



Murrieta United Methodist Church

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"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
March 13, 2024.....Coming Events.....



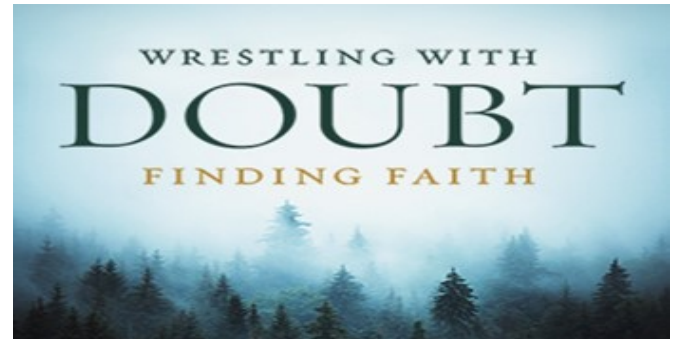
RISE AGAINST HUNGER

It is once again time for us to work together to package meals for Rise Against Hunger. This year we will package 12,000 meals beginning at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024** in the House Fellowship Hall. It is important that you register so we know how many stations to set up. <https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=701Pj000007SybY>

Just click on register and fill in the boxes. There is a place where it will ask you to donate, but you don't need to do that. You have been so generous through your Christmas offering that the amount we need has already been raised. If you have trouble registering or have questions, please contact Carol Scott at 951-265-4066 or wccott6@verizon.net

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

The Missions Team would love to have you join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, **March 20, 2024 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finalizing our Rise Against Hunger event. All are welcome. We can also use more help the first Wednesday of each month providing dinner for the moms at Rancho Damacitas. Questions? Contact Carol Scott at wccott6@verizon.net



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Join us for worship **Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. Pastor Melissa Rusler will share the message:

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith:
"When Prayers Go Unanswered &
Why Do the Innocent Suffer?"

The scripture readings are:

Genesis 1:27-28; Psalm 22:2; John 17: 7
& Luke 22:42

Here are links to the praise songs for Sunday if you would like to listen to them this week:

Revelation Song

https://youtu.be/0FrhDJa3XCM?si=7IzK_LwedkkAa3b3

How Great is our God

https://youtu.be/_U16ZE73L78?si=J9jZp_cLCHC9MRks

If you wish, you can join us for worship online. Go to our website – www.murrietaumc.org – and then click on the link titled "Worship Live Stream".



SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

It's time for our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT! Your donations are welcomed and needed. Please bring either prefilled eggs, empty eggs, or goodies for the eggs....or all three!



TITHES & OFFERINGS

We are grateful for your continued support of the ministries of our church. There are three ways to donate to the church. First, you can mail in your donations to the church post office box

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Second, donate online at www.murrietaumc.org or scan the QR code above to set up your donation.

Third, put your donation in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Thank you.

PAGES Circle: Praise And Gratitude for Every Season

PAGES Circle will be meeting on **Zoom on Thursday, March 14th at 10:30 am**. This month we will be discussing "BEATING GUNS: HOPE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WEARY OF VIOLENCE" by Shaine Claiborne and Michael Martin. Bestselling author and activist Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin show why Christians should be concerned about gun violence and how they can be part of the solution. The authors transcend stale rhetoric about gun control to offer a creative and productive response. Charts, tables, and facts convey the realities of gun violence in America, but as the authors make clear, there is a story behind every statistic. Beating Guns allows victims and perpetrators to tell their own compelling stories, offering hope for change. The discussion this month will be led by Helen Johnson. Any woman of the church is welcome to join us. Contact Helen Johnson for Zoom: 951-599-9001 or htjohncal@gmail.com.

Thank You!

THANK YOU FROM LAURA ROTHHAAR:

I want to take a few minutes of your reading time to thank each member of Murrieta United Methodist Church for being who they are. As many of you know, I got very sick on our vacation cruising in the Caribbean. It was supposed to be a trip from one beautiful Caribbean island to another beautiful Caribbean island. Many of you wished us a happy "bon voyage" that last Sunday we were in church—that's the kind of people you are. You celebrate your church family and wish them "safe travels" and "happy times". About the third island we visited I began to fall sick. I was diagnosed with influenza and double pneumonia and was quickly transferred to one of those beautiful islands by ambulance to a hospital on Grand Cayman Island. By then I was delirious and really don't remember a lot of what was happening to me. Tom was able to get to the hospital by taxi that didn't take credit cards and he didn't have enough cash! We needed help! This is where you come in and saved the day and my life! Tom called our church, way back to the US, told Sandy and Melissa what was happening. They spread the word and you all started a prayer chain for us that spread literally around the world. What power you have! Don't you ever think your prayers are not felt! I believe they saved my life. Even when I got home you continued to care for us. You brought yummy meals every day through our Church Meal Train, you sent cards, you called, you took care of Tom who was overwhelmed by all this. You truly are a special community in a special church. It shows and it is much appreciated! I'm sure God is well pleased with you!



