



**AUGUST
2025**



THE TRYLON

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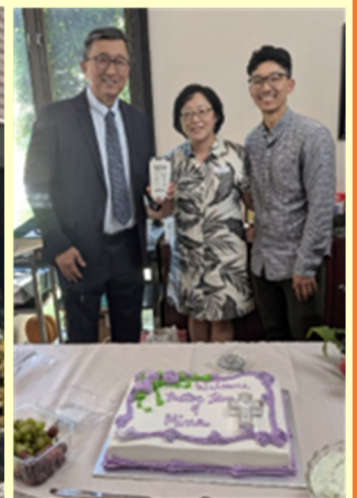
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Pastor John Yoon celebrated his first worship at SMUMC on Communion Sunday, July 6, 2025. We met his wife Mina and son Chris, and welcomed them with gifts and a special reception afterwards.



A Message from PASTOR JOHN YOON

It's been a busy month for Mina and me, to say the least—but we've finally moved into your lovely parsonage. We still have some boxes to unpack, but we're slowly settling in. We're looking forward to making it our home and enjoying the space.

We've also begun exploring the beautiful area of Sierra Madre, meeting a few people along the way—and even running into some of you at local restaurants. Once again, Mina and I are deeply grateful for your warm and gracious welcome. We already feel right at home and are excited to journey with you in the days ahead.

Some of you may still be away on summer vacations, so I haven't had the chance to meet everyone just yet. But I look forward to connecting with you as the fall season approaches. In the meantime, I'm praying for travel mercies for all who are on the road this summer.

Mina and I love to travel as well. Though we wouldn't call ourselves seasoned travelers, we've found great wisdom in a quote by Wilferd Peterson from his book *The Art of Traveling*. These words have guided us, and I hope they will serve you well on your own travels—whether literal, figurative, or spiritual, including the journey God has brought us on together here in Sierra Madre:

1. **Travel lightly:** You are not traveling for people to see you! (Remember, Jesus always encouraged his disciples to travel light. In Mark 6:8–9, Jesus “charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.” In our culture, which often emphasizes accumulating material things, Jesus reminds us to focus on God's provision and on what truly matters.)
2. **Travel hopefully:** “To travel hopefully,” wrote Robert Stevenson, “is better than to arrive.”
3. **Travel humbly:** Visit people and places with reverence and respect for their traditions and ways of life.
4. **Travel gratefully:** Show appreciation for the many things that are being done by others for your enjoyment and comfort.
5. **Travel with an open mind:** Leave your prejudices at home.

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6. **Travel fearlessly:** Banish worry and timidity; the world and its people belong to you just as you belong to the world.
7. **Travel patiently:** It takes time to understand others, especially when there are barriers of language and custom; keep flexible and adaptable to all situations.
8. **Travel with the spirit of a world citizen:** You'll discover that people are basically much the same the world around. Be an ambassador of good will (God) to all people.

And so, we have begun our journey together here in Sierra Madre on a good note. May God fill it with many wonderful stories of faith, and may His travel mercies be with us all. Amen.

Your friend and pastor,
John



ARE YOU TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?
IF YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE A PHOTO
OR TWO FROM YOUR VACATION,
YOU MIGHT JUST SEE THEM IN
THE NEXT TRYLON! Email to
sierramadreumc@gmail.com
or text to Sue at 626-513-3571,
if that's easier. *Bon Voyage!*

Thank you to everyone who donated to the School Supplies Drive last month! Your contributions of items and funds will benefit many local families served by Foothill Unity Center and Friends In Deed.



AUGUST Lectionary Readings:

August 3 – **8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Hos 11:1-11; Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 10 – **9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isa 1:1, 10-20; Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 17 – **10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isa 5:1-7; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 24 – **11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Jer 1:4-10; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 31 - **12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Jer 2:4-13; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

PSALMS for AUGUST:

August 3 Psalm 107

August 10 Psalm 50

August 17 Psalm 80

August 24 Psalm 71

August 31 Psalm 81

Pastor John's Sermon titles and Worship Scripture for AUGUST

August 3 **8th Sunday After Pentecost/Communion Sunday**

"Greed Is Not Good"

Luke 12:13-21

August 10 **9th Sunday After Pentecost**

"Discerning the Times"

Luke 12:32-40

August 17 **10th Sunday After Pentecost**

"You Are Not Alone"

1 Kings 19:1-18

August 24 **11th Sunday After Pentecost**

"Mercy Rules"

Luke 13:10-17

August 31 **12th Sunday After Pentecost**

Guest Preacher TBA



On Sunday, June 29, **SUSAN ROSS** was our guest preacher. She is a Certified Lay Speaker. Susan's husband Bob and their friend Laura Eklund were here to celebrate her, along with family members.



