



March 2022



THE TRYLON

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from Pastor Sharon

*“Repent, and believe the gospel.”
(Book of Worship, Ash Wednesday liturgy)*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Easter is the high holy day of the Christian year, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has won the victory over sin and death.

This year, **Easter** falls on **April 17**.

The season of Lent and the spiritual journey of Holy Week prepare us for the depth of Easter joy.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is **March 2** this year. By the time you read this edition of the Trylon, Ash Wednesday may have come and gone. If not, I invite you to join your church family for this meaningful, intimate beginning to the holy season of Lent.

During the **4:00 p.m. service** in the sanctuary, the opportunity is provided to come forward to receive ashes on our foreheads. Receiving the ashes is a mark of our repentance. The ashes are given in the shape of the cross as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

In preparation for the Ash Wednesday service -- or as a spiritual practice if you missed the service -- I invite you to reflect prayerfully on the preaching text for Ash Wednesday:

1. Sit in silence for 5 minutes. Set a timer if you like.
2. Read the scripture passage:

²⁰ We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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6 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as imposters, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
(2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

3. Choose a word or phrase from the scripture reading that gives you hope or joy.
4. Reflect for 5 minutes on your chosen word (phrase) of hope or joy.
-- OR --
Reflect for 5 minutes on your need for repentance.

A word of reassurance from a great American poet:

“You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody.”
-- Maya Angelou --

May your journey through Lent and Holy Week, arriving at Easter filled with renewed assurance:

that He died for you – because He loves you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sharon
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“The Bible in One Year” Challenge Continues . . .

By the beginning of March, we will have reached Day 60 in the Bible reading plan! Are you on target? Have you fallen behind? It doesn't matter – there is no correct way to participate!

For those of us who started on January 1, we have already read Genesis, Job and Exodus, and a number of psalms and proverbs. And in the New Testament we have completed the Gospel of Matthew and part of Mark.

A group of us meets monthly at the Parsonage to talk about the Bible and reflect on what we have read. You are welcome to attend even if you are not participating in the program.

And if you haven't started the program but would like to, here are the details on how to get going.

WEBSITE:

Go to <https://bibleinoneyear.org> and the readings for the day are listed there.

EMAIL:

Go to <https://bibleinoneyear.org> to receive a daily email. The email arrives in your mailbox in the evening ready for the next day.

APP:

Download the Bible in One Year app from the App Store or Google Play. As well as keeping track of all the readings, the app also offers an audio version – with the Bible passages read by David Suchet.



PAPER:

If you want to avoid electronic devices altogether, paper lists of the readings are available through the Church Office.

Jill Schofield
Lay Leader

March Lectionary Readings:

March 2	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor. 5: 20b – 6: 10; Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21
March 6	Deut. 26: 1-11; Rom. 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
March 13	Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18; Phil. 3: 17 – 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35
March 20	Isa. 55: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9
March 27	Josh. 5: 9-12; 2 Cor. 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Weekly Psalms for March:

March 2	Psalm 51: 1-17
March 6	Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
March 13	Psalm 27
March 20	Psalm 63: 1-8
March 27	Psalm 32

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

March 2	Ash Wednesday Service – 4:00 p.m. <i>“Jesus in the Dust”</i>
March 6	First Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday <i>“Jesus in the Desert”</i>
March 13	Second Sunday in Lent <i>“Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem”</i>
March 20	Third Sunday in Lent Rev. Roy Snapp-Kolas – Guest Preacher <i>“No Figgy Pudding for You!”</i>
March 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>“Jesus Tells a Story about Two Brothers”</i>

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at the parsonage meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

March 1 & 2	BREAK – ASH WEDNESDAY
8 & 9	Bonhoeffer <i>Lenten study</i> - 1 st session (see article next page)
15 & 16	Bonhoeffer - 2 nd session
22 & 23	“4 th week” read-thru-the-Bible conversations*
29 & 30	Bonhoeffer - 3 rd session

*The fourth week of each month has been designated for read-thru-the-Bible check-in and conversations.

Each Bible study session is self-contained, come when you can! Come to either – Wednesdays are a repeat of Tuesday sessions.

Bible study is a great time of fellowship and learning together, with lots of laughter and deepening of friendships. There’s also coffee – and sometimes, cookies!

Some have expressed concerns: Will I have to read out loud? No. Will I be tested on my Bible knowledge? No. Do I have to agree with certain beliefs and opinions? No. These are low-key small group gatherings where newcomers are welcome and differing perspectives are encouraged.

Hope to see you soon at Bible study.

