



MAY 2024



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SPRING RALLY DAY
at the Parsonage!

Sunday, May 5, 2024
– after worship.

Join us in fellowship on Sunday, May 5th ! Bring your family and friends to the Parsonage after worship so everyone can get to know one another. Delicious Korean Barbeque awaits!

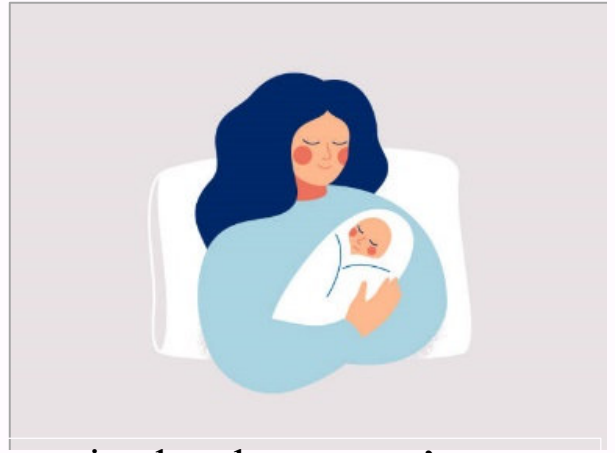


Photo from August 2022

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“Aren’t You Proud of Your Church?”

Years ago, when my wife Yang went into labor for our first baby, it was about midnight, I was nervous without knowing what to do. During labor, surprisingly enough, Yang gave me specific instructions. “Call a taxi and take me to the hospital with the bag I prepared.” As we arrived at the woman’s hospital, I had to awaken the nurse on duty. She didn’t look happy.



Pains would ebb and flow, every five minutes, every three minutes, then every two minutes. For the moment of the first baby, I thought I had educated myself well about how I could be prepared. However, all that learning hardly helped a new young dad handle the labor process. The doctor didn’t prescribe a pain reliever, but Yang was able to sustain herself through the pain. As her pain attacked every minute, she was moved to a birth room, which I was not allowed to enter. Waiting anxiously outside the room, I was also in labor, waiting for the first cry of the baby. With a few of fragile cries, my first baby was born as morning broke. I was proud of my wife Yang. I was also proud of my first baby.

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now” (Romans 8:22). Thankfully, that morning, I was able to be born again as a dad, with a realization that giving birth was not possible without pain. I was proud of myself.

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The day after tomorrow, Saturday, we are going to have the rummage sale for our community. I am excited and proud of our church families and friends who were preparing for this wonderful community event. I have witnessed every single item being born again through the rummaging hands of our women's group.

As each item was appropriately finding its own place, I would visit each table, wandering through the fellowship hall. It was a walk of blessing with the hope that every single item would have a new life with a new person. It is a proudful walk for our church and community. What can I do for this holy task of our church families and friends? If the coffee aromas of my free coffee sanctuary permeate around this Saturday, I will be happy and grateful. I am proud of our church. I love my church, Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.



“The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want” (Psalms 23:1)

Blessings,

Pastor Jae Lew

May Lectionary Readings:

- May 5 Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 1: 1 – 2:2; John 15: 9-17
- May 12 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 17: 6-19
Ascension Sunday
Acts 1: 1-11; Eph. 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53
- May 19 Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
- May 26 Isa. 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

Psalms for May:

- May 5 Psalm 98
- May 12 Psalm 1, Psalm 47
- May 19 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
- May 26 Psalm 29

Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship themes for May

- May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday
“Walking Beyond the Boundary”
Acts 10: 17-23, 44-48
- May 12
Seventh Sunday of Easter
“The Holy Fires in Jesus”
John 17: 9-19
- May 19
Day of Pentecost
Guest Preacher Rev. Stephen Stewart
- May 26
Trinity Sunday
Guest Preacher Jeanne Lavieri



Just to keep you informed of what is going on in the wider United Methodist Church!

General Conference of the United Methodist Church

The 2020 General Conference was set to happen in Minneapolis, Minnesota, until the pandemic made it necessary to postpone the quadrennial legislative event until 2024. The postposed 2020 conference will now be held from April 28 to May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Meeting every four years, General Conference is the only entity that speaks for the denomination and is the top policy-making body of the UMC. The *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, updated every four years, incorporates changes made by General Conference.

