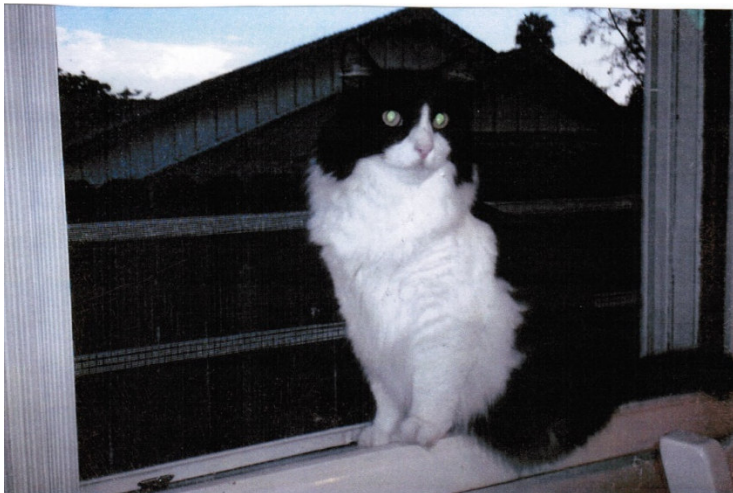
Thank you for participating in this SMUMC storytelling project.

**a cat purring on your lap is more healing than any drug in the world, as the vibrations you are receiving are of pure love and contentment**

**St. Francis of Assisi**



**Lola – Tracy Crismer**



This is my handsome cat named “**Clooney**”, after the other handsome Clooney – Stubborn, does not like to have his schedule changed – but he loves me.

**Jo Ann Williams**

## 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:

### Option 1 – Phone

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

### OR

For smart phones click on the following for One-Tap Mobile phone access **+16699009128,,6127424604#** (You may need to type the # at the end when prompted)

### Option 2 – Video

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6127424604?pwd=S3NHT3VUcWN0UWlnamNqeWRTVEVYUT09>

Meeting ID: 612 742 4604

Passcode: 695

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 . . . 😊



### Kathy Keebler

This is my sweet Cavalier King Charles spaniel named **Rosie**. I got her in North Carolina and her full name is **Smoky Mountain Princess Rosie** and she sure thinks she's the southern belle princess around here!



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*"Mountain Views News"*

## BETTY LOUISE BURNETT GAGNE

Betty Louise Burnett Gagne, 97, passed away on August 25, 2020 in Brea, California. She was born in Onarga, Illinois on June 7, 1923 to Alva and Minnie Burnett. She was one of seven children and is survived by a sister and brother.

After graduating from Onarga High School in 1943 she moved to Chicago with her girlfriends. She worked at the Bell & Howell defense factory during World War II making cameras and binoculars for the war effort. She married Raoul M. Gagne in 1946 and was married for 47 years until his death in 1994. Betty is survived by 5 children; 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren. She has one deceased granddaughter.

She lived with her family in Illinois until 1962 when they moved to Sierra Madre, California where she lived for 57 years. In 2019 she moved to the Brookdale Senior Living apartment in Brea, California to be closer to family.

Throughout her life she was an avid gardener. Her children remember going around the neighborhood in Westmont, Illinois to give away her abundant vegetable harvest. She continued to cultivate beautiful gardens and in 1997 her Sierra Madre landscaping was featured in the Pasadena Star News and received commendation from the City of Sierra Madre.

Betty was very active in the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church choir and other groups within the church. Betty would always take her two Shih Tzu dogs, Annie and Maggie, to choir practice with her. She was fond of singing solos and duets at the Church. Betty was always thrilled when anyone in her family would sing with her in the choir or provide special music at the Church. One of her favorite hymns was How Great Thou Art.

She used her extensive sewing and quilting skills to make pew cushions and the alter dossal for the Church. She was active in several Quilt Guilds, earning many honors for her treasured quilts. She was also very adept at reupholstering fine furniture. For a number of years she managed a fabric store in Pasadena. Music was always important to Betty, she played the violin through High School and sang in various choirs. She was most proud of her being selected as the best violinist in a High School competition. After moving to Sierra Madre she joined the local Sweet Adeline's Chapter and the P.E.O. singers. Betty was a founding member of the Sierra Madre Chorale where she sang for almost 25 years. Betty was part of a combined church choir that toured and sang in England.

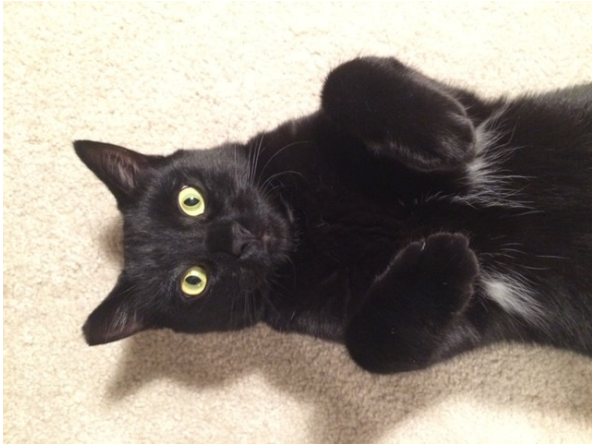
Betty and her husband were active Square Dancers for many years. She would even make her own dance outfits. She was also active in a bowling league for many years, finally retiring when she reached her early nineties.