Bible study on Facebook, email, website and snail-mail

How can we apply the scriptures and this week’s sermon to our daily lives in meaningful ways? A Bible study handout is emailed each week, on the theme of the previous Sunday’s Bible passage, for personal use. The study is also posted on Facebook and on our website; snail-mail upon request. Please contact the church office for more info; Pam will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Sharon is happy to facilitate a group study for you and two or more friends; please contact her if you are ready to organize a Bible study group.

“Read-through-the-Bible” 2022:

Once a month, on “4th Tuesday” weeks, Bible study sessions are devoted to a discussion of the month’s readings. You are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee and listen in, even if you aren’t doing the readings! Enjoy the fellowship. See Jill Schofield for more info on participating in read-through-the-Bible.

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

and choir, and coffee fellowship

As of this writing we are back in full swing. Worship in the sanctuary continues, with worship on Zoom no longer needed at this time. To clarify, 11:00 a.m. Zoom service is discontinued for now.

Thank you, Jill Schofield, for your tireless work in making worship available to those who were quarantining during the recent COVID spike in cases.

Choir rehearsals and worship music have started again. Thank you, Jill, Stephanie, and choir for the music you bring. It's great to have the choir again!

Coffee fellowship is back! Thank you to Liz Peterson and all her "coffee angels," "cookie angels," and "other goodies angels" who prepare and do clean-up to make our fellowship time run smoothly. We've been missing those delicious taste treats!

We are all keeping the COVID situation in our prayers, for ourselves, the Church, our community, our families and friends, and the world. We will keep praying, and give God thanks, today, for a return to something approaching "normal."

Thank you all, dear church family, for your loving, patient attitudes through it all.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 2nd - 4:00pm

We gather on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent.

The sermon theme, reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10 is "Jesus in the Dust."

Some Ash Wednesday liturgies make use of a traditional phrase that may seem disturbing. As we receive the ashes on our foreheads, the pastor is to say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." And yet we find that we meet Jesus in the dust when we take time to worship together on Ash Wednesday.



LENTEN STUDY

“Bonhoeffer”

March-April 2022

Filmed on location in Germany, this video journey through the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer delves into why he has inspired so many people’s faith. Pulling themes from all of his major books, this study helps us to understand why these spiritual truths meant so much to Bonhoeffer and how they can be an inspiration and challenge to us. Each participant will receive a study guide to accompany them on their journey with Bonhoeffer.

Topics

March 8 & 9	“What is the Church?”
15 & 16	“Living in Christian Community”
[22 & 23	“4 th week” read-thru-the-Bible conversations]
29 & 30	“Religionless Christianity”
April 5 & 6	“Come and Die”

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
at the Parsonage

Contact Pastor Sharon or the church office for more information,

SPECIAL OFFERING - UMCOR Sunday, March 27:

The UMCOR Sunday Special Offering, formerly known as “One Great Hour of Sharing”, enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering. UMCOR responds to natural and human-made disasters – those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own. In over 80 countries you assure your church is in the lead to alleviate suffering through your generous giving to UMCOR.

When you make your gift, please write “UMCOR 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.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board has not been meeting regularly since the COVID lockdown, but work around campus has been progressing nonetheless. Here's what we've been working on:

- Three (3) air conditioning/heating units were replaced on the roof of the Education Building.
- With the cooperation of our condominium neighbors, we built a new fence at the rear of the Parsonage yard.
- A broken water pipe in the second floor of Hartzell Hall was repaired, and the damaged stucco soffit was also repaired.
- A new roof has been installed on Hartzell.
- Rotted fascia boards on a cell tower building were replaced.
- The enclosure around the Sanctuary air conditioning units has been rebuilt.
- NINE (9) batteries have been replaced in the Golf Cart.
- Parking lot cracks have been sealed and the lot is being prepared for a new slurry coat.
- Beams that support the Sanctuary roof are in the process of being repaired.
- Plans are in the works to replace the Front Lawn with drought resistant plantings. (and maybe a labyrinth?)
- Previous work to deter rain from entering the Sanctuary has proven acceptable. At the present time, the only vulnerable spot is at the North doors outside the Pastor's Office where lack of roof cover allows water to blow directly onto the door. Better protection for those doors is in the works.
- Lights behind the cross over the Sanctuary altar are not working. Of the five lights, three are burned out and the parts are no longer available. We will be taking the cross down and rewiring the entire assembly.



Rev. Reuben Inman Moore Jr.

The Episcopal Office and The Board of Pension and Health Benefits

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Rev. Reuben Inman Moore, Jr., a retired member of the California-Pacific Conference, on January 26, 2022

Rev. Moore is survived by his children: Linda, Robert, and David. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia and his beloved wife Nellie.