WE NEED YOU!!! PLEASE CHECK THE EASEL BOARD IN THE NARTHEX AND SIGN UP TO HELP IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

Usher Duty – See Peg Schuster for details

Coffee Fellowship – See Liz Mackey-Peterson for details

Altar Flowers – See Sue Behrens for details

Scripture Reader – See Jill Schofield for details



**JULY BIRTHDAYS
CELEBRATED
LAST MONTH:
← JAN BENDER,
CANDACE TAYLOR,
ANN DECHAIR-
MARINO, AND
SUSAN ROSS. →
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
LADIES!**



In case you're not on Facebook, here are some photos that we posted recently.



Mama and Papa Dove built their nest under the eaves of the church, right outside the office door!



The two perfect eggs were laid sometime around July 14th and hatched around July 29th. Hopefully the young hatchlings will thrive and grow and take flight in a couple of weeks!

"Who are these who fly like a cloud and like the doves to their lattices?" Isaiah 60:8

Meet, Greet & Eat with Pastor John and Mina!

During August and September, we will be holding a series of small-group dinner gatherings (8-10 people) to welcome Pastor John and Mina Yoon into our church family. Two have been scheduled so far: August 9th at the home of Sally Follett, and August 23rd at Jill Schofield's. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays in the narthex. If you are willing to host such an event either at your home or a restaurant, on a Saturday or Sunday early evening, please let Sue know.

Pastor John and Mina look forward to sharing fellowship, food and fun at these small, intimate gatherings while getting to know our congregation!



July 6, 2025
Josh Locatell,
← Usher.
The
CHILDREN'S
MOMENT →
“What is
Church?” Led
by Yojin Kim,
with Pastor
John, Atticus
and Harper
Kim.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!!

It's time to start making items for this year's Alternative Gift Fair that takes place in December!

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE DATE
SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER
25th, AND RUMMAGE MOVING
DAY IS SUNDAY, 10/12/25.
WE BETTER GET BUSY!!**

13 REASONS TO JOIN OUR SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB:

1. Meet people outside of your usual circle
2. An inexpensive activity
3. Reading is good for brain stimulation and health
4. You read differently when you're going to discuss it
5. Prompts discussion with others
6. Reading offers choices, expands horizons
7. Read a book you might not have chosen – adds diversity
8. Fun to meet and chat
9. Pushes you to finish a book by the gathering date
10. Encourages background reading
11. Makes you a better conversationalist
12. Increases vocabulary
13. Dinosaurs did not read – look what happened to them!

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The **AUGUST** meeting will be held on Friday, **AUGUST 22nd**, at 12:30 p.m. at the residence of Sally Follett.



This month we are reading "*The Five Wishes of Murray McBride*" by Joe Siple. The story of a 100-year-old man and a terminally ill 10-year-old boy accomplishing 5 wishes. It is touching, funny, and sometimes sad."

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!



**Sarah Circle
Book Club meets
on Fourth Fridays
12:30 p.m.**

**Sally Follett's
house**

CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced.

Call Sally Follett if you want to meet her individually to make cards.



- 1 Pastor Jae Lew**
- 6 Joe Schuster**
- 9 Sue Behrens**
- 18 Carol Anne Werthwein**
- 23 Francisco Acero**
- 27 Rich Snyder**
- 27 Carrie Snyder**
- 28 Annemarie Werthwein**

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to an upcoming Tylon, please email Sue: sierramadreumc@gmail.com



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can also contact us at our email address.

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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. Thank you very much!



August 2025 SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>3 9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>CAF Bible Study till 2:00 p.m. - LL</p>
<p>17 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Sally's Follett's House</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CAF Bible Study till 2:00 p.m. - LL</p> <p>MEET, GREET & EAT WITH PASTOR JOHN & MINA!</p>
<p>24 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 
<p>31 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship- LL</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	