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THE VINE

Settling Disputes

By Rev. Scott Andrews

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So, when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. – Matthew 5:21-26

"The Sermon on the Mount is perhaps the greatest sermons preached by perhaps one of the best preachers around!" A seminary professor once said this – tongue in cheek of course – to a class I was a part of. Of course, it is the great sermon of Jesus. Of course, Jesus is the great preacher of the New Testament. And yet, we all need to spend more time in this section of Matthew's gospel (Matthew 5:1-7:27). Over the next few months, I'm going to use selections of this sermon for my monthly Vine article.

We have all been in arguments before. Whether they were with family, friends, co-workers, classmates, or neighbors, we have all experienced the pain and emotional turmoil of conflicting with someone else. We may have even experienced a sense of "internal conflict". No matter which type or with whom we have experienced conflict, these disputes destroy and distract.

As Jesus continues preaching the Sermon on the Mount, he begins a series of comments that begin with the phrase "you have heard that it was said". There are six times that this phrase is used. Each of them is an entry into a discussion on the commandments. They are not attempting to change the commandments, but to help us find a deeper meaning to each of the commandments.

This particular attempt is to help us move beyond the taking matters into our own hands. We have all, as I state before, had disputes with others that have unnerved us. Some of us may have even felt "our blood boil" in anger toward the person we are in dispute with. Jesus is cautioning us to rethink our anger. He says, "If you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment". He cautions us even further to not insult each other also. He further explains that we can't even enter worship if we feel this way. Instead, he tells us to settle things quickly.

There are some who will say that this philosophy is "Pollyannaish". And that may be true. But what good does anger do us. If anything, anger only robs us of a full connection with God and with one another. "It's a slow poison we drink hoping the other person dies," as some have said. My suggestion is to follow the words of Christ. Find settlements to your disputes. Let go of the anger. Live in the fellowship of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott



Catalyst: 1. a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change; 2. a person or thing acting as the stimulus in bringing about or hastening a result..

I believe that second dictionary definition derives from the first. It's taking a principle from chemistry and applying it in the context of social science. To that I would add another context—ecclesiology, defined as "the study of the nature and organization of the Christian Church." In all three contexts, the principle is the same: a catalyst is something, or someone, enabling change while not sacrificing its fundamental nature in the process.

One of my strong convictions is that God's plan and intent is for the Church—the body of Christ—to be a catalyst in a world forever in need of transformation and God-directed change. That means that, as congregations and as individual Christians, we are mandated to be change agents, to bring about transformation, to do whatever we can to make the world more the place God intends it to be. The question is, how do we best do that while being forever true to our fundamental nature? How can we be "in but not of" the world? How do we guard against compromising our essential nature as we engage, in a transformative way, the world around us? To put it in grandiose terms, how do we do our part to alter the course of human history without selling our souls in the process?

When it comes to seeing the Church as a change agent, we need to recognize a fundamental truth: The Church, as a whole, is made up of countless dispersed churches, which are made up of innumerable individual Christians. And, whether we're thinking macro or micro, corporate or individual, a fundamental principle applies: we must stay grounded in the basics.

As I apply that truth to my life, I'm convinced of four things:

I need to gather as often as possible with fellow believers to worship God.

I need to be engaged in daily study of God's Word, the Bible.

I need to be in covenant relationship with fellow Christians who hold me accountable.

I need to make prayer a foundation for everything I am and do.

Short of that, I am either going to get co-opted by the world, I'm going to fail to do my part to change the world—or both. So I'm renewing my commitment to all four, and I invite you to join me.

Pastor Tom



CARING MINISTRY

A Fast Track to Providing a Helping Hand

During a conversation with a friend I mentioned that, as a part of MUMC's Caring Ministry's Meal Train, I was taking a meal to one our church members. What is a "Meal Train" you ask? A Meal Train is an organized planning method for getting meals to people temporarily requiring help. When one or more of our church family is in need of help with meals due to an illness, recuperating from a hospital stay, a birth of a new family member, etc. a call goes out to our Caring Ministry Chair, Eula Anyiwo. (This information is acquired from calls to the Pastors, church office, friends and family and prayer requests) She then sends out a Meal Train email to everyone who has expressed an interest in providing meals and/or delivering them. The email contains information on the what family is needing help, what their food preferences are as well as a calendar of available dates for delivering a meal. These dates are normally Monday, Wednesday and Friday of any given week. Next, interested people can sign up on any particular date to provide a meal. That meal can be cooked at home, purchased from a takeout restaurant, and even provided by purchasing a Grub Hub gift card which can be purchased through the Meal Train site. The Meal Train app sends you as the provider reminders of their Meal Train date, gives contact information for the family receiving the meal (so you can set up a convenient time to drop the meal off) and a map to help locate the home address. Picking up a take-out meal and dropping it by on your way home from work, preparing a meal in your own home and delivering it or ordering a gift card for the person/family temporarily needing assistance; there are many ways for even the busiest person to help! In order to be a meal deliverer from MUMC our church requires that you first complete the Safe Sanctuaries Training. You may also choose to provide meals that can be delivered by those who have completed this training.

