



JUNE
2026



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Anticipation is building for the biggest, best, most well-organized, well-stocked RUMMAGE SALE in the San Gabriel Valley! Those are just some of the comments we get when people call to ask when the sale is, and those calls are coming in every week. The rummage rooms are overflowing with donated goods and more get dropped off all the time. Last month we were the recipient of a whole townhouse-full of stuff! The rummage crew has their work cut out for them this time! *If you'd like to help, please see Cindy Crismer or Sally Follett.*

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RUMMAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026

Time: 8:30 - 1:00

Location: 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

You don't want to miss this rummage sale!!

Lots of new and gently used clothing for all ages, kitchen supplies, crafts, jewelry, purses, shoes, tools, books, decorative items, bedding, toys, and so much more! Amazing prices!

*All proceeds are donated to charities



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

As June arrives, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on this first year of serving as pastor of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church. It is hard to believe that nearly a full year has passed since I first arrived in this wonderful community of faith. Looking back, I am filled with appreciation for the warmth, kindness, faithfulness, and generosity that you have shown to me and my family. Together, we have worshiped, prayed, served, laughed, mourned, celebrated, and continued the ministry of Christ in this place we call home.

There is something fitting about June being a month of transition and celebration. We rejoice with graduates as they complete one chapter of life and prepare for another. We celebrate couples who are beginning their married lives together, as June has long been known as a season of weddings. I will have the joy of officiating the wedding of my niece as she marries her longtime boyfriend. On a personal note, my son Christopher will be completing his residency in anesthesiology at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center and beginning his medical practice at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena. In June, we also honor fathers and all those who have offered guidance, strength, and love in our lives. Families begin summer vacations, seeking rest, renewal, and meaningful time together. In many ways, June reminds us that life is always moving forward, and God is always leading us onward into new possibilities.

This month also brings the gathering of our California-Pacific Annual Conference, which will be held June 17–20 at the beautiful La Quinta Resort & Club under the theme “Astonish.” As I reflect on that theme, I cannot help but think about the many ways God has astonished me throughout my life and ministry. I am astonished by the faithfulness of God. I am astonished by the resilience and love of the churches I have served. I am astonished by the ways God continues to guide us into the future, even when the path ahead is not always clear.

God is still at work among us. The Holy Spirit continues to move in and through the people of this congregation. That gives me great hope and excitement as we begin our second year together in ministry.

As we look ahead, I do so with enthusiasm and expectation. There is still much work to do, many people to reach, and many opportunities before us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that we will continue moving forward together with courage, faith, and joy — always open to being astonished by what God can do through ordinary people who trust in Him.

Isaiah 25:1 says:

“Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name,

for in perfect faithfulness

you have done wonderful things,

things planned long ago.”

The same God who astonished generations before us is still at work today.

Thank you again for welcoming me so graciously into your lives and into this church family. As summer begins, I pray that each of you may find moments of rest, renewal, and joy with loved ones while continuing to experience God’s presence every step of the journey.

Grace and peace,

Pastor John



**Brenda Walkiewicz, Yvonne Miller, Sally Follett, Elsa Yue and Mina Yoon
are ready to tackle the rummage room!**

In anticipation of the amount of leftovers we may have after the sale on Saturday, June 13th, the ACTS Thrift Store is scheduled to come pick them up the following Thursday. They are a Christian, faith-based, non-profit organization, making a difference in the lives of families, children and veterans in our local community.

ACTS financially supports *Door of Hope, Front Sight Military Ministry, Obria Medical Clinics, Hoving Home, Inland Valley Hope Partners, and Pacific Lifeline.*

We are pleased to partner with them in their charitable efforts.

JUNE Lectionary Readings:

June 7 – **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 12:1-9; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 – **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 18:1-15; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:35-10:8

June 21 – **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/FATHER'S DAY**

Gen 21:8-21; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

June 28 – **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 22:1-14; Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42

PSALMS for JUNE:

June 7 Psalm 33

June 14 Psalm 116

June 21 Psalm 86

June 28 Psalm 13

Susan Ross will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 21st while Pastor John is away at his niece's wedding.

We celebrated the life of Bob Ross, husband of Church member Susan, with worship, songs, memories and fellowship on Saturday, 5/23/26. Over 75 of Bob's family and friends were in attendance and several of them shared funny, heartwarming stories in the sanctuary. Afterwards in Hartzell Hall, there were photos, albums, memorabilia, etc., and a buffet of delicious food from Green Street Restaurant in Pasadena, as well as lots of homemade desserts. Bob is survived by his wife, Susan, three children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren.

"He will be remembered for his 'Dad' sense of humor, his willingness to volunteer and help others, and his devotion to his family..."



