

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 19, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD – Sunday, October 26, Pastor Mike will preach on Luke 18:9-14. Jesus addresses those who are “convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else.” It’s a simple story—two men go to pray. The Pharisee stands in front, listing his religious achievements (“I fast, I tithe”). The tax collector stands at a distance, not daring even to lift his eyes, and prays, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Jesus says: the tax collector goes home justified, not the Pharisee. “For all who exalt themselves will be humbled; but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Join us Sunday for Pastor Mike’s sermon titled, “Posture Matters.”

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – We are deeply saddened to share that former Mira Costa student (Class of 2025), Ryan James, has passed away from an epileptic seizure. Ryan had recently begun studying business economics at UCLA and was looking forward to a bright future. We extend our deepest condolences to Ryan’s family as they grieve this profound loss. We have learned that church member, Ron Gosch passed away in recent days. We extend our sympathy to Ron’s wife, Jeri and their family. Please keep them in your prayers. A memorial service is planned for Alden Munson on November 7 at 12:00 with a reception to follow. Sue Sterba was hospitalized recently. Please keep her in your prayers. Please continue to remember Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – October 26 - The Stonewall Uprising
Let’s acknowledge Gay History Month by taking a look back at the Stonewall Uprising--the very first "gay pride parade". Learn from the video how the gay community fought back against being arrested and discriminated against for consensual relationships. We hope to see you at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING - A Special Business Meeting will take place **TODAY** at 11:15 am in the sanctuary to discuss and build consensus on proposed By-Laws changes to enable MBCC to conduct remote business meetings in which remote participants are able to participate fully. You may access the proposed changes online here: mbccucc.org/by-laws/, or pick up a copy in the office. All church members are encouraged to attend. A vote on this proposal will be held at a future business meeting.

FALL THEATER BOARD PRODUCTION – GOD OF CARNAGE — TODAY is the final opportunity to see the show - Two perfectly polite couples meet to “talk things out” after a playground dust-up. There’s coffee, clafouti, and very adult vocabulary like “civility.” Minutes later, the smiles crack, the espresso turns to rum, and the grown-ups start arguing with the finesse of... their children. It’s a brisk play of apologies, interruptions, and Olympic-level pouting—proof that manners are only skin-deep and grace is still very much needed. Tickets: \$25 general admission ·



MBCC ART LOVERS - In lieu of the large art shows we have had previously, we are planning a series of mini shows featuring artists who are members of our church. The shows will be held Sundays in the Fireside Room after church during coffee hour. The upcoming series will feature these artists:

- November 9 - Corey Campbell
- November 30 - Connie Boswell

For a Spring Art show we will be looking for both adult and youth artists. So, if you or a family member is interested call Candy Duncan at 310-545-2239 or 310-384-2192 (cell)

INTERFAITH UNITY WALK – As part of United Against Hate Week, organized by the South Bay Community Coalition Against Hate, MBCC is co-hosting an Interfaith Unity Walk with Congregation Tikvat Jacob. It will be on October 23rd (Thursday) at 9:30 am at Veterans Parkway Greenbelt (we will meet at the woodchip trail head, northernmost end of the Greenbelt by the Sepulveda underpass). Participants will walk to the Peace Pole and return (approximately 2.5 miles). Join us as we stand up against hate, build community, and promote peace. For more information, please see Joanne Ordinario, ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org.

HALLOWEEN EVENT - 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 during coffee hour.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP - The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet Wednesday, October 29 at 2 in the Fireside Room to discuss Truth and Beauty: A Friendship, by Ann Patchett. **Annual Bazaar** – Now’s your chance to collect and donate those “treasures” in your closets, drawers and garage you no longer have room for. Bring them Saturday morning, November 1 between 9 and 1 p.m. to be sold on November 2 after church in the Community Hall (no books or clothing but all else: kitchen items, holiday decorations, tools, etc.).

SAVE THE DATE – On November 9th (Sunday), come attend a talk on defining antisemitism. The talk explores how to tell when something is antisemitic and how claims of antisemitism are being abused. Our guest speaker is Chapman University Professor Dr. Shira Klein, an author, scholar-activist, and board member of Academics for Peace, that amplifies the voices of academics who call for justice and equality in Palestine/Israel. There will be a pre-reception in the Assembly Hall at 4:15 pm and the talk will be in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm.