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“...all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.”

Ephesians 5:13

A Message from **PASTOR JAE**

"The Path We Walk Together"



Since learning of my new appointment, I've noticed a quiet habit settling in me: treasuring. Every part of life at Sierra Madre feels more alive now—like a page turning slowly, as if the story isn't quite ready to end.

The "wistaria" patio beside the Library Lounge is one of those treasured places. The two benches behind the sanctuary, sheltered by the tall coast redwoods and fig trees, are another. Not long ago, wistaria blossoms spilled over the patio in a lavender fragrance. Now they're gone, leaving behind a canopy of green—and the lingering memory of camp-out night with our children. Around the two benches, stillness gathers like a soft prayer. A grateful peace settles in, carried by gentle breezes and the many memories of worship shared here over the past three years. It has been a healing. It has been a blessing.

A man of wisdom once said, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Trusting that there is a time to be appointed in and a season to be appointed out, I place myself in God's hands, wondering in faith what lies ahead on my path of calling.

I remember the day I first unpacked the moving boxes. I asked myself: *How much energy do I still have? What if my English isn't enough?* As I Googled to find the right words for my first sermon, I was nervous and afraid. My lips were dull, and my mind felt slow. But after that first Sunday, it felt as if God had placed me exactly where I needed to be. You welcomed me and my family—not just as newcomers, but as your own. I felt at home. I could be myself.

You prayed with me. You laughed with me. I was able to work beside you. I was blessed as you shared joys and concerns in every season. In your presence, I found healing I didn't know I needed, and strength I didn't know I had. The rummage sales, the Free Coffee Sanctuary, the costume Sunday, Christmas caroling, the relief stations after the Eaton Fire... and the children's moments—bubbles, balloons and paper planes.



Thank you—for your kindness, your trust, your stories, and your faith. Thank you for letting me walk with you. This is what we did together: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field" (Matthew 13:44).



As I take my leave, I do so with a full heart. I carry your love with me. I carry your prayers. And I leave mine with you. After the front lawn project was completed, one of my grateful joys has been walking the new cart path—heading toward Michillinda Avenue, then turning beside the wall toward the parking lot. Each time I walk it, I feel as if God is leading us forward—into the world out there, together with Him. God never stops until the final day of victory.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May Christ's peace guard your hearts. And may the Spirit lead you forward—with childlike awe, with courage, and with joy.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jae Lew

Pastor Jae's last Sunday at SMUMC will be June 15th and we be celebrating his and Yang's ministry with us at a luncheon after worship, upstairs in Hartzell Hall.

JUNE Lectionary Readings:

June 1 – **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Acts 16:16-34; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

June 8 – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-21; Rom. 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

June 15 – **1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/FATHER'S DAY**

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 22 – **2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 29 - **3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Gal. 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

PSALMS for JUNE:

June 1 Psalm 97

June 8 Psalm 104:24-34

June 15 Psalm 8

June 22 Psalm 42

June 29 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship scripture for JUNE

June 1

Ascension Sunday/Communion Sunday

"The Story's Not Over"

Acts 1: 1-11

June 8

Pentecost Sunday

"Greater Works? Really?"

John 14: 7-14

June 15

First Sunday after Pentecost

"Still Sent for His Dream!"

Matthew 28: 16-20

June 22

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor: Rev. Stephen Stewart

Sermon and Scripture reading TBA

June 29

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor TBA

Sermon and Scripture reading TBA



SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The **JUNE** meeting will be held on Friday, **JUNE 27th**, at 12:30 p.m. at the residence of Sally Follett. This month we are reading ***“What You Are Looking For Is in the Library”*** by Michiko Aoyama.

A Message from Jill Schofield, Lay Leader:

Here is a picture I took at our welcoming event for Pastor Jae & Family back in 2022.

