



# THE TRYLON

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*May 2021*



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

**AND BAPTISMS!**

SIERRA MADRE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Will be accepting new members, and welcoming baptisms on:

**Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021**

During our Zoom Service 9:30 a.m.

For information on becoming a member of our Family, contact the Church Office at [sm\\_umc@verizon.net](mailto:sm_umc@verizon.net) or (626) 355-0629 (9am – 1pm M-F). And check out the information / questionnaire pages in this edition.



**from Pastor Sharon**

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

I came across some quotes of Bishop Schnase in my files, and they struck me as meaningful to the times we live in. Right now, we are...

- ...beginning to emerge from the year of COVID-19. The Church Council will soon be deliberating about when to reopen, with D. S. Melissa MacKinnon's approval.
- ...looking towards Annual Conference, where delegates will hear about a special General Conference scheduled for 2022. GC2022 will consider the "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation," along with other proposed procedures for moving forward with a split in the UMC over LGBTQ issues.
- ...witnessing the growing secularization of our society.

Robert Schnase, currently Bishop of the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC, was formerly Bishop of the Missouri Conference, 2004-2016. He is the author of several books, including the popular Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

One of his blogs, entitled, "People No One Else Can Reach," is particularly moving for me, as a lifelong Methodist. Here are a few excerpts:

"I would not be a Christian today if it were not for The United Methodist Church..."

"If not for the particular approach to theology and practice expressed in The United Methodist Church, I would likely have followed a path of rejecting faith..."

"I remember an experience that followed the 1972 earthquake in Nicaragua that killed more than 5,000. I was 15 years old, and several of my friends were active in a charismatic Christian house group. They were reading The Late Great Planet Earth about signs of the end times. I saw an adult leader clap her hands and praise God for the earthquake because it was a sign that we were one step closer to the end! I was outraged. I was so furious about 'Christianity' that I told my pastor I could no longer be a Christian if that's what Christians believe. He patiently listened and offered alternative views of those obscure apocalyptic passages. He spoke of God's grace and talked about what our church was doing for the people of Nicaragua and how I could help. If the only expression of Christianity open to me at that age had been that group of friends, I would not be a Christian today..."

"At our United Methodist church, women chaired committees and taught from the pulpit, and I could not imagine belonging to a community that excluded women..."

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“There are many theological disagreements and clashing perspectives in The United Methodist Church...I’m glad to belong to a church that does not avoid the hard conversations and the complex issues...”

“United Methodism...[forms] an expression of Christianity, a way of following Jesus, that can reach people that no other faith expression is able to reach...This form of faith and practice reached me, and without The United Methodist Church I suspect I would never have become a Christian...”

“Methodism began as a way of life, and this way of life, deep-rooted in our theology and practice, is worthy of fostering, not for our sake, but for the love of God in Christ. There are people who can receive this love in the form we offer it who otherwise would never be able to do so...”

*(Bishop Robert Schnase, April 10, 2012, blog post, “People No One Else Can Reach”)*

Bishop Schnase suggests:

“To delve deeper, check out Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched by Adam Hamilton, or for reflections beyond United Methodism, read Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices by Brian McClaren.”

May you continue to be strengthened in your walk with Christ. May you be renewed in your commitment to Christ’s mission as expressed through the United Methodist Church.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Sharon*

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## **WHO ARE WE?**

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

Potlucks place-holder. 😊

A monthly reminder of a hope and a plan for when the world opens up again. Two potluck gatherings: to share Past-Present-Future stories, and Passion, Need, Action hopes and dreams.

With continued gratitude for those who submitted written responses this past summer.

At least one potluck at the Parsonage. Maybe two; but could meet at someone else’s home for a second potluck if anyone is longing to be a host/hostess again.

“Who Are We” in 2021? Let’s plan to eat food together and talk about it.

Maybe by summer? It’s looking more like summer could be possible . . .



### **May Lectionary Readings:**

May 2	Acts 8: 26-40, 1 John 4: 17-21, John 15: 1-8
May 9	Acts 10: 44-48, 1 John 5: 1-6, John 15: 9-17
May 16	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 Jon 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19
May 23	Acts 2: 1-21; Rom. 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
May 30	Isa. 6: 1-8, Rom. 8: 12-17, John 3: 1-17

### **Weekly Psalms for May:**

May 2	Psalm 22: 25-31
May 9	Psalm 98
May 16	Psalm 1
May 23	Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
May 30	Psalm 29

### **Pastor Sharon's sermon titles and worship themes for May 2021** **(9:30 a.m. Sunday unless otherwise indicated)**

May 2	Fifth Sunday of Easter – <i>Communion Service</i> <i>“Abide in Jesus”</i>
May 9	Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>“Jesus Calls Us Friends”</i>
May 16	Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>“The Persistence of Up-ness”</i>
May 23	Day of Pentecost <i>“Can You Hear It?”</i>
May 30	Trinity Sunday – Peace with Justice Sunday <i>“Secrets”</i>

**Pastor Sharon is on vacation** Monday, May 31 through Sunday, June 13, 2021. Pastor Sharon will preach by video on June 6. Rev. Kirsten Oh will be our guest preacher for zoom worship on June 13. Communion will be celebrated on June 20, when Pastor Sharon has returned from vacation; she will be back to her pastoral duties beginning Monday, June 14.

In case of pastoral emergency, Rev. Cynthia Crowell has graciously agreed to be available. Her contact information: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3740 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107, 626-351-8823; [cwcrowell1001@gmail.com](mailto:cwcrowell1001@gmail.com).

You may also contact Pastor Sharon by text, phone or email, to keep her informed: 661-810-3953; [sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com); or contact Pam Ferguson in the Church Office; 626-355-0629.