East District Conference

The East District of the California-Pacific Conference will hold its annual meeting by ZOOM on May 11, 2024

California-Pacific Conference

The California-Pacific Conference will hold its annual conference from June 12 to June 15, 2024, in Burbank, California.

Voting members for all these meetings are made up of half clergy and half laity. Pastor Jae and I are SMUMC's voting representatives for the Cal-Pac and East District Conferences.

Jill Schofield, Lay Member of Annual Conference

CHURCH HISTORY

Do you have any old 35mm slides that are relevant to the history of Sierra Madre UMC? If you are willing, we will scan them to make them available digitally for our historical record.

Jill



FALL RUMMAGE SALE DATES

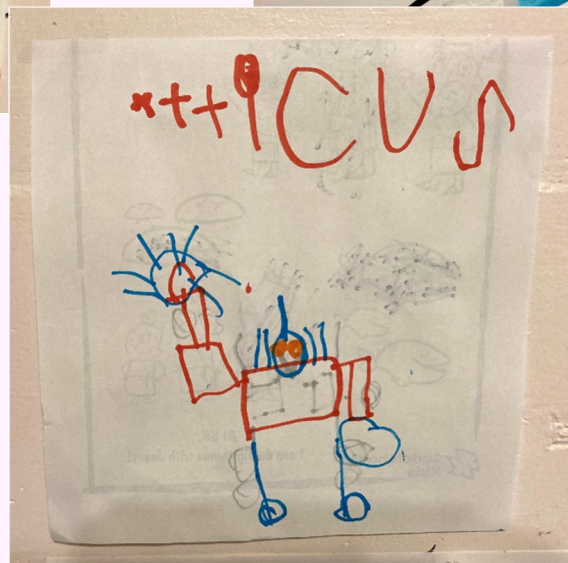
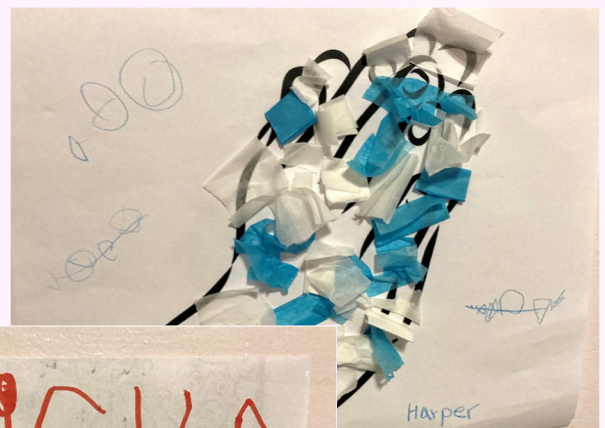
Saturday, October 12th, 2024

Rummage Move Day

Sunday, September 29th

Rummage Work Day

Saturday, September 5th



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
ART
PROJECTS

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.



Lay Staff Appreciation Day – April 21, 2024



Speaking for myself, I so appreciated your appreciation – on that day and always!

**Stephanie Lan, yours truly,
Francisco Acero and Pastor Jae**



STEP ONE COMPLETED!

We are working to remodel the Church Office, and one of the first requirements was to find more space. The requirement that we retain our records and files was pushing the limits of the available room in the office.

This small closet in Sierra House will serve to keep lots of boxes safe and out of the Office!

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

Sally Follett's
house

*Celebrate
May Birthdays*



- 1 Janet Ten-Eyck
- 3 Yvonne Johnson
- 6 Chloe Mira Ku
- 17 Leticia Bridal
- 24 Cindy Crismer
Jennifer Schofield
- 28 Elise Hernandez
- 30 Liz Mackey-Peterson



25 Ning and Scott Basinger

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:

