

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 14, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD – Sunday, September 21 – MBCC welcomes Mikah Meyer to share his story Sunday, Sept 21. Mikah is a Minneapolis-based gay Christian who has been featured on The TODAY Show w/ Jenna Bush. He has been a guest preacher at churches around the USA during his world record journey to all of America's 400+ National Park Service sites. Additionally, he has produced an award-winning short film, "Canyon Chorus," that discusses both his growing up as a gay pastor's kid, and his national parks journey. It has been touring the world in 2025 with the Banff World Tour as one of the Best 30 Outdoor Films of the year. The 16 minute film will be shown at ADG Sunday September 21 at 8:30 am followed by a Q&A session. Then, Mikah will share his personal faith journey in worship at 10 am. You can support Mikah's mission (and next film) by purchasing Outside Safe Space items after the service--a symbol he created that is basically an ONA symbol meant to be worn while recreating outdoors - <https://www.mikahmeyer.com/adventurepride> Enjoy the following links:

TODAY Show: <https://www.today.com/video/meet-the-man-practicing-his-faith-with-the-gay-christian-community-1203225155827>

Canyon Chorus film: [mikahmeyer.com/documentary](https://www.mikahmeyer.com/documentary)

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Doug and Diane Carter in celebration of Mindy Carter's life.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Alden Munson, following surgery in recent days. A memorial service is being planned for November 7 at 12:00 with a reception to follow. We extend our sympathy to Alden's wife, Jane and their daughter, Katie and her family. Please continue to remember Paul and Sue Sterba, Joe Tillotson, Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – On **September 21** Mikah Meyer will present his award-winning short film, "Canyon Chorus," discussing both growing up as a pastor's gay kid, and his national parks journey to all of America's 400+ National Park Service sites. The film was named one of the Best 30 Outdoor Films of the year at the Banff Film Festival. We meet at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

REMOTE BUSINESS MEETINGS - At last year's Annual Meeting a number of church members asked why members accessing the meeting online could not fully participate, including voting. Although permitted under California law, MBCC's current bylaws do not allow for business meetings to be conducted in hybrid fashion. Changes to the bylaws have been developed to make this possible. You may access the proposed changes online at mbccucc.org/by-laws/, or pick up a copy in the office. Special business meetings will be called to consider and vote on these changes prior to the 2026 Annual Meeting.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Celestial Circle - Join Celestial Circle on Wednesday September 17th at 10:30 AM in the Assembly Hall. After being apart all summer, we will discuss our summer activities. Save the date for Oct 15 meeting where Jean Whitcomb will speak on "Sheep who go Astray." Jean has a degree in Religious Education. Bring your friends. We look forward to seeing you. The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 in the Fireside Room to discuss The Reading List, by Sara Nisha Adams.

It's back! Help us prepare for the **Bazaar and Granny's Attic**. Have you been wondering what to do with those treasures you no longer have room for? We'll take them off your hands for Granny's Attic. Kitchen items, chot skies, holiday decorations, tools, etc. Please bring them to church November 1st between 9 and 1pm for sale the next day. (Please note: no clothes or books).

ADVENT CHOIR - Calling South Bay singers ages 7-18! Join MBCC's new "pop up" children's choir to sing with our adult choir during their concert on December 21st! No singing experience required. Only 2 rehearsals required to participate! No participation fees! To register, email music@mbccucc.org or scan the QR code.



COME DISCOVER MORE ABOUT MBCC ON THE BOARDWALK! - MBCC opens its doors for worship, fellowship, service, and fun not only on Sundays but also during the week and at special events. Whether you are a long-time member, someone new, or in-between, you are invited to learn more about MBCC's boards and organizations at coffee hour TODAY. Stroll through the Fireside Room to view each group's poster display and speak with a representative. Gain more insight into what makes MBCC a special place to be involved.

A MUSICAL EVENT - "Crazy for Love" will feature love songs from musical theater sung by local singers, directed by Rebecca Wade, and conducted by Rick Heckman. Proceeds will go to the new MBCC Youth Theater Program, including a Youth Orchestra, for 2026's inaugural production of Annie Jr., as well as the Aerospace Players (TAP) to offset costs so children can attend their 2026 show Shrek for free.

Sponsored by The Arts Council of Torrance, whose mission is to increase the awareness of and promote appreciation for the Arts in the South Bay. Arts Education and exposure to the arts makes a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child. Participation helps children develop a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond, assisting them to develop a positive work ethic and pride in a job well done. Please join us for an evening of music and song to help children's imaginations and creativity soar through the Arts! Saturday, September 27, 7:00 pm, Sunday, September 28, 2:00 pm, Ticket: \$60 (includes appetizer buffet, two drinks--beer or wine--and a commemorative glass) <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/crazy-for-love> or contact Chuck Gustafson at artscounciloftorrance@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN EVENT - Save the Date! Join us for our Halloween Extravaganza: A Wickedly Fun Night Beneath the Striped Tent on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5:00–9:00 PM in the church courtyard. This festive evening will be filled with free treats, trick-or-treat stations, a lively carnival midway with fun games and booths, a costume parade, crafts and prizes, and even a spooky photo booth for capturing memories. This event is open to all members of our congregation, their families, and friends—everyone is welcome! To make this special night a success, we need your help. There are many small but important ways you can pitch in, from helping at a booth to handing out treats. Please consider volunteering by contacting Joanne Ordinario or signing up after service during coffee hour.