



**SEPTEMBER
2026**



THE TRYLON

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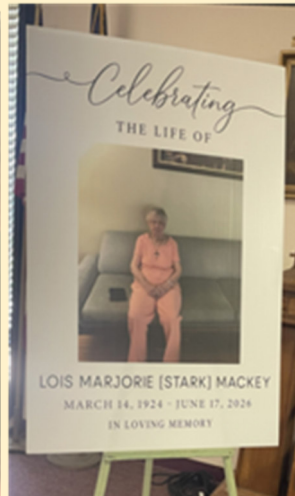
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LOIS MACKEY

March 14, 1924 – June 17, 2026

Longtime SMUMC member Lois Mackey was memorialized on Saturday, 8/22/26 in Wesley Chapel with a reception that followed in Hartzell Hall. Friends and family shared stories and memories of Lois, who joined this church along with her daughter Liz, over 20 years ago. Lois loved stage musicals, reading, crocheting, knitting, studying with *The Great Courses*, and travelling. She enjoyed playing games and learning new things all her 102-year life!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

Dear Friends,

It's September! Which means the days of summer vacations, family trips, and a slower pace are beginning to give way to the familiar rhythms of fall. School has started, families are returning from their travels, and our church life is beginning to pick up again.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and I especially hope that those who have been away during the summer months will be back with us in worship soon. There is something special about gathering together as a church family—seeing familiar faces, welcoming one another, sharing our stories, and worshiping our loving God together.

Ironically, just as everyone is returning from summer vacations, **I will be on vacation from September 8 through September 21!** But this will be a very special vacation for my family. Our son, Joshua, is getting married, and I will have the great joy and honor of officiating his wedding. It will be a very meaningful moment for Mina and me as we celebrate this new chapter in our son's life.

Adding to the joy, members of Mina's family will be traveling from Korea to be with us for the wedding. After the wedding celebration, we will have the opportunity to travel together, visiting beautiful places in California, and creating some wonderful family memories along the way.

While I am away, we have some wonderful Sundays planned at Sierra Madre UMC.

On **September 13**, our guest preacher, **Rev. Steve Stewart**, a friend of Marna Korell, will be bringing the message, ***"Finding Your Promised Land."*** I know Steve will bring a meaningful word for us, and I hope you will come and worship together.

Then, on **September 20**, our Lay Leader, **Jill Schofield**, along with the people of Sierra Madre UMC, will lead us in celebrating **Laity Sunday**. Laity Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate the gifts, ministries, and witness of all the people who make up the church. The church is not simply a place where a pastor leads and everyone else follows. **The church is all of us, the people of God, serving Christ together.** I know both of these worship services will be inspiring, meaningful, and joyful.

When I return from vacation, our **Thursday Bible Study** will begin a new series on **aging**. We will use the writings of Joan Chittister, along with Scripture and our own life experiences, to explore what it means to grow older gracefully, faithfully, and with purpose. Aging is something all of us are doing, and perhaps the more important question is not simply *how old are we becoming?* but *how is God continuing to shape us as we grow older?* I hope you will join us for this interesting and meaningful study.

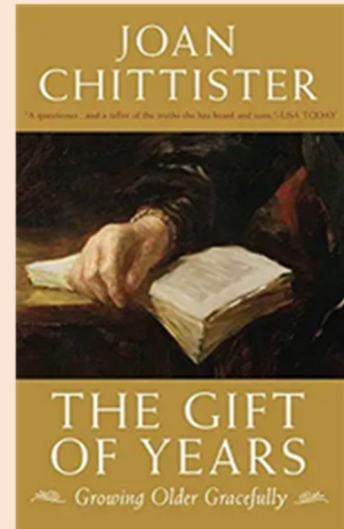
As we enter this new season, I am reminded that every season of life has its own gifts and opportunities. Summer gives way to fall, children return to school, families return from vacation, and our church begins another season of ministry together.

