



# Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church

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## November 2017 E-Thymes

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**Mission Statement:** We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Congregational Goals for 2017:**

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- \* Strengthening our outreach ministry in San Gabriel Valley
- \* Vitalizing our Sunday worship service to reach out to the un-churched & de-churched

### “Give Thanks”

by *Rev. George Martzen*

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

As of this writing, I don’t know the outcome of the World Series, whether the Dodgers or the Astros will win, nor whether you will be happy with the outcome. But the apostle’s words suggest we find something to be thankful for in everything that happens. That’s easier said than done.

Consider the common Thanksgiving tradition. A group of religious separatists landed their ship at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1611, and 46 of the original 102 members died during the first winter. Yet with the help of the local Wampanoag people, the remnant were able to celebrate with a harvest meal the following November. By all rights, it could have been a memorial meal. But it has come down to us as a thanksgiving meal, in which gratitude was shared for divine providence and for all who labored for the survival of the community.

The point is that there is value in expressing gratitude. *Scientific American* has reported that the simple act of giving thanks has a way of improving the emotional wellbeing of those who express gratitude and also their relationship with those with whom they express gratitude (Tannenbaum, 2013). So offering expressions of gratitude may actually be good for you.

Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church is a community that has made it through thick and thin. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I am especially grateful to all the church leaders who offer vital ideas, time and gifts in Christian ministry and for the legacy of faithful members who have offered their service to God through the church. I’m thankful for those who volunteer week after week in the sanctuary, in the kitchen and Sunday school, for those who keep track of our financials and for those who pray at home.

This church has had several ways of offering thanks. As we celebrate All Saints Sunday this

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year on Nov. 5, it will be a thanksgiving for friends and family members who made a difference in our lives, but have now gone on to be with the Lord. We also have several ways to extend thanksgiving to the wider community through our participation in the Alhambra Schools Hope Meals and our annual Community Thanksgiving lunch.

We have set a goal to prepare at least 100 Hope Meals for homeless children attending local schools. Indeed, there are children our schools whose parents do not have permanent residence, but may be staying in a car, a hotel room or other temporary shelters. Those children depend on school meals to keep them going, but during holidays they may go hungry. So we are collecting nutritious foods that can be readily eaten without kitchen facilities. See the list in this newsletter. Items may be brought next Communion Sunday or left in the church office. Monetary donations may also be given. Our children and youth will be packing these items on Sunday, Nov. 12, and delivered to the School District that week. Please also pray for those families.

We will have our annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Nov. 19, following worship. It will be a wonderful opportunity to gather in thanksgiving for God's providence this year. Do invite friends and neighbors to come that Sunday before the Thanksgiving holidays. The Boy Scouts will be helping.

During this Thanksgiving season, stop to consider what tangible ways you can show your gratitude for the ministry and legacy of Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church. If you have been thinking about contributing to the Bazaar in Spirit, now would be a good time. If you have never actually tithed (the biblical 10 percent offering), prayerfully consider how much you can give each month. But give out of gratitude, because "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).



### BOSS OR MOM?

by *Rev. Dickson Kazuo Yagi*

How much are you worth? It depends whether you are at school/work place or whether you are home. The work place and school rewards your abilities and effort by salary or grades. The strong, smart, and busy people get the high salaries or good grades. If you cannot perform, you are fired. If it is school, you might not graduate. There is no room for you if you are sick, weak, or disabled.

The Boss cannot keep paying a salary to someone who cannot work. And the teacher cannot pass a student who cannot understand. Both work place and school must reward performance. If the Boss or Teacher shows too much mercy, his business will

collapse or the students will rebel.

At home everything is different. There is gratitude for whoever brings home the check that supports the household. But there is equal respect and love for the weak, sick and the dying. Mom usually is the glue that holds the home together, loving everybody equally, especially the weak, the sick, and the dying.

God is like Mom who loves everybody equally, especially the weak, the sick, and the dying. Nobody should feel left out. In a special way, that is the Gospel of our church—that God especially loves the weak, sick, and dying. But God is also like the Boss. God is a good Boss who rewards people who care and try hard. He might give a special scholarship to working students who deserve to go to college. He will see that workers are encouraged to improve their skills and climb up the ladder to better work and higher salaries.

So God is both a good Mom, loving everybody, but also a good Boss/Coach who challenges us to be our best in the game of life. A good coach does not only win games, he challenges all players to become their maximum. Our God is both a good Mom and a good Coach. What do you think?

