

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 10, 2025

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Sunday, August 17 - “Do you think I came to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” — Luke 12:51. Whoa. That’s... Jesus? This week, we’re diving into one of the most uncomfortable, misunderstood, and powerful teachings in the Gospels (Luke 12:49-56). Jesus isn’t talking about violence—he’s talking about urgency, awakening, and the holy disruption that comes when love confronts injustice. What happens when faith challenges the status quo? What if the fire Jesus brings is meant to refine, not destroy? Can division sometimes be the start of deeper peace? If you're tired of playing it safe and ready to follow a Jesus who speaks truth with fire in his eyes, this message is for you. Come ready to be unsettled—in the best way.

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – Paul and Sue Sterba are planning to return to the area this weekend and will be in a care facility until they can return to their home. Please keep Paul and Sue in your prayers as they continue to recover. Please continue to remember Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – 8/17/25 Juries**

What does a grand jury actually do? How does it differ from "regular" jury duty? What is its purpose? Join us as Sheila Troupe shares her experiences as a grand juror in Los Angeles. We meet at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898> for a discussion about juries and our judicial system.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** – Your help is needed for a video on Homecoming Sunday. Tim Lovekin and Pam Yarbrough will be at coffee hour this Sunday and next Sunday, with a camera, asking what Home means to you. We would love to have your participation in this wonderful service.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - Bible Study meets every Tuesday, 1:00pm, in person or on zoom (<https://bit.ly/MBCCBibleFellowship>), in the **Fireside 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, [rjtan39@gmail.com](mailto:rjtan39@gmail.com) or 310-529-9400.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** - Want to learn more about caring for people going through a life difficulty in a distinctly Christ-like way? Please join us today (August 10th) for a Stephen Ministry information session at 11:30 am in the Assembly Hall. Our Stephen Leaders will share information and answer questions about this transformative ministry. This session is open to everyone including those that may be interested in becoming Stephen Ministers, those that may benefit from receiving care, or those who just want to learn more. For more information, contact Joanne Ordinario at [ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org).

**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.

**HOMEcoming SUNDAY – September 7th** - Join us for our traditional Homecoming Sunday and the return of our Choir following a summer break - a joyful celebration for all ages and families! Represent your favorite school by wearing your spirit gear and sending photos from your alma mater to [avsupport@mbccucc.org](mailto:avsupport@mbccucc.org). Stick around after worship for food, fun games, fellowship, and more as we kick off the season together.

**PASTOR MIKE SPITTERS' INSTALLATION** - 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!

**FREE CONCERT – August 16 – 3 p.m.** - The Corelli Ensemble will present a concert of baroque orchestral music by Antonio Vivaldi and others in the sanctuary on Saturday, August 16 at 3pm. MBCC member Eve Ahlers is a long-time member of this ensemble. The music is uplifting and lively and will get your toes tapping, especially when you hear the amazing oboe and bassoon soloists! The concert will run a bit over an hour plus a short intermission. The concert is free and donations are gratefully accepted. Please come support your local orchestra and have a fun summer afternoon of beautiful music.

**GOOD NEWS!!!!** We have rescheduled our FINDING HOPE AFRICA - WALK FOR HOPE - FUNDRAISER EVENT for Saturday, August 16th, 2025 from 9am-12pm. We are meeting at the 18th Street Greenbelt bench (between Valley and Ardmore) across the street from the badminton club in Manhattan Beach, at 9am. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US and feel free to bring your family, friends or pet to help us raise money for this great cause. We are seeking to raise \$75,000 for (two) Prefabricated Children's Home's. (Each home would accommodate 8 vulnerable children and a house mother for a total of 16 children and 2 house mothers) in Harare, Zimbabwe. Cover and Sponsor Sheet are available in the church office if you would like to support us. Alternatively, you can make your donation through our website at [www.findinghopeafrica.org](http://www.findinghopeafrica.org). Jerry, Tatenda and Eva Johnson