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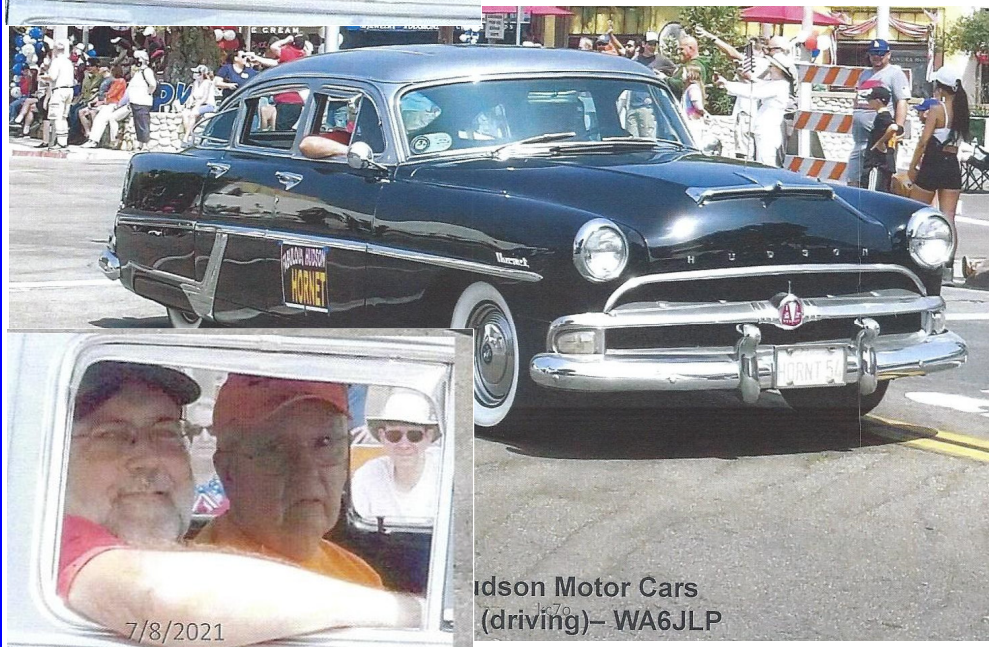
August 2021



Motor Cars
(driving) – K00PJ

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 2021 Sierra Madre CA

Pastor Sharon and Susan Ross in that handsome Hudson Jetliner. Rev. Roy and Bob Ross in the next Hudson motorcar.



Hudson Motor Cars
(driving) – WA6JLP

The Parade organizers have a nifty photo album of the parade. These pictures came from that file, which is available in the Church Office. There's some great shots of our unique Sierra Madre celebration.

7/8/2021

from Pastor Sharon

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this letter I want to talk with you about a word. It's not a biblical word. It's...

The "C" word.

Cancer.

Roy sometimes comments that we have become members of a club we never sought to join.

When Roy was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer, a number of things happened.

There was that first shock at hearing the words. "It's cancer." Very routine for the doctor, I suppose; not at all routine for me and Roy. Each of our mothers died from cancer; but still, no one is fully prepared for the "C" word.

Life got very focused -- on doctor visits, and blood-thinner injections; chemo infusions and keeping friends and family informed. When do we tell who what?

We decided that we definitely wanted our church families to know what was going on, because we relied on their love and their powerful prayers. Roy has chosen not to publicize his illness to everyone; he does not mention it on Facebook. However, we want you, our Christian sisters and brothers, to know.

We continue to rely on the love and powerful prayers of our church families today. You, my Sierra Madre church family, have been so generous and understanding. As most of you know, Roy now lives with stage 4 cancer. The chemo didn't get it all. At this point, the chemo pills hold the cancer at bay, keeping the tumors from growing.

Roy is such an inspiration to me. He chooses to live life to the fullest while he can. He is working to complete his thesis for a Doctor of Ministry degree he had left behind a number of years ago; the project will be a gift to new Salvation Army Officers whom he teaches and interviews as they begin their ministries.

Every week Roy volunteers at the Lancaster Salvation Army Corps and worships with them on Sundays, preaching and teaching whenever the Officers need him.

