



February 2023



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REMEMBERING – 2017

FAT TUESDAY ON SUNDAY BRUNCH



Plans are in the works for a pre-Lenten celebration on Sunday, February 19th! Look for updates in the midweeks this month. We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“It is Time to Plant!”



I love tomatoes. I like their red colors which are visible in the midst of the green branches and leaves. I love their transparent redness. What about the aroma from the leaves and red tomatoes, even from green tomatoes? What a fresh fragrance it is! When I go to market with my wife Yang, I have a place that I usually visit. Can you guess where? That is the place where red tomatoes are displayed. There I have a holy ritual for myself -- I take a few deep breaths. The aromas are all free... ^.^

After the few weeks of heavy rains, it is good to see the hills and trees full of green with snow topped mountain in the distance. Yesterday, I could see Mt. Wilson with snow on the top. We are stepping into a new season of springtime. What would you like to do?

It is a time to plant!

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every activity under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to go for rest in God; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh, and a time to plant!”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

What would you like to plant this spring? What are you going to plant on your front yard as well as on the back yard? What would you like to plant for your heart and soul? What are you going to plant for our community?

Three seedbeds to plant! This Spring, we have three seed bed to plant our dreams and hope, with names for each task forces: ministry for transitioning families, ministry for young families and children, and a pop-up drive-thru sanctuary with a free coffee station. Can you imagine what this would be like and what will happen? What I can do with this now is to

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sincerely depend on our God now, who will cultivate the seed bed and grow the seeds. Would you like to be part of this dream?



At the memorial service for Millie Solury, I received a few packets of sunflower seeds. As soon as I saw the packets with the picture of the sunflower on the front side, I knew where to plant them, (which I will keep in secret). I am excited now, thinking of where to plant them. Of course, pretty soon, I will plant

some tomato seedlings as well. It is a soul touching act. Planting is an act of joy for our hearts and souls!

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and become a tree.” Matthew 13:31

What if we all find something to plant? What if we plant them somewhere without letting others know about it? I can imagine, as they will sprout and grow visible, a day we can see them visible, blossoming at those hidden places. Our Christian life is a journey of planting. It is a journey of wonder. It is a journey of joy in its own nature.

You know the saying about planting known to be written by the famous Christian philosopher, Baruch Spinoza. *“Even though the world will end tomorrow, I will plant an apple tree.”* I love this spring after the weeks of rains. It is a time to plant! See you at church!

Blessings,
Pastor Jae Lew

Ash Wednesday †
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SERVICE IN THE
SANCTUARY
4:00 P.M.

February Lectionary Readings:

February 5	Isa. 58: 1-9a; 1 Cor. 2: 1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5: 1-13
February 12	Deut. 30: 15-20; 1 Cor. 3: 1-9; Matt. 5: 21-37
February 19	Exod. 24: 12-18; 2 Pet. 1: 16-21; Matt. 17: 1-9
February 22	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor. 5: 20b - 6: 10; Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-23
February 26	Gen. 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Rom. 5: 12-19; Matt. 4: 1-11

Weekly Psalms for February:

February 5	Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)
February 12	Psalm 119: 1-8
February 19	Psalm 99
February 26	Psalm 32

Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship themes for February

February 5	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Communion Sunday <i>“You Are the Salt”</i> Matthew 5: 13-20
February 12	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany <i>“Are Christians Fools?”</i> Matthew 5: 38-48
February 19	Transfiguration Sunday Children's Moment - “Do You Know That Giant?” <i>“The Beauty Hidden Within You”</i> Matthew 17: 1-9
February 22	Ash Wednesday <i>“What Do You Pray For?”</i> Matthew 6: 5-13
February 26	First Sunday in Lent <i>“Are You Tempted?”</i> Matthew 4: 1-11

CONGRATULATIONS RICH SNYDER

on your retirement after your 36 years of service with the Sierra Madre Fire Department!

