



Los Altos

United Church of Christ

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*the monthly newsletter of Los Altos United Church of
Christ*

October 2021

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This week the service can be viewed
through **LIVESTREAM** at <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>
You do not have to be a Facebook subscriber!

The New Settled Minister of Los Altos United Church of Christ



The Congregation of LAUCC met on Sunday, September 26, and voted to call the Rev. Kyle Tade as the new Settled Pastor of Los Altos United Church of Christ. Kyle's start date is January 18, 2021. We are excited about this new chapter in our congregational life.

Biography

Rev. Kyle Andrew Tade grew up outside of Chicago. He graduated from Elmhurst University with his Bachelor's in Spanish and Religious Studies and graduated with a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. Kyle was baptized in the United Church of Christ and active in the wider church as a youth when he felt his call to ministry as a teen. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ during his first few months of serving the UCC in Portage, Michigan. Kyle is the youngest of 4 boys who live across 4 states and three time zones. He loves experimenting in the kitchen, travel, reads Green Lantern, and he can find peace anywhere there's sand and a body of water. Over the past three years, Kyle has developed and cultivated a spiritual practice of painting icons; he loves cooking, travel, and Green Lantern comics. He has served as an associate pastor at the Portage UCC in Michigan for the last seven years where he lives with his partner Ken.

Quotes from his Ministerial Profile

I am passionate about... *"I am passionate about the spiritual and emotional journeys we walk. I find great joy in helping others discover how the Bible can become a real, lived experience. I love working through the texts, reading and studying, seeking ways that connect our ancient scriptures not only to today but finding the places where we realize the text matters in the present moment. I am passionate about exploring, experiencing, finding, and sharing new, different and unexpected places we can meet Christ."*

Reflect on your personal and professional formation for ministry. *"The Mark - Engaging in sacred stories and traditions. I am a huge proponent of faith formation across ages and committed to seek ways that communicate and encourage dialogue around similar topics across generations. Confirmation has been one such place. Over the years I have added new components to the confirmation program; placing greater emphasis on our sacred texts the first half of the year and then to engage our faith critically through topical studies such as:*

death and resurrection, justice, God and science and how this influences our understanding of God, the world and ourselves.”

“Much like the disciples who gather around the table in fellowship and in learning, the table is a place where they meet Christ; so too has the table become a place where we all meet and engage with one another, but also with Christ.”

LAUCC SUNDAY IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM:

**Join us October 3, 2021
for WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
AND A SPECIAL MUSIC DAY
IN THE SANCTUARY**

In Person and on FB Livestream!

Fellowship time will follow Worship in Patterson Hall and in the Courtyard!

Sunday Morning Worship will also **LIVESTREAM ON
FACEBOOK** at <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>

[CLICK HERE FOR THE OCTOBER 3rd ORDER OF WORSHIP](#)

We politely ask that all congregants and visitors to the church campus respect the safety and comfort levels of others - this means wearing a mask, maintaining social distance and limiting contact if asked to do so by another. After a stressful 18 months of living with Covid in our communities, people may be weary of physical contact or still prefer to remain masked for their own peace of mind.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS...

October 3, 2021 A Worship Service of Music. Join us in the Sanctuary as we sing our favorite hymns and experience some fantastic music.

October 10, 2021 No IN-PERSON Worship this day due to the Long Beach Marathon.

However, we will be having a **ZOOM GATHERING** at 10:00 AM with a time for sharing, prayers and visiting. Please join in on ZOOM at Los Altos UCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LAUCC SUNDAY GATHERING

Time: Oct 10, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81347799374?pwd=Q0VxeGM2aJJBazVQRFhuUjIDVW0yQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 4779 9374

Passcode: 467760

October 17, 2021 REGULAR WORSHIP in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live.
Leadership Council following worship.

World Communion Sunday

It is observed on the first Sunday in October. This day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter began to be observed by many other denominations. It's a day to remind ourselves that what we have in common with other Christians the world over is greater than our differences, and that our unity is represented in sharing the one meal - Holy Communion.

VACATION

Stan will be on vacation October 3 through 10. For pastoral emergencies please contact Rev. Stephen Boyd.