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He also preaches a sermon each day and posts it on Facebook – for his grandchildren, mostly, and for his friends, family, and former parishioners. He visits his grandchildren, follows the Cubs, keeps up on current religious and political issues, takes long daily walks, plays with our dog Shadow, takes his wife on a date every week, laughs, cries, gazes at the stars... Roy has decided to love life.

The club we never sought to join is a loving, understanding club, within the wider circle of family, friends, and church family. For those who have been through it – their own cancer diagnosis, or a loved one's – you know from experience some of what we're going through. We each have our own particular journeys. Or, as one oncologist calls it, "adventures." But there are similarities. I am grateful for the particular love and understanding of "the club."

I thought I would share a few spiritual resources that keep me going. Whether you are in the cancer club or some other club you never wanted to belong to, we all have challenges and struggles in life. These resources have been meaningful to me; I offer them to you:

One I have likely shared with you before. I love it so much: John O'Donohue's **To Bless the Space Between Us**. The blessings in this book have carried me through many seasons in my life. They continue to carry me.

Anticancer, by David Servan-Schreiber, M. D., Ph. D. Of all the cancer self-help books out there, this one has been most helpful and most highly recommended. A bit of everything, from advice about food to support for mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing.

Sojourners daily devotions pop up on my phone and warm my heart, Monday through Friday. You can sign up at sojo.net.

"**The Upper Room**" is available through our church, and **Disciplines**, a daily devotional book from The Upper Room, can be ordered at cokesbury.com. Many of our church leaders have the 2021 edition.

Music is probably the most calming and healing of my spiritual practices, besides my "daily" walk with God – when I can swing it.

...I long ago memorized "Of the Father's Love Begotten," #184 in our UM hymnal. Singing this hymn of praise to Christ uplifts my spirit whenever I'm feeling

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overwhelmed. Sing and memorize music that uplifts your spirit.

...Rev. Jan Wiley shared Bobby McFerrin's haunting version of The 23rd Psalm at an Annual Conference gathering before she retired as D. S. of the East District. I've listened to it a number of times since then on YouTube; a beautiful rendition of this beloved psalm.

...My son, Chris, recommended "Be Still," by The Fray. I've been crying ever since, and playing it over and over.

...We each have our own music that touches our hearts. Music heals the soul. And with it, the heart, mind, body, and spirit.

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." – Ephesians 3:18-19

God bless you, church family.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sharon

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Pastor Sharon is on Vacation

Monday, August 2 through Sunday, August 15, 2021

August 8th, Jill Schofield – our Choir Director and Lay Leader – will lead us in a Hymn Sing service of praise and worship. August 15th we will again enjoy the presence of Rev. Kirsten Oh as she brings God's Word. In case of pastoral emergency please contact the Church Office. You may also contact Rev. Martin Finau directly; he has agreed to be available for pastoral emergencies while Pastor Sharon is away. Cell: 562-417-3621; email: pastormartin@templecityumc.org.

In addition, you may contact Pastor Sharon by text, phone or email – to keep her informed: 661-810-3953; sharon.snappkolas@gmail.com.

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

- August 1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Service
 “A Summer Study of Ephesians, Chapter 4”
- August 8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Hymn Sing – led by Jill Schofield, Lay Leader
- August 15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Kirsten Oh
 (To Be Announced)
- August 22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 “A Summer Study of Ephesians, Chapter 6 (with 5)”
- August 29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost -
 Reception of New Members
 “What Is Important?”

