

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20, 2025

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Pastor Mike's July 27 sermon is titled, "Our Sublimest Joy" based on the lectionary text, Luke 11:1-13. Jesus guides his disciples, then and now, to communicate so intimately and trustingly with God, that when they ask, God will answer. In our asking and in our seeking, may we find strength and growth from the root of our lives—Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – We have received word that Paul Sterba has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Paul would appreciate your prayers as he recovers. Please continue to remember Edith Harris and her family, Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** – July 27 - Let's finish our look at the Gilded Age: unions, the social safety net, the first March on Washington, unemployment and the Great Depression. What are the roles of business and government? We meet at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - Bible Study meets every Tuesday, 1:00pm, in person or on zoom (<https://bit.ly/MBCCBibleFellowship>), in the Youth Room. We are using an on-line study guide that brings the Bible alive by exploring today's news through Bible verses of hope as a tool to persevere and navigate our daily lives in Christian faith. For more information contact Becky Tan, [rjtjan39@gmail.com](mailto:rjtjan39@gmail.com) or 310-529-9400.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - MBCC July's Blood Drive is TODAY from 9:00am to 3:00 pm in the Community Hall. Blood shortages continue throughout the nation all blood types are needed. Please go on-line to the Red Cross Quick link to sign up go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: MBCC to schedule an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass).

**SOCIAL ACTION - BUILD DAY**--MBCC congregants as young as 12 are invited to combine work and play on Saturday, July 26 when they gather in the back parking lot to paint and assemble two Habitat for Humanity Playhouses. Sign up at coffee hour or by calling Diane Carter at (310) 487-0890.

**A note from Project Needs:** We are partnering with Grocery Outlet 2115 Artesia Blvd, Redondo Beach for their 2025 Independence From Hunger campaign to combat food insecurity. We appreciate them standing with us to make a difference and for their many years of partnership, helping us to care for those in need in our community. During the month of July, please join their community food drive – please stop at the store and do some shopping. Customers making a \$5 donation will receive a \$5 coupon for future purchases of \$25 or more. Every donation goes directly to Project:NEEDS and the people we serve.

**THEATER BOARD** - MBCC Theater seeks four adult actors for Yasmina Reza's award-winning dark comedy God of Carnage, where a playground scuffle between children spirals into uproarious parental mayhem. Performances: October 10 | 11 | 12 and Oct 17 | 18 | 19.

Auditions: Saturday, July 26, 10 AM–1 PM, Community Hall (prepare a 1–2-min contemporary comedic monologue). Schedule or submit online by July 24 at [mbcctheater.com](http://mbcctheater.com)

**YOUTH MINISTRY HANGOUT Every Wednesday Night!** - Youth are invited to join us every Wednesday night to hangout in the Youth Room 6:30 – 8:30

pm. These weekly hangouts will include fellowship, worship, faith in action, faith-based learning and conversation. All middle school and high school students are welcome. No sign-up needed – just show up in our Youth Room. See you Wednesday nights.

**FAMILY PROMISE BACKPACK DRIVE** - Please help us supply 50 backpacks to the children supported by Family Promise. The backpacks are for early elementary kids who like fun, colorful, cartoon designs. No time to shop? You can write a check out to MBCC with "backpack drive" in the memo and sent to the office. A bin will also be placed on the office for backpack drop off and in the narthex on Sundays. Please have all backpacks or checks in by July 29th. Any questions please reach out to Therese Jasso at [youthdirector@mbccucc.org](mailto:youthdirector@mbccucc.org) or Steffany Canty at [steffanycanty@hotmail.com](mailto:steffanycanty@hotmail.com)

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet Wednesday, July 30 at 2:00 in the Fireside Room to discuss Still Alice, by Lisa Genova.

**MEET OUR NURSERY CAREGIVERS** - We're excited to welcome Katie Bridges to our nursery team! Katie began this past Sunday and brings a warm heart and experience caring for children from newborns through elementary age. She is CPR certified and currently studying to become a pediatric oncology nurse. Katie joins Carly Nabell, who began serving in March. Carly is also CPR certified, a devoted mom to her one year-old, and has experience as a preschool teacher and volunteering with foster youth. We're grateful for the care and dedication Katie and Carly bring to our littlest members!

**SAVE THE DATE** - Fritz Coleman, former NBC newscaster and comedian, will present "Unassisted Living" here at MBCC. He will do two shows on Saturday, August 9 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **This is a fundraiser and tickets are \$35. All proceeds will go to MBCC charities and also the L.A. Wildfire Recovery Fund.** Tickets will be sold on the patio after worship on Sundays. For more information you can call 310-710-7035.

**PASTOR MIKE SPITTERS' INSTALLATION Save the Date!** - Our community will gather on Sunday afternoon, September 7 at 3 pm in our sanctuary to formally install Rev. Dr. Michael Spitters as our pastor. This is a significant event in the life of our church as we honor Pastor Mike's commitment to walk with us and guide us into the future. All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

**ART WORKSHOP** – The Manhattan Beach Community Counseling Center is offering a free art workshop on August 2 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. All ages welcome. Projects for all skill levels. Please register by July 31. <https://forms.gle/76iBUwBbfjztKywi9> Questions 310-798-3260.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** – During July and August we will have shortened office hours. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If needed you can email Nancy Cross at [office@mbccucc.org](mailto:office@mbccucc.org) or on her cell phone – 310-779-2718.

**MISSING CHAIRS** - We are missing between 20-30 of our old brown chairs that are the chairs we use to loan out to members at MBCC. If you have some chairs or know of their whereabouts, please contact the office.

**ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN!** – We realize that things happen but would appreciate when they do happen, i.e, your beverage spills, (though if you don't bring them in they can't spill!) you see something broken, something is a tripping hazard, if everyone would notify a staff person sooner rather than later so that we can address and correct the issue! Thank you.