

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers

From Cmel Brown: *In memory of Martha Weaver.*

Wellness

Balance Improvement:

Tai Chi for Seniors 55+

Practice: Mon., 12/29/25, 10:30a, Covenant

**Will return 1/21/26: Weds, 10:00a, ZOOM*

Bone Builders

Tues & Fri, 9:00a & 10:30a, Brooks Hall

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 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Discipleship Room. *(Please note: will not meet again until 1/17/2026.)*

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. *(For January, it will be Fri., Jan. 9 due to Church Conference.)*

Many Meals Ministry

CUMC is working to feed the community. Volunteers needed to make entrees for the 2nd 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.

Event

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross is looking to collect 23 units of lifesaving blood to save up to 69 lives.

To sign up, please go to:

www.RedCrossBlood.org. Sponsor Code: CamarilloUMC.

Mon., 12/29, 10:00a, Brooks Hall

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

Classes

Saints Class

Rev. Elbert and Dr. Bill will be presenting a series of classes on 12 Christian saints. The classes will cover significant events in their individual lives, as well as examine the process of sainthood.

Beginning Tue., 1/6/26, 6:30p, Covenant

Slow Read

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

Will resume Wed., 1/7/26, 10:00a, Parlor

Group for Grief Sharing

Receive support through your grief journey where you can share in a safe and confidential environment.

Tues, 1/6 & 1/20/2026, 10:30a, Parlor

Book Talk

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

Tue., 1/13/26, 1:00p, Howald Parlor

In Gratitude

A very special thank you to each and every one who made our Sharing Tree for the military children a success. Thanks again!

– The Sharing Tree

THIS WEEK @ CUMC

Sunday, Dec. 28 – Pajama Sunday

Library is closed.

**Worship/Children remain in church, 9:15a*

Coffee Conversations, 10:45a, Howald Parlor

Monday, Dec. 29

Church office is closed.

Intercessory Prayer, 7:00a

Red Cross Blood Drive, 10:00a, Brooks Hall

Tai Chi practice, 10:30a, Covenant Room

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Church office is closed.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Church office is closed.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 – Happy New Year!

Church office is closed and will reopen 1/5/26.

Friday, Jan. 2

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

Sunday, Jan. 4 – Epiphany Sunday

Library open, 8:45-10:45a

**Worship/Sunday School, 9:15a*

**Also available online*

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SAVE THE DATES:

- UMM Gathering: 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Brooks Hall. Wyatt McCrea will speak on the topic of "Joel McCrea - Santa Rosa Valley Rancher." All are welcome. Breakfast included. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Mike Gorzoch at (860) 869-8807 or Gerry Olsen at (805) 482-4109.

- Church Conference: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 in the Sanctuary.

- Photo Sessions for Church Directory: After the church services on Sundays, Jan. 11 and 25, in Brooks Hall. "Say cheese!" Gaylene McPherson will be taking photos to be included in the church directory.

- Opera du Jour: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 in the Conference Room. Due to the Charge Conference scheduled for Jan. 10, this event is moved to the third Saturday for January.

- Pass the Brick: 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Brooks Hall. All ages welcome! CUMC will partner with "Pass the Bricks" to sort and create access to play for all kids. Join us for this fun service project. We will teach you how to create new LEGO sets for children and groups in need.

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:

2nd 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:

3rd 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., 9:30a

Assisting in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elbert Kim

Liturgist: Cmel Brown

Children's Time:

Pastor Elbert

Music & Worship Arts Director:

Dr. Luvi Avendano

CUMC Christmas Band:

Dorrie Kelly, vocals;
Luvi Avendano, guitar and vocals;
Anna Binney, percussion; and
David Fraley, piano.

Acolyte: Dino Hoogenakker

Greeters: Ann Gramlich,
Kathy Joseph, Cheryl Peterson,
K.T. Silver

Ushers: Mike Gorzoch, Paul &
Peggy Graham, Carolyn Grogan

Notes

Center of Prayer

(Please note: The church office is closed and will reopen Jan. 5, 2026. For more current prayer concerns, see the Yellow Sheet.)

IN PRAYER:

Becky Clark – Will begin procedures on Jan. 9 related to heart failure issues.

Kathy Fierro – For **Bob** for improved health.

Nancy Rogers – In Alta, room 187, after recovering from hip surgery. Visitors are welcome.

Bev Shippmann – For 14-year-old granddaughter, **Naomi**, in need of prayers.

Pick up a “Yellow Sheet” from the office for a complete list of prayers.

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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. 28, 2025

Prayers and Songs are displayed on the screens



Prelude		David Fraley
*Call to Worship		Cmell Brown
*Opening Song	<i>“The First Noel”</i> CUMC Christmas Band	UMH #245, vs 1-3
*Passing the Peace		
Christmas Song	<i>“Love Came Down at Christmas”</i>	UMH #242 vs 1-3
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-4, 8-11	
Time with Children		Pastor Elbert
Centering Music	<i>“Away in a Manger”</i>	UMH #217
Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer		
Song	<i>“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”</i>	UMH #218, vs 1, 3-4
Offertory		David Fraley
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:13-18	
Song	<i>“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”</i>	W&S #3052, vs 1-2, 5
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:19-23	
*Closing Song	<i>“Go Tell It on the Mountain”</i>	UMH #251
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>“Go Tell It on the Mountain”</i>	David Fraley

*Please stand if you are able