I am grateful for each of you and for the many ways you continue to share your presence, prayers, service, giving, and witness. I am looking forward to returning and beginning the fall season with all of you.

Until then, may God bless you, keep you, and fill your hearts with joy and gratitude.

With prayers and blessings,

Pastor John



RALLY SUNDAY!! BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND GOODBYE SUMMER CELEBRATION!



Sunday, August 30th was RALLY DAY here at SMUMC, and during Worship, Pastor John conducted the annual *"Blessing of the Backpacks"*.



Coffee Fellowship in the Library Lounge included a delicious spread of pizza, Korean BBQ, chips, watermelon, and lots more. Meanwhile, water activities kept the kids cool outside!



It was hard to tell who was having more fun getting wet, the kids or the adults! A great time was had by all, at the *Goodbye Summer Celebration!*



SEPTEMBER Lectionary Readings:

September 6 – **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 12:1-14; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

September 13 – **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 14:19-31; Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom 14:1-12

September 20 – **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 16:2-15; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

September 27 – **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exod 17:1-7; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32

PSALMS for SEPTEMBER:

September 6 Psalm 149

September 13 Psalm 148

September 20 Psalm 105

September 27 Psalm 78

Pastor John and Mina will be away on vacation from Tuesday, 9/8 thru Monday, 9/21. Guest preacher Steve Stewart will be with us on Sunday, 9/13 and on Sunday, 9/20. Lay Leader Jill Schofield and other SMUMC Laity will conduct the worship service.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

CART DRIVERS

1. DANIEL KU
2. JOE SCHUSTER
3. CINDY CRISMER
4. PEG SCHUSTER
5. JOE SCHUSTER

Substitute drivers:

Before church – Peg Schuster

After church – Bryan Kim



USHERS

1. LIZ MACKEY-PETERSON
2. RICH SNYDER
3. ELSA YUE (for Dee)
4. RICH SNYDER
5. PEG SCHUSTER

COUNTERS

1. BARBIE BEVINGTON
LIZ MACKEY-PETERSON
2. PEG SCHUSTER
SUSAN ROSS
3. DEE SUZUKI
BRENDA WALKIEWICZ
4. JILL SCHOFIELD
JOYCE KENYON
5. BARBIE BEVINGTON

COMMUNION STEWARDS

January: ELSA YUE

February: CINDY CRISMER

March: MARNA KORELL

April: PEG SCHUSTER

May: ELSA YUE

June: CINDY CRISMER

July: MARNA KORELL

August: PEG SCHUSTER

September: ELSA YUE

October: CINDY CRISMER

November: MARNA KORELL

December: PEG SCHUSTER



Please contact Peg Schuster if you are willing to help out in any of these areas, as she is looking to make some changes and substitutions.

Can you believe - it's that time of year again already? Helping hands are needed for Rummage Work Days on Saturdays, 9/5 and 9/19 at 9:00 a.m.

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

HUGE CHURCH Rummage Sale

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

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

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Please bring your own bags and cash only,

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24**

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM



*All proceeds are donated to charities

Always willing to lend a hand, our maintenance man, Francisco Acero (below), changed Susan Ross' flat tire in the parking lot on Sunday, 8/16, and she was extremely grateful! When she went to the tire place the next day, she was told there were three nails in her tire! *Yikes!*

It's a good thing she was close to home when it went flat!



Tracy (Crismer) Fiedler is running her first Marathon in New York City on November 1st! To qualify for the race, she's fundraising on behalf of *Team for Kids*. Your charitable donation helps provide free running and fitness programming to over 112,000 students nationwide. Please reach out to Cindy or Amy Crismer to donate via cash, check, or online payments by 9/14. Thank you!

← Amy Crismer ran the NY Marathon in 2025!

New York Road Runners *Team for Kids* is a group of dedicated adult runners who commit to fundraising for NYRR youth and community programs across the country.

Quite a crowd was in attendance for our *Farewell to Jan Bender* on Sunday, August 2nd.

