



**FEBRUARY
2026**



THE TRYLON

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Robert (Bob) Louis Travis
January 18, 1934 – January 2, 2026

On January 2, 2026, Bob Travis entered his eternal rest and reunited with his beloved wife, Joyce, who preceded him in death in 2019.

Bob and Joyce were major pillars of the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church community, both serving in many different volunteer and leadership roles for close to 40 years.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.



Bob and Joyce in 2003

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

It's hard to believe but January of 2026 is now behind us. And we begin the month of February. Normally, that means, at least for those of us in the church, it is time to get ready for Lent. Lenten season usually begins at the end of February. However, one year I remember Lent began literally on the first week of February; we went from taking down the Christmas trees to putting up Lenten liturgical paraments. Well, Lent begins on Feb 18th this year with the Ash Wednesday Service at 5:00p.m. And so, we have few days to think about what Lent season will look like for us and start preparing for it.

Lent is the forty-day period of penance and spiritual preparation before the Easter celebration. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. It will end on April 5th as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, offering us hope and new life.

In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism, and to restore to the faith community those who had sinned or strayed. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. Self-examination and repentance; fasting, almsgiving, and self-denial; and praying, reading and meditating on God's Holy Word are a few of the historic disciplines of the Lenten season. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, would say the Lenten journey is both inward and outward. As we work on our interior spiritual lives, we must also maintain our commitment to acts of mercy, charity, and justice. And so, I want to share the following Lenten Discipline, the Wesleyan Way of journeying through Lent, hoping that we will all grow together in doing so this Lent:

Inward and Personal Disciplines

- Spend time in solitude each day.
- Join a Bible Study/Small Group.
- Read a book for inner growth.
- Keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, reading.
- Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. - Pray for them and allow the Holy Spirit to guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.
- Make a fast from food, drink, or any other indulgence
- Attend worship throughout Lent as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
- Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.

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- Give up a grudge or a rehearsal of a past event.
- Forgive someone who has hurt me.

Outward and Social Disciplines

- Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.
- Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.
- Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service/mission.
- Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.
- Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.
- Give blood and recall the cross.
- Pray to God to help me resist any form of prejudice and to give me courage in opposing it.
- Decide to become a member of the church and speak to a pastor or lay leader.
- Bridle the tongue and resist the spirit of criticism.
- Give alms to the sick, lonely, needy.

See you at Church,

Pastor John

LITURGISTS WANTED!

Would you like to be more involved here at SMUMC? 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.

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.**



FEBRUARY Lectionary Readings:

February 1 – **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Mic 6:1-8; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12

February 8 – **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Isa 58:1-9a; 1 Cor 2:1-12; Matt 5:13-20

February 15 – **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Exod 24:12-18; 2 Pet 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9

February 15 – **ASH WEDNESDAY – 5:00 p.m. Worship**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 6-21

February 22 – **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

PSALMS for FEBRUARY:

February 1 Psalm 15

February 8 Psalm 112

February 15 Psalm 2

February 18 Psalm 51 (Ash Wednesday)

February 22 Psalm 32

Photos from “A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Bob Travis”, January 31, 2026 at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church



**Pastor John
and Rev.
George
Crisp
offered
prayers
and stories
about Bob.**



Best friend and fellow member of the Santa Anita A's Model A Car Club, Bob Moore, told touching and amusing stories about Bob. The Club members' blue shirts and beautiful cars were easy to spot!



Rev. Jae Lew → shared some remembrances that revealed Bob's sense of humor.

Bob's distinguished 32-year military career was honored by the playing of "Taps" by Peter Gutierrez, as well as a display of his many awards, medals and Colonel's uniform jacket. His years of service to others continued throughout his life, including here at SMUMC and at the L.A. County Arboretum.



The Joy of Epiphany!



The Greater San Gabriel Mission Area Gathering was held in Hartzell Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

East District Superintendent Reverend Moonyoung Lee started the program with a reflection before a delicious soup and salad supper was served. *The Rhythm Ducks*, featuring our own Stephanie Lan on piano and Scott Basinger on tenor saxophone, entertained the crowd, and UMCOR hygiene kits were assembled.



***Rumor has it, there's a Spring Social in the works...
Food and Fun with Rebecca and Sally!! Stay tuned...***



**The CHILDREN'S
MOMENT, Sunday,
January 25, 2026.
Pastor John explains
to James Pichardo and
the Kim family that
we are one world
with many voices, but
united in the cross.**



**Take your Valentine to one or both of
these musical events!**

FRIENDS OF ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT

Classical Kaleidoscope

Wednesday
February 11, 2026
7:00 PM
Doors open 6:30 PM
Cay Mortenson Auditorium

FREE CONCERT

**Virtuosity and Hungarian Zingarese
Beethoven and Brahms**

Hang on to your seats as two Romantic composers present the impulsive sides of their personalities. The concert will feature Stephanie Lan, piano, Paul Stein, violin, Aaron Oltman, viola, and David Mergen, cello.

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

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Saturday, 2/14/26, 6:30 PM - Music starts 7 PM

VALENTINE HOUSE CONCERT

**NICOLE GORDON, TED RUSSELL KAMP,
BLISS BOWEN, DAN WINSTROM**

An intimate, soulful concert of love songs for all!

Bring friends & food to share!
Suggested \$20 donation — BYOB

Private home in Hastings Ranch/NE Pasadena
RSVP by 2/11 to blissbownmusic@gmail.com & address will be provided

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The book selection for February is "Have Dog, Will Travel: A Poet's Journey" by blind poet Stephen Kuusisto.



SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The February meeting will be held on Friday, January 27th at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Follett. New members are welcome – please see Sally or Jill Schofield for more details.

CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced.

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



- 2 Rose Hernandez
- 9 Amy Crismer
- 9 Tracy Crismer
- 18 Millie Mittleman
- 19 John Snyder-Walkiewicz
- 27 Jonathon Nieto



- 14 Tom & Kim Evans
- 17 Pastor John & Mina Yoon

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!



February 2026 SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Abbreviations

LL = Library Lounge
SH = Sierra House
SHCR = SH Conference Room
HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall
WC = Wesley Chapel

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9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion
10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL



La Salle Math Test
10am – 3pm - WC

CAF Potluck – LL
Till 2:00 p.m.

FOOD COLLECTION
SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY
10:30am - LL
BYOBible!

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9:30 a.m. - Worship
10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL



Stephanie's Classical
Kaleidoscope
Concert at
Arcadia Public
Library 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY
w/PASTOR JOHN
10:30AM – LL
BYOBible!



HOUSE CONCERT
at Sally Follett's
7:00 p.m.

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9:30 a.m. - Worship
"Fat Tuesday on Sunday"
Pancake Brunch after
Worship in Hartzell Hall

Church Office
Closed for
Presidents'
Day

FINANCE
COMMITTEE
MEETING
2:30 p.m. - SHCR



BIBLE STUDY
10:30am - LL
BYOBible!

WORSHIP 5:00p.m.

UHRA Crime/Fire
Prevention 6-9p-HH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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9:30 a.m. - Worship
10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship- LL



BIBLE STUDY
w/PASTOR JOHN
10:30AM – LL
BYOBible!

SARAH CIRCLE
BOOK CLUB
12:30 p.m. Sally
Follett's Home

