



## **"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC** **December 3, 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:

Here I Am to Worship

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si=trFx\\_SSPQoPn5zfP](https://youtu.be/03G52K9X2hQ?si=trFx_SSPQoPn5zfP)



### **THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

This service, also known as a Blue Christmas Service, is an opportunity for anyone who is struggling with the holiday season this year. For some it is

due to the loss of a loved one, while others are dealing with job loss or relationship issues. Whatever the reason, this service acknowledges our pain and that God is with us throughout. We will hold this service on Saturday, December 20th, at 5:00 PM.



### **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.

### **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.



### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Join us for worship and communion **Sunday, December 7th, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**

Rev. Melissa Rusler will bring the message:

Sanctuary: Room for All  
"Room in Your Heart"

The scripture reading is:  
Mark 1:1-18

Join us in daily bible reading for this series.

Week 2: Room in Your Heart

Sunday – Mark 1:1-8

Monday – Matthew 3:8-12

Tuesday – Luke 3:10-17-10

Wednesday – Isaiah 40:1-5

Thursday – Daniel 9:17-19

Friday – James 4:1-10

Saturday – Isaiah 35:8-10

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".

### CANDY NEEDED ASAP!!

At the Christmas Workshop, we will be making candy crackers for the kids and grandkids of our Food Pantry clients. This is an annual tradition, and the folks really look forward to getting the little rolls filled with candy. Please drop off donations to Sandy in the church office or bring them to the workshop on Sunday.



### 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. For more Info, email Julie Noblitt at [julia@thenoblitts.net](mailto: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".



### 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!



### ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

All Church Charge Conference will be held **December 14th at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary**. Come meet our District Superintendent, Rev. Luis Garcia, as he presides over this time of worship and annual meeting.



### Food Pantry Needs

Another busy year has rushed by at the Pantry. The Thanksgiving bag handout went well, and we have bags left to convert into Christmas bags. Christmas means giving and the congregation has wanted to share with others since the third year the Pantry was open. The Christmas bag Wish List is pretty basic, but so many of you add little extra Christmasy items, that it is really fun to see the bags come in. The bags will be available at church Sunday. If filling the bag is a tradition in your family, pick one up. If this is an extra busy time, or if you went overboard at Thanksgiving, we would love to have you help us convert the extra bags we have to Christmas bags. Just bring some Christmas candy or cookies, some Christmasy napkins or plates, a small decoration, or anything else that brings some Christmas cheer and we will add a Christmas bow!

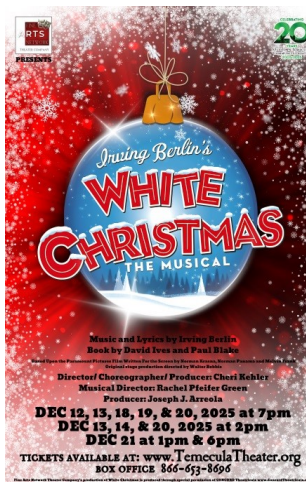
#### Christmas Wish List

Scalloped potato mix	Instant cocoa mix
Canned dip or chili	Crackers or chips
Canned fruit cocktail	Chocolate chips
Cornbread or muffin mix	Cookie mix
Canned vegetable	Jelly or syrup
Pancake mix (Complete)	
A Christmas sweet treat	

### 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.



### 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, December 3**

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, December 4**

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep

### **Friday, December 5**

8:00 AM Food Pantry

### **Saturday, December 6**

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 7**

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 All Church Christmas Workshop  
~ Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Advent Bible Study~ Zoom

### **Monday, December 8**

8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM Board of Trustees~ Zoom  
6:30 PM Women's 12-step Meeting~ Youth Room

### **Tuesday, December 9**

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

### **Wednesday, December 10**

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, December 11**

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

### **Friday, December 12**

8:00 AM Food Pantry

### **Saturday, December 13**

3:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 14**

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  
2:00 PM Christmas Concert~ Sanctuary  
3:00 PM All Church Charge Conference~ Sanctuary  
6:00 PM Advent Bible Study~ Zoom



## **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 at Murrieta UMC, PO Box 602, Murrieta, CA 92564

Second, donate online on our website at [www.murrietaumc.org](http://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



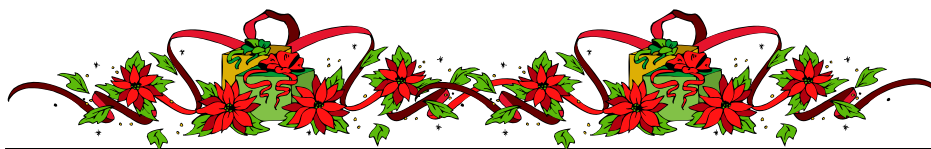


### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Dec	Karen Calvert
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5-Dec	Gwen Ciamaga
8-Dec	Karen Ramos
9-Dec	Jonathan Preston
9-Dec	Pat Wilson
10-Dec	Melissa Rusler
16-Dec	Mandy Allen
17-Dec	David Daut
19-Dec	Karen Sabicer
21-Dec	Jong Lee
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

1-Dec	15 years	Lavious & April Watkins
2-Dec	47 years	David & Susan Jeffries
6-Dec	56 years	Charlie & Lieu Au
9-Dec	47 years	Dony & Rosie Rosete
11-Dec	21 years	Gary & Darla Halker
14-Dec	51 years	Tom & Debbie Hanlon
18-Dec	60 years	Rich & Kathryn Perry
27-Dec	33 years	Jonathan & Zhanna Preston
28-Dec	52 years	Fred & Carol Smoot
28-Dec	20 years	Carol Wynn-Sandy
31-Dec	37 years	Andrew & Adriann Huntington



# Poinsettias

Please sign up now for the purchase of your poinsettias. For many families, it has become a tradition to place these lovely flowers in the sanctuary for Christmas in memory of a loved one, or to honor friends or family. Please use this order form.

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed (\$8.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your cash or check payable to MUMC (with the notation "Poinsettias") along with this form in the Sunday offering plate.

Or drop it off at the church office by Monday, December 15th.

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I will pick up my Poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service

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Please deliver my Poinsettia to a shut in