

April 14, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD – On Sunday, April 21, our guest minister will be Matt Zarro. Matt will be filling in while Pastor Mike and Pastor Jodi are away at the family retreat. Matt's sermon title will be "Whoever Does Not Love Abides in Death." Scripture will be 1 John 3:11-24. We look forward to having Matt with us next week.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – An Update on Steve: Steve is now home from the hospital and recovering comfortably at home. He and I would like to thank all of our church family for the many calls, cards, meals, flowers, rides and prayers during this very difficult time. We are very grateful for all of you and to thank Pastor Mike and Pastor Jodi for their continued support. Now we hope to get Steve back in church soon. With much appreciation, Kathy Campbell

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – April 21--Bishop John Shelby Spong

Please join us as we view a thought-provoking video by Bishop John Shelby Spong, "The Mother of Jesus: A Symbol of Judaism". We meet 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.

RENEWAL TASK FORCE - In January, a Renewal Task Force (RTF) committee was approved by the Exec board. The committee's purpose is to renew the MBCC foundation to strategically fulfill our mission. **TODAY** the RTF will share a brief overview of their efforts and plans during the church service. Immediately following in the sanctuary, team members will engage with interested members to address questions. Please join us to learn more about this strategic effort and have a dialogue with its members.

SOCIAL ACTION - The Social Action Board is working with Family Promise to support their efforts to help South Bay families in need. South Bay Family Promise works through local churches to help homeless families with children achieve housing stability and self-sufficiency. They have 3 shelters currently housing 11 families but also provide community outreach services for about 80 families in need. The social action board would like your help in their up and coming effort to celebrate the mom's they support with some Mother's Day gifts. **Please see the list for suggested items: Lip gloss, Lip balm, Face Masks, Nail polish, Scented body lotion, Hand lotion, Eye makeup and socks. Gift cards include, Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Chipotle, Chick-fil-A, Bath & Body Works, Olive Garden and Panera.** They are also in need of hygiene products. There will be a bin in the narthex for donations until approximately April 21. Please note that donated items are tax deductible by reaching out to: sarah@familypromiseosb.org

THEATER BOARD - The MBCC Theatre Board is excited to announce the opening weekend for their spring musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" this weekend. The show runs for 2 weekends. April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21. Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm. Sunday Matinees at 2pm. You may purchase tickets online at: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door of any performance. Don't miss this hilarious Tony Award winning musical farce.

MARINERS - Please join us for our historical tour of Rancho Los Cerritos on Friday, April 19. Learn all about this incredible former sheep and cattle ranch in

California history. Please meet at 1:30pm in the lower church parking lot to carpool to the Rancho. After our tour, we will head to SteelCraft for a no host outdoor dining experience. Please RSVP to Laura Lovekin by April 12th to reserve your spot. Donations are appreciated at the Rancho.

Mariners - Please join us for our incredible campout, May 15-17, at the William Heise County Park in Julian, California. The low, low price of \$50 per family includes 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, and your campsite for 2 nights!! Activities will include games, hiking, and a fabulous trip to downtown Julian for some delicious apple pie. Please RSVP to Tony West, at corrug8@aol.com or at 310 344-4701. Sign-ups are also available at the Mariner table from April 7th-28th. However, reservations are limited. Sign-up today to reserve your spot for the best Mariner camping trip of the year!!

Mariners and Friends – Hold the date for the Annual Silent Auction and dinner on Saturday evening, May 4th, in the Community Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE - MBCC May Blood Drive is scheduled for May 5 from 9:00am to 3:00 pm in the Community Hall. Please go on-line to the Red Cross Quick link to sign up go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Questions, please call Deb Dipprey at 310 874-8492

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING TEA - - April 27, 1:00-4:00 Join the women of the church at our big event of the year. The afternoon tea features delicious treats, boutiques, beautifully themed tables and a fashion show featuring clothing from Planet Chic. Tickets go on sale at coffee hour on Easter Sunday and cost \$50. Ticket reservations: Deb Dipprey at dhdipprey@gmail.com or 310-874-8492. For more information contact Pam Conde at condepamela14@gmail.com or 310-503-5860.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Celestial Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 10:30 in the Assembly Hall. We are fortunate to have Jodi Ryan instructing us in another chair yoga session. She led us in a meditation circle three years ago and we loved it. All are welcome to join us. You'll be glad you did. The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet on April 24 at 2 pm in the Fireside Room to discuss Trust, by Hernan Diaz. **Women's Fellowship 2024 Directories** are now available! If your name is included in the directory, pick up your copy after church on the patio, or at a circle meeting.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors who are a part of our church are now available in the church office. Please note that the applications must be returned by noon on Monday, April 29. The scholarship awards will be presented during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 19. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Campbell at 310-413-2792.

****Hi! My name is Maysen Marolda** and I am so excited to be the Nursery Caregiver as I have been coming to MBCC since I was 3 years old. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 2022. I work as a Preschool Teacher at American Martyrs Catholic School and will be headed to UC Davis later this year to get my Masters in Education and teaching credential. In my free time I love to go to the beach, read, explore nature, and spend time with friends and family.