

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 7, 2025

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Sunday, September 14 – Sunday's scripture from 1 Timothy is personal and raw. Paul writes about his own story—his failures, his transformation, and his gratitude for the grace that met him in the middle of it all. He says: "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." Overflowed. Spilled over. Ran wild. Grace not doled out with a teaspoon, but poured out like a rushing river. In Southern California, we know something about drought, fires and mudslides. We know what it is to live in a land that is thirsty and dry, and we know what happens when the rains finally come and the reservoirs overflow. Paul says: that's what grace is like. Join us Sunday as Pastor Mike delivers a sermon titled, "Grace That Overflows" based on the lectionary text, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in celebration of Homecoming and Pastor Mike's Installation service this afternoon.

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Alden Munson, following surgery in recent days. 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** – **September 14** – Join us as Bishop John Shelby Spong shares his sometimes controversial thoughts regarding reading the Bible reasonably and in a Jewish context. We meet at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

**PASTOR MIKE SPITTERS' INSTALLATION** - We will gather this afternoon, 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! A reception will follow.

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY** – Let's say good-bye to the lazy summer days, and then let's give a cheer for our fall Homecoming! We will gather after church from 11:00-1:00 on TODAY, to welcome each other and begin a new year of spiritual growth. Enjoy a delicious tail-gate style lunch. Participate in the fun, games, and perhaps some water fun. Come one, come all!

**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. If you have questions, contact Rachel Bennett at [youthassistant@mbccucc.org](mailto:youthassistant@mbccucc.org)

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 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).

**ANNIE JR** - Save the Dates - Fall 2026 for MBCC Theatre's youth production of Annie JR! For incoming 6th-12th graders. Executive Produced by Kate Crellin and Directed by Tamarah Ashton!

Auditions June 1st-3rd 2026. Rehearsals - Monday, Wednesday, some Saturdays August 31<sup>st</sup> - October 2026; Performances October 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**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](mailto:music@mbccucc.org) or scan the QR code.



**MARINERS** - Please join us for our Year-In-Review Party on Saturday, September 13. The fun begins at 6:00pm in the Community Hall. Enjoy a fabulous fiesta feast and your favorite beverages! See a review of last year's events and welcome the new skippers! Hear all about our upcoming events and sign up for fun committees. Don't forget to sign up for a shift at the Hometown Fair booth too! We will also be collecting your annual dues. The suggested donation for the fiesta dinner and drinks is only \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Richard Stubbs by September 6 at [r.stubbs@verizon.net](mailto:r.stubbs@verizon.net). Don't miss this wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

**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. The event is 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 at 7:00 pm or Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 pm, Tickets are \$60 (includes appetizer buffet, two drinks--beer or wine--and a commemorative glass). Buy at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/crazy-for-love> or contact Chuck Gustafson @ [artscounciloftorrance@gmail.com](mailto: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.