

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Altar flowers

In celebration of Eleanor Hoogenakker's birthday!

### Wellness

#### **Balance Improvement:**

**Tai Chi for Seniors 55+**

Practice: Mon., 12/15, 10:30a, Brooks  
\*Wednesdays, 10:00a, ZOOM

#### **Bone Builders**

Party: 9:00a, Tue., 12/16, Covenant Room  
Class: 10:30a, Tue., 12/16, Brooks Hall  
Class: Fri, 12/19, 9:00a & 10:30a, Brooks

### Service Opportunities

#### **CSUCI Dolphin Pantry Donations**

CUWF Martha Fellowship is collecting non-perishable food items for the CSUCI Dolphin Pantry. Drop off: Sanctuary patio or church office. No expired items please.

#### **CUMC Disaster Response Team**

Be part of a ministry that puts faith into action by caring for people and property in times of need. Contact Michael Radonich: (805) 312-4115.

#### **Days for Girls**

All who can sew are invited to attend. They meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Discipleship Room.

#### **Friends of the Fieldworkers**

Donations of essential items, especially baby diapers, can be brought to the church office. Contact Tena or Terry Bushart.

#### **Gardening Team**

Help CUMC look beautiful on the 2nd Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Contact Linda Martin.

#### **Many Meals Ministry**

CUMC is working to feed the community. Volunteers needed to make entrees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact Lisa Kadowaki: smidgetslk@gmail.com.

#### **Media Ministry**

Camera operators and sound technicians needed. No experience necessary. Contact Anna Binney or Mike Nelson.

#### **Medical Supply Room**

Help for 1-2 hours any time from 9:00a to 3:00p Mon-Thu. Contact Nanci Paulson.

### Events

#### **No Room at the Inn**

This is the last day for this free event that features hundreds of nativity sets from personal collections. Donations will be collected to support Food Share.

**Sun., 12/14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Brooks Hall**

#### **Camarillo UWF General Meeting & Installation of 2026 Officers**

Brunch is provided and prepared by Lisa Kadowaki. North District UWFaith president, Diane Garner, will install our officers. Mark Holmstrom will play the piano as we sing Christmas carols. All are welcome.

**Sat., 12/20, 9:30a, Brooks Hall**

- Submit calendar items at least 2 weeks in advance to connect@camarilloumc.org. (To submit information for the weekly Connections newsletter, please email by Tuesday morning to editor@camarilloumc.org.)

### Classes

#### **Advent Class**

This is the last class in a three-part series: "Reclaiming Christmas: A Progressive Look at the Nativity Story." Led by Pastor Elbert. Join him in understanding the historical context of the Christmas story in Matthew, Luke, and John, as rooted in justice, inclusion, and God's presence among the vulnerable.

**Tue., 12/16, 6:30p, Covenant Room**

#### **Slow Read**

Led by Dr. Bill, the group will begin a new book: Richard Rohr's "The Tears of Things." The book has been described as prophetic wisdom for an age of outrage.

**Wed., 12/17, 10:00a, Howald Parlor**

#### **Book Talk**

Terri Padgett will lead the discussion on "The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God" by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson.

**Tue., 1/13, 1:00p, Howald Parlor**

## THIS WEEK @ CUMC

#### **Sunday, Dec. 14**

Library Open, 8:45-10:45a

\*Worship/Sunday School, 9:15a

No Room at the Inn, 10:00a, Brooks Hall

Tech Bar, 10:15a, Library

Coffee Conversations, 10:45a, Howald Parlor

Youth Christmas Lights Walk, 5:00p

#### **Monday, Dec. 15**

Intercessory Prayer, 7:00a

Tai Chi practice, 10:30a, Brooks Hall

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 16**

Bone Builders Party, 9:00a, Covenant Room

Bone Builders, 10:30a, Brooks Hall

Violin Concert, 6:00p, Sanctuary

Advent Class, 6:30p, Covenant Room

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 17**

Slow Read, 10:00a, Howald Parlor

\*Tai Chi (ZOOM only), 10:00a

Deborah Fellowship, 11:30a, Topper's

Ruth Fellowship, 1:30p, TBD

#### **Thursday, Dec. 18**

Staff Meeting, 11:00a, Conference Room

#### **Friday, Dec. 19**

Bone Builders, 9:00 & 10:30a, Brooks Hall

#### **Saturday, Dec. 20**

CUWF General Meeting, 9:30a, Sanctuary

\*Also available online

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#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **Blue Christmas Service:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Sanctuary. Mount Cross Lutheran Church, St. Columba's Episcopal Church, and CUMC will join in worship for a time of healing, hope, and remembrance for those living with grief or loss.