Right now, Caring Ministry has 5-8 people who share in this ministry and there are SO MANY more seats available on the Train! If you would like additional information please contact Eula at 909-731-6706 or Pastor Tom Rothhaar at 951-639-3490.

Candace Saxman



Young at Heart

If you don't fit in with the 345 (30s, 40s, and 50s) group but you are looking for some friends to socialize with, here is a group for you! Those of us who have graduated from the 345s are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of each month for either a potluck or an event out in the community. On Saturday, May 11th we will gather in the parking lot behind Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM to carpool to the Santa Rosa Plateau. Carol Scott will be our docent and lead us on a short, easy hike through the oak woodlands. Bring water and a sack lunch. If you would like to join us for lunch ask for directions at the Visitors' Center and meet us at the picnic area at 11:30 AM. For more information please contact Wes and Carol Scott at wscott6@verizon.net or 951- 676-5377.





News from the Missions Team

Summer Volunteer Opportunities for the whole family!

As the summer quickly approaches, the Missions team wanted to highlight some opportunities to serve for the whole family.

Come help serve a meal (or five) to the refugees in Tijuana.

The Mission's team in conjunction with CalPac will be going down for three weekends over the summer to help serve three meals on Saturday and 2 meals on Sunday to the Refugees. We will stay at a secure hotel or for free at the supporting church, on Friday and Saturday night and head home on Sunday after lunch. Fun and rewarding to help our brothers and sisters in need. For more information email tompilkington@gmail.com

- ✧ May 24-26
- ✧ June 14-16
- ✧ Aug 2-4

Work party needed to help enlarge the sanctuary in Colonia Santa Nino, Mexico

A group will be needed to help our friends in Colonia Santa Nino enlarge the existing sanctuary to accommodate the ever growing family of believers. If you are handy with a hammer or can help with a meal for hungry workers, please come on down! We will stay at a secure hotel at night and there will be about 3 hours driving time. For information contact Tom Pilkington tompilkington@gmail.com

- ✧ Tentative date June 7-9

Join for a Mission Team meeting

The Missions Team will not meet in May, but will convene on June 9th and July 7th. If you have a heart for missions, please join us and meet the team. All are welcome! Contact Meg Matthews for more info. mail@megmatthews.com

Sign up for the Coffee fellowship,

and get to visit with all of your church family. Easy and fun for the whole family. Sign-up while you're getting your treat on Sundays.

Pet Ministry

Mark your calendar for the **Pet Food Donation Day on the first Sunday of each month!** Your contributions of cat and dog food, plus the treats, toys and blankets the Friends of the Valleys animal shelter fill their needs and give them comfort!

- ✧ May 5th

Joshua Tree Breakfast

Approximately five times/year MUMC helps support a mission project to help those in need in Joshua Tree by serving a hot meal. In collaboration with our partner churches we provide a hot meal weekly on Saturday morning. Each time we go, we need a team of about 10 and all ages are welcome to help cook and serve and support. Contact Tom Pilkington if interested tompilkington@gmail.com

- ✧ May 11th
- ✧ July 27th

Friday Breakfast Helpers

The last Friday of each month we serve about 100 of our food pantry visitors breakfast. It's early, but will prove to be fun and satisfying for all! We usually need a team to help with set up on Thursday afternoon as well. For more information contact Mark Sorenson at justinskylar@verizon.net

- ✧ May 24th
- ✧ June 28th
- ✧ July 26th
- ✧ August 23rd

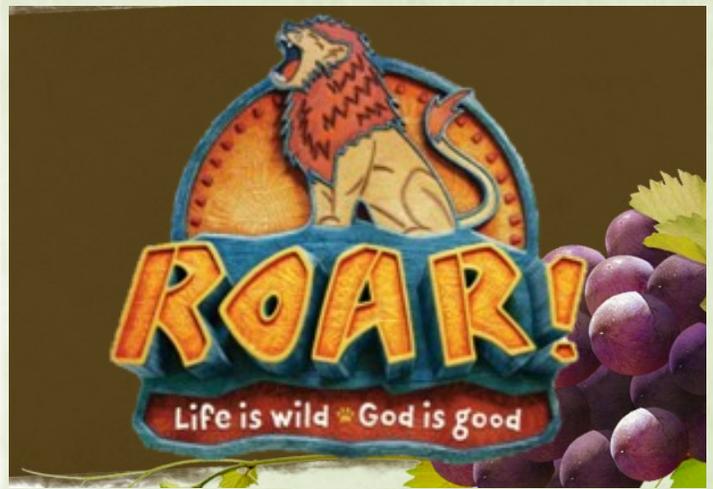
Helpers needed for UMCOR Distribution Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

