



**September  
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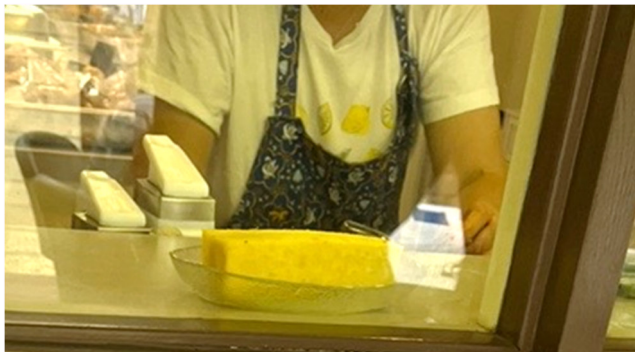
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## **WHAT A GREAT OPEN HOUSE!!!**



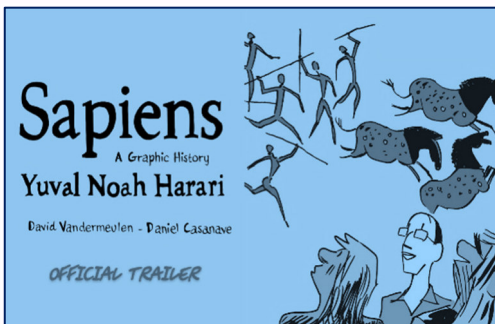
Great apologies to our fantastic hostess Yang Lew. This is the only picture I have of her – working hard in the kitchen – and I didn't get her face!!!. Thanks to Yang and Pastor Jae for this wonderful party, and to Karen and Shirley Lew for all their work helping to make it memorable!

# *“The Echoing Spirit of Humility and Honor at Sierra Madre”*

Pastor Jae Lew

*“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”*      Genesis 2:16-17

When the fear of COVID-19 took us to the Pandemic, the books that I read were about ecology and science, from Darwin’s “Origin of Species” to quantum physics. In the midst of the crises that our humankind faced with, I wanted to re-visit and re-examine the hidden energy and motivation of our human civilizations, with concerns and humble mind.



One of the books that I read was “Sapiens,” written by Yubal Noah Harari. In this book, Harari briefly presents a history of humankind as a story of Sapiens. The Sapiens started its journey as a small tribe in Africa and became a ruler on our planet. In what way, has that Sapiens tribe become the ruler on the earth? According to him, it is because the

Sapiens was the only creature that developed an ability and capacity to co-operate together, coping with difficult tasks before them. My reading of that co-operation in our biblical terms is humility on self-ego and desire, and honor for others, which I take as an ecological spirituality.

As I settle in Sierra Madre community, that is the feeling that God provides for me. The Montecito Avenue is an inspiration, being lined up on both side of the road by Jacaranda trees in front of the parsonage. I love the Sierra Madre downtown, which has developed its own formation and character with shops and restaurants in such a way that none is too boastful but taking its own part for bigger ecological harmony. I am also honored to settle at the foothill side of the Mount Wilson Observatory, which takes an important role in the modern science of astronomy. When I read “Cosmos,” the book by Carl Sagan, one of the things that I kept in mind was that observatory at Mt. Wilson. For the scientists, I have a great respect. To someone like a pastor and theologian, the work to look



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out into the sky and the space comes as a task to search for God and His heavens. For the last two months, as I walked around with a new explorer's heart, I have been appreciative of the co-operative aspect that the adjacent cities such as Pasadena and Arcadia share together with Sierra Madre. What I perceived here at Sierra Madre is **“ecological spirituality.”**

The spirit of humility on self-ego and desires on the one hand, and on the other hand, honor for others is one of the most prominent spiritual aspects hidden in the Bible.

**“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:16-17).**

In the Bible, this is the first commandment God ordered for the man. The story of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil is usually interpreted to be a message of freedom that God has given us, humankind. But my reading is moving beyond. What matters for sustainable human civilization is humble willingness to restrain our own desire for that fruit, though every fruit is allowed. I believe that our human dignity and possible reality of God's church can be fulfilled from that self-control for myself, and honor for others. That is what I am hearing from God here at Sierra Madre. That's what I hope for here at Sierra Madre. I am honored to be here at Sierra Madre.

My loving friends and holy congregation, a new era of terminating the pandemic is at our doorstep. We're living out in the time of transition for new civilizations. Is it going to be more mundane or more spiritual? What have you perceived from God? What message have you taken from God? Let's listen together. Let us act together. I pray that the messages from God will echo, resonating among us. I believe that the ecological spirituality will be echoing and fulfilled here at Sierra Madre. Whatever hinders us, we will overcome someday soon. Amen!

