



Murrieta United Methodist Church

P. O. Box 602, Murrieta, CA 92564

"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
April 17, 2024.....Coming Events.....



GUATEMALA CRAFT SALE

The wonderful handicrafts made by the women's co-op in Guatemala will be available for sale on **Sunday, April 21, 2024**. Look for us out on the patio after the service ends at 11:00 AM.



RECEPTION HELP NEEDED

One of the ways we can serve Christ is in the act of offering love and care during bereavement. As the current Reception Coordinator for MUMC, I am trying to build a team of volunteers willing to help in the setup, serving and cleanup of Memorial Receptions here at our church. Our next Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday May 4th at 1:00 pm with a reception after the service.

We need a group of volunteers with a few hours to spare either Friday the 3rd or Saturday the 4th. Please give me a call if you have a few hours to help on either day.

Serving those who are mourning their loss of loved ones is a beautiful way to offer the love of Christ. Please call me at 310-283-9249 or send an email to pkevinsaxman@gmail.com if you can spare time for this service or would be willing to be part of our team in the future.

Serving,
Candace Saxman



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Join us for worship and communion on **Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.**

Rev. Melissa Rusler will share the message:

"A True Leader: Love is Necessary, Not Easy"

The scripture readings are:

Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

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

Holy Spirit
<https://youtu.be/2zEiiZi2DKk?si=yCvk6lwiRoihqrof>

I Belong
https://youtu.be/fU0pK85Xp9g?si=PkvMxaSpriu_JPLI

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".



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sunday's flowers are given by Alvaro Jackson to honor his lovely bride of 52 years, Adeline. Happy anniversary, you two lovebirds!



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.

MISSIONS

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IN MAY

Teacher appreciation week is coming in May! We want to support the teachers and staff at Murrieta Elementary School by collecting post-it notes in all shapes and colors as well as \$5 or \$10 Starbucks gift cards. We have begun collecting them for delivery in May. Questions? Contact Carol Scott at wcscott6@verizon.net

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room for May & June can be found on the table in the entry way of the sanctuary.



The Pantry opened in April of 2001 which means we are starting on our 24th year. We have weathered the recessions of 2008 and 2016 when our numbers jumped. We managed to keep providing bags of food during the covid shutdown when families drove by and we put bags in the back of their cars. The church family pitched in both times to make sure we didn't have to turn people away. Now we are again facing more families needing help because of the huge increase in food prices. This is a kind of double whammy since the increased numbers come at the same time that the food we have to purchase to supplement the donations we receive is costing so much more. Each time we face challenges the church family has come through to help us. We are so grateful for all the food that is brought in and for the donations so many of you make to the Pantry's dedicated fund. We loved Pastor Tom's sermon on how loving each other requires action. We hope that you consider the Pantry when you are looking for ways to share God's love with others.

Blessings,
The Pantry Team

"BEAT THE RUSH! SIGN UP TO USH!!"

Pastor Melissa Rusler

Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. This is a great way to get to know the people who worship with you. If you are interested, please email Ron Smith at rrsmith1963@yahoo.com or Sandy Selby at officeadmin@murrietaumc.org.

2024 PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of our church in the first quarter of 2024! Pledge statements were emailed April 9, 2024 to all those who made a pledge for this year. If we do not have your email, your statement will be in the basket on the Welcome Table. Questions? Contact Sandy Selby at officeadmin@murrietaumc.org or (951)677-6174.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Wednesday, April 17**

6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

7:00 PM Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 20

9:00 AM Sonrisers~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21

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

11:15 AM Guatemala Craft Sale~ Courtyard

Monday, April 22

6:00 PM Ad Council~ Zoom

7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 AM Ladies Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study~ Zoom

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 25

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

7:00 PM Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Friday, April 26

8:00 AM Food Pantry

Sunday, April 28

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 29**

5:30 PM Finance~ Zoom

7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 AM Ladies Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study~ Zoom

**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.

In Touch

Know someone who is not getting the "In Touch" because they don't have email? Email 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.

NAME TAGS

To order a name tag, contact Sandy at 951-677-6174 or officeadmin@murrietaumc.org.

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!



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