

NOVEMBER 2026

THE TRYLON

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"Kids" of all ages enjoyed decorating pumpkins, a delicious potluck, and singing together, after worship on Sunday, 10/25!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

November has arrived, bringing with it a season of remembrance, gratitude, and renewed hope. Yet we begin this month with heavy hearts as we mourn the sudden passing of Elise Hernandez at the age of 63. Her unexpected death has left us shocked and saddened. We also hold in our prayers several members of our church family who are recovering from recent procedures, or navigating other illnesses and life challenges. As we enter this new month, may we find comfort in knowing that we do not walk through these difficult days alone. We are held by God's unfailing love and strengthened by the prayers and care of our church family.

November is also the beginning of a busy and meaningful season in the life of our church. We start the month with **All Saints Sunday on November 1**, when we remember and honor six members of our church family who have passed away during the past year. Their ages ranged from 63 to 102, and each lived a unique life that touched others in different ways. As we remember them, we give thanks for the love they shared, the faith they lived, and the memories they leave behind. Although we grieve their absence, we also celebrate the promise of resurrection and the hope that, in God's eternal love, death does not have the final word.

November is also a season of Thanksgiving—a time to pause in the midst of our busy lives and reflect on the many ways God has blessed and sustained us throughout the past year. Even in seasons of uncertainty, loss, and change, God's grace has continued to carry us. As we count our blessings, may we also remember that gratitude is more than something we express. It is a way of living, responding to God's goodness with generous hearts and willing hands.

This brings us to our **2026 Stewardship Campaign**, which we will kick off on November 8 under the theme ***"What Do We Have? Pour the Oil"*** based on 2 Kings 4:1–7. In this familiar story, a widow facing desperate circumstances turns to the prophet Elisha for help. When he asks what she has in her house, she answers that she has nothing—except a small jar of oil. Yet that little jar becomes the starting point for God's abundant provision.

I believe this is a meaningful story for our congregation. We may be a small church, and many of us may be getting older, but we have something invaluable: a faithful community of people whose love for God, commitment to the church, and willingness to serve continue to

make a difference. We have our prayers, our gifts, our time, our talents, and our love for our neighbors. What may seem small in our hands can become something extraordinary when we place it in God's hands.

As we journey through this season together, may we remember that even a small jar of oil can become a vessel of God's abundant blessing. May God continue to comfort us, guide us, and inspire us to be faithful stewards of all that we have received.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor John



On September 12th in Oceanside, Pastor John officiated the wedding ceremony of his son Josh and his beautiful bride, Tori. Brother Chris served as Best Man and Mina looks gorgeous as mother of the groom!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH IN HARTZELL HALL









Above/left: Halloween table before opening; and right: 2 hours into sale! The jewelry department gets ready to open. →

NOVEMBER Lectionary Readings:

November 1 – **ALL SAINTS/COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Josh 3:7-17; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12

November 8 – **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Josh 24:1-3a; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

November 15 – **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Judg 4:1-7; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

November 22 – **CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**
Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

November 29 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Isa 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Matt 13:24-37

PSALMS for NOVEMBER:

November 1	Psalm 107
November 8	Psalm 78
November 15	Psalm 123 or 76
November 22	Psalm 100
November 29	Psalm 80

A new weekly Bible Study session begins on Thursday, 11/5. Join Pastor John in the Library Lounge at 10:30 a.m. for prayers, readings and group discussion.



← This is 82 year-old Ignacio. Rebecca Davis sees him during her LAPD patrol route in Griffith Park between 1:00-6:00 a.m. collecting recyclables from the trash cans, and every 2 weeks she gives him a bag full. Please bring your cans and bottles to church and drop them in the blue recycling bin and Rebecca will deliver them to Ignacio. Thank you!

The new office furniture is sleek and stylish and all the drawers open and close smoothly like they're supposed to! Thanks to the Trustees and Finance Committee for approving the purchase, and to Laura Snyder for helping with the shopping and selection!





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026







Josh Locatell accompanied Stephanie Lan on his bongo drum.

Pastor John used the *Children's Moment* to deliver the message that we are one world with many cultures.



Mina Yoon was Liturgist, while Lay Leader, Jill Schofield, assisted Pastor John with Communion.



Sally Follett provided the altar flowers → in honor of Margaret Herndon's 102nd Birthday!



SMUMC participated in the annual *"RISE AGAINST HUNGER"* event in Pasadena on Sunday, 10/18/26. Elsa Yue, Susan Ross, Liz Mackey-Peterson, Mina and Pastor John Yoon, Sally Follett and Ann Dechairo-Marino helped assemble start-to-finish meal kits that will be distributed to families in need.



