## Murrieta United Methodist Church



## "IN-TOUCH" with MUMC December 23, 2025.....Coming Events......

# CHRISTMAS EVE

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM**

On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, at 7:00 PM, we will hold a family friendly candlelight service with many Christmas Carols and a Christmas Message with a time for children. Childcare will be available.



## PUTTING AWAY OUR TREASURES

What goes up, must come down! We will need all of your help to take down Christmas decorations in the

sanctuary **Sunday, January 4th immediately following the service**. Please join us to take down and pack these treasures away until next Advent.



## 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.

**GIFT CARD DRIVE** for Murrieta family who lost everything in a fire on December 20th. Gift cards can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the 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.



First Sunday After Christmas
Join us for worship Sunday, December 28th,
2025 at 10:00 AM. Rev. Melissa Rusler will
continue the celebration of Christmas with a
Service of Lessons & Carols.

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

Raise A Hallelujah

https://youtu.be/FRo7kFl7hBw?si=O\_lQvV-J7b40VGWB

Great Are You Lord <a href="https://youtu.be/FaP8fKAR2Og?si=7s0QEb1LrQAWzp65">https://youtu.be/FaP8fKAR2Og?si=7s0QEb1LrQAWzp65</a>

If you wish, you can join us for worship online. Go to our website – <a href="https://www.murrietaumc.org">www.murrietaumc.org</a> – and then click on the link titled "Worship Live Stream".

Our prayers of condolence are given to the family of beloved church member Carol Wynn-Sandy, who died suddenly at her home on December 16th. We will let you know as soon as we have the plans for her final arrangements.

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

10:30 AM Lectio Divina~ Sanctuary

6:30 PM Al-Anon~ Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service~ Sanctuary

## Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM AA Meditation Group~ Fellowship Hall Rm 8

#### Friday, December 26

8:00 AM Food Pantry

#### Saturday, December 27

3:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday, December 28

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

#### Monday, December 29

8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Women's 12-step Meeting~ Youth Room

#### **Tuesday, December 30**

10:00 AM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm

#### Wednesday, December 31

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

## <u>Thursday, January 1—New Year's Day</u> OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

9:00 AM AA Meditation Group~ Fellowship Hall Rm 8

#### Friday, January 2

8:00 AM Food Pantry

#### Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM Longest Night Service~ Sanctuary

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday, January 4

10:00 AM Worship~ Sanctuary

10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~ Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Youth Room

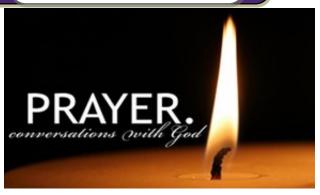
10:00 AM Presbyterian Church of Ghana

~ Fellowship Hall

11:15 AM Undecorate the Church~ Sanctuary

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





#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

25-Dec Bonnie Radcliffe

27-Dec Jeff John

27-Dec Joel Vogelgesang

28-Dec Zhanna Preston

30-Dec Joshua Flores

31-Dec Joel Thacker

#### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

27-Dec 33 years Jonathan & Zhanna Preston

28-Dec 52 years Fred & Carol Smoot

31-Dec 37 years Andrew & Adriann Huntington

#### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

3-Jan Tonia Capps

3-Jan Melissa Scott

5-Jan Alexis Vogelgesang

6-Jan Lenore Vogel

7-Jan George Steele

12-Jan Fred Smoot

12-Jan Darcy Sorensen

14-Jan Kim Boone-Nakase

15-Jan Chuck Miller

17-Jan Bruce Hartwig

24-Jan Scott MacDonald

25-Jan Christianna Watkins

26-Jan Sylvia Muse

28-Jan Lorie Nelson

28-Jan Jiana Rivera

29-Jan Felizal Navarro

#### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16-Jan 33 years Mike and Gini Knowles

29-Jan 2 years Alex Granzow and Rachel Mo