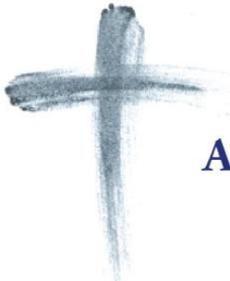




## "IN-TOUCH" with MUMC

February 11, 2026.....Coming Events.....



### **Ash Wednesday** — Lent Begins

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

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 with a worship service and imposition of ashes in the sanctuary on **February 18th at 7:00 PM.**



#### **INTRO TO MURRIETA UMC**

The Introduction to Murrieta UMC class **begins Sunday, February 22nd, at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall** and runs for four consecutive Sundays. The classes aim to foster conversation and fellowship while teaching about church membership. Interested individuals should contact the church office to RSVP for lunch, provided. Please call 951-677-6174 or email [officeadmin@mumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@mumc.org).

#### **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.**



#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

Join us for worship **Sunday, February 15th at 10:00 AM.** Rev. Rob Calderhead will bring the message:

"Great Expectations"

The scripture reading is  
Matthew 17:1-98

Below are the links to the praise songs for this Sunday if you would like to listen this week:

#### Grateful

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

#### I Surrender

<https://youtu.be/mv8ELCQunp4?si=yqkTvhcuP-oHqeCi>

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".

Pages Circle



**PAGES Circle: Praise And Gratitude for Every Season**  
PAGES Circle will be meeting via **Zoom on Thursday, February 12th at 10:30 AM** to discuss the book, Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun. If you are interested in joining, please email Julie Noblitt at [julia@thenoblitts.net](mailto:julia@thenoblitts.net) and she will add you to the Zoom invite.

**12th at 10:30 AM** to discuss the book, Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun. If you are interested in joining, please email Julie Noblitt at [julia@thenoblitts.net](mailto:julia@thenoblitts.net) and she will add you to the Zoom invite.

## IT'S TAX TIME

### FREE TAX SERVICE AT MUMC

Volunteers from AARP/VITA will prepare and file your 2025 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 3rd until April 14th.**



**SONRISERS** will meet **Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** All women are invited. Any questions, feel free to call Donna Dewey at (951) 541-6499.

### NAME TAGS

To order a name tag, contact Sandy at 951-677-6174 or [officeadmin@murrietaumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@murrietaumc.org).



**CHOIR REHEARSAL NOW ON THURSDAY NIGHTS AT A NEW START TIME OF 6PM**

All voices welcomed! We hope you can join us!



### NOTES FROM THE PANTRY

A big "Thank you" to everyone who participated in the Soup-er Bowl Contest on Sunday and brought soup for the Pantry. It was a good day for Seattle as the Seahawks won the Soup contest and then crushed the Patriots later in the day. Neither contest was even close. The Commercials came in second with the poor Patriots in last place. The pantry picked up a nice variety of soup, so our families will have a chance to choose, which they always appreciate.

### Sing-in for Justice & Peace

Monday, Feb 16 at 6:30pm

Doors Open 6:00pm

United Church of the Valley

41685 Date St., Murrieta

### MUSIC

### UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF LOVE

When our hearts feel heavy with all this is broken in the world, we come together in song...to give each other strength, to know that we are stronger together, to listen, to hope and to remind one another that peace and justice are still possible.

Join us for an evening of singing together music that lifts the spirit, opens the heart and strengthens our resolve to lead with love. In harmony, we will blend our different voices into one strong body.

### OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. ALL ARE WELCOME

Come as you are. Let us sing toward a more just and peaceful world.

Questions? Contact Lynne Bradley ([lbradley93168@gmail.com](mailto:lbradley93168@gmail.com)) or Deb Hudson ([admin@ucvchurch.org](mailto:admin@ucvchurch.org))



### SUNDAY FLOWERS

You may provide flowers in honor of your special occasions or in memory of your loved ones by calling Sandy in the office at 951-677-6174.



