

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 22, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD – March 1 - “Born of Water and Spirit” inspired by John 3:1-17 - UCC Women’s Week - In celebration of UCC Women’s Week, we explore John 3:1-17 and the Spirit’s call to new life. How does God’s transformative love show up in the women around us—and in us? Join us as we honor, celebrate, and learn from the gifts of women in our congregations and communities.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – Please continue to remember Sue Sterba, Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – 3/1 THE PRESIDENTS (Van Buren through Lincoln) - Who served his entire term without naming a vice president? Which president was expelled from his own political party during his presidency? Who added the Southwest, including California, and the Northwest to the United States? Who installed gas lighting in the White House? Join us as we continue our look at U.S. Presidents at 8:30 am in the Assembly Hall or by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP - The **Last Wednesday Book Group** will meet Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 in the Fireside Room. Their book selection is The Measure by author Nikki Erick. **Crafters** will meet Wednesday, March 4th in Assembly Hall at 10:30. The craft, led by Denise Stehney, will be cork candle holders. You do not need to bring any materials, unless you prefer to work on your own craft and just visit with us while you work. If you would like to participate in the cork candle craft, please RSVP to Donna Thorpe (usthorpes@gmail.com).

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 - On Sunday, March 8th the Linger Longer Life Group will host the All Church Retreat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Join us in the Assembly Hall for breakfast and fellowship following Sunday worship. Your donation provides financial assistance for those in need who want to attend the All Church Retreat in April. Suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Contact Billy Minshall at lifegroups@mbccucc.org with questions. We'll see you there!

2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - All members of Manhattan Beach Community Church are invited to the Annual Meeting TODAY The meeting will be in the sanctuary at 11 am shortly after worship. Matters to be addressed include by-laws amendments and the 2026 budget.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS - Amendments to MBCC’s By-Laws are proposed to expand opportunities for members to serve on and lead church Boards or official church organizations as well as reduce the potential for Board chair burnout. The amendments will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

EPILEPSY WALK – Please support Nancy Hesterberg & Chris James as they honor their late son Ryan on 3/14/26 and raise funds to End Epilepsy. You can join their team and walk with them (5K or 1 mile at the Rose Bowl) or give a donation only. All donations are tax-deductible and go to Epilepsy Foundation LA, which provides resources for local families affected by epilepsy. Please donate here: give.classy.org/RUNforRYAN or write a check to MBCC with Epilepsy Walk in the memo by March 1st. MBCC will then donate directly to Ryan’s Team/Epilepsy Foundation on your behalf. Thank you for your support!

IFTAR DINNER - You are warmly invited to join us for our Annual Iftar Dinner March 8th | 5:15-8:00 PM. Iftar is the cherished moment each evening during Ramadan when the fast is broken at sunset. This year, we look forward to celebrating this meaningful tradition together with MBCC members, family, friends, and the Pacifica Institute. This will be a community potluck, featuring traditional dishes lovingly prepared for the occasion. Your presence—and your favorite salad or side dish—will make the evening even more special. We can’t wait to share this beautiful night of reflection, gratitude, and togetherness with you.

SOCIAL ACTION - With the Lenten season approaching, please help us support Matt Zarro and his organization SOUTH BAY MUTUAL AID AND CARE CLUB. We are collecting the following items to support the community they care for: baby wipes, socks and underwear for men and women (various sizes), batteries AA and AAA, bug spray, sunscreen, flashlights, unisex hats, caps. We would like about 50 of each item and will be collecting items through Palm Sunday. You can use the signup link below or just use the list above and drop items in the church narthex and office. <https://tinyurl.com/mv8jas4h>

ALTAR FLOWERS - Would you like to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion? You can do so by sponsoring the altar flowers for a Sunday worship service. This is a beautiful way to honor loved ones or commemorate meaningful moments while adding beauty to our sanctuary. Your dedication will be printed in the weekly bulletin as a tribute to your celebration or remembrance. Please sign up using the Flower Calendar located in the church narthex. Fill out both slips for your chosen date; take one slip with you and leave the other in the calendar. For more information and details on how to order flowers, please contact the church office.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - The Operations Board is looking for volunteers to join our emergency support team. We are so grateful for the dedicated individuals who have stepped up during recent events, and we want to continue building this vital resource for MBCC. If you have experience as a healthcare provider, hold a CPR certification, or have other emergency training, we would love to have your help. **To volunteer, please fill out the form in today’s bulletin or contact the church office directly.**