The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the *Mountain Views News* on Saturday, December 31st, 2022:

“Born and reared in Sierra Madre, Snyder began his career with SMFD as a volunteer firefighter in 1986 while working fulltime at Lockheed Skunkworks as a Tool and Die maker. In 1991 Rich was promoted to Engineer and hired permanently with the City as a Fire Inspector. From 1993 to 1995, he also served as a Firefighter Cadet with the Monrovia Fire Department on his days off. In 1995 Rich was promoted to Captain and became the City’s Fire Marshal. He has served on the Board of the Foothill Fire Prevention Officers for over 25 years, served on many Wildland Code development committees, and is well known by his peer for his expertise in both wildland fire prevention and residential fire sprinklers.”

If you would like an overview of his career with SMFD, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjLPymEfVsI>

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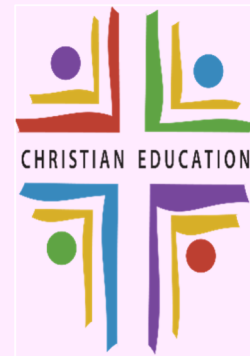
Rich’s family has been active in Sierra Madre United Methodist Church for 65 of our seventy years, his parent James and Lenice joined in 1958! We are blessed to have Rich and all the Snyder family as members and staff (nods to Laura, Rich’s wife – who must be thrilled that Rich will be home rather than fighting wildfires). Thank you Rich for your service to our Church and our Community!



Photographs
courtesy of
*Mountain Views
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December 31,
2022

CONFIRMATION AND CHRISTIAN BASICS CLASSES

**Sign up to prepare for confirmation and
Church membership!**



- We are planning Twelve Sessions on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., in the Pastor's Study.
- Each session will last one hour
- These classes are designed for those who are preparing for confirmation, those who want to re-confirm their basic Christian beliefs, AND those who want to prepare to be members of our Church.
- Final Session - presentation of the Liturgy

Contact Pastor Jae or the Church Office if you are interested,
or have any questions

Confirmation is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith. "What God offers us must be accepted in repentance and faith," *[This Is Your Baptismal Liturgy](#)* states. "Confirmation and reaffirmation are our responses of commitment, profession of faith, and rededication."

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/this-is-your-baptismal-liturgy>

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.

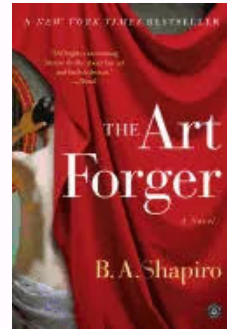


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Sarah Circle Book of the Month:

“The Art Forger” by B. A. Shapiro

Sarah Circle meets at Connie Wortham’s house on the fourth Friday of each month (February 24th this month. The time is 12:30 p.m.



Outreach Opportunities:

Bishop’s Fund for Monterey Park victims

Our new Bishop has asked our Conference to help in the healing process at Monterey Park. A Special fund – the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Victim’s Fund – has been set up and will be active during the month of February. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to Sierra Madre United Methodist Church with the fund name on the memo line.

***Friends In Deed* – a new way to give**

If you are an Amazon shopper, The Women’s Room, Food Pantry and Street Outreach programs at *Friends In Deed* now each have their own Amazon wish list enabling you to purchase needed items and have them sent directly to the *Friends In Deed* house. You can find the links to the wish lists on the ‘programs’ page of their website at <https://friendsindeedpas.org/programs/> When you check out at your Amazon cart you will see the option to include a gift message (you can remain anonymous), and choose delivery direct to *Friends In Deed*.



Ongoing Opportunity

We collect food donations on the first Sunday of every month, to be distributed to our local food banks.



Is it too early to remind you
about crafting for THIS
YEAR'S Boutique?



Sarah Circle
Book Club meets on
Fourth Fridays

—————
Connie Wortham's
house

**CARD
CREATION**

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



Service in the Sanctuary
February 22nd - 4:00 P.M.