This summer we will be sending a group from MUMC to help at the UMCOR distribution Center, and all are welcome. There is much to do for all ages and abilities. We will work Friday-Monday June 28-July 1. Travel time by car is about 8 hours or flying is about 2 hours. We will stay at a hotel nearby and hopefully get a group rate. If interested, contact Meg Matthews mail@megmatthews.com

- ✧ June 28-July 1st (27-2nd w/ travel)

For more information contact Meg Mathews at

It is time to think about meeting God at Summer Camp!



Camp Wrightwood

Senior High Camp (Grade 9-Graduated Senior): July 7-13
Junior High Camp (Grades 6-9): July 14-20
Younger Elementary Camp (Grades 2-4): July 21-24
Older Elementary Camp (Grades 4-6): July 21-26

At summer camp, your child will grow in their faith, learn leadership skills, grow their self-esteem, develop interpersonal skills with peers and adults, make life-long friendships and have fun. Each child can apply for only one campership either to camp **OR** SSP per year.

STEP ONE: Campers must be registered FOR CAMP by their parent or guardian, must pay the \$25 registration fee for camp, and be enrolled in the camp before turning in the campership application. To register for camp go to <http://www.calpacumc.org/summercamp/>

STEP TWO: Parents please pick up the application form at the Welcome Center on Sundays or in the church office M-Th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The amount of the campership will depend upon monies available. Please plan ahead! The cost for younger elementary summer camp is \$225 for 3 days. All other camps are \$445 for a week long camp. Application deadline is June 2. Please register your child at <http://www.calpacumc.org/summercamp/> **before** you request a campership MUMC.

Ask Youth Directors Mandy Allen and Jennifer Jones or Pastor Scott about this wonderful experience!

For more information please call Sonrisers representative Carol Scott (951) 676-5377.

Carol Scott
Sonrisers

SONRISERS



Calling all women of the church. Please join us on Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall for our next Sonrisers meeting. Sonrisers, a circle of the United

Methodist Women, is a fellowship and service group for women of MUMC. We'll eat breakfast together and then talk about plans for the rest of the year. For more information please contact Carol Scott at wscott6@verizon.net or Toni Spencer at 619-504-8950.

**SAVE THE DATE!
VBS
June 17— June 21st**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For many children VBS is the only exposure to God and the church. This year, VBS begins on Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at MUMC - but we need your help. Children's and Family Ministry needs volunteers to check children in and out, run stations, and in group leadership roles. We can't have Vacation Bible School without you! Volunteers who are in middle school and high school as well as adults are welcome. You're given all the materials you need - anything you do is made easy. Training will be held digitally. When you volunteer I'll need your email address no later than Sunday, June 2nd. For more information please contact Children's and Family Ministry Director Ayesha Sorensen at (951)370-9285 or ayasha@murrietaumc.org.

Ayesha Sorensen
Director Children's and Family Ministry



The fun continues! This summer we will continue to have Sunday school during our 9:00 AM worship service. Starting June 9th we'll begin a one room Sunday school in Fellowship Hall. Children will sit with their families in worship until the Children's Message, then they'll be escorted to Fellowship Hall for Sunday school. We look forward to seeing them there as we continue to use the *Whole People of God* Lectionary-based Sunday school curriculum for our lessons. As usual there is no Sunday school during our 11:00 AM service. There is childcare for ages 6 weeks to 5 yrs. old for both services. For more information please contact Children's and Family Director Ayesha at (951)370-9285 or ayasha@murrietaumc.org.

Ayesha Sorensen
Children's and Family Ministry Director



Contributions to Murrieta UMC through eGiving!

We are excited to share with you two ways you can use eGiving to Murrieta United Methodist Church. You can give online through the church website at www.murrietaumc.org or through the GivePlus Church app on your smart phone.

WHY GIVE ONLINE AND THROUGH THE GIVE PLUS APP

Step in faith – When you sign up to give online or through the GivePlus app you are deciding in advance to give faithfully.

Simplicity – It helps simplify life. It allows you to give consistently.

Security – Electronic giving is more secure than writing a check. Both the online website and GivePlus app are secure.

