



**NOVEMBER  
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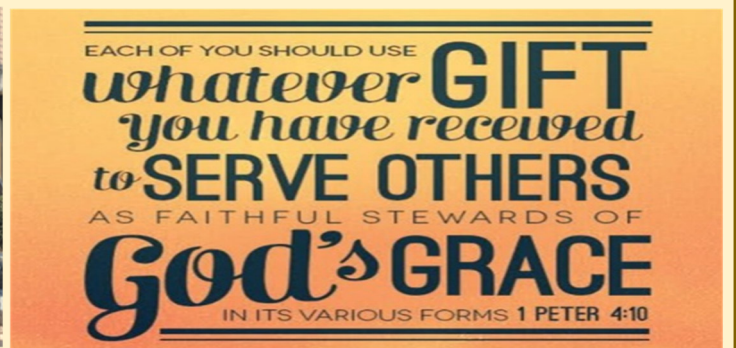
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**NOVEMBER IS  
FOR GIVING...  
GIVING OF YOUR  
TIME, TALENT  
OR TREASURE;  
GIVING BACK TO  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY;  
AND GIVING  
THANKS.**



**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU GIVE  
AND ALL THAT YOU DO.**

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

It's hard to believe, but November is upon us. We begin the month with **All Saints Sunday on November 2**, as we remember and give thanks to God for those who have finished the course in faith in this world and have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses in Heaven. We remember the many acts of kindness, generosity and love they have shown us. On that same Sunday, we will also **dedicate our pledges for 2026**, offering our gifts and talents to God in gratitude for all we have received and for God's eternal work.

We then prepare for one of the most special times of the year—**Thanksgiving**. We had a busy, but wonderful month of October at SMUMC, culminating with a very successful Rummage Sale and Pumpkin Carving Event. November and December will be even busier and provide opportunities to connect with others and experience God's Love and Grace. Once again, I invite you to carefully go over this month's Trylon Newsletter that Sue in the office worked faithfully to put together.

This is the season when we intentionally **count our blessings and give thanks**. Even as we continue to face challenges and uncertainties in our world, we remain a people of gratitude. As the Apostle Paul reminds us,

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

— *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18*

This season, may we once again pause to “**look at the birds of the air**” and “**consider the lilies of the field**,” as Jesus teaches, and give thanks for all that God has done for us. Let us share our blessings with others, remember those affected by war, natural disasters, government shutdown, and violence, and pray for healing and restoration. Let us be mindful of those who struggle and find ways to offer our help and support.

May we be grateful for our health, our homes, our families, and our church—and remember always that **God is with us**, and God's love and blessings surround us every day.

I am deeply grateful for each of you and for the love, faith, and support of our church community that continue to sustain and inspire us. Many years ago, I ran across this quote that has been shared by many preachers and ordinary people. It has helped me to center myself in faith in all circumstances:

- **In Happy moments:** Praise God.
- **In Difficult moments:** Seek God.
- **In Quiet moments:** Worship God.
- **In Painful moments:** Trust God.
- **In Every moment:** Thank God.

Hope to see you at church,

Pastor John



*Sunday, 10/12 was PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY and Pastor John was presented with this sweet tribute, assembled by Sally Follett and Liz Mackey-Peterson!*

## Weekly Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor John

When: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

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.



## NOVEMBER Lectionary Readings:

November 1 – **All Saints Day**

Isa 25:6-9; Rev 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 2 – **21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ALL SAINTS DAY/COMMUNION**

Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 9 – **22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Hag 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 16 – **23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isa 65:17-25; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 23 – **CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**

Jer 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 27 - **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Deut 26:1-11; Phil 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

November 30 – **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44

## PSALMS for NOVEMBER:

November 1

Psalm 24

November 2

Psalm 119

November 9

Psalm 145

November 16

Psalm 118

November 27

Psalm 100 - THANKSGIVING DAY

November 30

Psalm 122

## The FALL RUMMAGE SALE was another colossal success!



← Peg Schuster, Cindy Crismer and Leticia Bridal carefully display the extremely popular jewelry table!