What will **YOU** remember from the last 3 years at SMUMC? Here is my partial list:

- “Children’s Moment” first once a month then every week, children’s Sunday School first in the basement then expanding to the Chapel, Sunday School teachers stepping forward, camping on campus...
- Men’s pancake breakfasts and fellowship
- Pinwheels and plants everywhere...
- Celebrations of baptisms, confirmations, graduations, new members, 100th (and 101st) birthdays, well-lived lives remembered, SMUMC 70th anniversary...
- Beautiful voices during worship, carol singing at local senior living homes, talent shows, whistling with joy, substitute pianist/organist, solos
- Amazing flower arrangements and refreshment times, barbecues at the Parsonage...
- Coffee sanctuary weekly and at rummage sales, fame as the local barista pastor!
- Post-fire efforts to bring healing to the community, delivery of supplies and letters to fire-affected families, Candlelight Walk,
- Lent & Advent studies, PowerPoint screens during worship, Seder meal, Stations of the Cross, customized prayers and liturgy
- What we don’t see behind the scenes: visitations, counseling, networking, prayer.
- Add your own memories here...

And always boundless energy, enthusiasm, and new ideas!!

Thank you, Pastor Jae, Yang, and your wonderful daughters for all the inspiration!



At worship on Sunday, 5/18/25, Shirley Lew Played and sang “Goodness of God”. Afterwards, she was honored at Coffee Fellowship to celebrate her graduation from USC with a master’s degree in social work. **Congratulations Shirley!**



On Wednesday, May 28, 2025, Pastor Jae and Yang took a carload of friends to see Jo Ann Williams at her new home in Seal Beach. She was so happy to see Yang, Sally Follett, Ann Dechairo-Marino and Pastor Jae! They enjoyed box lunches together and shared memories and laughter!



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

May, 18, 2025

"To the Rescue!"

With retired
Sierra Madre Fire Department
Captain Rich Snyder



Pastor Jae administered the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation during the service on Sunday, May 25th. Joshua Locatell was baptized, and Jonathon Light was confirmed, making them the newest members of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.

Praying for a successful sale...



Prayers answered: the 2025 Spring Rummage Sale broke all previous sales records! Hallelujah!



Pastor Jae and family served free coffee and tea drinks to the thirsty bargain hunters!



Eager shoppers were lined up to the parking lot waiting for the sale to open on Saturday, May 31st.



A message from Sue Behrens, Administrative Assistant

Although I have only worked with Pastor Jae a short time, I have really enjoyed getting to know him. He is a kind and gentle person, patient, and respectful of others. He mostly left me to my work, but when he did come to my office, he would always announce himself and tap on my door before entering. After his day off on Monday, we would sometimes talk about his Sunday sermon on Tuesday morning. I enjoyed how he cited current events or people to show comparisons to the day's scripture reading, making it very relatable, and I often shared them with my family members. Sometimes he would ask me what I thought of a particular sermon title or phrase, and he made me feel comfortable enough to offer my input. He was also very complimentary of my work which made me feel appreciated!

Although we are sad to see Pastor Jae and Yang and family leave us, their impact on this community will remain forever. Ridgecrest UMC is lucky to have them!



We will be welcoming
Rev. John Yoon
and his wife to
SMUMC in July.
More information
to follow in the
July Trylon!

San Gabriel Valley UMC Mission Area churches
are hosting a Summer BBQ on June 28th at
Shepherd of the Hills UMC in Monterey Park,
11:30 a.m.
Sierra Madre UMC has committed
to bring desserts.



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.



8 John Werthwein
22 Sandra Hernandez
23 June Drenten
27 Tristen Thompson-Suzuki

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

4 Candace & Robert Taylor
19 Peg & Joe Schuster

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



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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship-LL FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY	2	3 	4 	5 1:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Wesley Chapel	6	7 CAF POTLUCK
8 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship-LL	9	10 	11	12	13	14 
41st ANNUAL CAL-PAC CONFERENCE 6/11-6/14 INDIAN WELLS, CA						
15 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. - FAREWELL for PASTOR JAE, YANG & FAMILY - HH Happy Father's Day	16	17 FINANCE COMM. 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	18 Friends of the Library Banquet	19 	20 	21 CAF POTLUCK
22 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship-LL	23 	24	25 	26	27 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Sally's House	28 John Wesley's Birthday 1703 
29 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship- LL	30	1	2	3	4 Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	