Focus – You can focus on the service instead of worrying about writing a check.

How to Give through "Online Giving"

- ◇ Go to the church website www.murrietaumc.org. In the upper right hand corner, click the "Giving" button.
- ◇ Click on "Donate to MUMC".
- ◇ Click on the donate button.
- ◇ Create a profile that will allow you to securely make donations.
- ◇ Provide contact and bank or credit/card information.
- ◇ Indicate the amount you would like to donate and frequency of your gift.

How to Give through the "GivePlus" Church app

- ◇ Download GivePlus Church app for free from the App Store or Google Play.
- ◇ Search for our church "Murrieta UMC".
- ◇ You can donate as a guest or set up an account.
- ◇ The account allows you to securely make one time donations or schedule recurring donations.

By using eGiving, you can easily respond to special appeals and events, give to the Food Pantry, give to the General Fund and fulfill pledges to Murrieta UMC. We hope you will try the **Online Giving** and/or the **GivePlus** app. They are both easy to use. Thank you so much for being a vital part of the Murrieta United Methodist Church's community.

If you have any questions or need help setting up either the Online Giving or the GivePlus app, please contact Denise Guilliams, MUMC Bookkeeper, Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM at 951-677-6174 or email denise.murrietaumc@gmail.com.



2019 Monthly Giving for March

Week of March 3	\$15,065
Week of March 10	\$11,879
Week of March 17	\$ 9,407
Week of March 24	\$ 7,046
Week of March 31	\$ 5,211
Total	\$48,608

Needed Monthly \$50,524
Bruce Hartwig, Finance Chair
annandbruce347@gmail.com



Restock the SHELVES

NOTES FROM THE PANTRY

Each family coming to the food pantry receives a basic bag of staples that our pantry shoppers purchase throughout the week which includes cans of vegetables, beans, pasta, meat, tuna, and toilet paper. They also can pick from the variety of cereals and soups we have available. Then they choose from bakery items, which have been donated by Winco, and bakery goods, produce, meat and deli that Albertsons has donated through their Fresh Rescue Program. Each week, through your generosity and the generosity of our community, the people we serve can count on receiving this much food.

We are looking forward to the MUMC 16th Annual Dinner (Monday, May 19th) and Golf Tournament (on Monday, May 20th) this year as proceeds from these events and donations from the congregation benefit the Food Pantry and cover the cost of the weekly shopping trips. We try hard to stock up on sale items and rely on Winco and the 99 Cents Store when there are none. People have asked what kinds of things the pantry needs. We would love it if everyone could bring just a couple of cans of beans (beans never seem to go on sale) or canned meat during May to allow us to lay up some reserves. Soups and spaghetti sauces are staples that go out every week and any packaged item that is on sale is always a good choice. You can drop your food donations in the basket near the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or the church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Donations to the Pantry's designated fund helps us tremendously, but donations in the grocery basket Sunday mornings are nice too. Bless you all for your continued support.

We are always so grateful for the generous donations, both monetary and food, by parishioners and community members.

The Pantry Team





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| 5/1 | Donna Dewey | 5/14 | Taylor Garrison |
| 5/1 | Denise Williams | 5/14 | Jordan Sabree |
| 5/1 | Kate Matthews | 5/15 | Leena Kattan |
| 5/2 | Virginia Attarian | 5/16 | Adriann Huntington |
| 5/2 | Dottie Marshall | 5/17 | Susan Carmichael |
| 5/2 | Gary Smith | 5/17 | Eric Ramos |
| 5/3 | Sasha Burger | 5/17 | Roberta Smith |
| 5/3 | Jimmy Harris | 5/18 | Ron Williams |
| 5/3 | Jim McGlashan | 5/21 | Loretta Winger |
| 5/3 | Vincent Scola | 5/22 | Linda Bouch |
| 5/3 | Maren Stanley | 5/22 | Janice Breuer |
| 5/4 | Bill Schrader | 5/23 | Ron Fokken |
| 5/6 | Carol Earle | 5/24 | Bernice Chollar-Mathews |
| 5/8 | John Kohrman | 5/24 | Patricia Jenkins |
| 5/9 | Sharon Hunter | 5/24 | Alan Malcolm |
| 5/10 | Jacer Rivera | 5/24 | Carol Sierra |
| 5/11 | Jillian Barr | 5/26 | Elsa Glidewell |
| 5/11 | Claire Fisher | 5/26 | Nancy Randolph |
| 5/11 | Doug Sabicer | 5/26 | Carol Wynn-Sandy |
| 5/12 | Don Greywood | 5/29 | Ken Ellingboe |
| 5/13 | Benjamin Hudson | 5/30 | Shannon Pettis |
| 5/13 | Tom Johnson | 5/31 | Meaghan Gingrich |
| 5/13 | Sheryl Mathews | | |



