

OCTOBER 2026

THE TRYLON

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IT'S HERE! THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED EVENT OF THE SEASON: OUR SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE! SPREAD THE WORD FAR AND WIDE, TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! PLEASE LET CINDY CRISMER KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH ORGANIZING GOODS BEFORE THE SALE, OR ON THE DAY OF. A WORKDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SAT. 10/3 AT 9am AND THE BIG MOVING DAY IS SUN. 10/11 AT 7am.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN

Dear Friends of Sierra Madre UMC,

It is good to be home!

Mina and I had a wonderful vacation, made especially meaningful by officiating the wedding of our son, Josh, and Tori, at a beautiful botanical garden in Oceanside. It was a joy to celebrate with their families and friends, and we were grateful for the time we shared together before doing some traveling and then returning home.

Coming back also brings some difficult news. We grieve the passing of our longtime member, **Marna Korrell**, at the remarkable age of 102. I will always remember Marna for her beautiful smile and the quiet strength of her faith. We give thanks to God for her long life and faithful witness, and we keep Lynette and her family in our prayers.

On **October 31**, I will also officiate the Celebration of Life for another longtime member, **Diane Searls**, here at Sierra Madre UMC. She passed away this past summer in Texas. As we remember Diane, may we once again experience the comfort and hope we have in Christ.

October will be a busy month for our church family. We will celebrate **World Communion Sunday on October 4th**, prepare for our **Rummage Sale on October 24th**, and begin getting ready for **Charge Conference** and our **Stewardship Campaign in November**.

> *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*
> — Ecclesiastes 3:1

As I return from my vacation and begin the month of October, I am reminded again that life and ministry are made up of many seasons. Some seasons are filled with celebration and joy; others bring sadness, transition, and uncertainty. Yet through every season, God remains faithful and continues to walk with us.

Our church may be small, but our God is not limited by our size. When we offer our time, gifts, prayers, and love to God, God can use them in ways beyond what we can imagine.

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So let us enter this busy season with grateful hearts, open hands, and renewed faith.

There is much ahead of us, but we can face it together—with confidence that God is with us.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor John







September Birthdays were celebrated at coffee fellowship on Sunday, 9/13. It seems that Chloe Ku has become our official candle lighter, and she learned how to strike a match for the first time! Peg Schuster was busy counting in the church office, but Atticus Kim took her a piece of cake so they could pose together in their festive hats!





Scott Basinger's ***Big Band Theory*** concert on 9/26 started with this colorful sunset and ended with the full moon rising over the trees!



OCTOBER Lectionary Readings:

October 4 – **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Exod 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;Phil 3:4-14; Matt 21:33-46

October 11 – **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Exod 32:1-14; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14

October 18 – **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Exod 33:12-23; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22

October 25 – **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Deut 34:1-12; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

PSALMS for OCTOBER:

October 4	Psalm 19
October 11	Psalm 106
October 18	Psalm 99
October 25	Psalm 90

MARNA KORELL

March 18, 1924 – Sept. 15, 2026

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Born in Minnesota, the first of three children, Marna's family moved west to Washington and then California. Her first husband died after 31 wonderful years together. They had two children, Lynette and Kathlene. Three years later, she remarried and enjoyed 25 years with Stanley Korell until his death in 2006. Marna was a member of the San Marino Woman's Club where she held several leadership positions. She also served on the Finance Committee here at SMUMC, where she was well loved by all. Marna is survived by her daughter Lynette, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



WHILE PASTOR JOHN WAS AWAY…… Reverend Stephen Stewart presided over worship on Sunday, 9/13/26, and the following Sunday, 9/20/26, we celebrated "LAITY SUNDAY".


Brenda Walkiewicz


Jill Schofield


Jaden Miller


Susan Ross


Bryan Kim


Josh Locatell


Jonathon Light


The Children's Moment


Cindy Crismer


Rev. Steve Stewart



SMUMC Choir rehearsal and potluck at the home of Jill and Tim Schofield - Saturday, 9/26/26.



The 2026 **MISSION AREA SINGING EVENT** at First UMC of Temple City took place on Sunday afternoon, September 27th. We had a pretty large delegate in attendance and our choir performed *"Peace Like a River"*. Pastor John delivered the Gospel.









SMUMC Choir: Elsa Yue, Mina Yoon, Susan Ross, Yvonne Miller, Jill Schofield, Ann Dechairo-Marino, Pastor John Yoon; Stephanie Lan, accompanist.

Sierra Madre has a beautiful new mural at the intersection of Baldwin Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. on the east-facing wall of Happy's Liquor Store!



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 creating beautiful items to sell.
You may start bringing in your goods now and give them to June or Candace for safe-keeping.
Happy Holidays!

NEED A WORKOUT?

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



Mat Pilates Classes

with Annemarie Werthwein

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm and 7pm
Select Sundays at 9:30am
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DOES YOUR VEHICLE NEED DETAILING?

Dee Suzuki's grandson, Tristen, can help in that department, and he comes to your home or workplace!



The Book Club's selection for October is *"The Second Chance Convenience Store"* by Ho-Yeon Kim. In this million-copy international bestseller from Korea, the owner of a corner store takes in an unhoused man who does a good deed, a kind soul whose presence will transform the whole neighborhood – a heartwarming tale of community and redemption. Goodreads.com



SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The October meeting will be held on Friday, October 23rd 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



Got computer issues? Need a ride to the airport? Need an experienced house-sitter? **MATT KELLEY** *can help! He is our IT guy here at church (and Sue's son.)*
Call or text: 626-731-2811



BIRTHDAYS

1 DAVID CRISMER
3 STEVE BRIDAL
3 MATT KELLEY
3 DEE SUZUKI
28 BRYAN KIM

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

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Church Office Hours

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	28 **NOTE: Hartzell Hall will be unavailable for all other events from Sun. 10/11 thru Sat. 10/24 for rummage set-up and sale.**	29	30 Scott Basinger's BIG BAND THEORY rehearsal in Wesley Chapel Weds. 7 – 9 p.m. | | | | | | | V	1 **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL**	2	3 **RUMMAGE WORK DAY 9:00 a.m.** CAF using Hartzell Hall until 2:30 p.m.
4 **FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY** **9:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion** **10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL** **11:00 a.m. – SPRC MEETING** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**	5	6 	7	8 **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL**	9	10 **MARNA KORELL Memorial 2pm in Sanctuary and HH Reception**
11 **RUMMAGE MOVING DAY 7:00 a.m.** **9:30 a.m. - Worship** **10:45 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship-LL** **CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**	12 **Jill Schofield vacation thru 10/30**	13	14 **UHRA mtg. 7-9 pm SHCR**	15 **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL**	16 	17
18 **9:30 a.m. – Worship** **10:45 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship-LL** "Rise Against Hunger" event at First UMC Pasadena 12 -3 p.m.	19	20 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30 p.m. - SHCR**	21	22 **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL**	23 **SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 12:30 p.m. SALLY FOLLETT'S HOME**	24 **RUMMAGE SALE!! 8:30 am-1:00 pm**
25 **9:30 a.m. – Worship** **10:45 a.m.– Coffee Fellowship- LL** **PUMPKIN CARVING!**	26 **ACTS picking up rummage 11am-1pm**	27 	28	29 **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN 10:30 a.m. - LL**	30	31 HALLOWEEN **Diane Searls Memorial 10am in Sanctuary and HH Reception**