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### HOPE MEALS

Every year, Sage Granada Park UMC assists the group, Kingdom Causes, with providing food items for families in the Alhambra Unified School District. We have

begun collecting items for hungry kids and families. Here are items for donation as suggested by the HOPE team:

#### Breakfast Items

Breakfast Bars  
Instant Oatmeal  
Applesauce

Trail Mix

Individual Cereal Boxes

Fruit Cups

Bottled Water (Individual)

Boxed Milk

#### Lunch Items

Cup-o-Noodles

Mac-n-Cheese Cups

Tuna and Crackers (single serve)

Peanut Butter and Crackers packs

Granola Bars

Pudding Snacks (with utensil)

Juice boxes

Bottled Water (Individual)

#### Miscellaneous

Gallon Ziplock Bags (for putting together meal bags)



◆ Mariko Garrett and Helen Ikeda for arranging the various potluck dishes

◆ Aphuno, for being a cheerful and first-class dishwasher

◆ Ruth Chon, Jean Taniguchi, Kristen Taniguchi, Janet Furukawa, and Sengdeuane Tom for always knowing what needs to be done and doing it so efficiently

◆ John Furukawa and Robert Austin for helping wherever needed and who can always be counted on to help

◆ Janice, with her artistic flair, always brightens up the hall with her creations and Pearl Matsumoto's fall decorations. What a festive sight!

◆ The Aloha Na Makana Ukulele Group, all 22 musicians, added much to the program. They were very eager to share their music with the church.

◆ The Fellowship Committee thanks all who participated in this event!

September and October Fellowship Contributions:

◆ Marquez Family...for all the baked goods (muffins, cookies, and donuts)

◆ Bea and Sho Tabata...chocolates, baked goods

◆ Leslie & Steve Hutchins...famous cookies fresh from the oven

◆ John & Janet Furukawa..baked goods using her favorite recipes, coffee, and paperplates

◆ Mrs. Tatsugawa...fresh donuts

◆ Roger White...fresh donuts

◆ John Taniguchi...fresh persimmons and pomegranates from his orchard

◆ Irene & Wesley Tam...fresh Hawaii guavas from their

orchard

◆ Mariko Garrett...fresh sliced watermelon

Thank you all for taking the time to share with all of us. If I missed anyone, please let me know. Sometimes things seem to appear magically on the kitchen counter without names.

~~ Elaine Chung for the Fellowship Committee

## **Alhambra Performing Arts Center Presents**

Under the direction of Chef/ Artistic Director Bill Yee APAC presents **A tribute to Glen Campbell** performed by singer/songwriter/recording artist Mark Carter on Sunday, November 19, 2017 —curtain at 7pm at Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church, 1850 W. Hellman Ave. Alhambra 91803. Admission Free – free-will offering accepted during intermission. Refreshments by Le Cordon Bleu Chef Mario Bolanos and Patisserie Artist Catherine Shaffer.



Mark Carter has been working as a musician and entertainer in Southern California since 1973, performing in restaurants, hotels

If you can help with any of these, specifically lunch items, please leave them in the church office on the table. Thank you!



### **COFFEE—TEA FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Welcome Back Reception and**

**Potluck**—with so many “helping hands,” our reception and potluck turned out to be a wonderful event. We can’t thank everyone enough for helping wherever help was needed. The food was scrumptious as usual...with something for everyone!

#### Thank you:

◆ Bea and Sho Tabata for being such good organizers and dishwashers



and other concert venues. He has performed in many situations, from intimate solo guitar settings to bands that play blues, rock, country and pop as well as singing and playing in big bands at Disneyland and on cruise ships. As a guitarist Mark has played with some of the biggest names in music including Al Jarreau, Dave Koz, David Foster, Roger Williams, Glen Campbell, Englebert Humperdink, Lee Greenwood, and features many times with the Crystal Cathedral Orchestra. "Smooth As Silk" is his latest CD featuring contemporary jazz greats Greg Adams, Jeff Kashiwa and Tim Redfield. Mark's music has received airplay on over 50 radio stations across America including KSBR in Mission Viejo, KJJZ in Palm Springs, XMRadio and The Weather Channel. Jazz Internet radio stations play his music around the world daily. Mark has also enjoyed a career in education. He is currently on staff as a guitar instructor at Singer Music in La Puente, CA. APAC is a member of the Consortium of Southern California Chamber Music Presenters and a proud member of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce.

**Contact:** Bill Yee (626) 230-5435 or e-mail bizwind@yahoo.com



**We are now accepting Registration for children 2 years 9 months and potty-trained to 5 years old for the 2017-2018 School Year.**

**Call the school for more information at 626- 284-5006, or visit our web site at <http://gpumnsk.org>**

Thank you everyone who participated in our Shakey's Night

November themes are: Welcome Harvest; Forest Animals; Hibernation; We are Thankful

**GIVING THANKS**

Help your child trace their hand with their fingers spread open. The thumb is the head of the turkey and the fingers are the feathers. Draw a turkey head on the thumb.

