



**AUGUST
2026**



THE TRYLON

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This stunning rendering of our church was posted on Facebook in June, and reprinted here with permission from the artist, Don Terlinden.

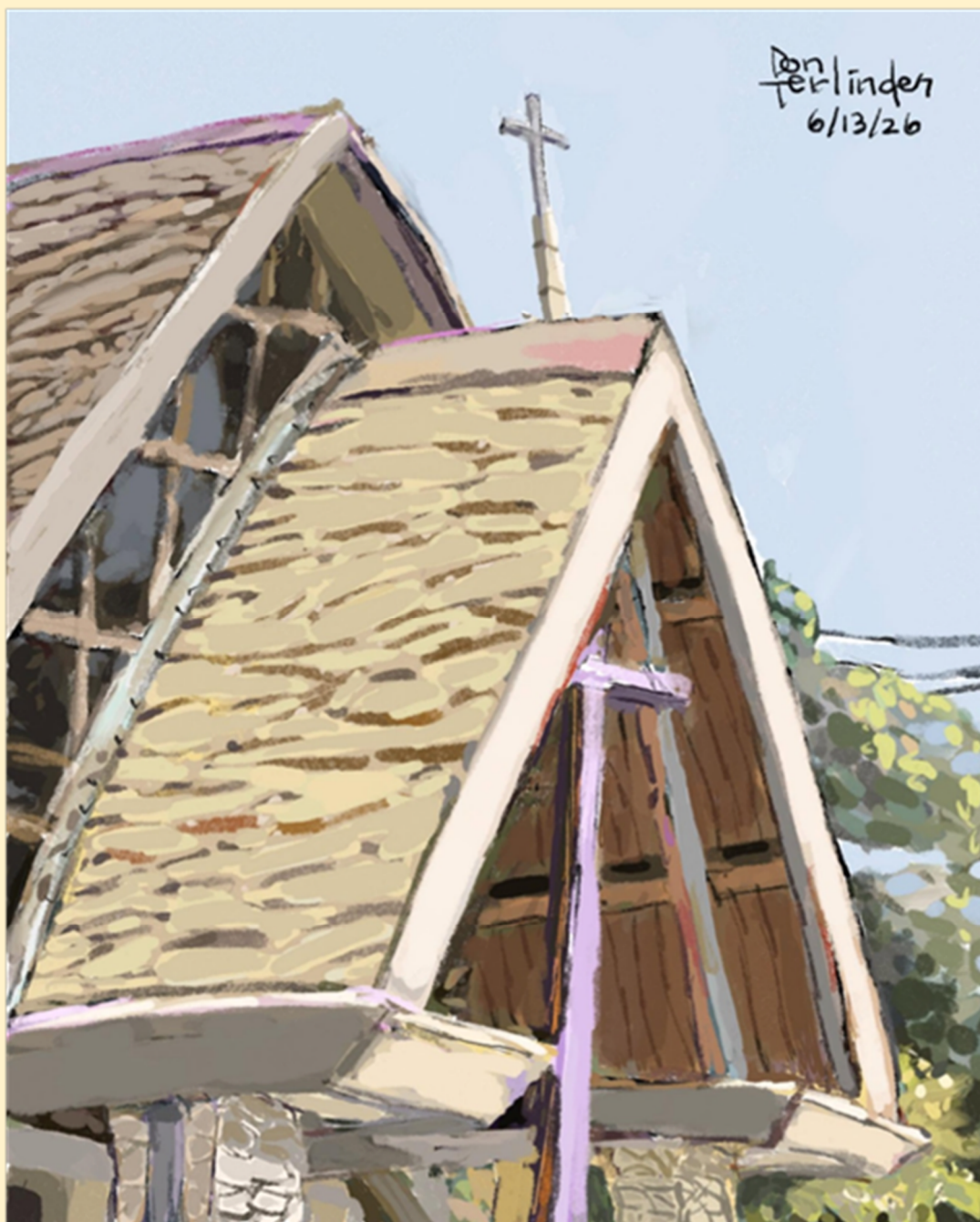
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Thank you, Don!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

As we turn the calendar to August, we find ourselves in an in-between season. Although this week's triple-digit temperatures remind us that summer is not going anywhere just yet, the season is beginning to wind down. Families are returning from vacations, students and teachers are preparing for a new school year, and before long, backpacks will replace beach bags as familiar routines return.

Speaking of backpacks, we will celebrate the **Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship on **Sunday, August 30**. I encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and families as we pray for our children, students, teachers, and parents as they begin a new school year.

For many, summer has been a season of rest and joyful memories. For others, it has also been a season of doctor's appointments, health concerns, and uncertainty. Several members of our church family will soon be undergoing knee replacement surgeries and facing weeks or months of recovery. As a congregation, we will continue to surround them with our prayers, encouragement, meals, phone calls, cards, and visits whenever possible.

