



MARCH 2024



# THE TRYLON

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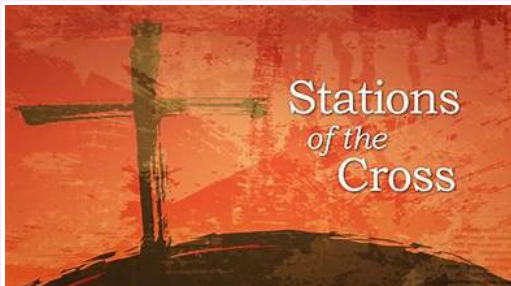
## *'March'ing Towards Easter* SMUMC Holy Week Activities



### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Worship at 9:30 a.m.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

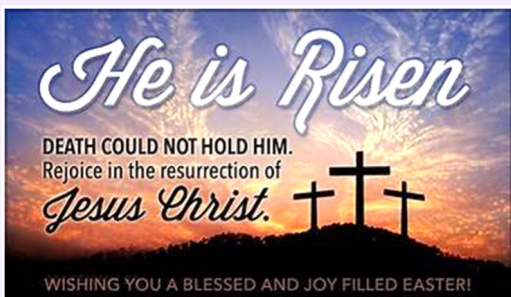
Mater Dolorosa – 6:00 p.m.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. – HH



### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## A Message from PASTOR JAE

### “Our Life as a Mission. Would you join Jesus in His marching?”



On the first day I joined the Army in South Korea, I was nervous with all the new faces and surroundings. Only two colors, gray and green welcomed me. The feelings of being left alone, far from family and friends, was scary. The next day, however, I was no longer nervous. At 6:00 in the morning there were shouts, calling us to wake up. “Line up! Line up!” Marching together was one of our daily routines from the morning to the evening. For every meal time, we had to walk together in the form of march.

Most of us were college students who didn’t do much for our physical fitness. We were not only physically vulnerable, but also emotionally vulnerable. “Line up! Line up!” As I was used to it, a question dawned on me like a person who was pretty much accustomed to our own individual habits and preferences.

One day in the early morning formation at 6:00, one of our crew was late, only one minute late. What happened? We were told that all of us were responsible, and we had to take punishment by doing extra physical training exercises. We had to creep and crawl together. It was a challenging punishment. Then, three words of complaint got into everybody. “Because of you!” After the punishment, there were some instructions for all of us. “Whenever one of you is missing, you are the ones who are responsible. It’s a communal responsibility. Without taking good care of each other, you cannot survive here in the Army. Survive as a team!” Wow... Sometimes in the classrooms, and other times in muddy fields, we grew as a team. The six-week training shaped us to survive as a team of friends and comrades. Marching together was one of the routines through which we could build up the comradeship and the team spirit.

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“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened. I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. You will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29). The yoke seems to be a shackle. Then why does Jesus invite us to join him in his yoke? Is Jesus inviting us to march together with him? What is the reason that the church set Lent for us at this time? Why has the church set the Lenten season as a seasonal tradition in the beginning of the year?



When Jesus sent out his twelve disciples, he did it two by two. We know why he didn't send the whole twelve together. We are aware why Jesus let them go out to the villages two by two. Walking two by two, they didn't overwhelm the villagers. Walking two by two, they learned how to be an intimate comrade for each other during that mission. They learned that their life was simply a mission, all by itself.

That's what I am learning these days in this Lenten season. I am honored that my life itself is being shaped to be a mission by Father God. I am grateful that I am invited to Jesus in his march of Lent. Our lives are a mission. Would you join Jesus in His marching? Would you join Jesus in His Lenten mission? I am glad that God continues to shape us to a mission team.

Blessings,

Pastor Jae Lew

## **ANY GOLFERS OUT THERE?**

**Here's a fundraising opportunity for Friends In Deed**

**Golf at Brookside Golf Club  
Friday, April 5, 2024**





## **March Lectionary Readings:**

March 3 Exod. 20: 1-17; 1 Cor. 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

March 10 Num. 21: 4-9; Eph. 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21

March 17 Jer. 31: 31-34; Heb. 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

March 24 **PALM SUNDAY:**

Palms liturgy – Mark 11: 1-11

Passion liturgy – Isa. 50: 4-9; Phil. 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

**HOLY WEEK:**

March 25 Isa. 42: 1-9; Heb. 9: 11-15; John 12: 1-11

March 26 Isa. 49: 1-7; 1 Cor. 1: 18-31; John 12: 20-36

March 27 Isa. 50: 4-9a; Heb. 12: 1-3; John 13: 21-32

March 28 Exod. 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17; 31b-35

March 29 Isa. 52: 13 – 53: 12; Heb. 10: 16-25; John 18: 1 – 19: 42

March 30 Job 14: 1-14; 1 Pet. 4: 1-8; Matt. 27: 57-66 or John 19: 38-42

March 31 **EASTER SUNDAY:**

Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

## **Psalms for March:**

March 3 Psalm 19

March 10 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

March 17 Psalm 51: 1-12

March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (Palm liturgy)

