

Our Mission Statement

We are a warm, caring community of faith, gathering to worship God and sharing the love of Jesus Christ through our friendship and service to our neighbors and the world.

Community ASH WEDNESDAY worship

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Torrance First United Methodist Church

1551 El Prado Avenue, Torrance, 90501
(310) 328-3242

Eric Iki, preaching
*Ministerial Candidate serving El Segundo and
Faith United Methodist Churches*

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Mass Choral Anthem

•
Imposition of Ashes

*Fellowship and refreshments following the Service
You are invited to bring finger foods to share*



March

Sundays

4:30 pm - Middle School Group

6:00 pm - High School Group

Dear ESUMC,

Happy Lenten season!

I'm terrible at keeping New Year's resolutions because they last all year, but with Lent, I can't make a resolution and only have to work at it for 40 days. Because of that, I prefer Lenten disciplines. I encourage people to take up something while also giving something up. In with the new and out with the old is my approach! I hope that this season is rewarding for you and your spiritual growth.

In terms of the youth groups, we won't have our monthly Friday Fun night due to the Spring retreat that will happen March 15th-17th in Big Bear. I'm excited to get away and into nature for the weekend with the youth. I hope they are too!

Out of the five Sundays in March, there will be youth group every Sunday except for the 17th which is for retreat recovery.

We're still constantly seeking people to help donate dinners. It's really a huge help for the youth group and for me as well! Thank you to everyone that donates! I really appreciate the generosity and so do the youth!

*Many blessings,
Eric Iki
Youth Director*



March BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Taylor Howat
- 3/11 Alicia Maples
- 3/17 Peter Amara, Joelle Bushrow, Kasi Hensley
- 3/19 Jay Bushrow
- 3/21 Nita Mann
- 3/25 Carolyn Elder, Vickien Semerdjian

Thank you for being a blessing . . .

- to those who acted as liturgists in February: **Brenda Colbert, Ellie Mackie, Brad Stine and Darcey Kuhn and Bryan Wiese.**

- to those who warmly welcomed folks to worship as greeters in February: **Pat Bushrow, Becky Fisher, Kim Huntoon, Debbie Jacobson, Linda Kruse, and Beth Muraida.**

- to everyone who graciously served as ushers in February, especially **Ralph and Brenda Colbert and Gerry Muraida.**

- to our acolytes in February: **Porter Robbins, and Vickien and Jacques Semerdjian.**

- to those who graced our altar with gifts of flowers in February: **Kathy Rutledge and the Semerdjian Family.**

- to our February Sunday School teachers: **Carolyn and Craig Elder and Mark Heaney.**

- to those who cooked meals for Shared Bread: **Lisa Derr, Leslie Evans, Becky Haynes, and Brenda Ross.**

- to the **Scouts** who served as ushers on UMC Scouting Sunday, February 10.

- to **Don Carlile, Glafy Carr, and Tonio Martinez**, who helped to present information on the February 23-26 Special General Conference.

- to **Glafy Carr**, for preaching the message on February 24.

Please add your own expressions of appreciation to those given in this column. We are blessed!



ASHES TO GO

March 6, 1:00 pm

In front of the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.



March 10



UMCOR SUNDAY

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. They make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR doesn't receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without these offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, they are channeled to under-funded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

Scout Sunday



New Member



Afshin Minaecian



Happy *almost* Spring to all our UMW members!

Thank you to those of you that attended the general meeting February 23. Thank you especially to Naomi McElvain, who provided a talk about women's heart health. Thank you also to the Elizabeth Circle, our lovely hostesses for this event.

Looking forward, we are preparing for our first Rummage Sale of the year, headed up by Brenda Ross. This event will take place on March 29-30, from 9-5 on Friday and 9-2 on Saturday. Thank you to those of you that have already signed up for shifts during the sale—please keep these times highlighted in your calendar. We can't put on this sale without you! Brenda will be setting up for the sale the week before, and appreciates any help that can be given during that time.

Our next board meeting will take place on March 25 at 6pm, in Lucas Chapel.

I encourage you to use this month to dive deep into something you love—Scripture, music, reading, knitting, whatever! Let's jump into Spring with healthy souls and minds.

With love,
Glafira Mackie
UMW President

Still Available from the UMW Cupboards:

- Bread & Butter Pickles
- Zucchini Relish
- Tomato Relish
- Peach Jam
- Sunny Pear Marmalade
- Orange Marmalade
- Fig Conserve
- Jalapeno Jelly
- Blood Orange Marmalade
- Strawberry Jam
- Chicken Enchiladas (frozen 2/container)



Price:

Enchiladas: \$8.00

Canned Items: \$6/pint, \$3.50/half pint

March Volunteers

Liturgists

- 03: Mike Rutledge
10: Pat Heaney
17: Debbie Jacobson
24: TBD
31: TBD

Greeters

- 03: JoAnn and Ed Gulian
10: Beth Muraida and Jane Perkins
17: Linda Kruse and Brenda Ross
24: Becky Fisher and Kim Huntoon
31: TBD

Sign-up sheets can be found on clipboards in the Narthex



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