This month we also prepare to say goodbye to one of our beloved church family members. After more than 41 years as a faithful member of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, **Jan Bender** will be moving back to Nebraska to be closer to her brother and his family. While we will miss her joyful spirit and faithful presence among us, we are deeply grateful for the many ways she has blessed this congregation over the years. We pray God's richest blessings upon her as she begins this new chapter of life.

One of the blessings of this summer has been our Thursday Bible study through the **Book of Ruth**. Ruth is not filled with dramatic miracles, but with ordinary people living with extraordinary faithfulness. Ruth's loyalty, Naomi's perseverance, and Boaz's generosity remind us that God is often at work through simple acts of kindness and obedience.

That is often how God works in our lives as well. A caring phone call, a handwritten note, a meal delivered to someone recovering from surgery, or a faithful volunteer who serves week after week may seem like small things, yet they become the very places where God's grace is made visible.

As we enter this new season, may we continue to trust the God who walks with us through every transition. Whether you are beginning a new school year, returning to

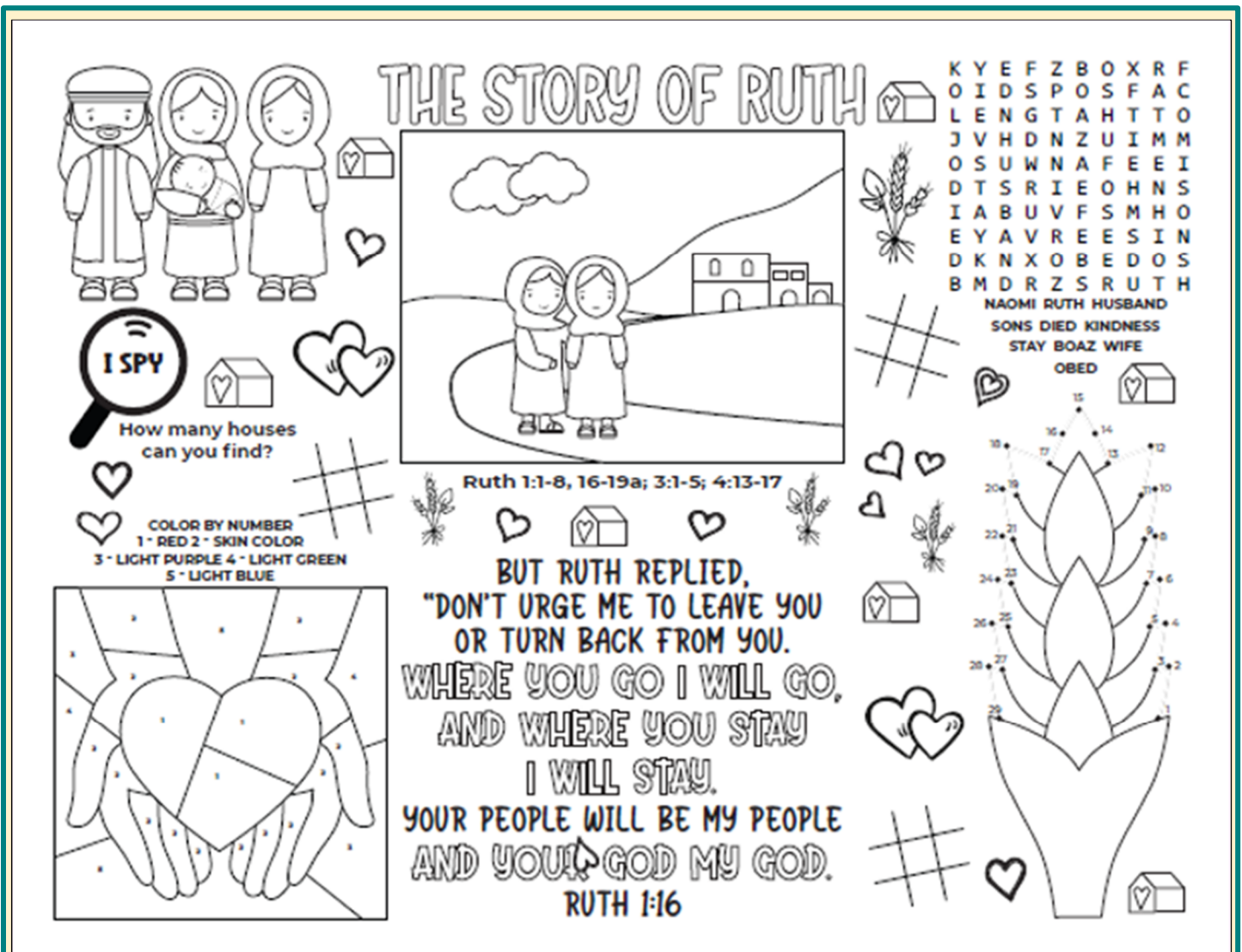
work, recovering from surgery, caring for a loved one, or simply navigating the everyday rhythms of life, know that God is with you.