Learn about Global Mission Work in Lebanon

Hosted by: Church of the Foothills

October 3, 5:00 pm Via Zoom

Maria and Nishan Bakalian, two Global Ministry Mission Workers in Lebanon who are visiting in this area will share about the challenges and importance of their work in the Middle East at this time. They will broadcast from our sanctuary, speaking to a small group but the majority of the participants will be zoom in from Church of the Foothills and other Global Ministry affiliated churches.

Topic: Maria and Nishan Bakalian Gathering

Time: Oct 3, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83479283635?pwd=UER2K2R1eWRINmZPdGJxSU5NMUFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 7928 3635

Passcode: 045309



Face-Covering Policy Reinstated

Effective August 1st all attendees to Sunday Worship will again be required to wear a cloth face-covering indoors regardless of their Covid-19 vaccination status. This is a policy that was reinstated, in line with current CDC recommendations for public indoor spaces. Masks will be available in the Narthex for those who need one. Thank you for your understanding.

SUPPORT LAUCC through Amazon Smile!



Unique AmazonSmile link

Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if they want to support Los Altos United Church of Christ.

The unique LAUCC charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6004382>



RECYCLING

A reminder that we are still recycling clear plastic and aluminum cans. Bag them up and leave them by the gate at church or give Mark Allen a call . Unfortunately we cannot accept glass.

How can you help?

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Each Sunday we have some fellowship time in the Courtyard following worship. If you would like to help by providing some treats and goodies for a Sunday in the future, please sign up in the hallway outside Patterson, or email the church office - office@losaltosucc.org

Looking for Lay Readers!

Would you like to be a part of a Sunday online service? We're looking for individuals, couples, and families to serve as liturgists. If you would like to participate in Sunday Worship, please contact Judy Ekmalian, jlekmalian@gmail.com and let her know.



GIVING...

Thank you for your giving, which supports our ministries, including both our in-person and online worship. THERE IS AN OFFERING PLATE at the back of the Sanctuary. We certainly encourage you to give generously as you are able, by leaving in the back, by mail, or you can go to our church website losaltosucc.org click on the tab DONATE, and use your credit or debit card with a one-time or recurring gift. Take now a moment and reflect upon ways in which you can offer gifts and be filled with gratitude.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Now that Los Angeles County has lifted all COVID-19 restrictions, it is acceptable to have staff return to offices.. In light of this we are bringing back LAUCC office hours with Cindy on Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 2:00. **WE DO ASK THAT YOU WEAR A MASK INDOORS!** Stan will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, and by appointment. Please contact us at any time at drstanleydsmith@gmail.com or office@losaltosucc.com

New Zoom Update Policy Begins November 1, 2021

“Beginning November 1, 2021, customers will be required to update their Zoom software to ensure it is no more than nine months behind the current version, at any given time. From that point on, users will be prompted to update their software when using the platform should their version fall behind this nine-month window.”

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know LAUCC has a Facebook page? Please check it out and Like us on Facebook. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on in the life of the church. <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Happy October Everyone! The sanctuary and campus improvement committees are hard at work to bring our church to life!

Below are a few before and after for the initial garden clean up. A great deal more work to be accomplished yet we are off to a good start!



Before the sidewalk plants were cleared.



After the hedge, rose and sidewalks were cleaned.



Before to the left of the church entrance.



After to the left of the church entrance.

Updates will be shared each month! Thank you to all the folks that are helping through their input and support!

Next Up:

Continued repair in the Gardens plus flooring will begin to be installed next week in the sanctuary.

Peace + Grace,
Pamela Keller



Save the Date!!!

TIGERS/Frogs Halloween Get Together

When: October 17th

Time: Right after church 11-1

We will play games, decorate a pumpkin, have some snacks, and much more. We will be outside, socially distanced, and wearing mass at all times for this event.

Feel free to wear a Halloween themed outfit. We may get messy so please keep that in mind if you will wear your Halloween costume.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at sumerlesser@yahoo.com.

Congregational Care

ToniLynn Palermo

"They say only two things in life are for certain taxes and death"

Although, "change" is a given especially as we journey along our life's path.

One of the most significant examples of this is Mother Nature. While there is some consistency as we pass through the seasons, given climate change the seasons are much more unpredictable.

Our lives and the constant changes can be compared to nature. We must be aware and understand that with change we must evolve and hopefully grow during the process. We can not cast our gaze or look back and judge ourselves on what used to be but look at what is now our present. Moving into our new reality and future with each sunrise we shed our yesterday in rebirth.

