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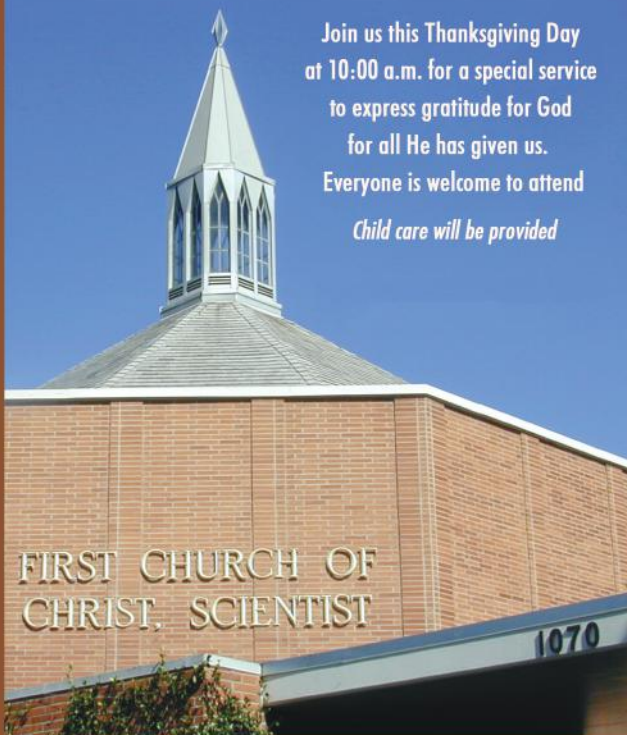
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# RELIGION

## The Greatest Good

**By Jessica Vaughan Lower**  
Special to the Tribune

This past winter, I was having tea with a congregant at her home. Christmas had already passed, and our area was reeling yet again from another pandemic surge of illness, restrictions and societal tension.

As we sat and talked about the current state of life, she turned to me with frustration in her voice and said, “You know, I’m just so sick of everyone living only for themselves. Whatever happened to living for the greatest good of all? The church should do something about that.”

The conversation moved on fairly quickly to other topics, but her words stayed with me. Selfishness and self-centered behavior have long been a hallmark of humanity—the Bible tells us so—but our recent age of isolation and personal survival against illness and economic fluctuation have certainly exacerbated our reliance upon rugged individualism to save us.

Yet, while each of us have tended to ourselves, the world around us has continued to splinter and divide. In the places where many used to “agree to disagree,” battle lines are currently drawn. In the moments where people once exercised curiosity toward diverse beliefs and perspectives, many now demand uniformity as a pre-condition to being heard.

For people of faith, this state of our society causes more than

just the frustration we experience while watching the nightly news. For those who are Christian, it’s an offense against the Gospel that we profess. Jesus Christ teaches us to exercise love for our enemies, not to indulge our hate.

When we are faced with violence, Jesus teaches us to return only grace. Jesus lifted up the value and worth of the powerless rather than fawning over the power of the powerful. No matter the circumstances we are faced with, Jesus asks us to think and act beyond our own self-interest.

In a world with serious conflicts such as ours, this way of Jesus can feel naive and foolish ... and yet, this is the gospel that Christ invites us into. Being a Christian is holding an invitation to participate in something greater than ourselves.

So, this fall, San Marino Community Church is hosting our first-ever Greatest Good Campaign, in which we are inviting our congregation and the surrounding community to spend time contributing to the Greatest Good in the world.

It starts with our campaign kick-off event on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 4–7 p.m. in our church parking lot (1750 Virginia Road), where our church committees have invited 13 organizations from our community to share their vision, action, and needs as they tend to the greatest good in our society. It is our hope that each person who attends will consider if they can contribute time, energy,



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and prayer to one or more of these organizations in building something bigger than themselves in the world.

To help fuel our effort, SMCC will also be hosting the In-N-Out truck to provide meals free of charge for each guest, along with Kona Ice for dessert. There will also be live music, games, free T-shirts and an unmatched opportunity to learn about what is happening in our larger community, as well as the many ways that we can get plugged in.

We hope that you will save the date and join us for this event—all are invited, and all are welcome. You do not have to be a member of the church to fully participate in every part of the evening, so please invite a friend or neighbor. The more who are willing to be part of something bigger than themselves, the more good we all will experience in the world.


### FIRST TEE

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Girls Club, the Optimist Club, the Wounded Warrior Project, Villa Esperanza, the Pasadena NAACP, the Pasadena Police Athletic League and the Pasadena Unified School District.

Fritz said that one of First Tee’s main goals is to provide a structure where its participants eventually give their time and talents back to other charitable organizations.

“As they progress through the levels it becomes all about giving back to the chapter,” Fritz said. “They come into the clubhouse



### St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

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8 am Eucharist with music in the Chapel  
10 am Eucharist with the St. Edmund’s Choir  
10 am Sunday School for children ages 5 - 18

*Masks must be worn by all indoors*

Our 10 am service is also livestreamed and can be found on the St. Edmund’s Episcopal Church YouTube Channel

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and go back out to serve for other classes.”

Pasadena’s outreach extends from Glendale to Rancho Cucamonga, Fritz said, and includes golf courses such as Alhambra, Brookside, Marshall Canyon, Scholl Canyon and Whispering Lakes. Several private golf clubs have also partnered with First Tee, including San Gabriel, Oakmont, Glendora and Calabasas. Some clubs offer free rounds of golf and use of practice facilities and others sponsor much-needed golf club collection and equipment donation programs.

“A big part of that relationship is teaching young people the difference between public and private clubs,” said Fritz.

While many youth sports programs suffered during the pandemic, golf—and First Tee—enjoyed a boon.

“We were one of the only youth programs that held outdoor activities during COVID,” Fritz said.

That exposure may have led to First Tee more than doubling its registration from 2020 to 2021.

Fritz works at First Tee’s Brookside Golf Course location, which borders the Rose Bowl stadium. Through an arrangement with the city of Pasadena, Brookside does not charge green fees for First Tee members. Fritz also said that eight First Tee members recently played a round at California’s iconic Pebble Beach golf course.