

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### February 8, 2026

**LOOKING AHEAD** – February 15 - “Seeing the Light” inspired by Matthew 17:1-9 Science and Technology Sunday

Join us for a special Science and Technology Sunday as we explore the awe-inspiring story of Jesus’ transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-9. How does faith meet wonder in a world revealed through science and technology? Come experience a mountain-top moment of inspiration and discover how the extraordinary shines in our everyday lives.

February 18 Ash Wednesday Service: “Living Lent with Intention” inspired by Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – Jonathan Joseph’s father, Rev. Dr. Laverne Joseph, passed away in recent days. Jonathan and his family would appreciate your prayers. A memorial service will be held for Sally O’Mara on Saturday, February 14 at 12:00 with a reception to follow. If possible the family would request RSVPs to [jenomara@gmail.com](mailto:jenomara@gmail.com) or 415-517-0205. Please continue to remember Sue Sterba, Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – February 15 – THE PRESIDENTS (Washington through Jackson)** Which president was a designer, even designing uniforms? Who was the first president to wear long trousers instead of knee britches? Which president was the only one to face enemy fire? Who was the first president to have his photo taken? To find out, join us at 8:30am 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. Join **Celestial Circle** on Wednesday, February 18th at 1030 AM. Our guest speaker will be Annie Crowe, retired employee of the TV game show “Jeopardy.” She will share some behind-the-scenes stories from Jeopardy! -- the kind viewers never see -- about how the show actually comes together off-camera. It’s a look at the creative problem-solving and collaboration that helped keep an iconic show both relevant and thriving. Any questions, contact Gloria Liu at [glsb7891@gmail.com](mailto:glsb7891@gmail.com)

**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 have begun. Visit us on the patio after church during coffee hour and discover a Life Group that is right for you. Contact Billy Minshall at [lifegroups@mbccucc.org](mailto:lifegroups@mbccucc.org) for more information.

**LAST CALL** - Our Operations Board is finalizing the 2026 budget. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible. Your support is essential to our planning. To pledge, please contact the office at (310) 372-3587 or enter your support on our website at [mbccucc.org/pledge](http://mbccucc.org/pledge).



**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

**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](mailto:smallgroups@mbccucc.org) by Sunday, January 25th.

For more information, please reach out to Billy Minshall or Nancy Drinker.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Save the date for MBCC's Annual All Church Retreat in Oak Glen, April 17 - April 19. This year's theme is Beloved. Details and registration info coming soon. Questions? Contact Billy Minshall at [smallgroups@mbccucc.org](mailto:smallgroups@mbccucc.org). You won't want to miss it!

**MBCC MUSIC AND MINGLE** presents “MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE”!

Join us Saturday, February 21st in the Community Hall. From 5:30-6:30, enjoy conversation and dinner including jambalaya and King cake while listening to the smooth jazz of the John Elg Ensemble. From 6:30-8:30, listen and dance to the musical beats of the Dietz Brothers Band. Mardi Gras fun awaits so invite family, friends, and neighbors. Masks and costumes are admired, not required. Please volunteer to help create this festive evening: [tinyurl.com/mk5svhwy](http://tinyurl.com/mk5svhwy)

**2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** - All members of Manhattan Beach Community Church are invited to the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2026. 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. Remote participation for members in good standing is available via Zoom and requires pre-registration here: [tinyurl.com/5fh4es5r](http://tinyurl.com/5fh4es5r)

**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 detailed changes may be viewed or downloaded here: [mbccucc.org/by-laws/](http://mbccucc.org/by-laws/), or pick up a copy in the office. The amendments will be voted on at the Annual Meeting (2/22).

**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](http://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!