

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2025

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Sunday, October 12 – Whenever Luke places Jesus on that road, we know something significant is about to happen. Jerusalem is where the cross and the resurrection meet, where the cost of discipleship and the hope of new life come together. And along the way, we find stories like this one—a story of ten people who cry out for mercy, ten people who are healed, and one who returns to give thanks. Join us Sunday as Pastor Mike preaches a sermon title, “The Kind of Faith that Makes Us Well.”

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – Diane Carter underwent surgery recently and is now at home. Please keep Diane in your prayers. On Monday, September 22, MBCC member Kris Torrey had successful surgery for cancer. She is now home but, please, no visitors or calls. She would enjoy cards, emails and loving thoughts. A memorial service is planned for Jasmine Lam, on October 11 at 2 p.m. She passed away suddenly recently. Her parents are Sheri and Trinh Lam, who are a part of our choir. A memorial service is being 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 12 - FASCISM** - "Don't Check Your Brain at the Door" What is fascism? What led European countries into fascism, leading to World War II? Why are people talking about fascism now? Join us for Rick Steves' look back at the history of fascism in Europe. The conversation starts at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or join us by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>

**SOCIAL ACTION** – We will take the UCC Special Offering TODAY. Neighbors in Need. This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. Please consider helping UCC support projects of service and advocacy.

Please also mark your calendars for the Mychal's Santa Stroll on December 13th. <https://www.mychals.org/how-to-sign-up-for-the-santa-stroll/>

Project needs: Thank you so much for the support and the donations every Sunday. They are very grateful. Please continue to support this wonderful program serving a local need. Canned foods (especially those with pop tops), peanut butter, cereal, soup, hygiene products, disposable razors, and undergarments are just a few of the items to consider donating.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING** - A Special Business Meeting will take place Sunday, 10/19, at 11:15 am in the church 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/](http://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

— October 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 -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 · Patron tickets: \$40 Content advisory: brief adult language and themes, laughter highly likely, no children harmed.

Tickets at: [mbcctheater.com](http://mbcctheater.com)

**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:

- October 26 - Jeri Gosch
- 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)

**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.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Celestial Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 15 in the Assembly Hall. We will hear our delightful, knowledgeable presenter, Jean Whitcomb speaking on “sheep Who Go Astray” about Psalm 23. All are invited/encouraged to attend. You will be glad you did. 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.).