Explain to your child that on Thanksgiving we celebrate by giving thanks for all the wonderful gifts we have in our lives.

Start with the Monday before Thanksgiving and each day have your child talk about something they are thankful for. Write that on a "tail feather." Add something each day on the rest of the fingers. This will help to focus on thankfulness all week long.

**November Calendar**

- 5-Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10- School Closed Veterans Day

- 13- Thanksgiving Feast 6:00 pm
- 23 & 24- School Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

**SERVING SGPUMC THIS MONTH:**

November 5

Liturgist: Doreen Bolten

Acolytes: Garcia Family

Comm. Helpers: Garcia Family

Comm. Co-Celebrant: Rev. Yagi

November 12

Liturgist: Paul Wong

Acolytes: Wissman Family

November 19

Liturgist: Ruth Chon

Acolytes: Saiki Family

November 27

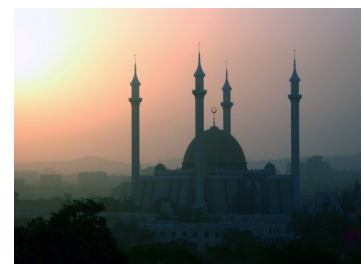
Liturgist: Youth

Acolytes: Youth



**SPECIAL SPEAKER AT SGPUMC**

Dr. Amir Hussain, faculty member at Loyola Marymount University, will be speaking on "Muslims and the Making of America," following the worship service on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Rev. Dickson Yagi.



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Phillip & Nenita Marquez; Amy Mori; Echavarria Family; Lucy Sogioka; Flo Griffen; Bette McIver; Toni Tomita; Elizabeth Kells; Duane Martin; Isabel Reyes; Sada Mayeda; Elvis Gersham; Barbara Houck; Violet Tomei; Robin Nakahara; Marilyn McIver; Derek Tani; People of the Caribbean, Gulf Coast, & Mexico; the family of Vivian Zamora; the family of Dana Ichikawa; People of Las Vegas; those affected by the fires.



The church has purchased new software for a database to help keep better track of members, regular attenders, and visitors. This will also help us tremendously when it comes to giving the Church Conference accurate statistics; which, in turn, affects apportionments. Shelly is working on entering what information she currently has into the database. A letter can be found in this newsletter requesting more information from you, and one will be mailed to our general mailing list. Please fill it out legibly and return it in a timely manner. You can either mail it back, drop it off, or send via e-mail to the church as a PDF attachment. Questions? Contact the church office or speak with Rev. George. Thank you!

### Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Vivian Zamora and Dana Ichikawa. Vivian passed away October 3, 2017, and her memorial service was October 27. Dana, who is the daughter of Toni Tomita, passed away October 14, 2017. Services for her will be on November 9 at Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley (323 Workman Mill Rd., La Puente) at 2 p.m. Rev George Martzen will be officiating.



### Remembering our loved Ones!

*Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,*

*for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.*

— Charles Wesley

Dear Family & Friends of Sage Granada Park UMC,

Music has a way of triggering memories. Charles Wesley suggests that when we sing the Lord's song we are even united with those gone on to be with the Lord.

On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate "All Saints Day," an ancient festival for those who died in the Lord. This year we will be honoring those friends and relatives who passed away since the beginning of November 2016, by placing a rose in a vase at the altar.

If you would like to honor a loved one on Nov. 5, please submit the name of the person, date of death, your name and your

relationship to the deceased. If another family member or representative will be placing the rose, please also indicate that name and contact as well.

**Please email or call the office by 12 noon on Wednesday, November 1.**

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You may also bring a framed picture of your loved one to place on the altar.



