

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD – January 25, “Come As You Are, Bring What You Have” inspired by Matthew 4:12-23 - Ecumenical Sunday & Health and Human Service Sunday

What do fishing nets, Southern California earthquakes, and modern health care have in common? According to Jesus—everything. This Sunday’s sermon explores Matthew 4:12–23, where Jesus begins his ministry not in a palace or cathedral, but along the shoreline—calling ordinary people into a movement of healing, hope, and shared purpose. We’ll reflect on what it means to follow Jesus together across traditions—and to see care for body, mind, and community as holy work. If you’ve ever wondered whether faith can still make a real difference in the world, this message is for you.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS - All are invited to celebrate with Guy and Judy Hatlie at coffee hour today honoring their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Enjoy a slice of cake and see photos from their 6 decades together. Bring your best hugs on down to the patio.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – Sue Sterba is experiencing health concerns and prayers would be appreciated. Please continue to remember Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – January 25 - VOTING RIGHTS

As the Supreme Court fiddles with the Voting Rights Act, let's take a look back at the struggle for voting rights in the state of Mississippi during the 1960s. Join us for coffee and donuts at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall or by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Celestial (Rhythm) Circle - Come with a joyful heart and drum in the year 2026 at the Celestial Rhythm Circle on Wednesday, January 21st. Share the name of a favorite song from any decade, and we'll drum, clap, snap, dance and shake to the music with a variety of provided percussive devices or feel free to bring your own. The Celestial meeting starts at 10:30 in the Assembly Hall. All ages, stages, and genders are welcome to join the fun! Questions? Contact Gloria Liu (310) 683-3695 **The Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet Wednesday, January 28 at 2pm in the Fireside Room to discuss My Friends, by Fredrik Backman.

LIFE GROUPS - Life Groups at MBCC begin the week of February 8th! Life Groups are small gatherings where faith and life come together in community. Meeting in a spirit of openness and care, participants share conversation, prayer, and reflect on the weekly sermon while building relationships that support spiritual growth and everyday living. Sign ups start January 18th. Visit us on the patio after church during coffee hour and discover a Life Group that is right for you. Contact Billy Minshall at smallgroups@mbccucc.org for more information.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, faithfully abiding by the will of Christ, who prayed, “There is one body, and one spirit, just as you are called to the one hope of your calling”, Ephesians (4:4). Plan to join Pastor Mike and others from MBCC for an Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Manhattan Beach, 1340 11th Street, MB.

LEADERSHIP SUNDAY - Sunday, January 25 is our next Leadership Sunday meeting at 11:30 am to 1 pm. Church boards meet following a brief program and light lunch. If you're new to the church or haven't participated recently, you are most welcome to attend! Following lunch you can sit in with a board to learn more about what they do. Childcare is available upon request for parents with children Infant through 6th grade. Sign up before January 18 here: <https://tinyurl.com/2zxz72be>



WEEKLY BIBLE INTEREST GROUP every Tuesday at 1 pm in the Fireside Room. As life changing news seems to come at us in increasing speed and severity, we are following an adult bible study guide created by ten ministers who, each week, select current news items to discuss in light of Bible teachings. The goal is to find hope and understanding within our Christian faith. Becky Tan 310-549-9400

SAVE THE DATE – Fundraiser for 1736 Family Crisis Center

WIN/WIN—Poker players and observers are invited to a Celebrity Poker Tournament at MBCC from noon to 5pm on Saturday, February 7. Jason Alexander will be here and all monies raised will benefit 1736 Family Crisis Center. Here is the registration link.

<https://www.1736fcc.org/news/events/2026-celebrity-poker-tournament>

CREATOR CAMP - We are excited to announce that Manhattan Beach Community Church will be hosting an organization called Creator Camp on our campus between June 22nd and August 14th this year. Creator Camp is a hands-on summer program for kids ages 5-13 focused on redirecting screen time from consumption to creative production. You can learn more about their programming here:

<https://summer.creatorcamp.org/products/camps/la-manhattan-beach-tbd>

MBCC kids can use the code MBCC15 to get 15% off classes.

And we will be offering three Summer Pass scholarships. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please complete the attached form and submit it to Billy Minshall at smallgroups@mbccucc.org by Sunday, January 25th.

For more information, please reach out to Billy Minshall or Nancy Drinker (businessmanager@mbccucc.org)

CHURCH OFFICE – The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.