The fall leaves and autumn dew bring a fresh sense of change. Autumn spiritually represents transformation on a personal level and for Mother Nature. This time of year the growing cycle is mature, with an abundant harvest and prosperity. The fall equinox also brings a balance to our lives. The days become longer allowing for equal time of day to night for our bodies to replenish. This beautiful season also leads into the end of the year

preparing us for what lies ahead. We just need to listen to what message Mother Nature sends our way. Stop and listen to life and the events that surround us as we adjust to the new day.

Find the richness and passions in your life or that you once enjoyed. Set new goals and challenges. Reset your growth trajectory. Honor and recognize your gifts you have been blessed with. Challenge your capabilities and potential, you might find that you surpass your current comprehension of self.

So as nature evolves and sheds its dead leaves, let us release our layers that may inhibit us, let go of ego, even if passive and allow pride to step aside, ease the stress of life and focus on our passions, the present and our life's purpose. Let life's harvest cultivate and guide us into our new future with a new outlook and renewed self with each passing day, just as Mother Nature does with each season.

Peace Out and bring the best you every day!

Tonie   



Hello LAUCC,

Our 2021-2022 school year is officially in session! We've had some early on quarantine setbacks, but with the help of the Long Beach Department and the support of our parents, we are all healthy. Our Covid-19 policies, schedules and smaller class cohorts are effective in keeping us safe. We have a total of 44 students enrolled at this time and they are all excited to be at school! Our students have been transitioning very well and wearing their masks. They are doing a fantastic job!

October brings the fall season, safety themes and Halloween decorations. Instead of our annual Halloween program and parade, we will adapt to safer ways of celebrating. We will also be renewing our staff CPR, first aid and AED certification on November 3rd at 5:00pm in Patterson Hall. If you are interested in joining our training group please let me know so I can give you further information. Happy fall y'all!

Kindly,
Roxy Menendez
Director
Discovery Preschool at LAUCC

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When we play, we learn.



CELEBRATIONS

For the Blessings in our lives...

BIRTHDAYS: 10/3 - Brenda K.; 10/8 - Nicolas A.; 10/8 - Roberta B.

(If you have a birthday or an anniversary that we haven't celebrated, please email the office with your dates.)

Gratitude for the **LAUCC Search Team** for the hard work they did to find a new settled pastor.

CONCERNS

And now those people and places that weigh heavy on our hearts... I invite you to say a name or place that is important to you, and know in saying it we hold it in our hearts...

Prayers for the tragedies due to climate change.

Prayers for Haiti and Afghanistan

Prayer for **Kristen W.**, diagnosed with colon and liver cancer.

Prayers for **Brenda K.** who has been diagnosed with cancer in the brain.

Prayers for **Tonie** on the death of her friend **Tim R.**

Prayers for **Denise and Tonie's friend Kathy S.** who has cancer and is on hospice.

Prayers for **Denise's Mom Gloria** who is recovering from a TIA and Heart Attack.

Prayers for **Denise's grandmother Rosie P.**, nearing the end of life.

Prayers for the **Parden family** as **George's mother** who underwent successful heart surgery, now recovering.

Prayers for the **Gossage family** on the loss of their oldest son **Aiden**.

Prayers for **Maria S.**, our past Preschool Director, who had surgery on Wednesday.

Prayers for **Judy's** mother **Diane** who fell and is in rehab.

Prayers for Roxy's cousin **Greg** who is battling cancer.

Jackie P.'s friend **Dave** asks for prayers for his wife, **Rosie** suffering from dementia.

Prayers for **Tom T.**

Prayers for **Hazel's grandson Spencer**.

Judi's continued recovery at home, and for **Michael** who looks after her.

Continue to pray for our homebound members: **Clark P., Vi D., Darryl S.**



2	Emma Thornton
3	Brenda Knepper
8	Nicolas Adame
8	Roberta Boyd
15	Bob Kariger
29	Lori DeLaney



10 Wendy & George Parden

(If you have a birthday or an anniversary that we haven't announced, please email the office with your dates.)

LINKS TO RESOURCES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE UCC

<https://www.scncucc.org/>

Keep up with the latest OFFICIAL SOURCES for news on the current Coronavirus pandemic:

Official California Covid-19 Response Site: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

RESOURCES for ANTI-RACISM

<https://www.scncucc.org/responding-to-racism>

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>