She enjoyed camping trips with the family, especially in the National Parks. During their early retirement years Betty and Raoul traveled throughout the United States in their RV. They also enjoyed traveling throughout Europe.

Betty was a member of the CI-EP Chapter of the P.E.O. in the San Gabriel valley for many years. Graveside services were officiated by Rev. Shin, and held with the immediate family on September 1st at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, where she was laid to rest beside her husband. To leave a condolence for the family of Betty Gagne, visit [www.rosehills.com/obituaries/whittier-ca/betty-gagne-9328046](http://www.rosehills.com/obituaries/whittier-ca/betty-gagne-9328046).

In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made to either the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 92014 or the Sierra Madre Chorale, 9929 Woodruff Ave., Temple City, CA 91780. A Celebration Of Life will be held at a later date for friends and loved ones.





**Guinness (left) and Ale – Cindy Crismer**

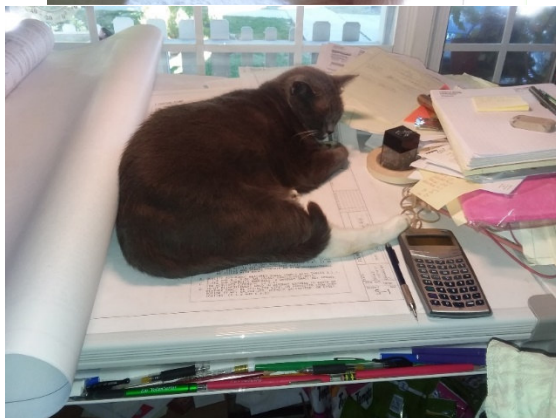
Do we sense a theme?



This is **Max**. **Dee Suzuki** says: "He is a love!"



**Carlie – Susan and Bob Ross**



**Buzz (at top left) and Henry – Pam Ferguson**

**Buzz** "allows" affection on his own terms, **Henry** demands it. Here he is helping her out with some calculations!

# **M & M's RALLY DAY TRIVIA QUIZ – Questions and Answers**

## **SECTION 1 – M & M's: The Candy**

1. When did M & M's make their debut – **World War II**
2. Which color was not part of the original colorful bag of candy? – **Blue**
3. What do the M and M stand for? – **Murrie and Mars**
4. The M stamped on every candy has always been white. – **False**
5. The candy first hit store shelves in what year? – **1947**
6. M & M's are manufactured in what state? – **New Jersey**
7. M & M's have travelled into space since which Mission? – **Columbia**
8. What color M & M was banned in 1976 over dye concerns? – **Red**
9. How long does it take to produce 2 billion M & M's? – **8 hours**

## **SECTION 2 – M & M's: Methodists and Missionaries**

1. Circle the three men who were influential in the early development of the Methodist faith:  
**John Wesley, George Whitefield, Charles Wesley**
2. The Methodist Church began as a reformation of which church? – **Church of England**
3. John Wesley coined the phrase “agree to disagree” – **True**
4. John Wesley wrote one of the best-selling textbooks of all times with the subject of:  
- **Medicine**
5. Charles Wesley is credited as the author of over 6,000 hymns, famous as interpretations of Scripture – **True**
6. At the time of John Wesley's death in 1791, the Methodist denomination had how many members in the British Isles and America? – **132,000**
7. What University did John Wesley attend? – **University of Oxford**
8. Our church was founded in 1953 with the name Church of the Redeemer – **True**
9. The first structure built on the church property was: - **The Trylon**
10. In the last three years, the United Methodist Women have donated the following amount to outreach ministries and service organizations: - **\$ 14,700.**
11. Our Church Parsonage has always been located on Montecito Avenue: - **False**



## NEW MEETING ACCESS INFO:

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## SARAH CIRCLE

Meetings every Fourth Friday  
of the month

Connie Wortham's House

## GARD CREATION

meetings will be announced. Call Connie Wortham if you want to meet her individually to make cards.  
(626) 351-9260



## October Birthdays



- 1 David Crismer
- 3 Dee Suzuki
- Steve Bridal
- 19 Ed Peterson
- 22 Dorothy Lee
- 25 Dick Johnson
- 27 Elva Johnson
- Phyllis Jenkins



### Church

Office Hours

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also contact us at our email addresses:

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**“The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his  
handiwork.”** **Psalm 19: 1**

# OCTOBER 2020

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<b>Abbreviations</b> LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel		* <b>Worship by Zoom Conferencing</b>  ** <b>All meetings to be verified</b>		<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>TOMORROW is the deadline to register for the UMW Annual Celebration!</b>	<b>3</b> 
<b>4</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * 10:30 a.m. – Board of Trustees ** 2:00 p.m. – Virtual Blessing of the Animals	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. – Zoom Video Night	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * 	<b>12</b> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY – OR (for the non-P.C. people) 	<b>13</b>  3:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study	<b>14</b>  7:00 p.m. – Zoom Video Night	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship * 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study Finance Committee SHCR **	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. – Zoom Video Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> SARAH CIRCLE ** 12:30 p.m. Connie Wortham's house	<b>24</b> 2020 UMW Annual Celebration-ZOOM 2 to 4 p.m. CAF HEALTH CLASS 3:00 p.m. (ZOOM)
<b>25</b> Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Zoom Worship *	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 3:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house	<b>28</b> SPRC – 2:00 p.m. CHARGE CONFERENCE – 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - Video	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 2:00 a.m.