August Lectionary Readings:

- August 1 2 Sam. 11: 26 – 12: 13a; Eph. 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35
- August 8 2 Sam. 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33; Eph. 4: 25 – 5: 2;
 John 6: 35, 41-51
- August 15 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Eph. 5: 15-20;
 John 6: 51-58
- August 22 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43;
 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56; John 6: 56-69
- August 29 Songs 2: 8-13; James 1: 17-27;
 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Weekly Psalms for August:

- August 1 Psalm 51: 1-12
- August 8 Psalm 130
- August 15 Psalm 111
- August 22 Psalm 84
- August 29 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9



Photograph from
apu.edu website

Rev. Kirsten Oh
Guest Preacher
Sunday, August 15, 2021



Rally Day 9/9/2018
(by p. ferguson)

Rev. Kirsten Oh, Ph.D., is an ordained elder in full connection in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and represents the United Methodist Church at the National Council of Churches of Christ Faith and Order commission. Prior to arriving at Azusa Pacific University, she was the associate dean of student life at the Claremont School of Theology and has served as pastor of several United Methodist Churches in Southern California, particularly as a youth and young adult pastor. She regularly preaches and lectures at churches and retreats, and she remains an active member of First United Methodist Church, Pasadena. Along with Cameron Lee and Candace Shields, Oh worked on a published Wabash research project titled “Theological Education in a Multicultural Environment: Empowerment or Disempowerment?” (*Theological Education*, Vol. 43, No. 2, Fall 2008). Oh also published a chapter in *Mirrored Reflections* (Wipf & Stock, 2010) titled “Irit Redeemed: Casting My Lot With Lot’s Wife” in 2010. Her areas of scholarship interest include, but are not limited to, the intersection between narrative theology and narrative therapy. Oh is married to Scott Russell and enjoys living her life to the fullest in Christ. Her hobbies include music, reading, swimming, hiking, and traveling. (apu.edu)

We welcome Rev. Oh as guest preacher on this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, with gratitude for her Christian friendship and willingness to share her many gifts with us. We surround her with prayers of love and welcome her as she brings the Word this morning.

WORSHIP NOTES

These notes describe the protocols we have been following since we first returned to in-person worship on June 20. The procedures we are following come from the Cal-Pac United Methodist Conference, and from the County health department.

We have all grown accustomed in the time of COVID to public and denominational health regulations changing almost daily. And – the world is opening up more and more each day.

As the world reopens, we will rely on individuals to be aware of their own needs and the needs of others. We are in a time of transition. We are hopeful that soon we will be able to relax these procedures.

Thank you for your patience, caring and cooperation while we all do our best to keep each other safe and healthy – as we praise God together in our beautiful sanctuary!!

Sanctuary Worship – 9:30 AM:

- Wear a mask. For now the rule is: we are wearing masks in worship. Extra masks are available if you forget to bring yours. (At the same time, no one will be turned away if they do not want to wear a mask; if you have not been vaccinated, please do wear a mask -- for the safety of vulnerable people worshipping with you).
- Clean up after ourselves. We learned this one in kindergarten. Use the hand sanitizer, handwipes and other cleaning products that have been provided around the church buildings, including the sanctuary, the office, the restrooms, and any areas in use. Be safe.
- Communion will be served in individually wrapped packets that contain both a wafer and juice. You may pick up your Communion packet at the door as you arrive for worship. Communion will be received in the pews.
- Sing! Because we are wearing masks, we have been given the go-ahead for congregational singing in worship. Woo-hoo!
- Be sensitive to one another. Some are ready for hugs; others are not. Some want six feet of social-distancing; others are ready to cuddle. Respect one another's space. Ask before you hug, or shake hands. That's a good life rule, in general. Elbow-bumps and fist-bumps are still OK.
- We may not be able to have coffee fellowship for awhile; we'll see. But we can still talk and socialize a bit after worship before we head to our cars.

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- Not everyone will feel ready, yet, to return to in-person worship. Not everyone will be able to come to in-person worship. We hold in our hearts and prayers all our members and friends; the Spirit binds us together, even when we are physically apart.

Please feel free to contact the church office if you have any questions about worship protocols at SMUMC.

And continue to keep your pastor and your church leaders in prayer as we readjust to worship in the sanctuary and church family life in-person. There is a lot to manage in the transition. And -- It is SO GOOD to be back!

Zoom Worship --

At this time we are not meeting for Zoom worship, due to scheduling issues. Thank you to those who met for Zoom worship at 11:00 in the early days. It was good to worship and pray with you.

