



"IN-TOUCH" with MUMC
April 1, 2026.....Coming Events.....



HOLY WEEK

Join us as we journey through Holy Week together.

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.



Easter Sunday

Join us for worship **Sunday, April 5th at our Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 AM and our Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 AM.** Rev. Melissa Rusler will bring the message:

Drink from the Fountain of Grace
"The Cup that Never Runs Dry"

The scripture reading is:
John 20: 1-18

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

House Of The Lord

<https://youtu.be/IqfV0zeEvT8?si=FYpXGrvWHZdziZLG>

Your Love Never Fails

https://youtu.be/AyiGS6qr6W8?si=9En_spADpRmP2iVL

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 by **Friday, April 3rd**. Thank you for helping make this a fun Easter for our kids!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT TEMECULA UMC

Our friends at 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!

MISSIONS

MISSIONS MEETING APRIL 11TH

You are invited to the Missions Team meeting **Saturday, April 11th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

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.**



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



U.S./Mexico Border Immersion Experience

UMC Pastor Joel Hortiales is planning a trip to Tijuana to point out the needs in our neighboring city. We are looking at a Saturday in May.

Suggested Schedule:

8:00 AM Meet at Park Hill UMC (545 E. Naples Street. Chula Vista 91911) to pack donations and carpool.

9:00 AM Arrive to Bethel Iglesia Metodista de Mexico/Centro 32 (Av. Evaristo Molina 102, Buena Vista, Burocrata Ruiz Cortinez, 22406 Tijuana, B.C.) to hear a presentation on what they are doing to help the immigrants.

10:30 AM Visit Shelter Juventud 2000.

12:30 Lunch at Comedor Juan 6:35 suggested donation \$12.

2:00 PM Arrive to San Ysidro Port of entry and line up to cross the border.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom Rothhaar: rotom4283@gmail.com or Carol Scott: wccott6@verizon.net and let us know when you are available. Those interested are encouraged to get a Senti Pass for a shorter wait in line to re-enter the US.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 1

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

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
- 7-9:30 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

Monday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

- 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, April 9

- 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, April 10

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 11

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous~ Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 12

- 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



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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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 49 years Bruce and Anette Lecair

Community Presentation on
Immigration Justice
Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm

San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, 92024
Founders Hall

What are the rights of our immigrant neighbors? What are the rights of protestors and bystanders? Learn the latest information regarding immigration and deportation issues in our community.

United Women in Faith invite all church and community members to a presentation by immigration attorney Monalisa Tu'itahi who serves as the California-Pacific Conference Immigration Coordinator for the United Methodist Church.

Her work reflects a deep commitment to embodying our faith through action and service. She views her vocation in law and ministry as a calling to advocacy and the pursuit of justice for all people.

Questions, please contact Randa Krakow, President of United Women in Faith at (760) 815-3423



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

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TICKETS



There are a limited 50 tickets available so order now!