As the prophet reminds us:

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22–23)

Grace and peace,

Rev. John Yoon



June Drenten is feeling like this year's Boutique is going to be the biggest and best one ever! Hopefully our talented crafters are busy at work (in their air-conditioned homes) creating beautiful items to sell. You may start bringing in your goods in the fall, and give them to June or Candace for safe-keeping. Happy Holidays!

AUGUST Lectionary Readings:

August 2 – **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 32:22-31; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

August 9 – **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

August 16 – **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Gen 45:1-15; Rom 11:1-2, 29-32; Matt 15:21-28

August 23 – **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 1:8-2:10; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

August 30 – **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 3:1-15; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28

PSALMS for AUGUST:

August 2 Psalm 17

August 9 Psalm 105

August 16 Psalm 133

August 23 Psalm 124

August 30 Psalm 105

***A Celebration of Life for Lois Mackey
will be held in the Sanctuary on
Saturday, August 22nd at 1:00 p.m.,
with a reception immediately
following in Hartzell Hall.***



Chloe Ku lit the candles for the July Birthday Celebration, and Ann Dechairo-Marino and Susan Ross blew them out!



Proud Auntie Shirley Lew shared these pictures of her adorable niece, Clover Seo-a Kim, who was born to Whitney (Lew) & Jake on January 19, 2026. We know that Pastor Jae and Yang must be so thrilled with their first grandchild!



Patrick Behnke accompanied Stephanie on his viola for worship on 7/12/26. → The Children's ← Moment was about the Parable of the Sower and asked "*what kind of soil are you?*"



On Saturday, July 11th, Josh Locatell participated in the 36th Anniversary Celebration of Kaizen Martial Arts & Fitness in Monrovia, where he has been taking karate classes since it opened in 1990! He has risen to the level of 2nd Degree Black Belt and is now an instructor and a student. The event included demonstrations which Josh took part in.



Josh received his new belt in class that following Monday.

FAREWELL JAN BENDER. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE AT SMUMC!

Jan has been a member of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church for over 41 years. With a special Braille copy of the New Testament, she often read scripture passages during Sunday worship.



Jan is moving back to Nebraska on August 5th to be closer to her brother and his family. We will miss her sense of humor and her amazing recall, and hope that she has happy memories of her time here at SMUMC. God bless you, Jan.



Thank you for your donations of School Supplies and funds that will be delivered to Foothill Unity Center and Friends In Deed*. They will be distributed to needy families in the San Gabriel Valley.



Elsa Yue shared this touching photo from her Father's funeral on July 13th that shows *"the human touch of unending love for 82 years"*.



NEED A WORKOUT?

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



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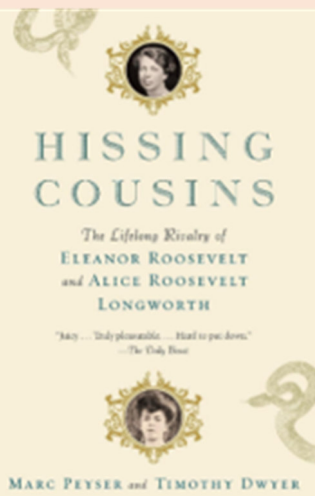
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The Book Club's selection for August is *"Hissing Cousins: The Untold Story of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth"* by Mark Peyser and Timothy Dwyer...

"a lively and provocative double biography of two extraordinary women whose tangled lives provide a sweeping look at the twentieth century."
(goodreads)



SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The August meeting will be held on Friday, August 28th 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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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rev. Jae Lew
- 6 Joe Schuster
- 9 Sue Behrens
- 18 Carol Anne Werthwein
- 23 Francisco Acero
- 27 Carrie Snyder
- 27 Rich Snyder
- 28 Annemarie Werthwein

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

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Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	27	28	29	30 Beginning Saturday, August 1 st , the CAF Church worship services will take place in Wesley Chapel, weekly at 9:30 a.m.	31	1 CAF using HH till 2:30 p.m.
2 FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL Farewell Celebration in honor of Jan Bender	3 	4	5 Scott Basinger's BIG BAND THEORY	6 NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY	7	8 
9 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL CELEBRATION OF AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	10	11 	12 rehearsal in Wesley Chapel Wednesdays 7 – 9 p.m.	13 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL	17	18 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	19 	20 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	21	22 CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LOIS MACKEY 1:00 p.m.
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