

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**March 29, 2026**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – April 5 on the Beach at 6:30 AM**

“Still Rising with the Sun” inspired by John 20:1–18  
Before the South Bay wakes, before certainty returns, before the world rushes on, resurrection meets us in the half-light of dawn. Join us on the beach for an Easter Sunrise Service as we gather with Mary in the early morning, listening for our name to be spoken by the risen Christ. With sand beneath our feet and the ocean’s rhythm beside us, we’ll proclaim a hope that rises quietly but powerfully: love is stronger than death, and new life is already breaking through. Come as you are. Bring a blanket or beach chair, a mug of coffee, and an expectant heart.

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – April 5 MBCC at 10:00 AM**

“Love Still Rolls the Stone Away” inspired by Matthew 28:1–10  
What if Easter isn’t about escaping the world, but about God’s fierce commitment to it? On Easter morning, the women arrive with grief and courage, only to discover that death doesn’t get the final word. This Easter sermon proclaims resurrection not as denial of pain, but as God’s defiant “yes” to life, justice, and hope. Join us as we celebrate that love still rolls stones away, and invites us to rise, together.

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

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP CANCELED**

**The Adult Discussion Group scheduled for April 5 has been cancelled. We invite you to join us instead for the Easter Sunrise service.**

**CRAFTERS GATHERING**

The next meeting of the Crafters will take place on **Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 AM in the Assembly Hall**. This session will be led by Arita Wong, who will guide participants through the project of creating Easter lanterns. If you plan to attend, please contact Donna Thorpe at [usthorpes@gmail.com](mailto:usthorpes@gmail.com) to confirm your participation. Everyone is welcome to join in this creative and festive activity.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we invite you to a special Maundy Thursday gathering on **April 2 from 6 to 7 PM in the Community Hall**.

Maundy Thursday is a time to remember the Last Supper, when Jesus shared a meal with His disciples and gave them a new commandment to love one another. In that same spirit, we will share a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by Communion at each table. Our very own Michael Thorpe will share with us his thoughts about this special day.

**Your support will make this evening special; we need your help!**

Sign up to bring a pot of soup or volunteer by contacting Joanne Ordinario at [ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org).

**EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT – Sunday, April 5**

Celebrate Easter with us at 10:00 AM as we gather for worship, followed by crafts and a joyful egg hunt for the kids. Bring a basket, bring your joy, and become part of something special.

**MARINER “LA DOLCE VITA” DINNER SILENT AUCTION**  
**Saturday, April 11 at 5:30 PM**

All MBCC adults are invited to an evening of Italian-inspired dining and entertainment. Enjoy a delicious dinner, beverages, and a live magic show by a Magic Castle magician. Browse and bid on a variety of silent auction items while sharing in fellowship and community.

Cost: \$20 per person

Contact [sm.humphrey@verizon.net](mailto:sm.humphrey@verizon.net) or sign up and pay at Coffee Hour on Sunday.

**MBCC’s ANNUAL ALL CHURCH RETREAT**

Registration for the All Church Retreat is now open! Scan the QR Code below to register. Join us **April 17-19** for a weekend of fun, reflection and fellowship. The cost is \$265 per person, with a \$785 maximum per family. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Billy Minshall at

[lifegroups@mbccucc.org](mailto:lifegroups@mbccucc.org)



**SUPPORT MBCC IN SOUTH BAY’S BEST**

If Manhattan Beach Community Church has been part of your life, through community, meaningful moments, or simply a place to belong, this is a simple way to show your support. We are part of the South Bay’s Best voting, and your vote helps share this community with others.

**Voting ends April 5, 2026.** Scan the QR code or go to

<https://southbay.bestinvoting.com/> Then go to “Things to Go & Do,” select “Worship,” type Manhattan Beach Community Church, and vote in at least 5 categories to submit.



Thank you for being part of our story!