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**May 2022**



# THE TRYLON

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SMUMC  
easter  
OFFERING



**Our Easter special offering:** \$1785 -- We are grateful to God, always, for His many blessings. Especially at Easter we are grateful for the opportunity to give, in response to all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus. What joy, to know that these gifts will help to alleviate the suffering in Ukraine, through the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you, church family, for your Easter generosity, in response to God's abundant love.

## RUMMAGE SALE

Yes It's TRUE! The SMUMC Rummage Sale is planned for June 18<sup>th</sup>. Here's a schedule of what's happening between now and then:

04/30/22 Rummage work day  
05/21/22 Rummage work day  
06/04/22 Rummage Move Day  
06/11/22 Rummage work day in Hartzell Hall  
06/18/22 Rummage Sale

There is SO MUCH Rummage that we've planned TWO WEEKS of set-up in Hartzell Fellowship Hall.

## from Pastor Sharon

*Dear church family,*

We continue the Easter season in May, culminating with Pentecost on June 5. On June 12 we celebrate Trinity Sunday, which begins the “ordinary” season that takes us through the summer months.

The risen Christ is with us throughout the year. His Holy Spirit is available to us always. Every Sunday we celebrate this truth! Especially during the Christian season of Easter we celebrate this truth, with readings and reflections on Jesus’ resurrection and the movement of his Holy Spirit in power.

In the Acts of the Apostles the power of the Holy Spirit is boldly on display. The May readings from Acts tell amazing stories of disciples whose hearts have caught fire, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

In Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Paul was blind, spiritually; then he was blinded, physically, by the light of Christ; and then... he saw. A conversion moment. What are the conversion moments in our lives?

In Acts 9:36-43, Tabitha, whose Greek name is Dorcas, was surrounded by a loving, healing community that called on the help of Peter when they needed him. What are the marks of a healing community? How can we nurture such characteristics in our church family?

In Acts 11:1-18, Peter turns the Jerusalem Council on its head with a story. They are “silenced” (v. 18) – in their arguing and debating, at least; they find enough voice that “they praised God” (v. 18). What are your stories of God? Who will you tell them to?

In Acts 16:9-15, Paul has a vision from God that changes his travel plans and leads to the conversion of Lydia, the first convert in Philippi. What would happen if we resisted the urge to control visions from God, or to keep them secret?

In Acts 1:1-11, Jesus leaves! He ascends into heaven, and the disciples are left afraid, bereft & alone. We wait with the disciples for the promised Spirit. Do you ever feel like you are waiting for something to happen?

How is the risen Christ present in your life today? How is the Holy Spirit empowering you for ministry in Christ’s name? What are you doing to make your life more open to the influences of Jesus and his Holy Spirit?

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**from Pastor Sharon**

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As you are seeking him, he is seeking after you. The effort necessary on our part is small: only a willingness to let him in. Life in Christ is not easy; life without Christ is no life at all. He is the resurrection and the life. This is a mystery well worth exploring for the rest of our lives.

May the Holy Spirit come to you in power and rock your world as we continue our walk through the season of Easter together.

*Yours in Him,*

*Pastor Sharon*

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**Special Offering Sunday, May 1: Native American Ministries**

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations to worship and serve as only they can. When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. To learn more about Native American Ministries Sunday, visit: [www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org). Thank you in advance for your generous giving to God's work among Native Americans in our Cal-Pac Annual Conference and throughout the world.