## California-Pacific Conference

The United Methodist Church

Letter of Solidarity from MARCHA-WEST to North Hills UMC and its Hispanic Ministry  
To: the members of North Hills UMC, the California-Pacific Annual Conference, Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, our United Methodist Church, the Spanish-speaking United Methodist community, migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and all people of good will in the city of Los Angeles and throughout the country, and to the international community:

Brothers and sisters,

In recent days, the cities have witnessed painful events. Migrants — men, women, and children seeking a dignified life—have been persecuted and treated like criminals by immigration authorities. In the face of mistreatment and injustice, courageous citizens have raised their voices and stood by the vulnerable, defending their dignity and human rights. Regrettably, those who acted in solidarity were also violently repressed by security forces.

We are deeply saddened by the incident at North Hills United Methodist Church in Los Angeles on January 29, 2026, and how ICE authorities entered the holy church grounds to pursue one of its members, who was honestly earning a living with his taco cart in front of the church. This forced the church to implement a contingency plan to protect its members who were ministering to the community through their food ministry. In a meeting this week with the MARCHA-WEST Executive Committee, our pastors described the anxiety felt by their congregations, which has impacted church attendance.

As an organization committed to social justice, MARCHA-WEST feels a duty to speak out from faith and hope. We are inspired by the Word of God, which calls us not to mistreat or oppress the foreigner, for “you were foreigners in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:21). This divine command is not only a historical reminder, but a permanent invitation to compassion, empathy, and respect for those far from their homeland.

The Bible also teaches us: “You shall not exploit the poor and needy laborer, whether he be your brethren or the foreigner who lives in your land” (Deuteronomy 24:14). This principle reminds us that justice knows no borders or nationalities. We must recognize the humanity of those who come to our communities, treat them fairly, and not allow them to be victims of abuse or discrimination.

Finally, God's Law tells us: “A foreigner residing among you shall be treated as a native of your own country, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt” (Leviticus 19:34). This call to equality and fraternal love is at the heart of our mission as a community of faith and as a society. It invites us to break down the barriers that separate us and build bridges of solidarity and respect.

Therefore, MARCHA-WEST urges all people of goodwill to defend the dignity of migrants and refugees and to denounce all forms of evil.

PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF MARCHA-WEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, February 11

8:00 AM—4:30 PM Home School~ Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep  
 10:30 AM Lectio Divina~ Sanctuary  
 12:00 PM Caring Ministry~ Office Conference Room  
 6:30 PM Al-Anon~ Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, February 12

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep  
 9:00 AM AA Meditation Group~ Fellowship Hall Rm 8  
 10:30 AM Disciple Bible Study~ Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 AM PAGES Circle~ Zoom  
 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary

### Friday, February 13

8:00 AM Food Pantry

### Saturday, February 14

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 15

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, February 16

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

### Tuesday, February 17

9:00 AM—1:30 PM AARP/VITA Tax Prep~ Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous~ Youth Rm

### Wednesday, February 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

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 Ash Wednesday Service~ Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 19

9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep  
 9:00 AM AA Meditation Group~ Fellowship Hall Rm 8  
 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary

### Friday, February 20

8:00 AM Food Pantry

### Saturday, February 21

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 22

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



### 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



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Feb Craig Hansen  
2-Feb Susan Jeffries  
3-Feb Bruce Lecair  
5-Feb Jim Glidewell  
5-Feb Bryse Knowles  
5-Feb Kathleen Ricketts  
6-Feb Finley Rhodes  
6-Feb Dorothy Skidmore  
7-Feb Lillian Nyan  
9-Feb Carol Smoot  
11-Feb Lucy Nyan  
11-Feb Helen Young  
15-Feb Carole Nichols  
16-Feb Ed Carmichael  
18-Feb David Jeffries  
19-Feb Belle Geibel  
21-Feb Dawn Rhodes  
22-Feb Ina Mae MacAfee  
24-Feb Sandra Andert  
24-Feb Suzie Hogan  
24-Feb Michael Saffell

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14-Feb 33 years Ken and Linda Koorndyk  
15-Feb 40 years Joel and Karen Thacker