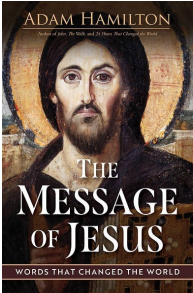




**"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC**  
**February 12, 2025.....Coming Events.....**



**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said.

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Join Adam Hamilton in studying *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*.

**Sunday evenings (time TBD) via Zoom with Pastor Tom & Laura Rothhaar beginning March 9th.**

**Wednesday Mornings (10:30 a.m.) in Person with Pastor Melissa beginning March 5th.**

Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.



**Our Vision:**

**To build a community where ALL are welcome to grow in faith in Jesus through study, worship, prayer, and an invitation to serve God, our neighbor, and beyond.**

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

Join us for worship on **Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**

Rev. Melissa Rusler will share the message:

The Awesome Call of God  
"We're Not Victims of Circumstance"

The scripture reading is:

Luke 6:17-26

Below is a link to the praise songs for this Sunday if you would like to listen this week:

Raise A Hallelujah

[https://youtu.be/FRo7kFI7hBw?si=O\\_IQv-J7b40VGWB](https://youtu.be/FRo7kFI7hBw?si=O_IQv-J7b40VGWB)

I Belong

[https://youtu.be/fU0pK85Xp9g?si=PkvMxaSpriu\\_JPLI](https://youtu.be/fU0pK85Xp9g?si=PkvMxaSpriu_JPLI)

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".

**IT'S TAX TIME**

**FREE TAX SERVICE AT MUMC**

Volunteers from AARP/VITA will prepare and file your 2024 tax returns in the Fellowship Hall. This free drop-in service is open to all; you DO NOT need to be a retiree nor a church member to use this service. Bring your documents to the **Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, from February 4th until April 15th.**



Soup-er Bowl Sunday clearly showed that the congregation was backing the Eagles, and the Eagles certainly came through for their backers. While the Eagles won big, so did the Food Pantry. Thank you everyone who voted for their team with lots of cans of soup and other goodies. The families are really happy when they can choose from several varieties of good soups. Blessings,  
The Pantry Team



**SONRISERS**

SonRisers is a group of women that meets once a month and our mission is to help the youth groups so that they can go to camp each year. We are meeting **Saturday, February 15th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall** and would love to have any women that are interested join us. Any questions feel free to call Donna Dewey at 951-541-6499.

**PAGES Circle**



**PAGES Circle: Praise And Gratitude for Every Season**  
PAGES Circle will be meeting via **Zoom on Thursday, February 13th at 10:30 am.**

We will be reviewing We Are Not Here to Be Bystanders: A Memoir of Love and Resistance by Linda Sarsour. This powerful memoir from the co-organizer of the Women’s March shares how growing up as a Palestinian Muslim American, feminist, and empowered moved her to become a globally recognized activist on behalf of marginalized communities across the country.

Our discussion will be lead by Michele Uke this month Any woman of the church is most welcome to join us even if you have not read the book. For information, please contact Helen Johnson by email [htjohncal@gmail.com](mailto:htjohncal@gmail.com) or phone 951-599-9001.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

We will be having our study on **Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.** We will also simulcast on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Rev. Rob Calderhead will continue leading us in a study of the Gospel of John. All men of MUMC are invited. Contact Carl Noblitt at [carl@thenoblitts.net](mailto:carl@thenoblitts.net) for more information.



**MURRIETA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF**

We continue to support our communities as they begin the long road to relief and recovery.

**Target Gift Cards**—Please label the Target card with the amount. You may also write a check to MUMC and put Missions Target cards on the notation line.

**Financial Donations**—Use the QR code below or mail your checks marked “Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund” directly to the conference at:

California– Pacific Conference  
Jennifer Gaylord  
PO Box 6006  
Pasadena CA 91102



Or make checks payable to “Advance GCFA” with “Advance #901670-Calfires” in the memo line and mail to UMCOR at:

Global Ministries/UMCOR  
GPO  
P.O. Box 9068  
New York, NY 10087-9068



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our prayers of condolence are given to Sharon Eppinger and family on the death of her son.

Our prayers of condolence are given to the family of beloved church member, Stan Dilkey, who passed into heaven on January 29, 2025.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday, February 12**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 12:00 PM Caring Ministry~ Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

### **Thursday, February 13**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

### **Friday, February 14**

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

### **Saturday, February 15**

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 16**

- 10:00 AM Worship~ Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Youth Room
- 10:00 AM Presbyterian Church of Ghana~ Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 AM Sunday Study & Discussion Group~ FH Rm 4

### **Monday, February 17**

- 5:30 PM Finance~ Zoom
- 6:30 PM Women's 12-step Meeting~ Youth Room
- 7:00 PM Venture Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, February 18**

- 10:00 AM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study~ Zoom
- 7:00 PM Toastmasters~ Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, February 19**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM United Methodist Men~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

### **Thursday, February 20**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts~ Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, February 21**

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

### **Saturday, February 22**

- 3:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 23**

- 10:00 AM Worship~ Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Youth Room
- 10:00 AM Presbyterian Church of Ghana~ Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 AM Sunday Study & Discussion Group~ FH Rm 4
- 4:00 PM Confirmation Class—Youth Room



### **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 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Monday-Thursday.



### **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

Murrieta UMC  
PO Box 602  
Murrieta, CA 92564



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.



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

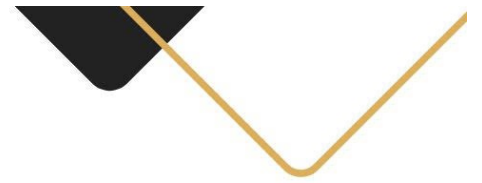
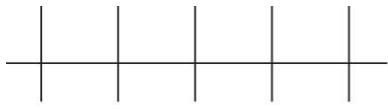
1-Feb Craig Hansen  
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3-Feb Bruce Lecair  
5-Feb Jim Glidewell  
5-Feb Bryse Knowles  
5-Feb Kathleen Ricketts  
6-Feb Finley Rhodes  
6-Feb Dorothy Skidmore  
7-Feb Lillian Nyan  
9-Feb Carol Smoot  
11-Feb Lucy Nyan  
11-Feb Helen Young  
15-Feb Carole Nichols  
16-Feb Ed Carmichael  
18-Feb David Jeffries  
19-Feb Belle Geibel  
21-Feb Dawn Rhodes  
22-Feb Ina Mae MacAfee  
24-Feb Sandra Andert  
24-Feb Suzie Hogan  
24-Feb Michael Saffell  
26-Feb Joanne Coleman  
Feb-29 Mark Easton



## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

14-Feb 32 years Ken and Linda Koorndyk  
15-Feb 39 years Joel and Karen Thacker





# WHAT DOES AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH LOOK LIKE?

Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes, from the California-Pacific Annual Conference, will be sharing with our community the things we should be striving for and be aware of in being a truly affirming and inclusive church.



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**FEB | 23 | 2025**

4pm in the worship center  
[temeculaumc.com](http://temeculaumc.com)

