

IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, let us hold these persons in our prayers:

Newly Added: Jocelyn Medina,
Family of Gordon Mool

For Healing: Mark Audley, Family of Serafin Alvarez and Sarah Brunkow, Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Ann Burke, Mary Davis, Hazel Emily Der, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Sofia and Woody Hain, Rob Hayes, Laura Hevia Del Puerto and family, Sallie Higginbotham, Samuel Howell and family, James Jensen, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Andrea Lussier and family, The family and friends of Corina Moray, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Wendy Stiver, Tim Sun, Phyllis and Howard Underwood, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Arya Whall, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss, Rosy Zide.

Prayer requests may be shared via connect@fumcpasadena.org and we will gladly add them.

LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located in each pew. Please use a Connect Card to provide or update your contact information, for information on church programs, make a prayer request or communicate a message to our pastors. Place completed cards in the offering boxes near the back and parking lot doors to the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.
Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Christians.
As the children gather, we sing together.

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations,
God and the blessed Mary's child,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Beautiful Savior

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Answering the Call

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you call to us always, inviting us to follow Christ more closely. Give us the courage to answer this call. We ask you to bless these gifts lovingly offered as signs of our desire to serve you in this community, and with our whole lives. Guide all that we do in your name that your church and your disciples may faithfully serve you. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in D Major BWV 1028 Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for coffee and conversation in
the Fellowship Hall following worship.

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church, making it possible for us to offer ministries of hope, hospitality, service and compassion in Pasadena, and around the world.

If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code below to access the church's online giving website. Offering baskets are available by the exits to receive checks and currency.



However you choose to share your gifts, we thank you for being here and sharing in the ministries of First United Methodist Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God by Andrea Lussier and Family in loving memory of James Robert Pace.

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Visit fumcpasadena.org/app to download the app to your favorite device and stay connected and up to date with our latest content.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at connect@fumcpasadena.org

Welcome to FUMC! If you are new to our community and would like to learn more about the church and its' ministries, you are invited to join Pastor Amy for lunch and conversation in the **Church Lounge today at 11:30 a.m.** We look forward to getting to know you!

Friends and Family Lunch - Sunday, Jan. 29 after worship in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join for food and conversation.

Charge Conference - Sunday, Jan. 29 11:45 p.m in Fellowship Hall. The Charge Conference is an annual meeting for all church members to vote on budget, church leadership and other matters.

Join us for a welcome celebration and installation of California-Pacific Annual Conference's new bishop, Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank. The installation service will be a celebration of our Southern California and Hawaii ministries. The service will take place in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow.

Hospitality Ministry Training: Are you interested in being one of the friendly faces who welcomes all to our church? Please come to the training after worship, this Sunday, in the Sanctuary. If you want more information, contact Rev. Connie Tamkin, ctamkin@fumcpasadena.org.

Spirit Seekers Class - Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the Church Lounge. We will be covering the theme: "A House Divided: the Church in a Splintering Society" will be the theme for the next Spirit Seekers class until Feb. 19.

Through the analysis of experts and text, we will explore the deep causes underlying our current polarization.

Pastor's Bible Study will meet next Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (1/25). We will discuss Matthew 5:1-12. Please see the News@First email for the Zoom link.

Camp Sky Meadows Committee Meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Danny Carrera (carrera@electricpowergroup.com) for more information.

Bad Weather Supply Donations: We are pleased to be hosting the Friends in Deed's Bad Weather Supply program on Thursdays in Great Hall from 5 p.m - 7 p.m. If you are interested in donating cold weather items, please contact Lindsey at lindseyr@friendsindeedpas.org

The New Testament Disciple Bible Study begins on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Prerequisite: completed the Old Testament study of Disciple Bible, or have an in depth knowledge of the old testament. Register by January 25 with Pastor Connie.

Get Organized: A Free Ending Well Workshop - Developed here at FUMC, these five hour-long Zoom classes give you the information you need to get your important papers in order.

Some sections of the course have begun, but we have several time slots available.

Contact endingwellclass@gmail.com or Pastor Connie at ctamkin@fumcpasadena.org for more information.

Mindful Mondays: An all levels easy flow yoga class taught by Darby Orr is taking place on Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the Cloister or Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and epayments accepted.)

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10: 00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm 207)
- 11:30: Welcome Gathering with Pastor Amy (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir
- 5:30: Movie Night (Church Lounge)
- 5:30: Youth Group and Dinner

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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