## **May Lectionary Readings:**

May 1	Acts 9: 1-6; Rev. 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19
May 8	Acts 9: 36-43; Rev 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30
May 15	Acts 11: 1-16; Rev. 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35
May 22	Acts 16: 9-15; Rev. 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5; John 14: 23-29
May 29	Acts 16: 16-34; Rev. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26

## **Weekly Psalms for May:**

May 1	Psalm 30
May 8	Psalm 23
May 15	Psalm 148
May 22	Psalm 67
May 29	Psalm 97

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

<b>May 1</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Communion Sunday Special Offering – Native American Ministries <b><i>“Conversion Moments”</i></b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> Guest Preacher – Rev. Roy Snapp-Kolas <b><i>“I Once Knew a Dorcas”</i></b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b><i>“Stories of God”</i></b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b><i>“A Vision from God”</i></b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Ascension Sunday</b> <b><i>“Waiting on the Spirit”</i></b>

## BIBLE STUDY

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

<b>May</b>	<b>3 &amp; 4</b>	Vander Laan <i>Holy Land tour, first session (see article)</i>
	<b>10 &amp; 11</b>	Vander Laan video
	<b>17 &amp; 18</b>	Bob Taylor (see article)
	<b>24 &amp; 25</b>	“4 <sup>th</sup> week” read-thru-the-Bible conversations*
	<b>31 &amp; 6/1</b>	Vander Laan video

\*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 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 “4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## May/June Bible Study

In May and June Bible study groups will enjoy a Ray Vander Laan video tour through the Holy Land. Books have already been ordered; let us know -- Pastor Sharon, or Pam in the church office -- if you would like to receive a book.

On this tour, entitled “Walk as Jesus Walked,” we will visit Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, and Lystra, and spend two sessions in Cappadocia.

“How badly do you want to be like Jesus? As disciples of Jesus, we’ve discovered that following him demands an intense commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. But there is more. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus – even where the path became treacherous.” (DVD cover)

5 episodes filmed on location:

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| May 3 & 4  | “Run! The Passion of Elijah” (Vander Laan video #1)          |
| 10 & 11    | “Learning to Walk Like Jesus” (Vander Laan video #2)         |
| 17 & 18    | Bob Taylor – a special guest (more information, below)       |
| 24 & 25    | 4 <sup>th</sup> week Read-thru-the-Bible conversations       |
| 31 & 6/1   | “An Unlikely Disciple” (Vander Laan video #3)                |
| June 7 & 8 | Roy Snapp-Kolas – a special guest (more information, below)  |
| 14 & 15    | “Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane” (video #4) |
| 21 & 22    | “Don’t Forget Us” (Vander Laan video #5)                     |
| 28 & 29    | 4 <sup>th</sup> week Read-thru-the-Bible conversations       |

### **Special guests:**

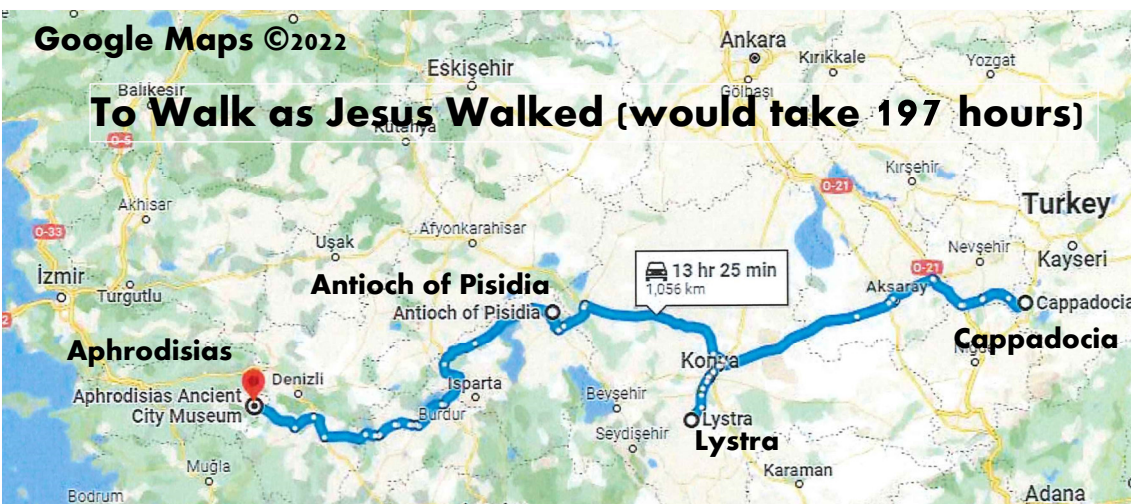
**Bob Taylor** – beloved husband of the beloved Candace Taylor, Bob has had an amazing life, with many tales to tell, including near-death experiences, encounters with indigenous people from around the world, and spiritual experiences to share. Bob has toured the world to study earthquakes and while serving in the military. He has also served as a volunteer firefighter and a volunteer police officer. Bob has a vast slideshow of stunning photos to accompany his talk – the 15<sup>th</sup> century village of Puruchuco; the mysterious mountaintop of Machu Picchu Come to the parsonage on Tuesday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm to listen, ask questions, and have a fascinating, meaningful conversation with Bob Taylor.

