The Communiqué

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Dear Beloved Santa Clara UMC Family,

Whatever is happening around us—within our community, our nation, and our world—time continues to move forward. And now, in the blink of an eye, we find ourselves already stepping into February.

In recent months, especially these last few weeks, we have witnessed and experienced events that are truly unprecedented in our lifetimes—particularly in this beautiful country we call home. More than ever, we need God's presence and grace to sustain us, because our hearts feel heavy, as though we are walking through a long, dark tunnel with no end in sight.

Yet there is hope. Just before the sun rises, the night is at its darkest. When we feel most surrounded by darkness, that may be when the dawn is nearest. Now is the time to hold on, speak the truth, and open our hearts to those who are suffering most.

We also grieve the recent loss of our beloved sister, Pat Craig. We hold her son Rick, her granddaughters, and her extended family and friends in our prayers, asking for God's comfort and peace to surround them.

Let us not forget the resolutions we made at the start of this new year. Let us continue to take strong steps forward, no matter what we face—because we are not alone. We walk together as a family in God's grace, and we have one another as prayer partners and companions on this journey.

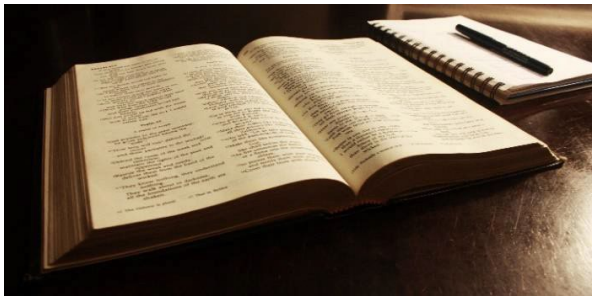
Please continue to pray:

- For our political leaders
- For those who are marginalized, threatened, or afraid
- For this nation and for the healing of the world

Take a deep breath. Whisper a prayer. And let's keep moving forward, together, as God's people and as Christ's church.

With love and hope,

Pastor David



Bible Study

Pastor David leads a small group Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. He is currently leading us in a study of the Book of Acts using the Imago Dei study method. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to drop in anytime and check it out. It's a great space for getting comfortable with scripture exploring how it impacts our lives today. Look for an invitation in your email We look forward to seeing you there. Wednesday, February 11 and 25, at 7:00 p.m.