Many people wrote a story or memory of Jan that Sally Follett put together in a booklet and read aloud to her. She is now living close to her brother and sister-in-law in Nebraska and will enjoy hearing our stories again and again!



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WAIT UNTIL COLLECTION DAY

Put cans out the morning of collection, if possible



REMOVE OTHER FOOD SOURCES

Clean grills, collect fallen fruit, and bring pet food indoors.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Bear activity is way up these days, even farther south of the mountains than you might think! Although they are not generally aggressive towards humans, they will react defensively if startled or threatened, especially if there are cubs around. With the drought conditions and fire-scorched hillsides, food is scarce in their usual habitat, so trash barrels are easy prey. And these "smarter than the average" bears know when it's trash day in the different sections of town! Once they find an easy source of food, water, shelter, they will return. It is imperative that residents take measures to keep them away and keep them wild.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

were celebrated →
at coffee fellowship
on Sunday, 8/9/26.
Joe Schuster gets
ready to blow out
the candles as
Pastor John plays
"Happy Birthday"
on the guitar!



*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!*

NEED A WORKOUT?

Annemarie, daughter of John &
Paulianne Werthwein, now offers
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About Me

Hello there! I'm Tristen, a car enthusiast from Sierra Madre passionate about all things automotive and the online community. My goal is to turn my creativity into launching my bigger, more impactful projects that require significant funding. I'm taking on car detailing as a dedicated side hustle to generate the support needed to bring these future projects into life (though you will be!). By booking a wash with me, you're directly supporting a local creator on their journey. Your support means the world, and I promise to bring my perfectionism and attain every single wash. Let's make your car look incredible together!

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Text 'WASH' to: (626) 689-1265
OR

Instagram: [tristenwithaVQ](https://www.instagram.com/tristenwithaVQ) on Instagram

The Book Club's selection for September is undetermined at this time...

If you love books and/or architecture or are looking for a fun adventure,

THE LAST

BOOKSTORE in



L.A. is a must-see! "Housed in a former bank with marble columns and vaults full of vintage books, it's part landmark, part labyrinth. Come for the tunnel of books, stay for the vinyl, art, and the strange sense that time works differently here." 453 S. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90013. lastbookstorela.com/downtown-la

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The September meeting will be held on Friday, September 25th 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

- 11 Anna & Carolina Garzzia**
- 13 Christopher Schofield**
- 16 Paulianne Werthwein**
- 23 Connie Wortham**
- 25 Laura Snyder**
- 26 Peg Schuster**
- 29 Margaret Herndon**
- 30 Atticus Kim**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Jill & Tim Schofield**
- 20 Leticia & Steve Bridal**

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to an upcoming Trylon, please email Sue:
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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!



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SUNDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	31	1 	2	3 NO BIBLE STUDY	4 (postponed from 8/28) SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 12:30 p.m. SALLY FOLLETT'S HOME	5 RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 a.m.
6 FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	8 Pastor John & Mina on vacation thru 9/21	9 UHRA mtg. 7-9 pm SHCR	10 NO BIBLE STUDY	11 	12
13 Guest Preacher Rev. Steve Stewart 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL CELEBRATION OF SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	14	15 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	16 Scott Basinger's BIG BAND THEORY rehearsal in Wesley Chapel Weds. 7 – 9 p.m.	17 NO BIBLE STUDY	18	19 RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 a.m.
20 LAITY SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL MTAC Annual dinner/meeting Hartzell Hall 2:30-7:30 p.m.	21	22 	23	24 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	25 SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 12:30 p.m. SALLY FOLLETT'S HOME	26 CHOIR Rehearsal TBD Big Band Theory free concert at First Lutheran, Monrovia
27 Choir at Worship? 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship- LL Mission Area Gathering at Church of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m.	28	29 	30 v	1 Reminder: CAF worship services are now in Wesley Chapel every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. They will not be using Hartzell Hall this month.		