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## MAY/JUNE BIBLE STUDY *(continued)*

**Roy Snapp-Kolas** – you know him as a preacher; you know him as Pastor Sharon’s husband. On June 7th & 8th he will be at the parsonage to talk about another topic he is passionate about – ministry with the homeless. Roy’s lifelong commitment is to help people find a way out of homelessness, addiction, and anything that keeps them from being all that God calls them to be. He has worked with people on the edge of society on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles, in Inglewood, at Bell Shelter, at the West L. A. Veterans Administration, and in the Antelope Valley during his Salvation Army career. Early on, he also served on staff at Union Station/the Depot in Pasadena. Bring your questions about how to solve our society’s problems – Roy has an opinion, and experience to inform it. Have a fascinating, meaningful conversation with Roy on Tuesday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. or Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

At the parsonage: 718 W. Montecito Ave.



## COMMUNITY NOTES:

The Sierra Madre Women’s Club will host a Fashion Show on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – at our Hartzell Fellowship Hall. 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



The British Home will host their June Faire on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> featuring lots of crafts! Address: 647 Manzanita Avenue, Sierra Madre.



THE BRITISH HOME

## **REV. ROY SNAPP-KOLAS**

**MAY 8, 2022 -- Guest Preacher**

Rev. Roy Snapp-Kolas is retired from The Salvation Army, currently serving a Corps (church) in Lancaster. Pastor Roy has taught classes around greater L. A. to homeless folks, people in recovery, and veterans. He also has a heart for teaching and ministering in the jails and homeless shelters around town. Most recently he directed a Cold Weather Shelter in Lancaster, before and during the coronavirus outbreak.



His decades-long career with The Salvation Army grew into a vocation. He was Executive Director of The Salvation Army HAVEN Program for Homeless Veterans, which was housed on the campus of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration. Pastor Roy grew the HAVEN from a 20-bed shelter to over 200 beds and multiple programs for veterans struggling with homelessness, mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, housing issues, employment needs, and many other life issues. Over time, Pastor Roy developed spiritual programs for the residents and graduates of the programs, as well as interested staff members. He grew a Corps in Inglewood to over 100 Soldiers (members). Pastor Roy is currently writing a Doctor of Ministry dissertation for The King's University Seminary that reflects his decades of ministry and social service experience.

Pastors Roy and Sharon will be celebrating their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24, 2022. Pastor Roy is from the Chicago area and has a Masters degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. He and Pastor Sharon have two adult, married sons, Chris (age 28) is married to Camille, and Josh (age 30) is married to Julie. Josh and Julie are the parents of Roy and Sharon's grandbabies – Titus Joshua (age 3-1/2), and Caleb Jonah (age 2). When Josh and Julie moved their family to Indiana, Roy and Sharon adopted their little dog, Shadow.

Pastor Roy is passionate about bringing together creative evangelical ministry and Christian ministries of service with those most rejected, excluded and forgotten in our society. He cares deeply about bringing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and bringing people out of homelessness, addiction, and generational cycles of crime and incarceration. He loves baseball, and sports of all kinds; he is a lifelong, rabid, diehard Chicago Cubs fan. Roy also loves jogging, has run in many jogging events, and has run the L. A. marathon. He reads voraciously in a wide range of topics, preferring history, theology, biographies, and other non-fiction works. He has a beautiful baritone singing voice, but all attempts to entice him to sing in a choir have been thus far unsuccessful. His grandchildren and his dog, Shadow, are his joy. And barbequing; he loves to barbeque and share a leisurely meal in the backyard.