Psalm 31: 9-16 (Passion liturgy)

**HOLY WEEK:**

March 25 Psalm 36: 5-11

March 26 Psalm 71: 1-14

March 27 Psalm 70

March 28 Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

March 29 Psalm 22

March 30 Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16

March 31 **EASTER SUNDAY:**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

## **Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship themes for March**

March 3	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <i>"Jesus, Architect!"</i> <b>John 2: 8-16</b>
March 10	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>"Having a Purpose?"</i> <b>Ephesians 2: 1-10</b>
March 17	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>"But If It Dies . . ."</i> <b>John 12: 20-28</b>
March 24	<b>PASSION / PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>"Going Into the City"</i> <b>Mark 14: 10-16</b>
Mark 28	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <i>"Having a Meal Together"</i> <b>Exodus 12: 1-12</b>
March 31	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>"I Am Grateful for Easter!"</i> <b>Mark 16: 1-8</b>

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

**WEEKLY SESSIONS CONTINUE Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
through Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**The study book is *"Shifting Sands – A Guidebook for Crossing the Deserts of Change"* by Steve Donahue**

## TIME TO CELEBRATE!



We will have two more centenarians in our Church Family this month!

**Lois Mackey** on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Marna Korell** on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

We're having a little celebration on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Congratulations!

## Share Your Harvest, and your Plants!

We started a plant clinic, which has morphed into a plant exchange. We are also inviting anyone to bring in excess harvest to share.



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

### Please Note:

The food banks to which we send your donations **will not accept** food in opened containers or with expired 'use by' dates. Please just throw them away rather than bringing them to First Sunday.





## **MISSION RECOGNITION SUNDAY - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**UMCOR** is the humanitarian arm of the United Methodist Church, and works globally to alleviate the suffering of those who are victims of natural or man-made disasters. One UMCOR Sunday, United Methodists throughout the world contribute to an offering that underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs so that 100% of gifts given for humanitarian response go directly to communities in need of help.

### **SIERRA MADRE UMC Missions 2023**

This is a good time to recognize the ways in which SMUMC reach out in mission during 2023:

- Rummage Sales – Opportunities for the community to ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’. \$ 6,000. was distributed to six organizations.
- Alternative Gift Fair, Boutique and Bake Sale – 100 % of the proceeds (over \$2,200) went to charitable organizations.
- Coffee Sanctuary – Wednesday mornings.
- Friends In Deed and Foothill Unity Center
  - First Sunday Food Collection
  - School Supply drive in July
  - Tour of Foothill Unity Center in November
  - Angel Christmas Gift Program
- UMC Offerings
  - Six Special Sunday offerings
  - Apportionments
  - Disaster Offerings (Monterey Park shootings, Hawaii fire, Turkey E/Q)
- Choir sang at Arcadia Living and British Home in December
- Worship Service Mission Projects in August
  - Wrote welcome cards for migrants
  - Provided Target cards for Sherman Indian High School
  - Distributed water bottles
- Provided rental space for many individuals and events



## 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 for her rates and services.



**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



March  
BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Roz Towler
- 14 Lois Mackey turns 100!
- 17 John Baier
- 18 Marna Korell turns 100!
- 27 A. J. Hernandez
- 29 David Baier



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**“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

**Psalm 119: 9**

# MARCH

## 2023

### SUNDAY

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### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

<b>3</b> Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	4	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>              6:00 p.m.           </div>	7	1	2
<b>10</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship <b>UMCOR SUNDAY – Special Off'g.</b> 	11	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>              6:00 p.m.           </div>	14	8	9
<b>17</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Centenarian              Celebration           </div>	18	19  <b>FINANCE COMM.</b> 4:00 p.m.	20 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>              6:00 p.m.           </div>	21	22 <b>SARAH CIRCLE</b> 12:30 p.m. <b>Connie's House</b> <b>VERIFY DATE</b>	23
<b>24</b> Palm / Passion Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>  <b>Mater Dolorosa</b> 6:00 p.m.	27 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>              6:00 p.m.           </div>	<b>28</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday Seder</b> 6:00 p.m. - HH	<b>29</b> 	30
<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 	1	2	3	4	<b>5</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <b>Abbreviations</b>              LL = Library Lounge              SH = Sierra House              SHCR = SH Conference Room              HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall              WC = Wesley Chapel           </div>	