



*Murrieta United Methodist Church*

P. O. Box 602, Murrieta, CA 92564

*"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC*  
March 27, 2024.....Coming Events.....



## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

**Holy Friday 3/29/24 7:00 PM Sanctuary**  
**Worship: A Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness"** is an extended meditation on Jesus' final hours leading to his death and burial. There will be some music intertwined with the readings which come from the Gospel of John (John 18:1 - 19: 42). It is a moving service of remembrance.

### **EASTER 3/31/24**

**Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 AM** outside the main doors to the sanctuary. We will celebrate the risen Christ with worship and watching the sunrise.

### **Easter Celebration Service 10:00 AM**

Come and Worship in the sanctuary as we celebrate the living Lord!

### **Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 AM**

All children are invited to have fun searching for Easter eggs as a celebration of Jesus living forever more!



### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Join us for worship **Sunday, March 31, 2024**

At the **6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service**, Pastor Melissa Rusler will share the message: "Fear Doesn't Win" The scripture reading is Mark 16:1-18. The service will be held outside the sanctuary doors or inside if it rains.

At the **10:00 AM Easter Celebration Service**, Pastor Melissa Rusler will share the message: "Grief...Victory" The scripture reading is John 20:1-18. The service will be in the sanctuary.

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

**Majesty**  
<https://youtu.be/SNnTFDNPT3U?si=CxyAdx3AYVntfXrm>

**Celebrate Jesus Celebrate**  
<https://youtu.be/oatquzIjhs?si=IqRZDFgCIBPW0ch>

**What a Beautiful Name It Is**  
[https://youtu.be/CUBBIddm\\_rM?si=XWH0cr17UbWZU-Lg](https://youtu.be/CUBBIddm_rM?si=XWH0cr17UbWZU-Lg)

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



### 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](http://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.

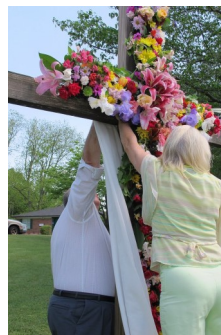


Join Helen Johnson for a Women's Retreat at First La Mesa United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM.

They are offering the following Breakout Sessions:

Art as a Spiritual Practice  
Centering Prayer  
Guided Meditation  
Lectio Divina  
Walking the Labyrinth

You can register at [La Mesa First UMC Women's Retreat - LA MESA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH \(lamesaumc.com\)](http://LaMesaFirstUMCWomen'sRetreat-LAMESAFIRSTUNITEDMETHODISTCHURCH(lamesaumc.com)).



## Flowering the Cross

### DON'T FORGET YOUR FLOWERS!

Don't forget to bring fresh flowers from your garden to flower our cross on Easter Sunday!



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.



### RECEPTION HELP NEEDED APRIL 6, 2024

On April 6, 2024, our church community will honor the life of Ann Walling with a church service followed by a reception. As the Reception Coordinator for MUMC, I need a small group of volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. We should be able to break up the time into 2-hour shifts. If you are interested in helping, please call me at (310) 283-9249.

Thank you and bless you,  
Candace Saxman

### AARP 2023 TAX PREPARATION

As a community service, tax returns will be processed again in the Fellowship Hall this year **every Tuesday through April 9, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. The service will be free of charge, and it will include both state and federal returns. Everyone will be handled on a first come / first served basis. ANYONE of any age is welcomed.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Wednesday, March 27**

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

**Thursday, March 28**

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

**Friday, March 29****HOLY FRIDAY**

7:00 AM Missions Breakfast  
 8:00 AM Food Pantry  
 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service~ Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 31****EASTER SUNDAY**

6:00 AM Sunrise Service~ Outside the Sanctuary  
 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, April 1**

6:00 PM SPRC  
 7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 2**

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

**Wednesday, April 3**

6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, April 4**

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep  
 7:00 PM **NO CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Friday, April 5**

8:00 AM Food Pantry

**Saturday, April 6**

10:00 AM Ann Walling Memorial Service~  
 Sanctuary with reception to follow in  
 Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, April 7**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please email prayer requests to [mumc@murrietaumc.org](mailto: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.

**In Touch**

Know someone who is not getting the "In Touch" because they don't have email? Email [mumc@murrietaumc.org](mailto:mumc@murrietaumc.org) or call 951-677-6174 for a copy to be mailed.

**FLOWERS**

To donate flowers for Sunday worship please sign up on the Flower Calendar near the Men's Room or call Sandy at (951-677-6174).

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**

27-Mar Timmy Parks  
 28-Mar Karen Shumate  
 31-Mar Kathleen Navarro  
 31-Mar Jacob Rivera

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

1-Apr Julia Rivera  
 2-Apr Eula Anyiwo  
 4-Apr Bonnie Berry  
 4-Apr Marsha Ellingboe  
 6-Apr Kimberly Holcomb  
 7-Apr JC Hansen  
 9-Apr Faafetai Faaiu  
 9-Apr Judy MacDonald  
 9-Apr Carol Scott  
 13-Apr Mallory Barr  
 13-Apr Afi Noa  
 13-Apr Brandon Noa  
 15-Apr Elizabeth Nyan  
 16-Apr Candace Saxman  
 18-Apr Elva Kopplin  
 20-Apr Debbie Hanlon  
 22-Apr Tommy Boone  
 24-Apr Rosalie Hornbuckle  
 25-Apr Nicole Kohrmann  
 30-Apr Bob Laugalis

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

9-Apr 64 years Bob and Sandee Beam  
 16-Apr 47 years Bruce and Anette Lecair  
 22-Apr 52 years Alvaro and Adeline Jackson  
 22-Apr 18 years Rob Russell and Marlene Stewart