- 2 Rose Hernandez
- 9 Amy Crismer
Tracy Crismer
- 18 Millie Mittleman
- 19 John Snyder-Walkiewicz
- 27 Jonathan Nieto



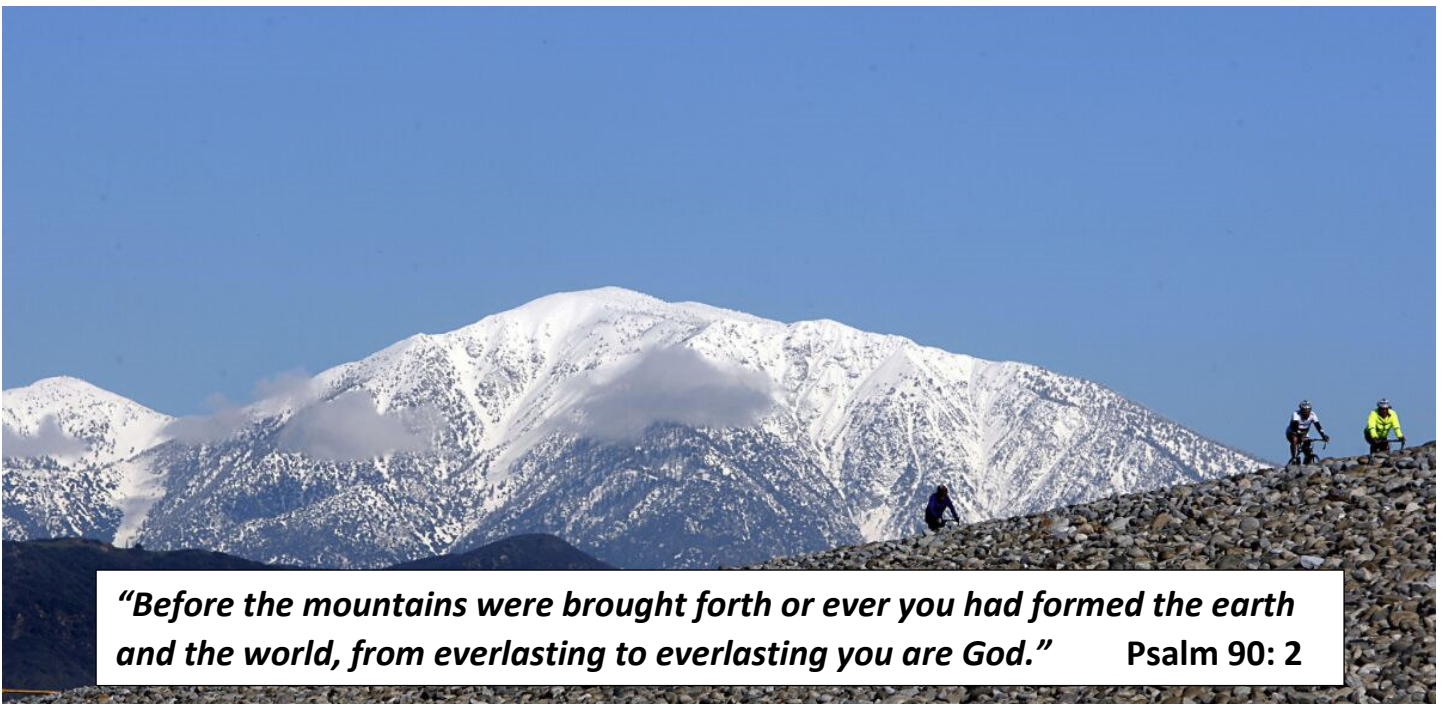
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*“Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”* Psalm 90: 2

February 2023 SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

29	30	31	1  NATIONAL DARK CHOCOLATE DAY	2	3	4
5 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. - Worship	6	7  NATIONAL ROSE DAY	8	9	10  INTERNATIONAL CRIBBAGE DAY	11 RUMMAGE WORK DAY
12 6 th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship RENTAL - HARTZELL HALL 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	13 Church Office Closed <i>Presidents' Day</i> 	14 	15	16  FAT THURSDAY	17	18  WORLD WHALE DAY
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Fat Tuesday on Sunday Brunch after Worship - Fellowship Hall	20	21 FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	22  Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 p.m.	23	24 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House VERIFY DATE	25
26 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship 	27	28 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 2:30 p.m. Wesley Chapel	1 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m. Wesley Chapel	2	3 Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	