A joint **Memorial Service** for Rev. and Mrs. Moore will be held on:

Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Pasadena

500 E Colorado Boulevard

Pasadena, CA 91101

In lieu of flowers, **donations** may be sent to:

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
michaeljfox.org

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Linda Moore

943 W Colorado Boulevard, Apt B

Monrovia, CA 91016

We give God thanks for brother Inman. Let us keep his loved ones in our prayers.

Peace.

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya

Los Angeles Episcopal Area

The United Methodist Church



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

SUNDAY, March 13th



The family of Betty Louise Gagne invites you to a Celebration of her Life, on Saturday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you all had a very nice holiday and new year. Here, at Friends In Deed, we took the last week of the year off to rest up after a very busy 2021. It was our busiest year yet. We provided food to over 20,000 households (all visits) and had 2,300 unique household visits.

We ended the year with a very successful and joyous "Christmas for the Kids" event. We had 215 kids get signed up, from 84 families. Almost every family came and picked up their gifts on that Sunday before Christmas and all gifts have been given to the families. We had some extra toys, backpacks & school supplies (leftover from our Back To School event), kids books, coats (donated by the Knights of Columbus), hats, and masks that we also gave out that Sunday. It was such a great day. Everyone who came left very happy and with smiles on their faces. Many of the parents were overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. It was a beautiful day.

We are so grateful that you all took part. For most of you, it was taking part again and for some of you, it was your first time. Thank you all for making this year's event the best one yet. If you were the representative for your church/school/group, please share this email and our thanks with all the folks who helped out. We will be doing it again in 2022 and we'll be reaching out to you all in October to see if you want to take part again.

We wish you all a very happy and safe 2022. Be well.

Best regards, Tim & Stacey –

Tim Nistler Food Pantry Program Director

626.797.6072 www.friendsindeedpas.org

**FRIENDS
IN
DEED** *

Lunch Bunch – March 2022

WHO: Everyone! All are welcomed.
WHAT: Lunch/brunch hosted by SPRC
WHERE: Library Lounge / Patio
WHEN: **March 13**
WHY: Fun, food, and fellowship. Friendship evangelism – invite a friend or a family member – even if they didn't come to church! They can meet you for lunch/brunch and get to know your church family in a relaxed setting.
QUESTIONS: Contact the Church Office

**STAFF
APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON**

The Lunch Bunch event for March will be a Staff Appreciation Brunch hosted by the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC).

After two years of lockdown we invite everyone to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff in person.

Francisco Acero – Maintenance Technician, Custodian

Laura Snyder – Financial Secretary

Pam Ferguson – Secretary

Stephanie Lan – Pianist, Organist

Pastor Sharon

Lunch bunch meets the 2nd Sunday of each month; the location is decided by the lunch bunch group. If you would like to host a Lunch Bunch, or choose a restaurant as a destination, please contact the church office, Anna Garzzia or June Drenten (Anna & June are Co-Coordination of the Outreach Team).

AND SPEAKING OF THE LUNCH BUNCH . . .

A big **THANK YOU** to Carolina Garzzia for a beautiful brunch at her home for the February Lunch Bunch.

We sat under the magnificent tree in Carolina's backyard while she and her friend Alice served beverages and urged us to return for seconds at an overflowing buffet table which, like the seating tables, was decorated for Valentine's Day.

Thank you, Carolina, for your hospitality. And please thank Alice too, on our behalf, for a lovely, relaxing brunch under your stunning shade tree.



REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE - Revisited

FIRST SUNDAY – Leader Liz Peterson, Ann DeChairo-Marino, Joyce Kenyon

SECOND SUNDAY – *Leader needed*, Jo Ann Williams, Dee Suzuki, Kim Evans

THIRD SUNDAY – *Leader needed*, Marna Korell, Candace Taylor, Peg Schuster

FOURTH SUNDAY – Leader Sally Follett, Jan Bender, Connie Wortham

FIFTH SUNDAY – *Leader needed*, June Drenten, Cindy Crismer, Barbie Bevington, Jill Schofield

Contact Liz Peterson or the Church Office if you have questions or changes to this schedule.



SARAH CIRCLE

**Book Club meets
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



March Birthdays

- 6 Roz Towler
- 14 Lois Mackey
- 17 John Baier
- 18 Marna Korell
- 27 A. J. Hernandez
- 29 David Baier



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Monday through
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to 1 pm. You
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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

(Psalm 51:10)

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	28	1	2  4:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Betty Gagne Memorial Service in the Sanctuary 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in Hartzell Hall
6 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship	7	8 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m.	9 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.	10  SALVATION ARMY DAY	11	12
13 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Staff Appreciation 	14	15 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m. FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	16 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.	17	18 	19
20 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship 	21	22 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m. Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house	23 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.	24	25 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie Wortham's house	26 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE for Rev. Inman and Nellie Moore - First UMC of Pasadena - 2:00 pm
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