



"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
March 25, 2026.....Coming Events.....



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Starts Sunday!

Join us as we journey through Holy Week together.

Palm Sunday – March 29th

Worship will include a joyful Parade of Palms as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 5:30 PM

Gather for a simple soup supper in the Fellowship Hall followed by Worship with Holy Communion. "Maundy" comes from Jesus' command to love one another.

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

Celebrate the joy of resurrection with several opportunities for worship and fellowship:

6:00 AM – Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion (in front of the sanctuary – dress warmly)

7:00 AM—9:30 AM – Continental

Breakfast with hot coffee and a light breakfast

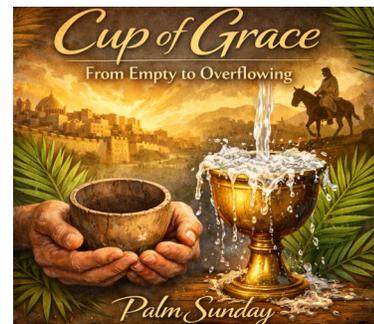
10:00 AM – Easter Celebration Service with Worship and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary (Children will remain with their families during worship)

11:30-ish – Easter Egg Hunt beginning after worship once everyone has exited the sanctuary

Come celebrate the hope and joy of Easter with us!

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.



Palm/Passion Sunday

Join us for worship **Sunday, March 29th at 10:00 AM**. Rev. Melissa Rusler will bring the message:

Drink from the Fountain of Grace
"From Empty to Overflowing"

The scripture readings are:

John 12:12-19

Psalms 22

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

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

[https://youtu.be/fv94cgr2oX8?
si=Znx_e2DuT6nSGSot](https://youtu.be/fv94cgr2oX8?si=Znx_e2DuT6nSGSot)

Day by Day

[https://youtu.be/bV3fQTpvZBg?
si=88hBx5BOU6z2BP_f](https://youtu.be/bV3fQTpvZBg?si=88hBx5BOU6z2BP_f)

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".



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

As we prepare for Easter, we are collecting plastic Easter eggs (empty or stuffed) and small items to fill them, such as candy, stickers, or small toys. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off with Reagan Allen or in the youth office. Thank you for helping make this a fun Easter for our kids!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT TEMECULA UMC

Temecula United Methodist Church will be holding Good Friday Services for anyone interested in attending. There will be two services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Flowering the Cross

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLOWERS ON EASTER

Don't forget to bring fresh flowers from your garden to flower our cross on Easter Sunday!

THANK YOU!

The Missions Team wants to send a big thank you to all who helped serve and who bought baked goods last Sunday. We raised more than \$700 which will go towards supplies for the Rise Against Hunger event happening in the fall.

Mark your calendars for the Guatemala Sale which will happen on April 19th. For more information, contact Carol Scott at:

wscott6@verizon.net

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.**



EASTER BASKETS FOR FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS

Remember as a kid how exciting it was to dig into your Easter basket filled with goodies? Well, here is a fun opportunity to bring that same excitement to some children in need. The Food Pantry is asking folks to build an Easter basket for the children of the families who depend on the Food Pantry. We currently are serving 176 families each week. We are hoping to get 100 filled baskets. If you would like to provide a basket or two please bring them to the church no later than March 29th. The Food Pantry will distribute the baskets on Good Friday, April 3rd.



We are looking for several volunteers who could serve at the Food Pantry every Friday morning 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM. We need

someone to hand out food at one of the tables in the main room and someone to help people carry and load the bags of food they collect. The bags can weigh 15-20 lbs. Helping the families who come to the Pantry each Friday is a special time that the people who volunteer here treasure. If you would like more information, please contact: Ann Hartwig cell # 951-970-1986 OR Debbie Hanlon cell # 619-248-4346

FREE \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD IF YOU DONATE BLOOD SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH!

Donors are needed for our Blood Drive this Sunday, March 29th. To register, use the QR code below or go to this link:

<https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/125129>

There is no upper age limit for giving blood. If you were ever told that you are anemic, here are some iron rich foods you can start eating so your red blood cell count is good:

Red meat, liver, seafood, legumes, leafy greens, fortified cereals, shellfish, spinach, lentils, tofu, pumpkin seeds, and dark chocolate

Any questions? Contact Carol Scott at wscott6@verizon.net



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 25

- 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

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

- 7:00 AM Missions Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, March 28

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Blood Drive~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Worship~ Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Pre K-5th~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School~ Youth Room
- 11:30 AM Study & Discussion Group~ Youth Room

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 10:30 AM Lectio Divina~ Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon~ Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 2—Maundy Thursday

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Prep
- 9:00 AM AA Meditation Group~ Fellowship Hall Rm 8
- 10:30 AM Disciple Bible Study—Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Supper~ Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 4

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

- 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service~ Outside Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM Easter Continental Breakfast~ Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Easter Celebration Service~ Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Presbyterian Church of Ghana~ Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt~ Courtyard
- 11:30 AM Study & Discussion Group~ Youth Room



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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

25-Mar Arlene McCleary
27-Mar Timmy Parks
28-Mar Karen Shumate
31-Mar Kathleen Navarro
31-Mar Jacob Rivera

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr Julia Rivera
2-Apr Eula Anyiwo
4-Apr Marsha Ellingboe
6-Apr Kimberly Holcomb
9-Apr Faafetai Faaiu
9-Apr Judy MacDonald
9-Apr Carol Scott
13-Apr Mallory Barr
13-Apr Afi Noa
13-Apr Brandon Noa
15-Apr Elizabeth Nyan
16-Apr Candace Saxman
20-Apr Debbie Hanlon
22-Apr Tommy Boone
24-Apr Rosalie Hornbuckle
26-Apr Susan Holtan
30-Apr Bob Laugalis

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3-Apr 54 years Dan and Zana Easley
3-Apr Susan and Jon Holtan
9-Apr 66 years Bob and Sandee Beam
16-Apr 9 years Bruce and Anette Lecair



THEME GAME
**FAITH AND
FAMILY NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MAY 2 vs WHITE SOX | 5:40 PM



Join the South District for the SD Padres Faith and Family Night on Saturday, May 2nd. Gather with fellow San Diego church communities for an unforgettable evening of fellowship, fun, and faith.

Your \$45 Theme Game Package ticket includes:

- * An exclusive, limited-edition design Padres FAITH hat
- * Access to a powerful postgame concert featuring Vertical Worship
- * Postgame player testimonials from some of your favorite Padres
- * A ticket to enjoy all the excitement of the game!
- * \$1 goes to the support the mission and ministries of the South District

SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS



There are a limited 50 tickets available so order now!