For the future, the worship team is considering a midweek Zoom worship service.

If you have an interest in attending a midweek Zoom worship, or being on the Zoom

MORE PARADE!

Rich Snyder stopped the parade, climbed out of Engine 41 and gave his Mom Lennie a big Fourth of July Kiss!

Probably my favorite of all the pictures I have seen of the 2021 Celebration.





AUGUST POTLUCK

Sunday, August 22nd - after Worship
In the Church Library (first floor - Hartzell Hall)

What to bring:

Your favorite dish to share. Keep it warm (oven), cool (fridge), or on the counter in the kitchen 'til after worship. Then grab it and come on down to the library.

What is provided:

Coffee, iced tea, water, paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, and cups.

What's the plan?: Food, fellowship, and a continuation of our lively conversation: *“Who Are We?: Past-Present-Future.”*

Questions?: Contact the church office, June Drenten, or Amy Crismer.

“Read-through-the-Bible” 2022:

Pastor Sharon is inviting our church family to read through the Bible in a year. We will be using a great resource created by Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of the Alpha Course and pastor of Holy Trinity Brompton in London. Pastor Nicky's resource includes daily readings sent to your email and cell phone, with devotional and study aids if you want to go deeper. You can check it out at bibleinoneyear.org.

For those who want to gather regularly to discuss our daily readings, a group or groups will be formed to do so. Please contact the church office, Jill Schofield or Pastor Sharon to sign up, or for more info. We will begin January 1, 2022. Plan now to start the New Year reading God's Word together.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at the parsonage

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.: August 17 & 24

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: August 18 & 25

We continue our study of the 5-session:

"Israel's Mission, Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World",
a Ray Vander Laan series of Holy Land videos.
From his collection, That the World May Know.

If you would like your own Discovery Guide book, you may order one at Cokesbury.com or thattheworldmayknow.com. Not required.

Each session is self-contained; if you can't make all 5, come when you can!

Attend either – Wednesday is a repeat of Tuesday's session.

Newcomers welcome!

Looking forward to learning together at the parsonage:

718 Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre 661-810-3953.

Bible study on Facebook and email

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; 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS!

Sunday, August 29th

AND EVEN MORE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PICTURES



Pastor Sharon and Roy at the staging area down on Mariposa.

Getting ready for a big Parade!

THANKS AGAIN to that couple named Ross for the pictures— I still don't know the proper way to pluralize that name!



WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

RUMMAGE WORK DAY

**SATURDAY,
August 7th
9:00 a.m.**



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



August Birthdays!

- 6 Joe Schuster
- 18 Carol Anne Werthwein
- 27 Carrie Snyder
Rich Snyder
- 28 Annemarie Werthwein

August Anniversaries

- 24 Pastor Sharon and Rev. Roy Snapp-Kolas



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**Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no
variation or shadow due to change.**

James 1: 17



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2021

SUNDAY

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MONDAY







TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship *</p>	<p>Pastor Sharon and Rev. Roy to Cal-Pac Bishop's Convocation (8/3-8/5) and ON VACATION through August 15th !!!</p>					<p>RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship *</p>  <p>Hymn Sing</p>	9	<p>10</p>  <p>National Spoil Your Dog Day</p>	11	12	<p>13</p>  <p>HAPPY LEFT HANDERS DAY!</p>	14
<p>15 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship * Rev. Dr. Kirsten Oh, Guest Preacher</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Sharon back from vacation !</p>	<p>17</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY RESUMES! At the PARSONAGE 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY at the PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	19	20	<p>21</p>  <p>WORLD HONEY BEE DAY</p>
<p>22 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship * 11:00 a.m. - Pot Luck in the Library Lounge</p>  <p>Pot Luck</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY AT PARSONAGE 3pm Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. SHCR **</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY at the PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>SARAH CIRCLE ** Connie Wortham's house</p>	28
<p>29 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship *</p>  <p>RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Card Creation ** Connie Wortham's house</p>	<p>1</p> <p>** All meetings to be verified</p>	2	<p>Abbreviations</p> <p>LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = Sierra House Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	