

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 26, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD – Sunday, November 2 - In next Sunday's scripture selection (2 Corinthians 9:6-8), Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." And I think God probably chuckles, too — watching us fumble our way toward generosity, learning again and again that there really is more than enough. Join us next Sunday as Pastor Mike preaches a sermon titled, "More Than Enough."

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. A memorial service is planned for Alden Munson on November 7 at 12:00 with a reception to follow. Sue Sterba has returned to The Kensington. Please keep her in your prayers. Please continue to remember Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – November 2 – Psychedelics

Marilyn Anderson will discuss controversial research from a 2025 study by Johns Hopkins and NYU's schools of medicine in which 29 clergy members of Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Islamic religions ingested psilocybin (psychedelic mushrooms). Most participants described the experiences as among the most spiritually significant and psychologically meaningful of their lives. Could psilocybin be a potential tool for spiritual development and mental health support? We hope to see you at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

BY-LAWS VOTE: REMOTE BUSINESS MEETINGS - Following the special business meeting held on 10/19, the final version of a proposal to modify MBCC's By-Laws to enable the church to offer remote attendance at business meetings is ready for a Yes/No vote at a special business meeting to be held in November. You may access the proposed changes online here: mbccucc.org/by-laws/, or pick up a copy in the office.

NOVEMBER ART SHOWS - Two talented church member artists will showcase their work in November Sunday Art Shows. You won't want to miss these exhibitions to be held in the Fireside Room after church during coffee hour. The upcoming series will feature these artists:

Corey Campbell - November 9th

Connie Boswell - November 30th

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

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.). **Crafters** will meet Wednesday, November 5th at 10:30 am in the MBCC Assembly Hall to create a Thanksgiving plaque/wallhanging. All materials will be supplied. Sponge painting will be involved, so dress accordingly and bring something to put your creations in to protect them (and your car!) on the way home. Please RSVP to s.norris@sbcglobal.net so we can make sure to have enough plaques.

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.

DECK THE HALLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS - The Choir is again selling wreaths, swags, centerpieces and garlands for our annual fundraiser. These can be ordered at the table during coffee hour every Sunday through November 2nd. You can also buy them from any Choir Member.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

SANCTUARY DECORATING FOR ADVENT - "Elves and friends are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Saturday November 29 at 9:00am until 12:00. Coffee, water, juice and Donuts provided! Contact Susi Farrell 310 489-1402 for questions or just show up. It is a great way to get into the spirit of the season!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends November 2. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring for the evening.