Pastor John offered free coffee and fellowship to shoppers waiting anxiously in line, for the doors to open at 8:30 a.m.!

Could this be the most popular rummage sale in the San Gabriel Valley? *We like to think so!*



## More RUMMAGE SALE pics!



It's truly amazing how much stuff we collect every 6 months for this sale!



← Stephanie Lan's piano trio concert at Arcadia Public Library, 10/8/25 and Scott Basinger's big band concert at First Lutheran Church in Monrovia, 10/11/25. →



## 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](mailto:sierramadreumc@gmail.com).**



**CHLOE LAN, AND HARPER & ATTICUS KIM  
GET A LITTLE HELP WITH THEIR PUMPKIN  
CARVING AFTER WORSHIP ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>...  
WHILE THE ADULTS GET SERENADED BY  
SALLY FOLLETT, MINA YOON AND  
BRENDA WALKIEWICZ WITH THEIR  
HALLOWEEN "CAROL"!**



On Sunday, 10/19, Sally Follett, Liz Mackey-Peterson, Ann Dechairo-Marino and Jill Schofield helped put together food boxes for the charity ***Rise Against Hunger*** at Pasadena First United Methodist Church. This global organization sends millions of meals around the world, and volunteers are the heart of their mission.  
<https://riseagainsthunger.org>



The scripture was read in various languages of the world on Sunday, 10/5/25.

L-R: Stephanie Lan-Mandarin Chinese; Maria Luna-Spanish; Susan Ross-German; Elsa Yue-Tagalog; Jill Schofield-English.

**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND HOLIDAY SHOPPERS!**

*The Alternative Gift Fair is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Wesley Chapel. Please see June Drenten or Jill Schofield if you'd like to participate.*



Jill Schofield presided over a "Celebration of Laity" on Sunday, 10/19/25.

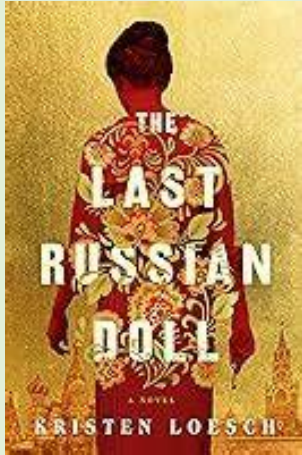


Jan Bender and Sally Follett offered the Stewardship Moment. →



## SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The **NOVEMBER** meeting will be held on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the residence of Sally Follett.



This month's book is "*The Last Russian Doll*" by Kristen Loesch, a riveting historical novel of three generations told through the eyes of two women.

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](mailto:mylandlady626@yahoo.com).

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M., PRECEDED BY THE SPRC MEETING AT 6:30.

## CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced.

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



- 3 Diane Searls
- 15 Chris Yoon
- 18 Diane Suzuki
- 20 Stephanie Lan
- 27 Joy Basinger
- 29 Sean Peterson



- 11 John & Paulianne Werthwein

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



November  
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SUNDAY

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MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL <b>ALL SAINTS/Pledge Dedication Sunday</b> FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 <b>CHOIR PRACTICE/ MTG. 11-12:00 WC</b> CAF-LL till 2:00p.m. 8 Bridge School turf installation 7:00 a.m.</p>
<p>9 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <b>Veterans' Day</b>  <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> 2:30 p.m. - SHCR</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22 <b>INTERNATIONAL BIBLE WEEK NOV. 16 - 22</b></p>						
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<p>23 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL <b>THANKSGIVING POTLUCK</b></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING</b> Thurs.-Fri.</p>	<p>28 <b>SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB</b> 12:30 p.m. Sally's Follett's House</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR JOHN 10:30AM – LL BYOBible!</p>	<p>5 <b>Abbreviations</b> LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	