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January 2023

Happy New Year 2023



**Our Theme for the New Year:
“The Hidden Treasure”**



EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Sunday, January 8th

After Worship

Hartzell Fellowship Hall

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“Happy New Year with the Baby God, Jesus”



Every year, as we get to the end of the year and walk into a new year, we usually say this: “Another year is going away, and a new year comes.” As we add one more year to our age, we assume that the new year will be nothing new, even though we walk into a new year of the Galaxy time zone. Maybe, it is because we do not get taller anymore. Very possibly, it is because our life has been tied up mostly with the same patterns and the same lifestyles that have been for years. Even though we set a few new resolutions for the new year, we hardly expect something new. Is that right?

The other day I invited Bryan and Yojin Kim’s family to dinner at the parsonage. Of course their children, Atticus and Harper, came as well. As I had that evening together with them, I came up with an interesting question. What if I had their eyes and hearts in me? How much would I see things differently? I much enjoyed their energy and curiosity.

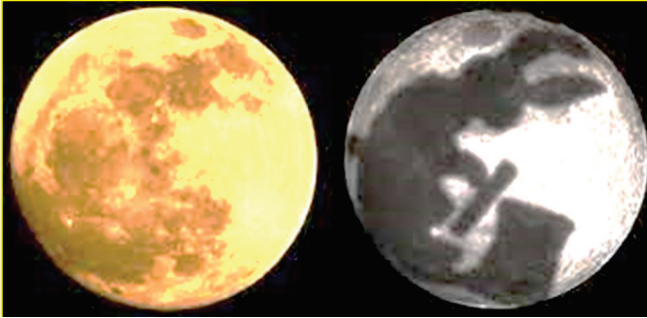
One of the reasons that I love and enjoy the children’s moment at Sunday worship service is because it offers me an opportunity to equip myself with their eyes and hearts. In other words, God asks me to come down to their eye level and to see things like them. What if we see things with their eyes and hearts? What if we walk into this new year 2023 with their eyes and hearts? What changes can we experience in our life this new year? What new person can we shape within us with the new year?

I love Christmas story. The core message is that God sent his son in a form of a baby. So to speak, God is the baby God, and that baby God will be growing up to be a boy, and later to be an adult. With what eyes and heart, would the baby Jesus see things in our world? What new things would that boy God see and feel from what we see and feel? What if God equips us with that baby God’s eyes and

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heart for this new year? Then what will happen in a new way in our family and church community? What if we all join the life of that baby God, and grow up together with him as an individual and as a community? This new year will not be another repetition of the past year. I believe that God continues to create new growing edges *for His story of Advent* through our church community and families.



In my childhood days, when I looked up to the moon, I knew who was living on the moon. It was a rabbit. A darker shape on the moon looked like a rabbit, and the old rabbit story of pounding the rice cake mill on the moon inspired this young boy. The zodiac animal for the new year 2023 is the rabbit. For the new year, what if we look up to the sky and the heaven more often, and equip ourselves more with the children's eyes and hearts?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Jae Lew



Pastor Jae blowing a mean licorice stick during the Amateur Talent Show, Sunday, December 18th

January Lectionary Readings:

January 1	Isa. 60: 1-6; Eph. 3: 1-12; Matt. 2: 1-12
January 8	Isa. 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matt. 3: 13-17
January 15	Isa. 49: 1-7; 1 Cor. 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42
January 22	Isa. 9: 1-4; 1 Cor. 1: 10-18; Matt. 4: 12-23
January 29	Mic. 6: 1-8; 1 Cor. 1: 18-31; Matt. 5: 1-12

Weekly Psalms for January:

January 1	Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
January 8	Psalm 29
January 15	Psalm 40: 1-11
January 22	Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
January 29	Psalm 15

Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship themes for January

January 1	Epiphany Sunday – Communion Sunday <i>“The Treasure Finders!”</i> Matthew 2: 1-12
January 8	Baptism of the Lord <i>“Graceful Bouyancy”</i> Matthew 3: 13-17
January 15	Second Sunday after the Epiphany - Children's Moment <i>“What Do You Want?”</i> John 1: 35-42
January 22	Third Sunday after the Epiphany <i>“Following Jesus”</i> Matthew 4: 12-25
January 29	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany <i>“Blessings to the Poor in Spirit”</i> Matthew 5: 1-12

WE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS -



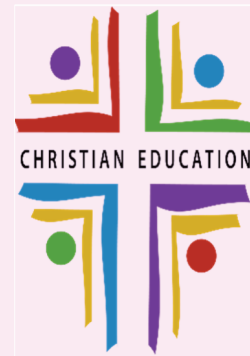
OUTSIDE ...



... AND INSIDE

CONFIRMATION AND CHRISTIAN BASICS CLASSES

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



- We are planning Three Sessions on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Wesley Chapel.
- 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>

THIS SPACE FOR RENT



East District Mission Area Meeting

December 10, 2022

Hosted by Sierra
Madre UMC



Outreach activities in December

- Through the Angel program from Foothill Unity, we collected gifts for more than 30 children from low-income families
- Alternative Gift Fair/Boutique/Bake sale - Despite an attendance drop due to Covid and rain, we had a successful event. Thanks to everyone who created, baked or donated!
- Alternative Gifts for local and global charities - \$1145
- Boutique & Bake sale - \$750 - designated for Family Promise

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.



