



"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
November 19, 2025.....Coming Events.....



SINGING OUR PRAISE

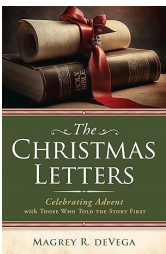
Below is a link to the praise song for this Sunday if you would like to listen this week:

Grateful

<https://youtu.be/s7eVr-OUYkQ?si=j-Pqe6-ZnEvl0ZOT>

Great Are You Lord

<https://youtu.be/FaP8fKAR2Og?si=7sOQEb1LrQAWzp65>



**ADVENT STUDY—
THE CHRISTMAS LETTERS**

In The Christmas Letters, Magrey DeVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. Along with this book, we will be reading the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as our first Christmas letters of the season and look within them for an invitation from God to deepen our understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ. One group will meet In Person Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM beginning November 25th. Another group will meet on Zoom Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning November 30th. Please sign up and pick up your book in the Welcome Center.

**LECTIO DIVINA ON HIATUS
NOVEMBER 26th & DECEMBER 3rd**

It will restart on Wednesday, December 10th, at its regular time of 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.

**ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE
COMING DECEMBER 14TH 3PM**

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.



Thanksgiving Sunday

Join us for worship **Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 at 10:00 AM**. Rev. Melissa Rusler will bring the message:

Counterculture:

"Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving"

The scripture readings are:

Genesis 1:26-27

Psalms 100

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

Join us in daily bible reading for this series.

Week 4 Counterculture:

"Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving "

Sunday – Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

Monday – Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday – Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday – Matthew 13:31-32

Thursday – Matthew 13:44-46

Friday – Isaiah 58:6-12

Saturday – Psalm 40:6-8

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".



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK NOVEMBER 23RD

Please join us for a

Thanksgiving potluck after worship service on **Sunday, November 23rd, in the Fellowship Hall.** It will be a time of great food, fun, and fellowship as we give thanks for all of God's blessings this year. Bring your favorite dish to share or just come to eat!

CRAFT SALE FOR FOOD PANTRY

During the potluck, we are also holding a craft sale for the food pantry. Come pickup some stocking stuffers and help our neighbors!

COME DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Calling all Christmas angels! We will need all of your help to decorate the sanctuary **Saturday, November 29th at 9:00 AM.** Our sanctuary always looks so beautiful during Advent and Christmas, but decorating such a large space is a huge undertaking. Yet as they say, many hands make light work! There are decorating tasks for all ages and abilities, so we hope you will all join us for this joyous event.



ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

It is time for our 4th Annual CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP! It will be held **Sunday, December 7th, in the Fellowship Hall** following worship service. Get ready for games, crafts, puzzles, cupcakes, goodies, and Mrs. Claus. Since we have all been "good" this year and grace abounds, ALL are welcomed. Any questions contact Julie Noblitt at julia@thenoblitts.net.



UNITED METHODIST MEN BLANKET DRIVE

We are collecting blankets (Clean or New) to be handed out to our Food Pantry patrons on **Friday December 12th.** Our goal is to collect and hand out 175 full size and children's blankets or throws. You can drop off the blankets in the church entryway in the bags & boxes labeled "Blanket Drive".



Food Pantry Needs

This is the Pantry's biggest week of the year because the Thanksgiving bags go out on Friday. We are never sure how many people will come for the special bag, but we expect to be very busy. The Missions breakfast is an additional draw, so we expect a crowd. Our congregation, the Rock Valley Church and the LDS women's group combined to collect bags. Friends of the church also drop bags off so we should have close to 200 bags by Friday. Thank you everyone who helped. We'll give you a report on how it went next week!



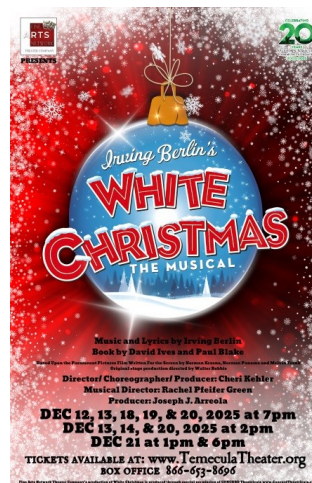
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our very own Bryce Russell will be holding a Christmas Concert in the sanctuary on **December 14th at 2:00 PM.** Come get into the Christmas spirit as Bryce shares some Christmas classics with the special magic he brings to every piece!



DISCIPLE NEW TESTAMENT CLASS

New Testament class will be starting January 15th and will meet for 12 weeks on Thursday morning at 10:30 AM, in person in the Fellowship Hall. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings. Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or call the church office if you would like to attend. The church will have workbooks available prior to the start of class.



SEE LIZ SABICER AT THE TEMECULA THEATER!!

Our very own Liz Sabicer will be starring as Martha "The Megaphone" Watson in White Christmas. Make plans to attend this December and cheer on our very talented Worship Leader! Contact Sandy if you want to make it a group outing.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 19

- 8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM Lectio Divina~ Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary

Thursday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM Disciple Bible Study~ Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 AM Missions Team Meeting~ Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 21

- 7:00 AM Missions Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Food Pantry & Thanksgiving Bag Giveaway
- 4:00 PM Young Adult Group~ Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 22

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

Sunday, November 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
- 11:30 AM Study & Discussion Group~ Youth Room
- 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Potluck~ Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 24

- 8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Ad Council~ Zoom
- 6:30 PM Women's 12-step Meeting~ Youth Room

Tuesday, November 25

- 10:00 AM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm
- 10:30 AM Advent Bible Study~ Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 26

- 8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM **NO Lectio Divina**
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon~ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Holiday

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 28

- 8:00 AM **NO Food Pantry**

Saturday, November 29

- 9:00 AM Decorating the Sanctuary—All Welcome
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 30

- 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
- 11:30 AM Study & Discussion Group~ Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Advent 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 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 at Murrieta UMC, PO Box 602, Murrieta, CA 92564

Second, donate online on our website at www.murrietaumc.org or scan the QR code below to set up your donation.

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



Scan to donate
from your phone



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Nov	Dennis Mathews
7-Nov	Stan Fix
8-Nov	Lorraine Kline
8-Nov	Rob Russell
9-Nov	Desiree Gonzales
10-Nov	Betty Stevenson
11-Nov	Jim Gilmore
14-Nov	Linda Koorndyk
15-Nov	Guy Jenkins
15-Nov	David Morse
17-Nov	Michelle Dewey
19-Nov	Louise McClellan
21-Nov	Ken Koorndyk
21-Nov	Isaac Nyan
22-Nov	Kristin Barr
22-Nov	Deedee Warden
24-Nov	Charlie Au
24-Nov	Gordon Kahre
24-Nov	Dony Rosete
25-Nov	Ken Hedrick
27-Nov	Christian Daut

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10-Nov	24 years	Joe and Dawn Rhodes
23-Nov	69 years	Annie and Roger Stricker
27-Nov	42 years	Tom and Laura Rothhaar