- **Christmas Eve Services:** 2 p.m. (new early service), 4 p.m. (family celebration led by our youth), and 7 p.m. (traditional candlelight service) Wednesday, Dec. 24, in the Sanctuary.

### Scholarship Applications

The 2026 Spring Semester Endowment Merit-Based Scholarship Applications have been announced. The Camarillo UMC Endowment Fund provides merit-based scholarships to students who have been active in the church. Students will need to please submit/renew application with supporting documents to the church office by Jan. 15, 2026. Questions can be directed to Endowment Committee Chair David Wenner at (805) 415-7236.

## Fellowship Groups

#### **Children's Ministry:**

**Middle Schoolers, Sundays, 4:00p**

Group for fifth- and sixth-graders. Meets for most Sundays. For more information, please email Dorrie Kelly at Dorrie.kelly@camarilloumc.org.

#### **Youth Group, Sundays, 4:00p**

Middle and high school youth participate in giving ministries and learn leadership skills. For more information, please email Kristi VanKeersbilck at vankeersbilckfamily@gmail.com.

#### **United Methodist Men:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 8:00a**

A community of men who share in evangelism, mission, and spiritual life. (No meetings in July, August, and December.)

#### **United Women in Faith:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month**

A community of women who engage in mission study, personal growth, and social action. (No meetings in July and August.)

Martha Group meets Wed., 10:00a

Deborah Group meets Wed., 1:00p

Ruth Group meets Wed., 1:30p

Esther Group meets Thu., 9:00a

## Assisting in Worship

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Elbert Kim

**Liturgist:** Debi Bates

**Advent Candle Lighting:** Joseph, Anne, Eden, Eli, Grace, and James Frana

**Children's Time:** Terry Bushart

**Music & Worship Arts Director:** Dr. Luvi Avendano

**Organ/piano:** Mark Holmstrom

**Acolyte:** Miyah Kinch

**Greeters:** Jennifer Conn, Lynn Decker-Mahin, Sue LeBreton, Terri Padgett

**Ushers:** Bill Conn, Scott Faul, Dean Fraley, Nik VanKeersbilck

## Notes



# CAMARILLO

## United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors*

**Welcome** to this time of worship, fellowship, and learning about the Christian gospel. Our purpose is to build a Christian community that loves God and serves others with grace, compassion, and hope.

### Worship Service for **Dec. 14, 2025**

*Prayers and Songs are displayed on the screens*



<b>Prelude</b>	<i>"Mary and the Angel"</i>	Jeremy Young
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Debi Bates
<b>*Opening Song</b>	<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	UMH #211
<b>*Passing the Peace</b>		
<b>Advent Song</b>	<i>"A Star Shone Bright"</i>	W&S #3051, v. 1-2
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>		The Frana Family
<b>Advent Scripture</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10	
<b>Time with Children</b>		Terry Bushart
<b>Baptism</b>	Eleanor Hoogenakker	Pastor Elbert
<b>Congregational Welcome</b>		
<b>With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Jesus Christ, that these children, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.</b>		
<b>Centering Music</b>	<i>"A Star Shone Bright"</i>	W&S #3051, v. 3-4
<b>Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>"Every Valley"</i> CUMC Chancel Choir	Joseph Martin
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Luke 1:26-38	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Unexpected Joy"</i>	Rev. Dr. Elbert Kim
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i>	UMH #216
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i>	John Carter
*Please stand if you are able		

## Center of Prayer

### IN SYMPATHY

**David Faul** – Passed away Wed., Dec. 3.  
Services planned for Saturday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### IN PRAYER:

**Betty Andersen** – For God's wisdom in making a decision for needed surgery.

**Debi Bates** – For medical issues, being referred to a specialist.

**Jan Everett** – For son, **Todd**, beginning new cancer treatment at a naturopathic center in Boise.

**Mark Holmstrom** – For decisions re: prostate cancer treatment.

**Lisa Kadowaki** – For continued prayers for father **John's** health.

**Julie Parmelee** – For husband **Arnold** who has non-healing wounds on his leg.

**Nancy Rogers** – In ICU at PVH for multiple issues including a broken hip and blood clot on her lung, which has been resolved. Visitors welcome.

*Pick up a "Yellow Sheet" from the office for a complete list of prayers.*

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