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APRIL 2025

Holy Week 2025 Schedule

SUNDAY, April 13th

PALM SUNDAY Worship at 9:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary



TUESDAY, April 15th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Mater Dolorosa)
Tour at 6:00 p.m.
Meet in church parking lot at
5:45 p.m. to carpool



THURSDAY, April 17th

HOLY THURSDAY SEDER SERVICE
Service at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY Worship at 9:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

*Don't forget to bring your garden flowers to
Church on Easter morning.
We need to decorate our flower cross!*



A Message from PASTOR JAE

“Expecting an Elegant Ride in this New Season?”



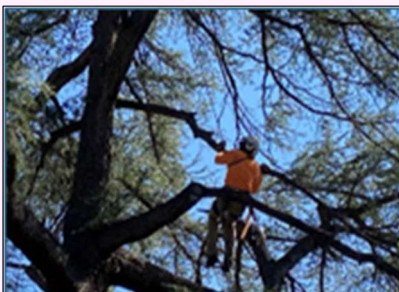
One day before Ash Wednesday, I rode a bike—my daughter Karen’s bike that she left at the parsonage. With the good news that Dale Kauffman has been faithfully riding his bike every day for exercise, I felt inspired to join him.

As he waited at the gate of the parsonage, I had to rush to catch up, having just finished my afternoon task force meeting, and some follow-up work in the office. Grabbing the bike, I quickly joined him in what I hoped would be an elegant ride, gliding through the warm afternoon breezes.

Dale’s bike rolled smoothly, his pedaling was effortless and graceful. Mine? Not so much. The moment I hopped on, I realized something was off. The seat was still adjusted to Karen’s height! It was too low for me. I found myself riding like a grown man trying to balance on children’s tricycle - funny, awkward, and slightly miserable. It was truly an ungraceful sight: a pastor struggling to ride a too-small bike. I expected an elegant ride like Dale’s, but instead, it turned out into a funny and miserable struggle.



Isn’t that how life often feels? We find ourselves struggling, unprepared, or stuck in places where we expect an elegant ride. Yet instead, we stumble our way through. But even in that struggle, something caught my attention that day. Passing the trees, I noticed small, light green buds emerging on the branches, swaying gently in the afternoon breeze. And in that moment, despite my awkward ride, I felt it - the season was changing. Winter was giving way to spring.



Today, our church campus is bustling with the sounds of a little bulldozer and tree-trimming saws. Spring has arrived on our church campus with new projects to restore the church campus, rejuvenating it from the remnants of winter and the scars of wildfire. And guess what? For the past three Wednesdays, I was going to open our coffee sanctuary, but it has rained! Yesterday, the weather finally improved. It was a bit chilly early in the morning, but manageable. Our church's Free Coffee Sanctuary reopened for the first time this year after the wildfire. *"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning"* (Psalm 30:5).

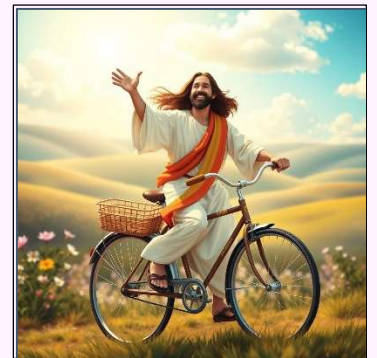
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Yes! Today, March 20, 2025, is the first day of spring in California and the entire Northern Hemisphere. This marks the spring equinox, when day and night are nearly equal in length. From this point forward, daylight hours will gradually increase as we move toward summer.

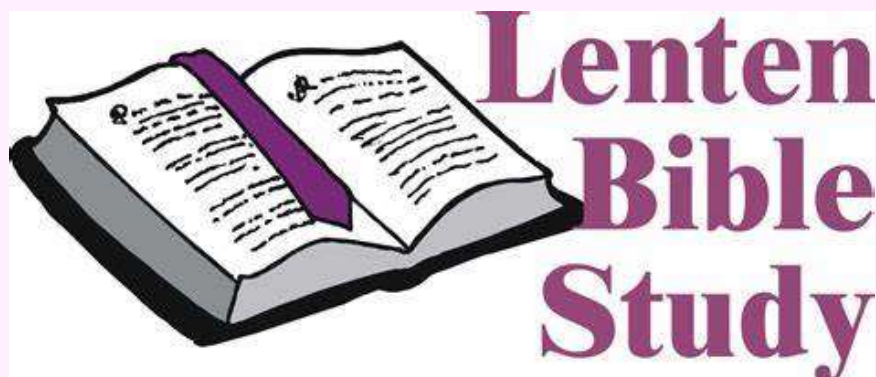
What do you expect in the season of transition? **Do you want that elegant ride? Or will you dare to try a new ride**, though it could be awkward and new to you? Soon, our pace will pick up. Spring Rummage Sale is coming. Reaching out to the families who lost their homes to the fire is part of our present call to be a church in this time of need. In Isaiah 43:19, God declares his determined mind, the promise of renewal: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

This is my hope for this new season. As we faithfully cultivate a thriving forest of God here in Sierra Madre for our suffering world - sincerely gathering for worship, projects, and Lenten study - I believe God will make a way in the wilderness and streams in our suffering community. What kind of ride are you expecting this spring? **What if we joined Jesus on His Lenten ride?** His may not always be the smoothest path, but His will be the most elegant ride of all - one that leads to Easter.



Blessings,

Pastor Jae Lew



**Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.
and Wednesdays at
6:00 p.m.
(with soup)
In the
Library Lounge**

APRIL Lectionary Readings:

April 6 Isaiah 43: 16-21; Phil. 3: 4b-14: 2; John 12: 1-9

April 13 – **PALM SUNDAY**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Phil. 2: 5-11; Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21

April 17 – **HOLY THURSDAY**

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

April 18 - **GOOD FRIDAY**

Isa. 52: 13 – 53: 12; Heb. 10: 16-25; John 18: 1 – 18: 22

April 20 – **EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10: 34-42; 1 Cor. 15: 19-26; John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12

April 27 Acts 6: 27-32; Rev. 1: 4-8; John 20:

PSALMS for APRIL:

April 6 Psalm 126

April 13 Psalm 31: 9-16, Psalm 116: 1-2, 14-24

April 17 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

April 18 Psalm 22

April 20 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

April 27 Psalm 150

Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship scripture for APRIL

April 6 **Fifth Sunday in Lent – Communion Sunday**
 “Joining Jesus?”
 John 12: 1-8

April 13 **Passion / Palm Sunday**
 “The Table of Surrender”
 Luke 22:14-23

April 20 **Easter Sunday**
 “From Rejection to the Cornerstone”
 Psalm 118: 19-26

April 27 **Second Sunday of Easter**
 “From Fear to Peace: The New Community”
 John 20:19-29

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The **APRIL** meeting will be held on Friday, April 25th, at 12:30 p.m.
at the residence of Sally Follett.

This month we are reading "*The Murder of King Tut*"
by James Patterson and Martin Dugard.

Construction continues..... with help from... Pam?



← Pam's spectacular Farewell cake, made by Sally Follett!
More photos and story
included within.

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.



GREETINGS FROM SUE BEHRENS



I'm happy to be here at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church! I have lived in Sierra Madre all my life and am known around town as Sierra Madre Sue. For the past 27 years I have been lucky enough to work here too, for several different organizations including Alverno Heights Academy and St. Rita's School, both my alma maters. You might have seen or met my son Matt, who was filling in for Francisco during the fall and winter. He may still be called upon to help with IT issues now and then! I also have a Japanese "daughter" who lived with me during the 2013-14 school year, while she was a Junior at Alverno as an exchange student. Momoko is now a doctor in Japan and comes to visit as often as she can.

Two of my five siblings live here in town, one is nearby in Pasadena, and the others are in northern California and New Jersey. We all love playing cards and games, family BBQs, swim parties and Dodger baseball! I also enjoy cooking, gardening, and raising chickens in my backyard.

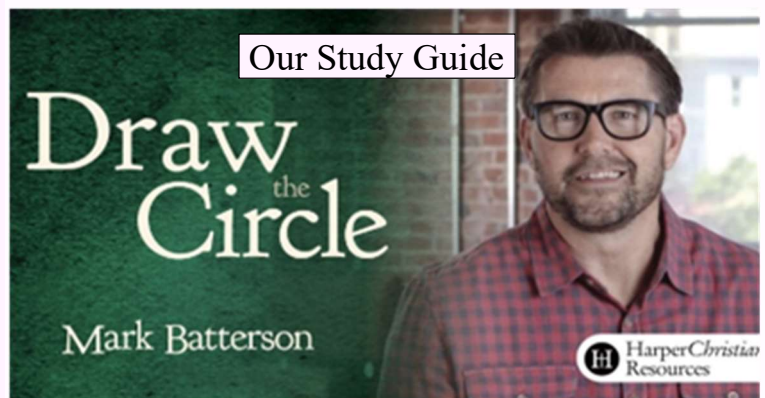
There's a lot for me to learn at SMUMC but with Pam's thorough training and everyone's patience, I hope to be able to fill her shoes! My thanks to the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Jae for the opportunity. I look forward to meeting everyone and serving this community.

Welcome to Sue!

Please join us after worship on Sunday, April 6th for a "Meet & Greet" with Sue Behrens, our new Administrative Assistant.



In *Draw the Circle*, through forty true, faith-building stories of God's answers to prayer, daily scriptures and prayer prompts, Batterson inspires you to pray and keep praying like never before. Begin a lifetime of watching God work. Believe in the God who can do all things. Experience the power of bold prayer and even bolder faith in *Draw the Circle*.



Contact the Church Office to sign up, or if you need a book!

On Sunday, March 23rd we bade farewell to Pam Ferguson at a lovely reception in her honor. Thank you to Sally Follett for spearheading this successful event. Please enjoy the photos! Pam has now moved to Menifee in Riverside County.

Sue, in the Office, can give you her new address.



HOME CARE AVAILABLE

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 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



CARD CREATION

meetings will be
announced.

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



- 6 David Nieto
- 15 Jill Schofield
- 25 Kelly Janzen
- 26 Peter Schofield
- 29 She who will not be named

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

- 20 Cindy and Dave Crismer



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**You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me; Psalm 31: 3**

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

30	31 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. – LL TUESDAY	1 	2 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m. – LL With soup!	3 	4	5 MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST LL - 7:30 a.m. CAF POTLUCK HH RENTAL – 3:00
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. – Worship 11:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	7 	8 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. – LL	9 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m. – LL With soup!	10	11 	12
13 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 	14	15 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. – LL FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	16 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m. –LL With soup!	17 	18	19 CAF POTLUCK HH
20 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – EASTER BRUNCH 	21	22 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. – LL	23 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m. –LL With soup!	24	25 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Sally's House	26  Audubon Day
27 First Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	28	29 	30	1	2 Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	