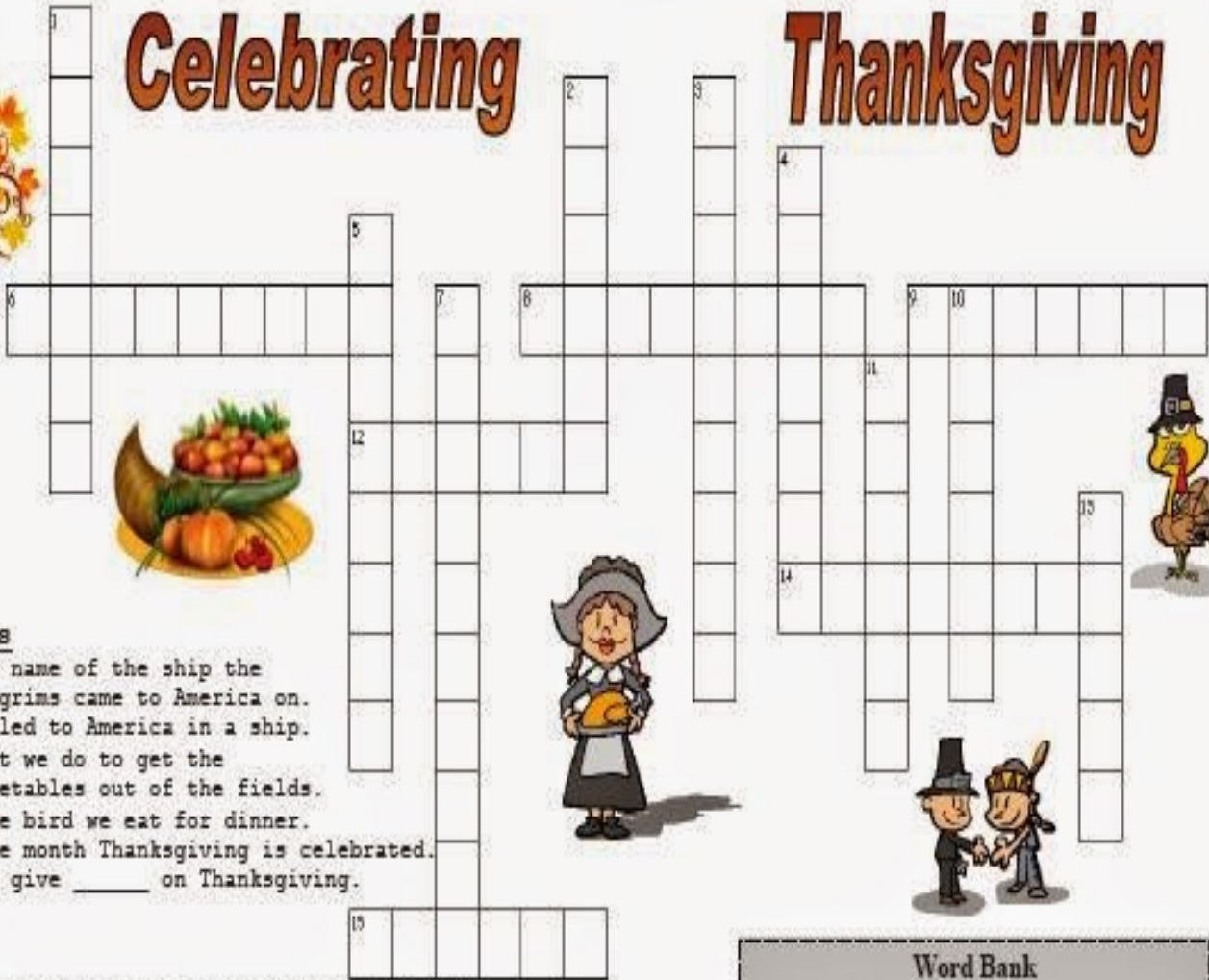
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**financially** just by making on-line purchases of things you would normally buy. **Check out UMCmarket.org.** It's kind of like purchasing something from Amazon Smile. There are thousands of vendors, some offering free shipping, discount pricing, or special incentives, who will donate a percentage of your purchase back to our church. All you need to do is go to the website, sign up, choose Sage Granada Park as your designated church, and create your own UMC market secure profile. Why not give it a try? It's an easy way to give an additional donation to SGPUMC!



# Celebrating

# Thanksgiving



### Across

6. The name of the ship the pilgrims came to America on.
8. Sailed to America in a ship.
9. What we do to get the vegetables out of the fields.
12. The bird we eat for dinner.
14. The month Thanksgiving is celebrated.
15. We give \_\_\_\_\_ on Thanksgiving.

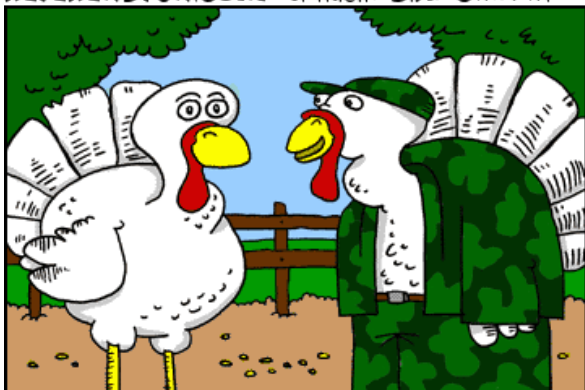
### Down

1. Met the pilgrims when they came to America.
2. The best people to eat Thanksgiving dinner with.
3. Fill it full of straw and put it in your garden.
4. Mash it up and put it in a pie...Yummy!
5. Another word for thankful.
7. A horn filled with fruits and vegetables.
10. The season Thanksgiving is in.
11. They change color, fall, and make wonderful decorations.
13. Pour this on your potatoes.

