

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 18, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD – Next Sunday, February 25, Pastor Mike's sermon is titled, "Hope Against Hope," and it is based on Romans 4:13-25. The message will explore the claim that God "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." Both Christ's resurrection and God's promise of descendants to Abraham illustrate God giving new life to those whom God justifies.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – We have received word that long-time church member, Don Jurk passed away in recent days. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Carolyn and their family. A memorial service will be held for Martha Crommett on Saturday, February 24 at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow in the Community Hall. If possible, the family asks that people RSVP for the reception. RSVP via email to crommettchris27@gmail.com. A memorial service will be held here at MBCC on March 9 at 2 p.m. for Ruth Purdon. Jean Severance is now at Silverado and would enjoy visitors.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – On Sunday, February 25 - Topic: A Fly-Over History of the Black Church in the United States
Brandon Harris is the Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at USC. He arrived at USC last year after previously serving as the Protestant chaplain at Georgetown University and Lecturer, teaching classes on Protestant Theology and African American religion. Also, he has served as the minister of a historic UCC church in Washington, DC. We will meet in the Fireside Room, 8:30-9:45 AM or you can watch on zoom: <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - Our Nursery and Sunday School classes have moved out of the CE building. The Nursery is located on the upper level above the Community Hall, and Sunday School are in the classrooms on the upper level above the Youth Room. For questions about children and youth programming, please get in touch with Pastor Jodi.

BLOOD DRIVE - MBCC February Blood Drive is TODAY from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Community Hall. Blood shortages continue throughout the nation all blood type are needed. Please go on-line to the Red Cross Quick link to sign up go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: MBCC to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Questions, call Deb Dipprey at 310 874-8492

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Last Wednesday Book Group will meet Wednesday, February 28 at 2pm in the Fireside Room to discuss Our Missing Hearts, by Celeste Ng. **Celestial Circle** - All women are welcome to join Celestial Circle for fellowship and sharing on February 21, 2024 Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Assembly Hall. Arita Wong will lead our program and we will talk about and make cards for some of our homebound friends. All women are welcome.

SNOW QUEEN - During coffee hour TODAY, one of MBCC's youth, Katie S., will sell tickets for Redondo Ballet's performance of "Snow Queen," coming to the Redondo Performing Arts Center Saturday, March 2 (7pm) and Sunday, March 3 (3pm). The delightful production features youth from the South Bay and professional dancers. Tickets are also available at: www.redondoballet.org
Redondo Ballet is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

LEADERSHIP SUNDAY - February 25 is our next Leadership Sunday meeting, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Church boards meet following a brief program and light lunch. If you're new to the church or haven't participated recently, you are welcome to attend! Following lunch you can sit in with a board to learn what they do. Childcare is available upon request for parents with children Pre-K and up if requested early. Sign up before February 18 here:



<http://tinyurl.com/2xvabw38>

YOUTH BONDFire at 5:30 PM – March 3 -- Fellowship for middle and high school youth and their families on the patio. Please bring a camp chair and an appetizer or salad to share. (Pizza and beverages provided.) **Contemporary Worship Service** at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Hall. All ages and stages are welcome for Spirit-filled reflection, prayer, and singing with Kate Crellin and her band. For more information, contact Pastor Jodi.

IFTAR DINNER - On Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 pm (please note the date change), we will take part in the breaking of the fast with our Muslim friends from Pacifica. Sign-ups to bring potluck dishes and help with set up, serving, and clean up are coming soon. Please let Pastor Jodi know if you would like to serve on the planning team.

MBCC ALL CHURCH RETREAT - April 19 - 21, Buckhorn Camp in Idyllwild
Please use the QR code or follow this link
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0SIB2PUdOy76ZvH2c7D4-aGuyltnNMYsrVDWkcAxDchWK8A/viewform> to register. This year's theme is Called to be Caretakers of Creation. We will explore the image of God as "The Big Gardener" and our "first calling" as Christians to work for and care for Creation. We'll reflect on the climate crisis as a crisis of inequality and our calling to not only tend to God's garden but also to seek justice for all of Creation. Come to experience Nature...Community...Worship.



Come back feeling Inspired...Connected...Committed.