## **WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Pentecost Sunday, the culmination of the holy season of Easter, has a long tradition as a day of baptism and receiving of members.

If you have never been baptized, I would like to offer you the opportunity. If you have never become an official member of the Sierra Madre UMC, I would like to offer you the opportunity.

To be baptized, all you need do is express your desire to know Christ, and to be baptized. To become an official member, all you need do is indicate your intent, and take your membership vows.

You may also participate in a class if you choose to do so, before being baptized or taking your membership vows.

The next baptisms and membership vows will take place on May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday.

I invite you to take a moment to fill out the form below, and return it to the church office, either by email or hard copy. Please feel free to contact me or the church office if you have any questions.

God bless you as you discern if this is the time for you to seek baptism, and/or to take membership vows in this local church.

NOTE: One person has already expressed a desire to take membership vows but cannot be present on May 23. If this is the case for you, just indicate this on your form; we will arrange another date for those who cannot be present on May 23.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark (X) all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to take my membership vows on May 23, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not ready to take my membership vows at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the membership class; please provide more information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not been baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be baptized; please provide more information.

Other thoughts or questions I would like to share:

Return to Pastor Sharon or the Church Office

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## **ZOOM Studies and Small Groups**

May 2021

Bible Study – ON BREAK, see Teaser

Faith Issues – Sunday, 5:00-6:30pm

**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.

NOTE: Bible study is on break and will resume TBA. A weekly bible study handout for personal use continues to be provided each week, on Facebook and by email. Please contact the church office for more info; Pam will be happy to assist you.

TEASER: A group is assembling, made up of people interested in reading through the Bible in a year, and gathering regularly to discuss what we have read. This ongoing Bible study group will begin early summer. Please contact the church office, Jill Schofield or Pastor Sharon for more info, if you would like to be part of:

***“Read-through-the-Bible”***

**Faith Issues** – the topics vary in this lively small group discussion.

“Alpha” is our book and topic currently. The final two sessions are:

Sunday, May 2, 5:00-6:30pm

**“Does God Heal Today?”**

Wednesday, May 5, 5:00-6:30pm

**“What About the Church?”**

Visitors and newcomers ALWAYS welcomed!



**THANK YOU, Church Family,  
for your generous Easter  
offering in honor of the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

**\$1065. was received, with  
\$532.50 going to UMCOR and  
\$532.50 to the General Fund.**



# SUNDAY, May 9 MOTHER'S (AND CHILDREN'S) DAY



The **Outreach Committee** is planning a special 'event' for **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, celebrating Mothers and the Children of our Church Family.

Join us to celebrate the birthdays of our church youth Jayden Miller (April 14), Chloe Lan (May 5) and James Hernandez (May 26)! We'll sing Happy Birthday after church service via Zoom and enjoy a few special musical pieces recorded by Stephanie.

There will be an **organizational meeting on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, on Zoom after our Sunday worship. Contact Amy Crismer or June Drenten for more information.



## SPECIAL SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021

When you give on this Special Sunday, you are joining together to break down barriers so that all God's children have equal access to: Jobs - Education - Food - Clean water - Health care and so much more. Will you join us on this special day in supporting vulnerable and oppressed children, youth, and adults? Together, we will make a lasting impact. Your offering will reach around the world. To learn more about Peace with Justice Sunday, visit: [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org).

Thank you in advance for your generous giving to God's work of peace with justice in our Cal-Pac Annual Conference and throughout the world.

When you make your gift, please write "Peace with Justice Sunday" on an offering envelope and in the memo line of your check. Please make checks payable to SMUMC. Your gift can be delivered to the church office in person or by mail.



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## MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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=S3NHT3VUcWN0UWlnamNgeWRTVEVYUT09>

Meeting ID: 612 742 4604

Passcode: 695



## 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



- 1 Janet Ten Eyck
- 3 Yvonne Johnson
- 6 Chloe Mira Ku
- 17 Leticia Bridal
- 24 Cindy Crismer
- Jennifer Schofield
- 28 Elise Hernandez
- 30 Liz Mackey-Peterson



- 25 Ning and Scott Basinger



**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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***"Praise God , from Whom All Blessings Flow"***  
*"Doxology" – Thomas Ken*

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### SUNDAY

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### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

<p><b>2</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter  <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. – Outreach Comm</b></p> <p><b>ALPHA ZOOM MEETING</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY</b>  <b>May 4th</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>FINAL ALPHA MEETING</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter  <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship *</b>  <b>* Special Celebration Service</b></p> <p><b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p> 	<p><b>10</b></p>  <p><b>DRIVING THE GOLDEN SPIKE</b>  <b>1869 – Promontory Point, UTAH</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>  <p><b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter  <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship *</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Finance Committee SHCR **</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>CAL-PAC EAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE</b>  <b>9:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>  <b>ZOOM</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> Day of Pentecost  <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship *</b>  <b>NEW MEMBER / BAPTISM SUNDAY</b></p>  <p><b>pentecost sunday</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p><b>SALLY RIDE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>SARAH CIRCLE ** Connie Wortham's house</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>  <p><b>PAPER CLIP DAY</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> Trinity Sunday  <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship *</b>  <b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b></p>  <p><b>PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY</b>  <small>Through your generous gift today, you encourage living a gospel of peace</small></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b></p>  <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <small>REMEMBER AND HONOR</small></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Pastor Sharon on Vacation May 31 to June 13, 2021</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>* Worship by Zoom Tele / Video Conferencing</b>  <b>** All meetings to be verified</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Abbreviations</b>  LL = Library Lounge  SH = Sierra House  SHCR = Sierra House Conference Room  HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall  WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	