## Holy Week Thank Yous!!

Thank you to Jill Schofield for organizing our meaningful walk of the Stations of the Cross at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on Holy Wednesday.

Thank you to Liz Peterson and her crew for preparing the beautiful seder for our Passover remembrance on Holy Thursday and to Jill for preparing music and serving as Participant in the Haggadah readings. Happy Birthday, Jadon Miller!

Thank you to June Drenten, Liz Peterson and all who made the Easter brunch a joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

Thank you to Pam Ferguson and Francisco Acero for preparing palm branches, palm crosses, nail cross pendants, worship bulletins, flower cross, Easter lilies, signage, booklets, flyers, room set-ups, and so many important Holy Week details.

## Are you looking for in-home assistance?

**Maria Luna**, a member of our church, is available. She does personal care for women or men. No housework, and no less than 5 hours a day. Maria's contact info is in your church directory, or you may contact Pam in the church office to get in touch with Maria, who can tell you more about her rates and services.



W O R K D A Y

**SATURDAY, May 21st**

**9:00 a.m.**

# From the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees of Sierra Madre UMC is happy to report the completion of the new roof on Hartzell Hall. They also report the successful repair of all twelve beams of the Sanctuary building.

## **PENDING PROJECTS:**

- Slurry seal parking lot – Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parking lot will be closed on that day – suggest parking across the street or carpooling.
- Re-landscaping of front lawn to west of Sanctuary building.

Please contact a member of the Board, or the Church Office, if you see something that needs fixing.



**ATTENTION  
CRAFTERS!**

**Candace Taylor and June Drenten would like to remind you to keep working on those crafted goods for this December's Boutique!**



**No May Lunch Bunch**, to allow for lunch with Mom, or friends who are like good mothers to us, in honor of Mother's Day. Next Lunch Bunch is June 12.

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-Coordinator of the Outreach Team).

## REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE – FINAL?

**FIRST SUNDAY** – Leader Dee Suzuki, Ann DeChairo-Marino, Joyce Kenyon

**SECOND SUNDAY** – **LUNCH BUNCH\*** (\*Not in May)

**THIRD SUNDAY** – *Leader needed*, Liz Peterson, Candace Taylor, Peg Schuster

**FOURTH SUNDAY** – Leader Sally Follett, Jane Bender, Jo Ann Williams, Connie Wortham

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

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



### SARAH CIRCLE

Book Club meets every  
Fourth Friday

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
- 23 Cindy Crismer  
Jennifer Schofield
- 28 Elise Hernandez
- 30 Liz Mackey-Peterson



- 25 Ning and Scott Basinger



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**“The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.”**

**Psalm 167: 6**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> Third Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries – Special Offering 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>GREAT LAKES APPRECIATION DAY</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>  <p>ASTRONOMY DAY</p>
<p>LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – Hartzell Fellowship Hall – April 29<sup>th</sup>(setup), May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup></p>						
<p><b>8</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter Guest– Rev. Roy Snapp-Kolas 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>CAF CHURCH Memorial Service Sanctuary 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – Hartzell Fellowship Hall – May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup></p>						
<p><b>15</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Lunch Bunch</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p>LOVE A TREE DAY</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - 2:30 p.m. FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>SIERRA MADRE WOMENS CLUB FASHION SHOW 11:30 - 3:00 p.m. HH</p>
<p><b>22</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>READ THRU BIBLE 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>READ THRU BIBLE - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p>National Blueberry Cheesecake Day</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie W's house</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> Ascension Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY - 2:30 p.m. Card Creation - Connie Wortham's house</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Abbreviations</b> LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>