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| 5/1 | 54 years | Dick & Carolyn Smith |
| 5/9 | 67 years | Jim & Millie McGlashan |
| 5/14 | 53 years | Tom & Sandy Andert |
| 5/19 | 57 years | Tom & Jeanie Pilkington |
| 5/24 | 55 years | Charles & Sylvia Muse |
| 5/30 | 32 years | Nick & Bonnie Radcliffe |

You are cordially invited to the
Sixteenth Annual Gala, Golf, and Giving
benefitting the food pantry!



Gala – Dinner and auction - Sunday, May 19nd.

Want to enjoy an evening of great food and festivities? The Golf Dinner, Gala and Auction will be held on Sunday May 19th at the Bear Creek Golf Club. The evening starts at 5:00 PM with a social hour followed at 6:00 PM with a delicious Texas Barbeque dinner - all for \$50!! The gala dinner and auction are for everyone, not just golfers!

Golf—Tournament at Bear Creek Golf Club - Monday May 20th.

Want a chance to play one of the premier golf courses in the valley? Your entry fee covers prizes, golf, cart, range balls, morning coffee and rolls a box lunch for the tournament day *and* your dinner and auction at the Sunday Gala. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with a 10:00 AM shotgun start. Cost is \$150 per individual. Special packages are available.

Giving – All proceeds benefit the Food Pantry

Please consider donating a gift certificate or item from your business for our auction and/or opportunity drawing. Auction items and certificates are needed by Thursday, May 16th.

Now in its nineteenth year of operation, the **Food Pantry** provides basic food supplies each week for 100-150 families. Around the holidays, (Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), those numbers increase to 200 per week!

You may register for the events at the Welcome Center between services on Sunday, visit the Church website at murrietaumc.org or at the Church office during the week.

For more information stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday for details and entry forms or contact Bruce Hartwig at 951-696-5115 or annandbruce347@gmail.com

Last year the event raised \$15,000 for the Food Pantry, and with your participation and support we can top that this year.

Thank you for your generosity for this great cause!

-Your Gala, Golf, and Giving Committee

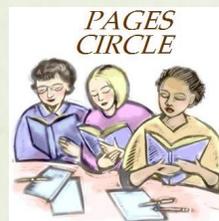


UMW Program on Sustainable Gardening

As a San Diego Native American proverb offers, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." At the next United Methodist Women's meeting, Lynn Coffman will discuss why we must look back to move forward in creating a sustainable environmental future one garden at a time. Lynn is a Master Gardener and a contract employee for Inland Empire Waterkeepers helping to educate Riverside County Water Districts' residential homeowners understand and implement water-wise landscape transformations.

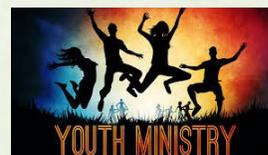
The next Murrieta United Methodist Women's meeting is on Sunday, May 5th at 12:15 p.m. in House Fellowship Hall. Purchase a meal at the youth's Burger Bash and bring it with you for some conversation and insight. All women of the church are invited.

Donna Chamberlain
UMW Communication Coordinator



PAGES CIRCLE

PAGES Circle will meet on Thursday, May 9th at 10:30 AM at the home of Donna Chamberlain to discuss a true story about Methodist Women in action; the title is *Escape from the Green Mansion: Ordinary Church Women and Their Extraordinary Rescue of San Francisco's Brothel Slaves* by Christine Taylor. June will find us discussing a call to social action in *Love in a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice* by Sharon Delgado. Call Donna at 951-696-1190 for more information. All women of the church are welcome.



- Sunday, May 5th:** Burger Bash, Jr High Sunday School, Youth choir and Youth group 12-3pm
- Sunday, May 12th:** Mother's Day! No Youth Group
- Sunday, May 19th:** Jr High Sunday school, & Youth Group 12-3pm
- Sunday, May 26th:** Memorial Day weekend No youth group

For more information contact Co-Leaders:

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Sunday Education Schedule

- 9:00 AM** — Children's Sunday school for Pre-K - 5th grade & Jr. High(Youth Room)
- 9:00 AM** — High school Youth—worship in the sanctuary
- 10:15 AM** — Children's Choir
- 11:00 AM** — Youth choir
- 12:00 PM** — Youth Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 PM** —3:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

*** Nursery and Child Care are available 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM**

****No Sunday school 1st Sunday of each month—worship with families in sanctuary**

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