Blessings,  
Jae Lew

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**



## September Lectionary Readings:

September 4 Jer. 18: 1-11; Philem. 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33  
September 11 Jer. 4: 11-12, 22-28; 1 Tim. 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10  
September 18 Jer. 8: 18 – 9: 1; 1 Tim. 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13  
September 25 Esth. 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22; Jas. 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

## Weekly Psalms for September:

September 4 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18  
September 11 Psalm 14  
September 18 Psalm 79: 1-9 or Psalm 4  
September 25 Psalm 124

## Pastor Jae's sermon titles and Worship themes for September

September 4 **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday**  
*“The Clay Jar, in God’s Hands”* – Jeremiah 18: 1-8

September 11 **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*“The Lost Sheep”* - Luke 15: 1-7

September 18 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*“The Lament for Healing”* – Jeremiah 18: 18-22

September 25 **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*“The Good Fight of Faith”* – Jeremiah 2: 9-13



# September Lunch Bunch

**Who:** Everyone! All are welcomed.

**What:** Lunch/brunch.

**Where:** TBA

**When:** Sunday, September 11 after worship. Meet outside to carpool and decide where we want to go.

**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.

Lunch bunch typically meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-Coordinator of the Outreach Team).

## 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.



Our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Saturday, **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – WORK DAY**  
Sunday, **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – MOVE DAY**  
Saturday, **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – WORK DAY**

We are still collecting for the next Sale!

Watch for Rummage information in the Sunday bulletins and the midweek update.



More photographs from the Open House. Thanks to Pastor Jae for his photo contribution – all the good pictures are from him! The rest, alas, are from the editor.





# Report from the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees of Sierra Madre UMC would like to thank the congregation for all their work in preserving and beautifying our campus.

Please contact the Church Office or a Board member to report any deficiencies.



Friends of the Arcadia Public Library present a free



## Classical Kaleidoscope Concert

Cay Mortenson Auditorium  
Concert 7:00 PM / Doors 6:30

Pastoral Impressions and Bach

Violinist Paul Stein, Associate Principal Oboist of the LA Philharmonic Marion Kuszyk, and pianist Stephanie Lan perform music by Bach, Debussy, and the Englishman Thomas Dunhill.

For ages 12+. Seating may be limited. Stay to meet & greet the musicians.

A silent auction will be held in support of library programs.

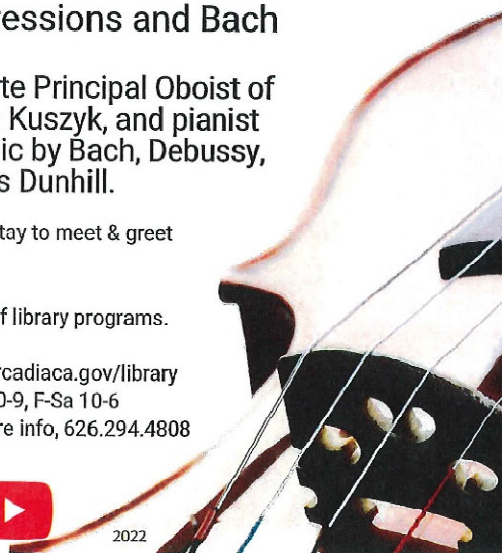


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## ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

Only three months until our AGF and Boutique! Keep up the great work. Contact June or Candace for information.



## Sarah Circle

Book Club meets on  
Fourth Fridays

Connie Wortham's  
house

CELEBRATE  
SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS



- 11 Carolina Garzzia
- Anna Garzzia
- 13 Christopher Schofield
- 16 Paulianne Werthwein
- 19 Sadie Vannier
- 23 Connie Wortham
- 26 Peg Schuster
- 27 Laura Snyder
- 29 Margaret Herndon

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2 Liz and Ed Peterson
- 9 Jill and Tim Schofield
- 20 Leticia and Steve Bridal

## CARD CREATION

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



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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**“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of  
the Lord is to be praised.”**

**Psalm 113: 3**

# September 2022 SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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### Abbreviations

LL = Library Lounge  
SH = Sierra House  
SHCR = SH Conference Room  
HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall  
WC = Wesley Chapel



Ginger Cat  
Appreciation Day

4 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship

5 CHURCH OFFICE  
CLOSED



6 CHURCH /  
CHARGE  
CONFERENCE  
6:00 p.m. - ZOOM

7 STEPHANIE LAN  
CONCERT -  
ARCADIA PUBLIC  
LIBRARY - 7 pm  
(see flyer page 7)

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10 RUMMAGE WORK  
DAY- SH/RR  
CAF CHURCH  
GAME NIGHT  
5 - 9 p.m. - HH

11 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch

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FORTUNE COOKIE DAY

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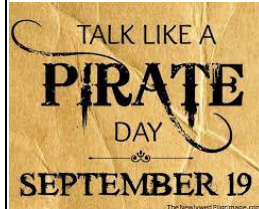
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18 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship

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FINANCE COMM.  
4:00 p.m.

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SARAH CIRCLE  
12:30 p.m.  
Connie's House

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RUMMAGE WORK  
DAY - HH - 9 am

25 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship

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BIBLE-IN-ONE-YEAR  
Conversations  
2:30 p.m. - LL  
Card Creation -  
Connie Wortham's  
house

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BIBLE-IN-ONE-YEAR  
Conversations  
6:00 p.m. - LL

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