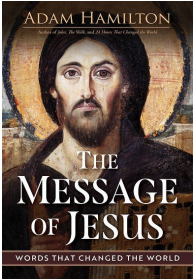




"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
March 5, 2025.....Coming Events.....



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 6:30 PM via Zoom with Pastor Tom & Laura Rothhaar beginning this Sunday, March 9th.

Wednesday Mornings 10:30 AM in person with Pastor Melissa beginning Wednesday, March 5th.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

Early Christians observed the Lord's passion and resurrection with great devotion, and it became the custom of the church that before the celebration of Easter there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

Come and begin your journey to Easter this year by spending time in the sanctuary in quiet reflection, self-guided prayer, and meditation and with the self-imposition of ashes, if you choose. The sanctuary will be open Wednesday, March 5th, between 5:00 PM-6:30 PM.



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.

1st Sunday in Lent

Join us for worship **Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**

Rev. Melissa Rusler will share the message:

The Message of Jesus
"The Kingdom of God Has Come Near"

The scripture readings are:

Psalm 99:1-4
Matthew 13:31-33
Mark 1:14-15

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

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

<https://youtu.be/fiyYoe678yI?si=SjnDjFyC18Javed2>

Here I Am to Worship

https://youtu.be/03G52K9X2hQ?si=trFx_SSPQoPn5zfp

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".



The number of families coming to the pantry continue to rise. We seem to be moving higher in the 160's every week. The church family continues to step up as they always have over the years. We have several community members who drop off a hundred dollar bill periodically and won't give us their names because they don't need or want to be thanked. We continue to get help from HOPE in Lake Elsinore when they have extra food, and from the LDS Church's Bishop's Storehouse. A number of clubs and businesses collect food for us. A lot of people might like to help if they knew how. We can all share with friends what the Pantry does and how the need keeps increasing. We might be surprised at what might happen.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers of condolence are given to the family of beloved church member Nina Schrader, who passed into heaven on March 1 2025. A memorial service is being planned for April 12th.

Our prayers of condolence are given to the family of beloved church member Jason Allen, who passed into heaven on March 2, 2025. A memorial service is being planned for April 5th.



A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary this Saturday, March 8th, at 11:00 AM for Donald McCullough, husband of Donna McCullough, who passed into heaven on 11/19/2024. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary Saturday, March 22nd, at 11:00 AM for beloved church member, Stan Dilkey, who passed into heaven on January 29, 2025. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



MURRIETA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

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

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



BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 30TH

Please visit the Welcome Center and sign up to donate blood on Sunday, March 30th, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The service will be broadcast in the Fellowship Hall.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Join us at Applebee's on Saturday, April 5th, between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM for a breakfast to benefit the fire victims. Tickets are \$15 each and will be available at the welcome center.



EGG CARTONS NEEDED

Foam or cardboard egg cartons needed to package eggs for distribution. Please drop off at the pantry or the church office.



FLOWERS

To donate flowers for Sunday worship please call Sandy at 951-677-6174 or email her at

officeadmin@murrietaumc.org.

Pages Circle



PAGES Circle: Praise And Gratitude for Every Season

PAGES Circle will be meeting via **Zoom on Thursday, March 13th at 10:30 am.** This month we will be discussing "All My Rage" by Sabaa Tahir Razorbill. This heart-wrenching contemporary novel and National Book Award tackles family and forgiveness, love and loss, in a sweeping story that crosses generations and continents. Salahudin and Noor are more than best friends; they are family. Growing up as outcasts in the small desert town of Juniper, California, they understand each other the way no one else does until The Fight destroys their bond. When Sal's attempts to save his immigrant family's motel spiral out of control, he and Noor must ask themselves what friendship is worth—and what it takes to defeat the monsters in their pasts and in their midst.

The discussion this month will be led by Donna Chamberlain. Any woman of the church is most welcome to join us even if you have not read the book; you just need to contact Helen Johnson to get the Zoom link or for more information at 951-599-9001 or email: htjohncal@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FROM THE JUSTICE & COMPASSION ESSENTIAL MINISTRY TEAM OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Dear Murrieta UMC,

On January 6, 2025, our community faced devastating fires throughout the Los Angeles area. On behalf of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, help and financial support to the church family. Many communities and families were deeply affected, and during these challenging times, your kindness has provided much-needed hope and relief.

It has been truly inspiring to witness the body of Christ come together, demonstrating the love and compassion that Jesus taught us. As He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," and through your generosity, we see that love in action. Your support has made a meaningful impact, helping families rebuild and reassuring them that they are not alone.

Thank you for being a blessing to our community. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

With Gratitude,

Rev. Denyse Barnes
JCEMT Director



SONRISERS

SonRisers is a group of women that meets once a month and our mission is to help the youth so that they can go to camp each year. We are meeting **Saturday, March 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.



Don't forget Daylight Savings time starts this Saturday night! Spring Forward! Turn your clocks forward 1 hour and save yourself the embarrassment of being late to church!

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.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 5—ASH WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study~ FH
- 5:00 PM Self-Guided Prayer & Ashes~ Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, March 8

- 11:00 AM McCullough Memorial~ Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 9

- 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
- 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study~ Zoom

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

- 9:00 AM—1:30 PM Tax Prep~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm
- 5:00 PM MYAAC DST—FH
- 7:00 PM Toastmasters~ Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 12

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study~ FH
- 12:00 PM Caring Ministry~ FH
- 6:00 PM Sea Scouts~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice~ Sanctuary

Thursday, March 13

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 pm Pages Circle~ Z

Friday, March 14

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, March 15

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Sanctuary
- Confirmation Retreat~ Camp Cedar Glenn



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 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 or scan the QR code above to set up your donation.

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 8-Mar Tom Hanlon
- 9-Mar Sandee Beam
- 10-Mar Steven Robertson
- 15-Mar Linda Yankie
- 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 Dauz
- 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

- 3-Mar 52 years Faafetai and Tagi Faaiu
- 13-Mar 32 years David and Alicia Dauz
- 16-Mar 62 years Ron and Roberta Smith