



**JULY  
2026**



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**JADEN MILLER, JILL SCHOFIELD & PASTOR JOHN REPRESENTED SMUMC AT THE ANNUAL CAL-PAC CONFERENCE IN LA QUINTA, CA JUNE 17-20.**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN**

Happy July!

As we celebrate Independence Day during this month of July, we give thanks for the many freedoms we enjoy as a nation. Freedom is one of God's precious gifts. Yet as Christians, we remember that our greatest freedom is found in Jesus Christ, who frees us from the power of sin and fear and calls us to live lives of love, grace, and service. The Apostle Paul reminds us, *"For freedom Christ has set us free"* (Galatians 5:1). True freedom is not simply the ability to do what we want, but the opportunity to become the people God created us to be and to serve our neighbors with joy.

Last month, Jill, Jaden and I had the privilege of attending the California-Pacific Annual Conference at the beautiful—but very hot—La Quinta Resort near Palm Desert. The conference theme was **"Astonish."** Throughout our worship, presentations, and conversations, we were reminded that God continues to do astonishing things through ordinary people who are willing to trust Him.

One of the highlights of the conference came during the Commissioning and Ordination Service. The guest preacher, Bishop Delores Williamston from Louisiana Conference, preached from 2 Kings 4:1-7, the story of the widow whose small jar of oil became more than enough when she trusted God. She challenged all of us with her message, *"Pour the Oil."*

It is a simple but profound story. The widow thought she had almost nothing. Yet God asked her to begin with what she already possessed. As she faithfully poured out her little jar of oil, God multiplied it beyond anything she could have imagined.

That story is also the story of the Church. Sometimes we focus on what we lack—fewer people, limited resources, uncertain futures, or challenges that seem larger than we are. But God asks us the same question asked of the widow: *"What do you have in the house?"* We may not have everything we wish for, but God has already entrusted us with gifts, faith, compassion, experience, generosity, and the Holy Spirit.

Our calling is simply to keep pouring. When we pour out love, God multiplies it. When we pour out kindness, hope grows. When we pour out generosity, lives are changed. When we pour out the Gospel, Christ transforms hearts.

As we begin another year of ministry together, I believe God still has astonishing things in store for Sierra Madre United Methodist Church. We may be a small congregation, but we serve a great God. My prayer is that we will continue to welcome everyone with Christ's love, serve our community with compassion, and faithfully pour out whatever God has placed in our hands, trusting Him to provide the increase.

May God bless you and your family, and may God continue to fill your life with grace, peace, and astonishing love.

Pastor John

IF YOU HAVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE  
AD COUNCIL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 19<sup>th</sup>,  
PLEASE SEND THEM TO CINDY CRISMER:  
[ctcrismer@yahoo.com](mailto:ctcrismer@yahoo.com).

June Drenten wants to remind all of  
our talented crafters that it's never  
too early to start making things for  
the Holiday Boutique!

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Sally Follett hosted a "CRAFT & NOSH" social gathering at her beautiful home in Hastings Ranch. Guests brought snacks to share and participated in creative art projects and lively conversation!



## **JULY Lectionary Readings:**

### **July 5 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Rom 7:15-25; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

### **July 12 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 25:19-34; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

### **July 19 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 28:10-19; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

### **July 26 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 29:15-28; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

## **PSALMS for JULY:**

July 5	Psalm 45
July 12	Psalm 119
July 19	Psalm 139
July 26	Psalm 105

**It's that time of year again, when we collect school supplies to donate to Foothill Unity Center and Friends In Deed. They will distribute them to needy families in the greater San Gabriel Valley for the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please bring everything to church by Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.**



***The Sierra Madre Public Library held a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and over 1000 people toured the new facility that day! Go check it out!!***



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2026 FOOTHILL UNITY AND FRIENDS IN DEED**

- Brand new back packs (NOT BLUE or RED!)
- Calculators – basic or scientific
- Colored pencils and crayons (prefer Crayola) (24-pack)
- Colored markers (NO sharpies or permanent markers)
- Dry erase markers
- Composition books (college and wide ruled)
- Erasers (pencil top and regular)
- Filler paper (college and wide ruled, 150 sheets)
- Folders – 2-pocket or 3-prong (prefer poly)
- Binders – 1" to 3" (prefer with clear view pocket on front)
- Tab dividers
- Glue bottle (water soluble) or glue sticks (many schools prefer sticks)
- Highlighters and Post-It Notes
- Pencil boxes & pouches (3-holed to go in binders)
- Pencil (mechanical, 0.5 mm, bundles of 3)
- Pencils (standard, bundles) and sharpeners (must hold shavings)
- Pens (black or blue ink, bundles)
- Rulers (12")
- Student scissors (5" blunt and pointed) (Such as **Fiskar**)
- Spiral notebook (college or wide)
- Copy paper (for printing on computers)
- 3" x 5" index cards
- Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Disinfecting wipes (small sizes for individual use)
- Individual dry whiteboards (12 x 12) (preferably front and back)
- Mini whiteboard erasers
- Seat Sacks/Chair pockets
- Manila filing folders
- Headphones

Bring supplies to Church no later than Sunday, July 19, 2026.

