



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



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/FRo7kFI7hBw?si=O_IQvV-J7b40VGWB

Great Are You Lord

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

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".

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

Thursday, January 1—New Year's Day

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.



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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