SONRISERS

SonRisers is a group of women that meet once a month and help to provide monies for camperships for the youth. We are meeting on **Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall and would love to have you join us. Any questions, feel free to contact Donna Dewey at 951-541-6499.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Wednesday, March 13**

10:00 AM Lenten Study~ Fellowship Hall
 12:00 PM Caring Ministry~ Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Lenten Study~ Zoom

Thursday, March 14

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
 7:00 PM Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Friday, March 15

8:00 AM Food Pantry

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM Worship~ Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Fellowship Hall
 11:15 AM Sunday Study & Discussion Group~
 Fellowship Hall Rm 8

Monday, March 18

5:30 PM Finance~ Zoom
 7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM—2:00 PM Tax Preparation~Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM Ladies Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm
 5:30 PM Committee on Lay Leadership~ Zoom
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study~ Zoom

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 AM Lenten Study~ Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Lenten Study~ Zoom

Thursday, March 21

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
 7:00 PM Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Friday, March 22

8:00 AM Food Pantry

Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM **PALM SUNDAY** Worship~ Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Fellowship Hall
 11:15 AM Sunday Study & Discussion Group~
 Fellowship Hall Rm 8

Monday, March 25

6:00 PM Ad Council~ Zoom
 7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please email prayer requests to mumc@murrietaumc.org and your prayer will be forwarded to Pastor Melissa, Pastor Tom and our email prayer team. You can also leave a prayer request on the church office voicemail, 951-677-6174. Thank you.

If there is a **pastoral emergency** please call or text Pastor Melissa at 714-856-6817 or Pastor Tom at 714-478-9266.

Church office hours are 8:30 AM—1:00 PM Monday-Thursday.



Our prayers of condolence are given to the family of MUMC member, Ann Walling, who passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held at church on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Our prayers of condolence are given to Tom Hanlon and family on the passing of Tom's sister, Janice, on 3/11/2024.

DONATIONS FOR CARD MINISTRY

As a part of Caring Ministry we enjoy sending birthday cards to the congregation. We have sent so many cards that we are now in short supply of birthday cards (Men, Women and Children's). Please help us by purchasing inexpensive birthday cards. Please give them to either Pat Laugalis, Eula Anyiwo or the church office. We could also use donations of postage stamps. Our card ministry continues to grow and we enjoy to spreading God's love in this way. Thank you so much!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1-Mar | Paz Alcazar |
| 1-Mar | Tresha Shaw |
| 2-Mar | Patrick Navarro |
| 3-Mar | Nancy McNally |
| 4-Mar | Tai Noa |
| 5-Mar | Eric Rusler |
| 7-Mar | Arabella De Los Reyes |
| 7-Mar | Jaden De Los Reyes |
| 7-Mar | Darla Halker |
| 7-Mar | Nicholas Pettis |
| 8-Mar | Tom Hanlon |
| 9-Mar | Sandee Beam |
| 10-Mar | Steven Robertson |
| 15-Mar | Linda Yankie |
| 16-Mar | Selena Andrews |
| 16-Mar | Marisa Moenho |
| 18-Mar | Jeff Berkey |
| 18-Mar | Michelle Quinn |
| 18-Mar | Pat Turner |
| 19-Mar | Alex Alcazar |
| 21-Mar | Bryan Glassman |
| 21-Mar | Annie Stricker |
| 24-Mar | Alicia Daut |
| 25-Mar | Arlene McCleary |
| 25-Mar | Marlene Stewart |
| 27-Mar | Timmy Parks |
| 28-Mar | Karen Shumate |
| 31-Mar | Kathleen Navarro |
| 31-Mar | Jacob Rivera |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3-Mar | 51 years | Faafetai and Tagi Faaiu |
| 9-Mar | 72 years | Stan and Betty Dilkey |
| 13-Mar | 31 years | David and Alicia Daut |
| 16-Mar | 61 years | Ron and Roberta Smith |