Monetary donations: make checks payable to Sierra Madre United Methodist Church and indicate "School supplies" in the memo area.

## *The 2026 Spring Rummage Sale was another BIG success!*



Customers lined up outside before the doors opened at 8:30 a.m. and were treated to coffee, tea and snacks.



Meanwhile, inside, the rummage team joined hands in grateful prayer; for each other, for our church community, for this beautiful town, and for the success of the sale that was about to happen.



Rebecca Davis was our chief security guard for the event, keeping the peace and checking receipts as people exited. Elsa Yue was one of many workers who provided customer service, as needed.



All proceeds from the sale go to local charities and ACTS Thrift Store, another non-profit, picks up the leftover merchandise to sell in their three stores.

## FATHER'S DAY 2026 AT SMUMC



Elsa Yue created the beautiful altar arrangement in memory of her father, Benjamin and her brother-in-law, Rudy, who both passed away last month.



← Susan Ross was our guest preacher on Father's Day - Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and her sermon was titled *"An Attitude of Gratitude"*.



All Dads in attendance were treated to chocolate chip cookies made with love by Joyce Kenyon, and special Father's Day pins. Alongside the yummy spread of food was a photo display of Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers. An attitude of gratitude is especially fitting for this holiday when we honor the special men in our lives.



## BRIDGE MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION!



### NEED A WORKOUT?

Annemarie, daughter of John & Paulianne Werthwein, now offers Mat Pilates Classes in nearby Monrovia.



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★ FRIDAY JULY 3 ★  
**COMMUNITY PICNIC**  
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- 5-10:30 PM - FRIENDS OF HEADLEY FIELD BEER GARDEN
- 6-9:30 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH GROOVY LEMON PIE!
- 8 PM RUBBLE WRAP FIREWORKS!
- 5-9 PM NON-PROFIT BOOTH, KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD TRUCKS, CIVIC CLUB CONFETTI EGGS, ROTARY TRI-TIP

★ SATURDAY JULY 4 ★  
**THE PARADE**

- 7:30 AM YMCA FIRECRACKER 5K FAMILY FUN RUN!
- 8 AM WOMAN'S CLUB PRE-PARADE OPEN HOUSE BUFCOT BREAKFAST, (LIVE MUSIC BY THE WABASH MAILERS, 550 WEST SIERRA MADRE BLVD)
- 12-2 PM FREE FAMILY SWIM @ SIERRA MADRE POOL (SPONSORED BY YMCA)

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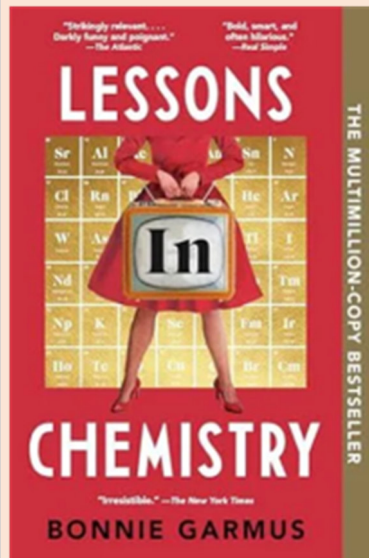
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Sierra Madre's biggest event of the year revolves around Independence Day, and this year we are celebrating our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday! Two days of fun and festivities are planned, including the annual July 3<sup>rd</sup> concert in Memorial Park at 6pm and the July 4<sup>th</sup> hometown parade at 10am.  
♪ "Wave that flag, wave it wide and high..." ♪

The Book Club's selection for July is the debut novel "*Lessons In Chemistry*" by Bonnie Garmus. She tells the story of Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant female chemist in the 1950s and 60s who faces sexism in her field and unexpectedly becomes the



star of a popular TV cooking show, *Supper at Six*, using it to teach women about chemistry and empowerment. The book blends humor, heart, and social commentary and was adapted into a miniseries on Apple TV in 2023.

## SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The July meeting will be held on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Follett. New members are always welcome – please see Sally or Jill Schofield for more details.

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

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### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 Susan Ross**
- 11 Jan Bender**
- 13 Pam Ferguson**
- 14 Tom Evans**
- 16 Ann Dechairo-Marino**
- 17 Bill Brassfield**
- 17 Candace Taylor**
- 24 Robert Taylor**

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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SUNDAY

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MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 <b>FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY</b>  9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL		6	7 	8	9 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	10 	11 CAF using HH till 2:30 p.m.
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