



**OCTOBER
2025**



THE TRYLON

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**RALLY DAY
2025
STARTED IN
THE DARK,
WITH AN
UNEXPECTED
POWER
OUTAGE!!
CANDLES,
OPEN
WINDOWS
AND LOUD
VOICES KEPT
US GOING!!**

**STEPHANIE LAN AND SCOTT
BASINGER'S BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DIDN'T REQUIRE ANY
AMPLIFICATION!
DURING THE OFFERTORY, THEY
PLAYED "GREAT IS THY
FAITHFULNESS" with "HIS EYE IS
ON THE SPARROW" by William
M. Runyan/Charles Gabriel.**



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

Dear Friends,

October is always a full and vibrant month in the life of our church, and my first year with you is no exception! We begin with the gift of World Communion Sunday on October 5, when Christians from every nation and tradition gather around Christ's table. What a beautiful reminder that we belong to something much greater than ourselves—God's global family.



October is also the month of our Stewardship Campaign, which begins in worship on October 12 with the theme:

“Faithful Stewards of God’s Grace: Stewardship 2026.”

Grounded in the words of 1 Peter 4:10— *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”* (NIV)—we are invited to reflect on how God is calling us to serve and to give in the coming year.

Being faithful stewards means far more than financial giving. It means offering our gifts, time, and talents to strengthen the church’s ministry in Sierra Madre and beyond. It takes all of us—serving in both big and small ways—to sustain this beautiful church that blesses our community in countless ways. This month, you will be invited to make a commitment for 2026: a commitment to live generously, serve faithfully, and give joyfully.

Along the way, October will bring many opportunities for fellowship, free concerts, and service. Our Rummage Sale is a wonderful chance not only to clear out our closets but also to support the ministries of our church. Weekly worship remains a place of renewal, encouragement, and praise, and our Bible Study offers the chance to go deeper into God’s Word together.



On October 19, we will celebrate Laity Sunday, an important day in the United Methodist tradition that honors the ministry of laypersons alongside ordained clergy. This year's theme, "Together by Grace," beautifully complements our Stewardship theme, reminding us that God calls us to serve side by side as one body in Christ.

Yes, October will be busy—this month's *Trylon* newsletter is filled with information about upcoming events.

I'm especially grateful to Sue in the office for her faithful work in putting together such a wonderful newsletter for us each month. This season will be filled with rich opportunities to grow in faith and to live out our calling as God's people. I look forward to sharing every part of it with you.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor John

Weekly Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor John

When: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning October 2nd

Where: Library Lounge

Take a pause in the middle of your busy week to be refreshed in prayer and God's Word. Join Pastor John for a time of reflection, study, and sharing prayers together. Come as you are—find encouragement, hope, and strength for the journey ahead. Please bring your own bible.



OCTOBER Lectionary Readings:

October 5 – **17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Lam 1:1-6; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 12 – **18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF**

Jer 29:1, 4-7; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 19 – **19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/LAITY SUNDAY**

Jer 31:27-34; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 26 – **20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Joel 2:23-32; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

PSALMS for OCTOBER:

October 5 Psalm 137

October 12 Psalm 66

October 19 Psalm 119 or 19

October 26 Psalm 65

RALLY DAY WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



← Blessing
of the
backpacks
for the
little kids...
and
briefcases
or purses
for the
“big” kids!
→



← Rally Day was also
Communion Sunday and
Elsa Yue was our steward.
She provided the orchid
arrangement on the altar
as well. Rich Snyder →
our newest usher,
collecting tithes and
offerings.





FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Moving Day: Sunday, October 12.

Volunteers needed most days until the Sale Date: Saturday, Oct. 25.

Workdays almost daily from 10/12 to 10/25, and will be announced.

Helpers needed for day of sale.

**CONTACT CINDY CRISMER WITH QUESTIONS
OR TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!**

Rummage Sale donations wanted! We have plenty of room for clothes in good condition – nothing torn, stained, faded or with broken zippers – we have a reputation to maintain! Jewelry and handbags/backpacks are big sellers, so clean out those jewelry boxes and closets! Please – NO MORE BOOKS!



← During worship on Rally Day, Jaden Miller gave a report about his time at UMC Senior High Camp in Wrightwood.

It sounded like he had a great time participating in all the activities!

Jan Bender shared liturgist duty → with Susan Ross and read from a Braille version of Luke 14:25-33. She joked that the power outage didn't affect her!



LITURGISTS WANTED!

Do you enjoy reading aloud? Do people tell you that you have a great voice? Are you a storyteller? Would you like to be more involved here at SMUMC? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then we may have a job for YOU! Pastor John is looking for willing candidates to be trained as liturgists and added to our revolving roster of readers. You'll be giving back to your community in a truly rewarding way. Please see Pastor John or email the church office if you are interested: sierramadreumc@gmail.com.

TWO FREE CONCERTS THIS MONTH FEATURING MEMBERS OF SMUMC!

ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY and FRIENDS OF ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT

Classical Kaleidoscope



Wednesday
October 8, 2025
7:00 PM
Doors open 6:30 PM
Cay Mortenson Auditorium

FREE CONCERT

The Ghost of Beethoven and the Romance of Mendelssohn

Two classical titans usher in October. The piano trio masterpieces will combine the vivid and sensuous sonorities of Mendelssohn with the shadows and earnestness of Beethoven.

Violinist Paul Stein, pianist Stephanie Lan, and cellist David Mergen will be performing.

For music lovers ages 12+. Seating is limited to the first 112 patrons. Stay to meet the musicians! Reservations are not necessary.

Friends of the Arcadia Public Library will sponsor a silent auction fundraiser at the concert.

ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Arcadia, CA 91709
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www.arcadialibrary.org

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← **Stephanie Lan's
Piano Trio at
Arcadia Public Library –
Wednesday, 10/8,
7:00pm**

**Scott Basinger's →
Swing Band at
First Lutheran Church
in Monrovia – Saturday,
10/11, 5:30pm**

First Lutheran Church
1323 S. Magnolia Ave, Monrovia, CA
FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS ALL WELCOME



**Saturday Oct 11
5:30 PM**

Family Friendly
Free Parking
Dance Area Open
Bring your Picnic Basket & Lawn Chairs

BIG BAND THEORY
Live in Concert

Drinks & Desserts for Sale to Support our 100 Anniversary Celebration!

Contact For More Information:
(636) 357-3543 Ext. 1

MORE RALLY DAY PICS!



Lemony fresh nametags



Let the games begin!



The prize table!



Everyone earned tickets by participating in or winning various games, and got served a delicious taco salad lunch in order of how many total tickets their table had. After some movin' and groovin' and a round of *Name That Tune* with Scott on sax, we made our choices from the table of prizes!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th
PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY
FOR GHOULS AND GALS
DURING COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

IN CASE YOU SEE A CAR
OVERNIGHT in our parking lot
– a 2008 black Toyota
Highlander – it belongs to the
grandson of our neighbor next
door in the Michillinda Pines
townhomes. The young man
has our permission to park
here while he is attending
college locally. We gave him a
parking permit to display on
the dashboard.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

*It's time to start making items for this year's Alternative Gift Fair
that takes place in December.
It'll be here before we know it!*



Watch your
mail for the
annual
stewardship
campaign
letter and
pledge form
arriving
mid-month.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever GIFT
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10

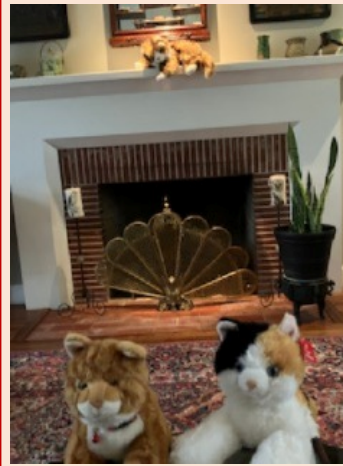
SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The **OCTOBER** meeting will be held on Friday, OCTOBER 24th at 12:30 p.m. at the residence of Sally Follett.



This month's **"blind date with a book"** will keep members in suspense until they get it home and unwrap it!

If you are unable to attend the Club's gatherings but would like to read the book and add your comments to the discussion, you may contact Sally at mylandlady626@yahoo.com.



"We'll Prescribe You a Cat" was the Sarah Circle book selection for September and the cats were anxious to hear what the readers had to say about it!

CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced.

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



Happy October Birthday



- 1 David Crismer
- 3 Dee Suzuki
- 3 Steve Bridal
- 3 Matt Kelley
- 11 Teresa La Voie
- 27 Phyllis Jenkins
- 30 Sue Crisp

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to an upcoming Trylon, 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!



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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	29	30	1  National Pumpkin Seed Day	2 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!	3	4 RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 a.m. CAF Bible Study and Potluck until 2:00 p.m.-HH
5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL AD COUNCIL MEETING FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY	6	7  NATIONAL TACO DAY	8 “CLASSICAL KALEIDOSCOPE” Free Concert – 7:00pm Arcadia Public Library	9 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!	10	11 “BIG BAND THEORY” Free Concert - 5:30pm First Lutheran Church of Monrovia
12 Stewardship Kickoff 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY Rummage Moving Day!	13  INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	14	15  NATIONAL I LOVE LUCY DAY	16 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship-LL LAITY SUNDAY	20	21 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	22	23 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!	24 SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 12:30 p.m. Sally's Follett's House	25 FALL RUMMAGE SALE 8:30am–1:00pm Hartzell Hall
26 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship- LL Pumpkin Carving!!	27	28  NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY	29 ACTS picking up Sale leftovers 12 – 2pm	30 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!	31  Happy Halloween!	6