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Robert Ellsworth Ross

July 27, 1936 – April 16, 2026



May 23, 2026
Sierra Madre United Methodist Church
Sierra Madre, California



Bryan Kim eulogized his father at a memorial on Friday, May 22nd in Orange County, California.

Hyo Soo “Joshua” Kim passed away after a 3-year battle with brain cancer.

July 7, 1952 – May 5, 2026.

We offer our sincere condolences to Bryan, Yojin, Atticus, Harper and all of their extended family.

June Drenten wants to remind all of our talented crafters that it's never too early to start making things for the Holiday Boutique! Rumor has it that Stephanie Lan's daughter Chloe is learning to crochet and may have some of her creations to add to the sale! (No pressure!)

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

For our FATHER'S DAY brunch after worship on Sunday, June 21st, everyone is invited to bring photos of their father, grandfather, Godfather, etc. for a special display.

Please make sure your name is on the back of originals you want returned, or you may choose to bring paper copies.

In addition, volunteers are needed to bake chocolate chip cookies for the occasion. *Please let Liz Mackey-Peterson know if you are up to the task!*

Father's Day was first proposed in 1909 by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, who was raised by a widowed Civil War veteran. Inspired by Mother's Day, she campaigned to honor dedicated fathers. The first statewide celebration took place in Washington on June 19, 1910.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation establishing the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon officially signed it into law as a permanent United States national holiday.

Honoring all the Mothers in our community, small handheld bouquets created by Abby from PreservedBloomsStudio.com were given out, and she also provided the beautiful altar arrangement. A photo display of our mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers was the focal point at Coffee Fellowship in the Library Lounge on MOTHER'S DAY, May 10th.



A delicious buffet and cake in honor of MOMS!





For "Peace With Justice Sunday", May 31st, Rich Snyder was our guest preacher and his sermon was titled, "GO!" The message of his *Children's Moment* was that sharing Jesus' love is like shining a light for the world to see, and the kids all received mini flashlights.



Sally Follett provided the altar flowers for "Peace With Justice Sunday" alongside her "Justice is Blind" statue; "For those oppressed by injustice, their voices silenced or ignored, and under the shadow of fear, stand as their defender, oh God." The lion and lamb for the month of May.



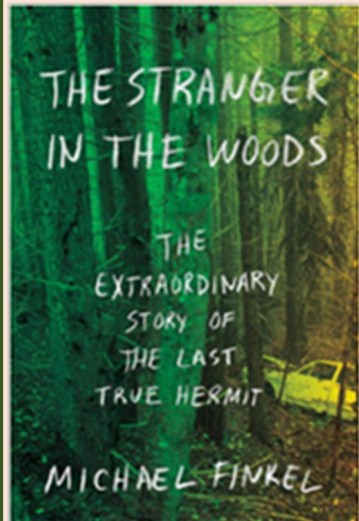
La Salle High School students took their AP Exams in Hartzell Hall, Wesley Chapel and Library Lounge during the month of May, and we were happy to have them back this year. They were able to access Wi-Fi from their building across the intersection, using a small satellite dish aimed out the upstairs window of Hartzell Hall! *Pretty high-tech stuff!*



NEED A WORKOUT?

Annemarie, daughter of John & Paulianne Werthwein, now offers Mat Pilates Classes in nearby Monrovia on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call ***READY, SWEAT, GO*** at 626-701-4711.

The Book Club's selection for June is *"The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit"* by Michael Finkel. It follows a 27-year period in the life



of Christopher Knight, who lived in the woods of Maine without human contact from 1986 to 2013. *A New York Times* bestseller in 2017.

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The June meeting will be held on Friday, June 26th at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Follett. New members are welcome – please see Sally or Jill Schofield for more details.

GOT WEEDS?
NEED A GARDENER?
NEED A DOG WALKER?

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

HAPPY JUNE 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:
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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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MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

31	1	2 Pastor John returns from vacation	3 	4	5 	6 S.M. Public Library Reopening Ceremony and Festivities 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
7 FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL	8 	9	10	11 	12	13 RUMMAGE SALE!!! 8:30am-1:00pm
14 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL 	15	16 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	17 CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 6/17-6/20 IN LA QUINTA, CA PASTOR JOHN AND JILL ATTENDING		19 	20 CAF using HH till 2:30 p.m.
21 Susan Ross, Guest Preacher 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL 	22	23	24 FRIENDS of the S.M. LIBRARY ANNUAL DINNER HH 6:00 pm	25	26 SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 12:30 p.m. Sally Follett's Home	27
28 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL JOHN WESLEY'S BIRTHDAY 1703	29	30 	1	2	3 Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	