### Word Bank

- |           |            |           |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| autumn    | cornucopia | family    |
| grateful  | gravy      | harvest   |
| Indians   | leaves     | Mayflower |
| November  | pilgrims   | pumpkin   |
| scarecrow | thanks     | turkey    |

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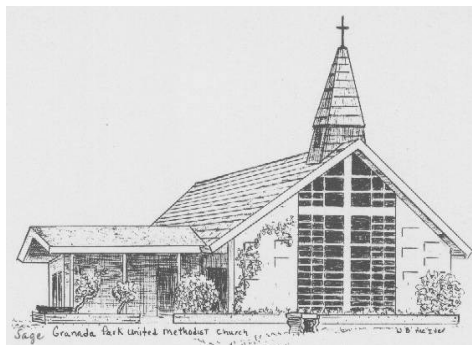
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FOR THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR I AM  
THANKFUL FOR MY NEW CAMOUFLAGE GEAR

### Thanksgiving trivia quick facts —

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, weighs 86 pounds.
- Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!
- Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.
- The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.
- Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.

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October 31, 2017

Dear Church Family,

John Wesley encouraged the Methodists of his day to “watch over one another in love.” Nowadays we have church software programs to help us keep in touch. The office is setting up a new comprehensive database to better track our church family, whether near or far, regular attendees or visitors. It will help us be more effective in communicating with, and caring for, our congregation. We will also be able to track our statistics in order to pay the correct conference apportionment amount and strategize for future growth.

We ask that you COMPLETELY fill out all the information as best as you can on the following pages and return them to the church office either by dropping them off or mailing them in.

Thank you in advance for your help.

In Christ’s Love,

Rev. George Martzen

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY (Thank you!)

**Head of Household:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Married?  Yes  No      Anniversary Date: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member?  Yes  No      Date of Membership: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member?  Yes  No      Date of Membership: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

I/We wish to receive the monthly church newsletter via e-mail.

I/We do not have e-mail. Please mail the monthly church newsletter .

Please remove me/us from your mailing lists:

Reason:  Moved  Member of a Different Church  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn the page.



**Children Currently in Your Household:**

1. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

3. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

4. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

5. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Only certain information will be public. A church directory for church members will be printed containing the following: Names, Addresses, Birthdates & Anniversaries (minus the year of birth), e-mails, home and cell phone numbers. Members with password access may also update their own information and see each other's public information online. **All other information will be kept confidential** unless you consent to share it.

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
|  <h1>November</h1>       |   |  |  |  |   |   |
| 5<br>9:30am Worship<br>11:30am Nominations committee<br><i>All Saints Sunday</i><br>(Daylight Savings Ends) | 6<br>1:00pm Ukelele    | 7<br>.   | 8<br>1:00pm Bible Study<br>7:00pm Bible Study                  | 9<br>7:45pm Chinese Choir     | 10<br>4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe<br>6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>7:30pm Boy Scouts | 11<br>8:30am Japanese Language School<br>3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal                 |
| 12<br>9:30am Worship<br>11:15am Church Council Meeting  | 13<br>1:00pm Ukelele <br>6:00pm Preschool Thanksgiving Feast | 14<br><br>Church Trustees<br>7:00pm | 15<br>9:00am CPAT<br>1:00pm Bible Study<br>7:00pm Bible Study  | 16<br>7:45pm Chinese Choir    | 17<br>4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe<br>6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>7:30pm Boy Scouts | 18<br>8:30am Japanese Language School<br>3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal                 |
| 19<br>9:30am Worship<br>11:00 SGPUMC Thanksgiving Luncheon<br>7:00 PM APAC Concert—Glen Campbell Tribute    | 20<br>1:00pm Ukelele                                       | 21<br>   | 22<br>1:00pm Bible Study<br>7:00pm Bible Study               | 23<br>                      | 24<br>4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe<br>6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>7:30pm Boy Scouts | 25<br>No Japanese Language School<br>3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal                     |
| 26<br>9:30am Worship<br>3:00pm PFLAG  | 27<br>1:00pm Ukelele                                       | 28<br>7:00pm Midwick Neighborhood Watch Meeting  | 29<br>   | 30<br>7:45pm Chinese Choir  | 31<br>4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe<br>6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>7:30pm Boy Scouts |  |