



# "In Touch" at Hazel Park First UMC

Newsletter for all those who worship at First United  
Methodist Church of Hazel Park

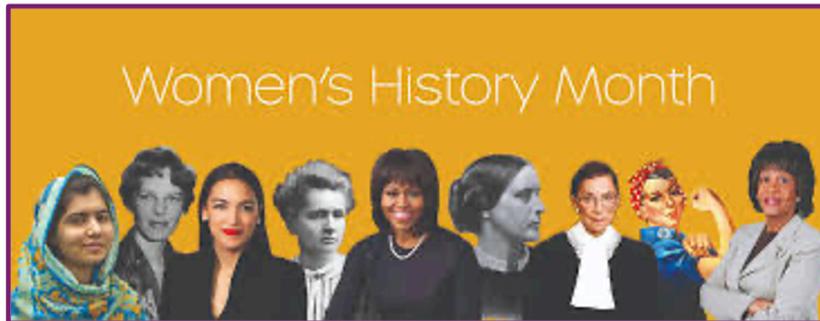


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## Pastor's Pen

Pastor Sharon Appling



The California County Commission on the Status of Women planned and implemented a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. This selected season contained March 8<sup>th</sup>, which was known as International Women's Day. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. Congress passed Public Law 100-9 in 1987, designating the entire month of March as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** under President Ronald Reagan. Each year, the current president of The United States proclaims that March is designated as Women's History Month in celebration of a selected theme. The thirty-one-day remembrance is reserved for time to pause and honor women who have contributed not only to the history of this nation but to the history of humankind globally. The 2026 Women's History Month Theme is **LEADING THE CHANGE: WOMEN SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE!**

Biblical Women who have shaped positive changes in human history include: Shiphrah, Puah, Sarah, Hannah, Zipporah, Esther, Deborah, Jael, Rahab, Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Dorcas, just to name a few. Do you know of these women's contributions? This month, Certified Lay Servants from our family at First UMC of Hazel Park will honor women who have touched their lives.

There are 31 days in March; there are also 31 verses in Proverbs 31. This chapter is often entitled, **THE VIRTUES OF NOBLE WOMEN!** This year, read a verse from Proverbs 31 each day and reflect on the women God has sent as gifts into your life. On our final Sunday, you will get the opportunity to bring a photograph and speak the name of a faithful woman who shaped your life! Get ready, let us honor all women who made a positive difference in our journey, **GIVE THEM FLOWERS** on SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, at our 11:30 a.m. worship service!!!

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here at FUMCHP!

Blessed peace as we pray for the health and well-being of our families, community, church members, and nation;

Pastor Sharon

# Upcoming Events



- ~Sunday, March 15th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, March 16th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Sunday, March 22nd - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, March. 23rd - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Thursday, March. 26th - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Sunday, March 29th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, March. 30th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Saturday, April 4th - Men's Group Meets @10am
- ~Saturday, April 4th - Women's Group meets @1pm
- ~Sunday, April 5th - Sunday School @2pm

## Things to Keep in Mind



Are you looking for the children's corner? The children's corner has moved to it's own Newsletter. Do you want to receive it monthly via mail? Please send an email to [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com) or contact Ashley Detoledo.

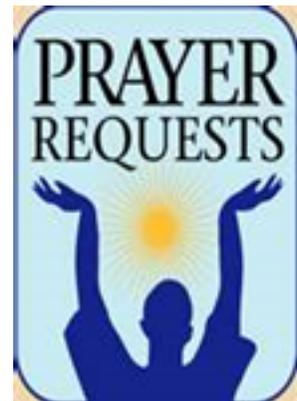
**Health/Life Concerns:** Kerri Connelly, Christina Finnigan, Lisa Johnson.

**Comfort for the friends and families of:** **The Sarns family in the passing of Joan Sarns**

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

**Gratitude's and Joys:** The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

**Church Leaders:** Pastor-Rev. Sharon Appling, Al Holland-SPRC Chair, John Sarns-Ad Council Chair, Frank Cox-Lay Leader, Ashley Detoledo-Secretary, Lisa Johnson-Treasurer, and Matt Sarns-Music Director.



## Get Them Talking: Generosity

*Get Them Talking is a series of resources to help families start conversations about issues of faith.*

### **Scripture:**

“Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:7, Common English Bible

### **Reflection:**

Parents often teach children to receive by saying, “Thank you.” We also teach them to share with a friend or sibling. At other times, it is important to teach our children to give.

Generosity doesn’t always come easy. One of the keys is to understand that all we have is a gift from God to us. When we are grateful for what we have received, we are more likely to give to others. Following God’s example of generosity is what makes us cheerful givers.

### **Get them talking:**

- Name something for which you are thankful.
- When have you had to ask someone for something?
- When has giving been difficult? When has it made you feel good?
- Why do you think God asks us to be generous?

### **Prayer:**

*Teach me, O God, to be generous. Amen.*

### **Activity:**

Gather items to donate to a local thrift shop. Talk about how the items will be a blessing to the recipients.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



Sunday Morning Service: 11:30 am  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March Birthday's**

Ashley DeToledo - 3    Tege French - 15  
John Sarns - 16    Charlie Connelly - 17  
Lisa Edwards - 22    Shannon Hardy - 23  
Lisa Johnson - 25    Emilee Wellwood - 26  
Brenda Frickey - 31





# March 2026



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1 Worship Service w/communion @ 11:30	2 Bible Study @6pm	3 Praise Team 4:00	4	5	6	7 Women's Group meets @1pm  Men's group meets at the coney island at 10am
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