Approximately 80 people were in attendance at the memorial for Marna Korell on Saturday, 10/10/26. Family photos were on display in the narthex as people arrived and signed the guest book.





Pastor John presided over the service and Reverend Sangman Shin and Reverend Stephen Stewart offered prayers and memories of Marna.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS were celebrated after worship on Sunday, 10/11. Bryan Kim blew out the candles while Pastor John played "Happy Birthday" on the guitar.





We also observed *Pastor Appreciation Day* on 10/11 with restaurant gift cards for Pastor John and Mina, to thank them for their ministry with us.

Lanita Tademy, Executive Director of Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley will be speaking to us after worship at 11 am on Sunday, November 29.

We welcome this opportunity to find out about the exciting new projects and programs offered by Family Promise.

Sierra Madre UMC was a founder member of the San Gabriel Valley Family Promise and for 9 years we hosted homeless families 4 times a year for a week at a time, as they worked to rebuild their lives. We continue to support Family Promise with the proceeds from our annual Boutique and Bake Sale.

Susan Ross filled in as Lay Leader during Worship for Jill Schofield while she was on vacation in October.



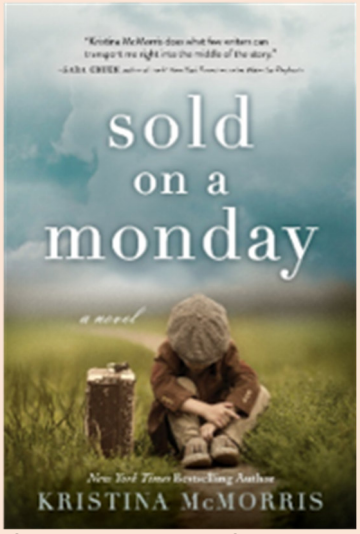


← This handsome fellow is frequently seen strutting his stuff in Elsa Yue's neighborhood and yard, and she shared the following lore:

Peacock feathers they say symbolize many things. In Christianity, they symbolize resurrection and eternal life due to their feather renewal. They also symbolize kindness, patience, confidence, wisdom, royalty, protection, beauty, joy, and spiritual fulfillment, and are the epitome of divine love and romance. They improve our mood and enhance cognitive function in the elderly.

The Book Club's selection for November is *"Sold On a Monday"* by Kristina McMorris.

2 CHILDREN FOR SALE



The scrawled sign, peddling young siblings on a farmhouse porch, captures the desperation sweeping the U.S. in 1931. It's an era of breadlines, bank runs, and impossible choices.

Inspired by an actual newspaper photo that stunned readers across the nation, this touching novel explores the tale within the frame and behind the lens—a journey of ambition, love, and the far-reaching effects of our actions.

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The (November) meeting will be held on Friday, December 4th 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?

CALL JOSH LOCATELL!!
626-802-7662





BIRTHDAYS

18 DIANE SUZUKI
20 STEPHANIE LAN
27 JOY BASINGER
29 SEAN PETERSON

ANNIVERSARY

11 PAULIANNE & JOHN WERTHWEIN

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to an upcoming Trylon, please email Sue: sierramadreumc@gmail.com

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We collect food donations on the first Sunday of every month, to be distributed to local food banks.



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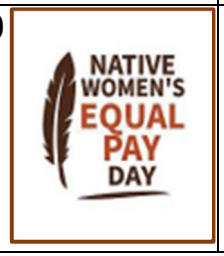
The food banks to which we send your donations **will not accept** food in opened containers or with expired 'use by' dates. Please just throw them away rather than bringing them to First Sunday. Thank you very much!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** Daylight Savings Time ends	2 	3 	4	5 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	6 	7 CAF using Hartzell Hall until 2:30 p.m.
8 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL CELEBRATION OF NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS Stewardship Campaign begins	9 	10	11 	12 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	13	14 CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:30am Sanctuary
15 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL	16	17	18 S.M. Woman's Club Prayer Breakfast 8:00-9am HH UHRA mtg. 7:00-9:00pm SHCR	19 BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL	20 	21
22 9:00a.m. – Choir Rehearsal 9:30a.m. – Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck 10:45a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL Stewardship Pledge Commitment SPRC ZOOM meeting re: Charge Conference	23	24 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR	25 Scott Basinger's BIG BAND THEORY rehearsal in Wesley Chapel Weds. 7 – 9 p.m.	26  HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 (SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB meets next week 12/4)	28 CHOIR REHEARSAL? BOOTH AT SIERRA MADRE WINTER FESTIVAL
29 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship- LL Speaker here from *FAMILY PROMISE* 11:00 a.m.	30 	1				

Abbreviations

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