

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 24, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD – The choir will perform two hauntingly beautiful anthems (one from the chancel and one from the balcony) on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The music will complement a dramatic presentation by Gabby Ordonez, Michael Thorpe and Sebastien Young. Pastor Mike will preach a brief homily titled, “Self-giving Love” based on John 13:1-17, 31b-35. Communion will be served by intinction. Don’t miss this moving service, which will help us prepare for and better appreciate the Easter celebration on Sunday!

- Join us for a glorious Contemporary Easter Sunrise service, March 31 at 6:30 am! Kate Crellin has a wonderful ensemble that will bring inspirational music to the beach (just north of the MB pier). This year, we’re providing a coffee station. Please bring a beach chair and dress warmly. Pastor Mike will preach a sermon titled, “Lessons from Jesus on the Beach” based on the lectionary epistle, John 21:3-14. Communion will be served.

- Join us for a jubilant Traditional Easter Sunday service in the sanctuary, March 31 at 10:00 am. Pat Edwards has chosen jubilant music for the choir, and Pam Conde will enhance the service with an inspirational flute duet with our resident organist, Makena James. Pastor Mike will preach an Easter Message titled, “God Speaks in The Silence” based on the lectionary gospel, Mark 16:1-8.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – Please continue to remember Steve and Kathy Campbell.

Sally Palm passed away peacefully on March 7. She was 94 and had a wonderful and artistic life. She and Noel were longtime members of MBCC. Sally painted many play sets in her day. Her five children were with her in her last days as well as her daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Condolences may be sent to: Tod & Cindy Palm, 1524 Curtis Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. A Celebration of Life will be planned in mid-July 2024, and the family will share details about that in future.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – There will be no Adult Discussion Group meeting next Sunday, Easter Sunday. Please join us for our annual Sunrise Service at the Beach at 6:30 a.m., north of the Manhattan Beach pier. Bring a chair and dress warm. **April 7--Beach Cities Health District**

Charlotte Barnett, the Beach Cities Health District care manager designated to Manhattan Beach, will be speaking on case management services offered through BCHD’s Community Services Program. She will also provide information on volunteer services. Bring your questions about BCHD! Please join us at 8:30 am in the Assembly Hall or access the session by Zoom at

<http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – Nursery Care for children birth – 3 years is available on the upper level above the Community Hall. PreK- 8th grade children are escorted to Sunday School following the Time with Children. For questions about children and youth programming, contact Pastor Jodi.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Palm Sunday – Children and youth are invited to join the Palm Processional. Please meet by the bell at 9:45 am. Easter Sunday – Following Time with Children, children and youth will participate in a beautiful Butterfly Release in the courtyard and special Easter Crafts in the Community Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt takes place

immediately after the worship service. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Brittany Ordonez at 310-528-4803.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP – The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet March 27 at 2 in the Fireside Room to discuss Switchboard Soldiers, by Jennifer Chiaverini. **Crafters** will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:30 in Assembly Hall to create a sand art project with Jean Gee. Arita will also be offering a box-making project to encase the sand art terrariums, if you would like. Please be sure to let Donna Thorpe know if you plan to attend so we will have enough supplies available. usthorpes@gmail.com The Women’s Fellowship directory is being updated. If you would like to be included, please contact Gloria Liu at GLSB7891@gmail.com. All women of the church are automatically members of Women’s Fellowship.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – March 24 - 10:00 a.m. Worship – Procession of the Palms

Maundy Thursday – March 28 - 7:00 p.m. Drama – Sanctuary - Two beautiful Choir Anthems and a moving dramatic presentation with three key players telling the Maundy Thursday story

Easter Sunday – March 31 - 6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service – North of the MB Pier – bring a chair and dress warm

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service

10:00 a.m. – Easter Celebration – Community Hall

11:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

MBCC ALL CHURCH RETREAT - April 19 - 21, Buckhorn Camp in Idyllwild

Please use the QR code or follow this link to register.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0SIB2PUdOy76ZvH2c7D4-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0SIB2PUdOy76ZvH2c7D4-aGuyltnNMYsrVDWkcAxDchWK8A/viewform)

[aGuyltnNMYsrVDWkcAxDchWK8A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0SIB2PUdOy76ZvH2c7D4-aGuyltnNMYsrVDWkcAxDchWK8A/viewform) This year’s theme is “Called to be Caretakers of Creation: Pay It Forward.” Attendees are encouraged to read or listen to Catherine Ryan Hyde’s book, Pay It Forward (also available in Kindle, Audible, and Young Reader’s Edition). Come to experience Nature...Community...Worship. Come back feeling

Inspired...Connected...Committed.



THEATER BOARD - The Drowsy Chaperone Patron Tickets are now on sale until April 2nd.

As a Patron you will receive:

- Patron reserved seating at the performance of your choice
- Special recognition in the program
- Patron Brunch with Show Preview

The Patron Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 7th at noon, in our minister’s home. To become a Patron, please see us after church during coffee hour in the patio or contact Victoria Bailer Alfvín at valfvin@gmail.com

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP SPRING TEA - - April 27, 1:00-4:00 MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Join the women of the church at our big event of the year. Tickets go on sale at coffee hour on Easter Sunday and cost \$50. Ticket reservations: Deb Dipprey at dhdipprey@gmail.com More details to follow.