Is it too early to remind you about crafting for next 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



- 8 Brenda Walkiewicz
- 18 Bob Travis
- 24 Dawn Suzuki Elachi
- 25 Norma Nava
- 28 Joyce Kenyon



- 4 Laura and Rich Snyder
- 7 Millie and Dr. Richard Mittleman
- 12 Susan and Bob Ross



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also contact us at our email addresses:

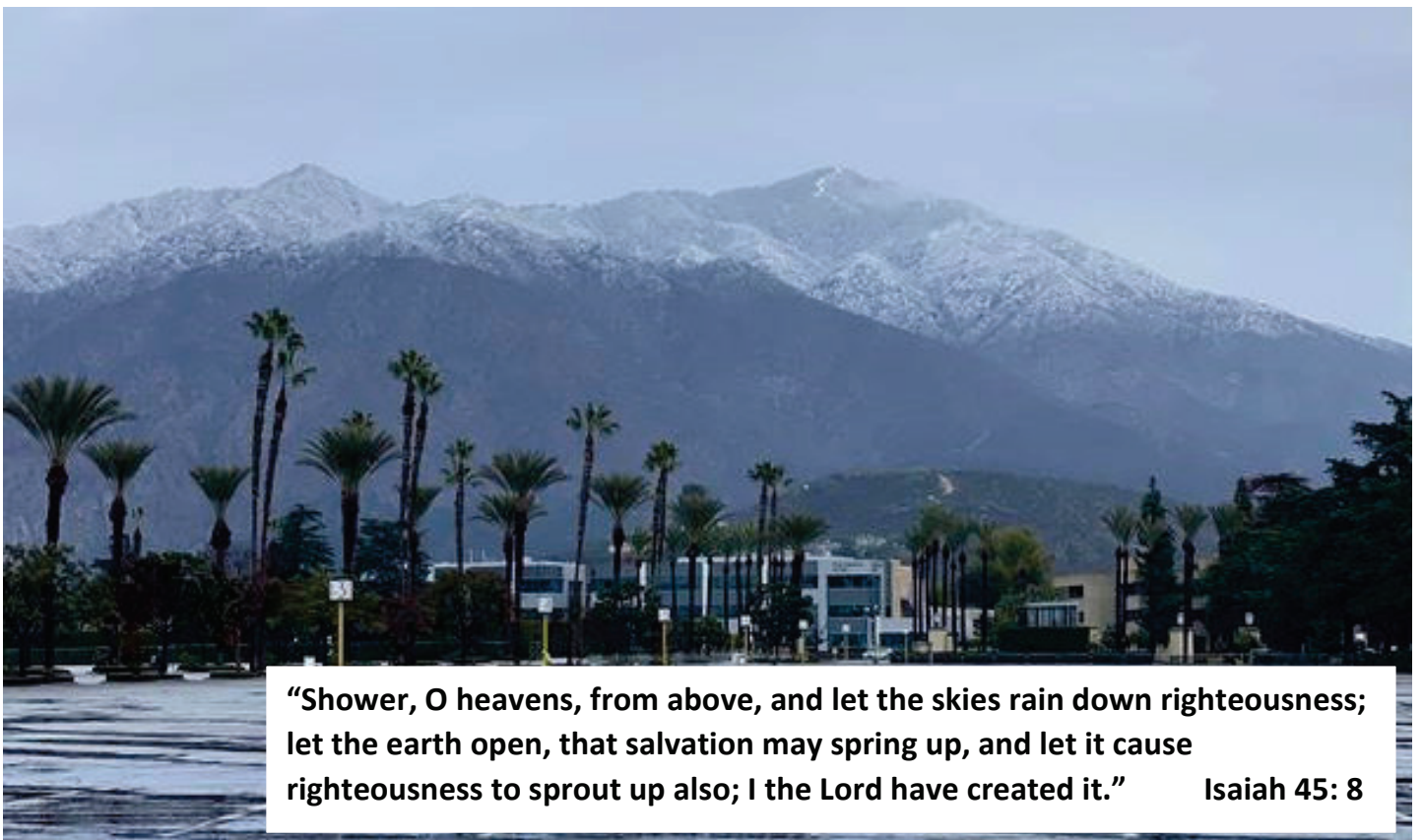
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**“Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause
righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it.” Isaiah 45: 8**

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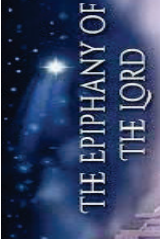




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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>1 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p> 	<p>2 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Baptism of the Lord 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Epiphany Brunch – HH</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BIBLE-IN-ONE-YEAR 2022 Wrap-Up 2:30 p.m. - LL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BIBLE-IN-ONE-YEAR 2022 Wrap-Up 6:00 p.m. - LL</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.,</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House VERIFY DATE</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>National Escape Day</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>