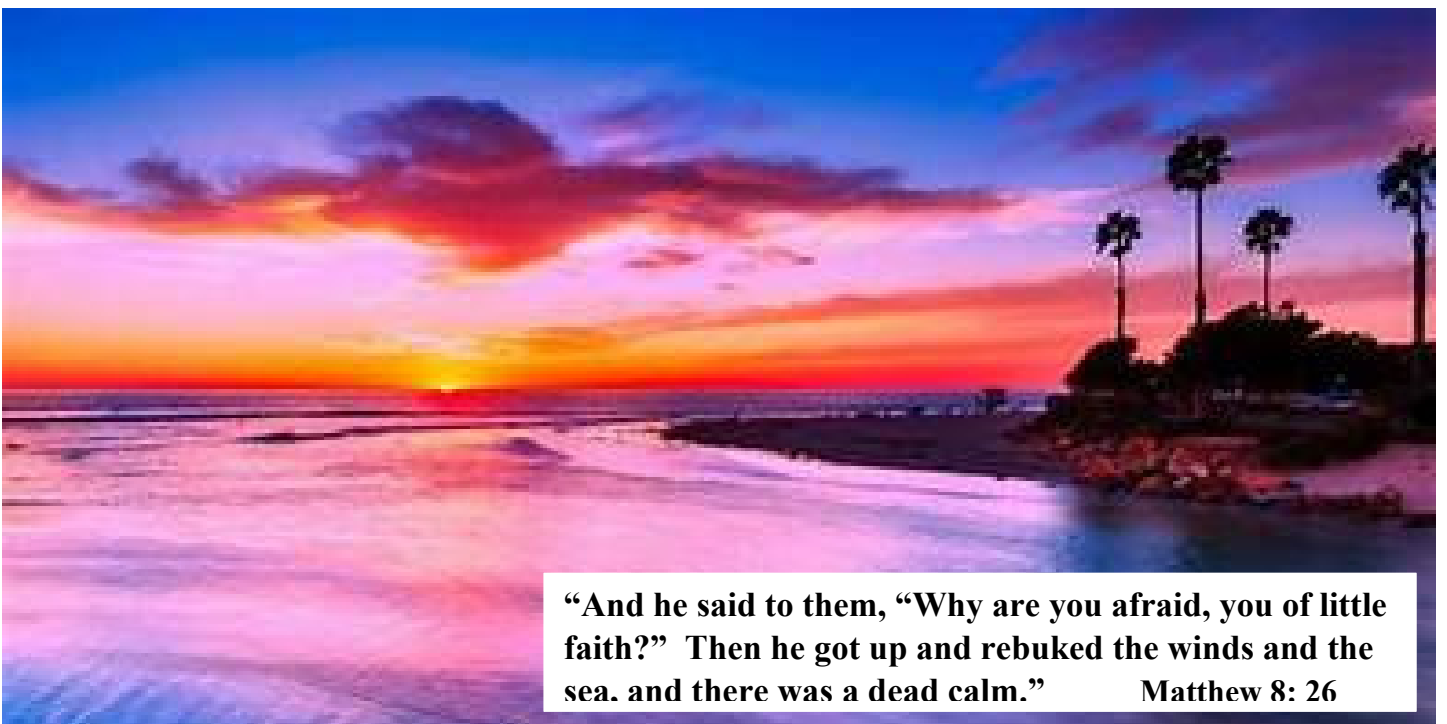
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“And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea. and there was a dead calm.” Matthew 8: 26

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel			 <p>Happy May Day!</p>	 <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> LA SALLE HS AP TESTING – SETUP HH, WC & LL </div>		
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. – SPRING RALLY DAY at the Parsonage	 <p>NATIONAL NURSES DAY</p>	 <p>National Teacher Day</p>		 <p>THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – HH, WC, LL </div>		 <p>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS Stamp Out Hunger FOOD DRIVE</p>
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – HH, WC, LL </div>						
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> YANG AND PASTOR JAE ON VACATION – May 13th to May 26th </div>					 <p>NATIONAL BARBECUE DAY</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> UHRA PANCAKE BREAKFAST HH – 9:00 a.m. </div>
18 Day of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Stephen Stewart </div>	 <p>HAPPY WORLD BEE DAY</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m. </div>	 <p>HAPPY NATIONAL SOLITAIRE DAY</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Sally's House FRIDAY, 5/24 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> RENTAL Sanctuary 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. </div>		
27 Trinity Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> GUEST PREACHER Jeanne Lavieri </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED </div>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR</p>				<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>It's National Smile Day!</i></p>  <p><i>Wear your best smile and be the reason why others smile today!</i></p> </div>		